

Medical experts pinpoint psychological worry as the main cause

DO NOT FEAR KORO...

Tin is heading for a record year

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon. — Tin production this year is heading towards a post-war record...

SINGAPORE, Monday

A PANEL of medical experts today pin-pointed psychological fear as the main cause of the current Singapore koro epidemic...

widespread rumours over the past week that koro is caused by eating the pork of pigs recently vaccinated in a mass campaign to combat swine fever.

As for the vaccination, they said, it was only a combatant against a swine fever and did not have any effect on other animals let alone human beings.

Foo, medical superintendent of Woodbridge Hospital and Mr. Cheng Tong Fatt, Director of Primary Production in the Ministry of National Development.

ment hospitals claiming that they were suffering from the disease. None of these cases, Dr. Ho stressed, required any specific treatment. They were only assured that koro was not harmful and that it would cease in a few minutes.

"Koro is a Malay word and it is a disease of the mind. A person suffering from it is deluded into believing that the male organ would shrink into the abdomen resulting in death.

Singapore was the fear that one could get the disease by eating pork. "In fact any type of fear can cause koro. Another cause is cold climate, but the important thing to remember is that it is not harmful and if one gets it one should do just nothing."

Injury

"So they try to stop the shrinking and in the process cause injury to the organ. In fact koro itself has no harmful effects, and ceases in a few minutes if the afflicted person just ignores it."

Dr. Gwee said that the main cause of the present "epidemic" in

Rumours

Since Oct. 25, when the rumours first became rife that koro was caused by the eating of pork, there was on an average 80 people daily calling at the outdoor dispensaries of govern-

A bid to break monopoly

THE Associated Chinese Chambers of Commerce today set up an eight-man working committee as the first step towards breaking the shipping monopoly.

KUALA LUMPUR, Mon.

and two Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce representatives were present at the ACCC meeting today.

Information

This council, which will liaise closely with its Singapore counterpart, will review the whole situation and will arrange meetings with members of the Far East Freight Conference for cheaper rates.

It will comprise representatives from the Malay chambers of commerce, the Indian chambers of commerce and the States of Malaya Chamber of Commerce.

The working committee will consider collecting information on the number of ships owned by members of the freight conference, their routes and freight rates.

An ACCC committee member, Dato Chan Peng Hong, said that this information was necessary

to deal effectively with the monopoly problem.

Forms might be sent to all ACCC members asking them to get the necessary details.

Inche Abu Bakar said that careful planning was required to fight the freight conference which he described as "well established and powerful."

But if there was proper organisation there was no reason why the freight should not be reduced.

Freight route

"The mere fact that something, no matter how small, is being done will, I think, have some effect on the freight conference," he explained.

The first obvious thing to do was for Malaysia to form its own shipping line, he added.

Countries along the freight conference route, such as Ceylon, Thailand, Singapore and Malaysia could then combine to make their positions stronger.

Naked boy, 16, and girl, 5

IPOH, Mon. — Police arrested a 16-year-old boy who was found with a five-year-old girl in a public lavatory behind the Mengsim, today shop yesterday afternoon. Both of them were naked.

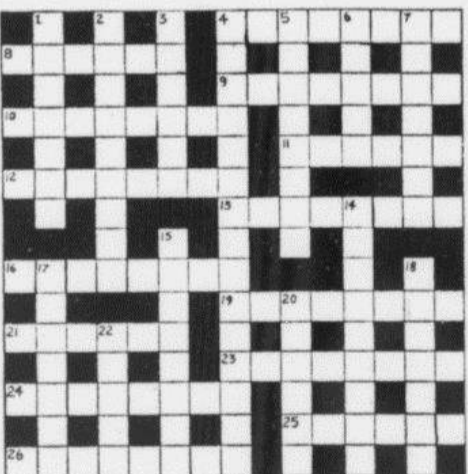
10 THUGS EXILED

PENANG, Mon. — Police today exiled 10 thugs to various districts on the island and Province Wellesley for three years under the Prevention of Crime Ordinance.

the anti-secret societies branch and CID personnel during a recent raid.

The thugs belong to Gang 101, Malay Gang, 8 Immortals and Gang 08.

