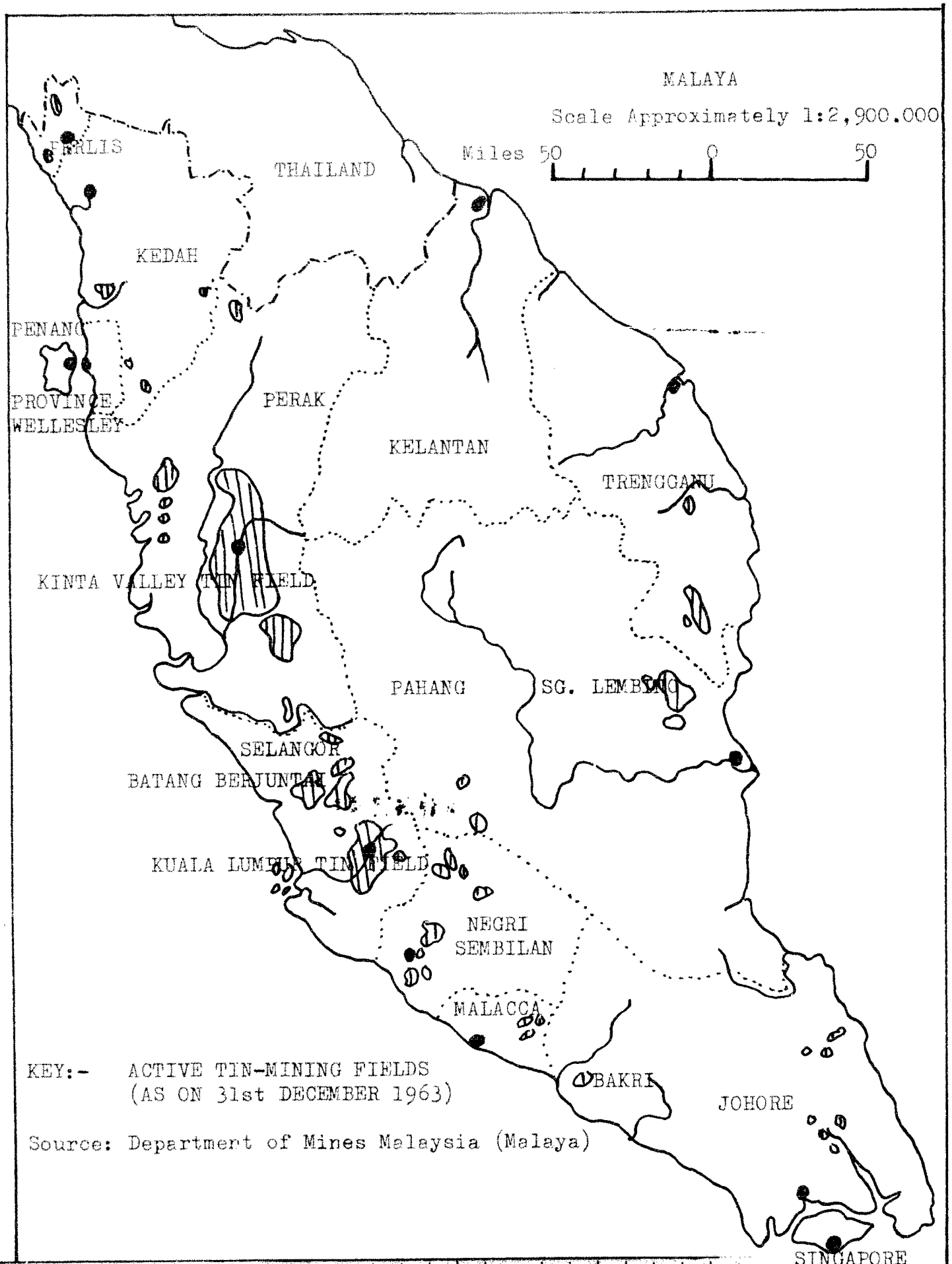


MAP SHOWING DISTRIBUTION OF ACTIVE
TIN-MINING FIELDS IN MALAYA



PREFACE

Research on this exercise was done only in the states of Perak and Selangor between the months of May to July. These two states were chosen because they are the chief tin-ore producers in Malaya and as such, are representatives of other states in respect of labour and its wage structure.

To obtain information on the wage rates and hours of work of mining workers, printed questionnaires were set to 50 per cent of the Chinese Gravel Pump Mines and to all dredges operating in Perak. General detailed information was obtained through interviews with various mining inspectors, mining assistants, miners and mine workers in Perak as well as in Selangor.

Other methods of production in tin mining are left out because their contributions to total output and employment are small compared to Dredging and Gravel Pump mining.

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