Straits Times Crossword



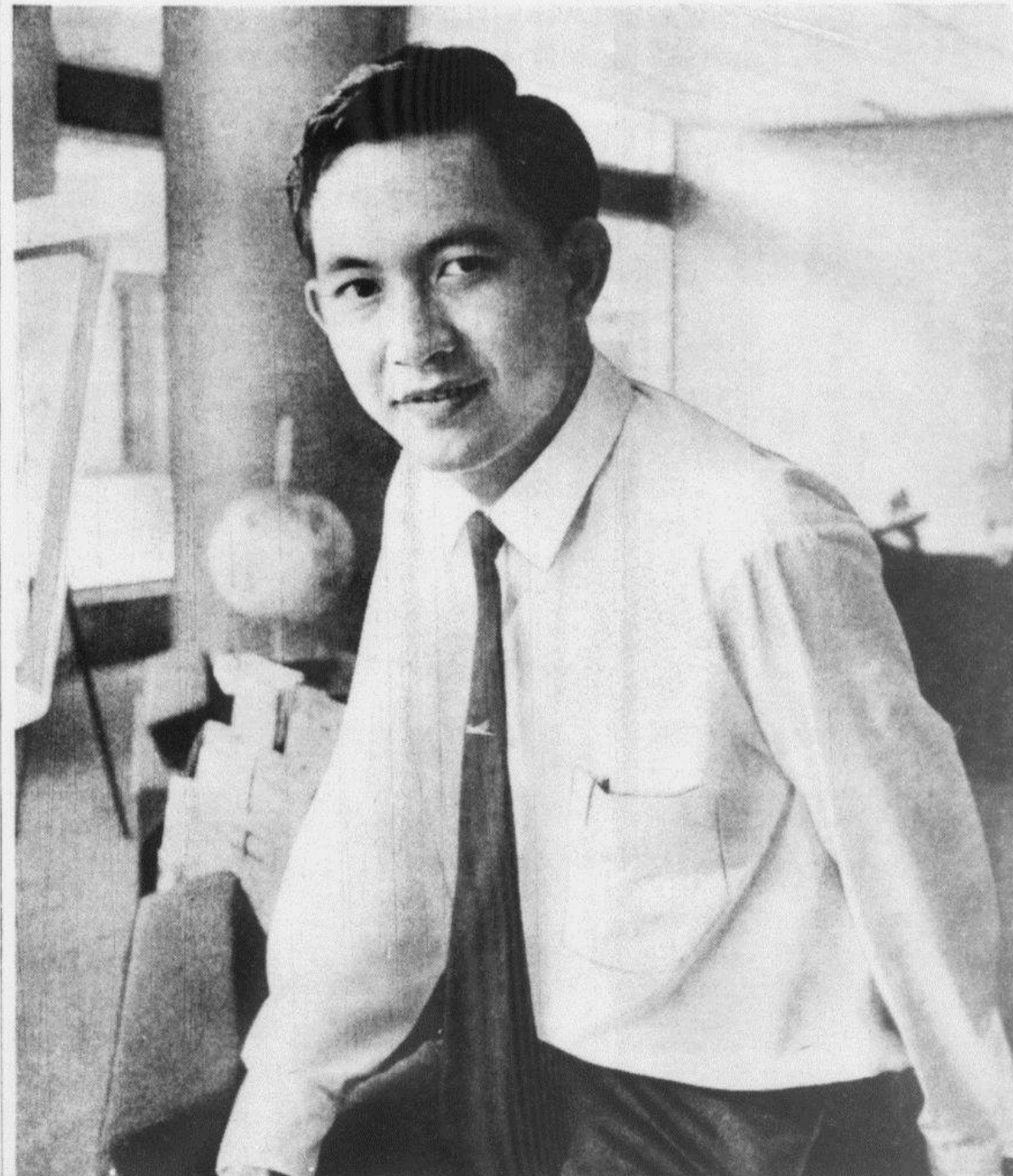
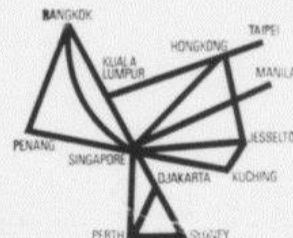
- ACROSS
1. Bulbs that want reflectors? (8)
2. The current cost of an order? (6)
3. A politician who doesn't go ultra vire is hater! (8)
4. See 5
5. Do the women of the household stay young? (6)
6. It blackens an island in 15's place (4-4)
7. Music of many hands proverbially? (6)
8. All the best of the 17 composers about to do nothing in return (4, 4)
9. He's one with an epistle foretime (8)
10. Like 8 or 15, perhaps, in heaven the Bear's lost his tail (6)
11. Always, having twins? Rub one with soap? (8)
12. One way to put 3 on a milky diet (8)
13. A window into the B.M.A. (6)
14. Healthy result of a blow under the chin (4-4)
15. Bird with a cough who gets half (3, 7)
16. Terrestrial as 10 wax, and cured! (3-6)
17. Favourite meal is perhaps goldfish? (6)
18. Prospered in obedience to the command... (5, 6, 4)
19. 10... 14! Baislet's following one who belongs to the Sappers (8, 4, 4)
20. 9 to 1 on the man at the wheel (5)
21. It sounds a little cunning (7)
22. Turn East of entry after having (12, 4, 3)
23. Could one dye cure the victim of a failure to obey 14... (8)
24. ... on the part of a musician one heretofore, without his E? (7)
25. Welcomed universal entry into 2 when wet (7)
26. An enemy of beer hopefully loses some letters (3-3)
12 One ounce of sea air (5)
Solution will be published tomorrow.

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Advertisement for 'A Delightful Complexion Bloom'. Text: 'Wrinkles are really "river-beds" of dry cells caused by the plasma colloids...'. Includes an image of a woman's face and contact information for Margaret Merril.