

CHAPTER V

CONCLUSIONS

The population of these three Blocks follows a definite pattern. More farmers tend to build their houses on the farm itself, the further away they are from their kampong lots situated in Kampong Tiram Burek. On the Blocks the farmer tend to build their houses on the outer rows rather than on the inner rows because of the advantages of better communication provided by tracks better than the centre track and also because of a nearer source of water.

In all the three Blocks the number of Javanese exceeds the number of Malays and the greater number of males over females applies to both ethnic groups.

An interesting feature that the population clearly show is the preponderance of those in the younger age group. About 60% of the population are within the ages of 0-19. Applicable to both Malays and Javanese is the fact that the 5-9 age group have a greater number than the 0-4 age group. Whether this is due to decreasing birth rate or increasing infant mortality rate, it is difficult to say.

As expected, with a greater population the Javanese have a greater number of households than the Malays, and not unlike most societies, the man, wife and children type of household is in the majority account for 77.6% of the total of the all the other types of households.

The average size of the households in all the three Blocks is 6 persons. Although the average size of the Javanese household is larger than that of the Malay household, the 6 person household has the highest percentage among the total Malay households while among the Javanese 5 person household has the highest percentage.

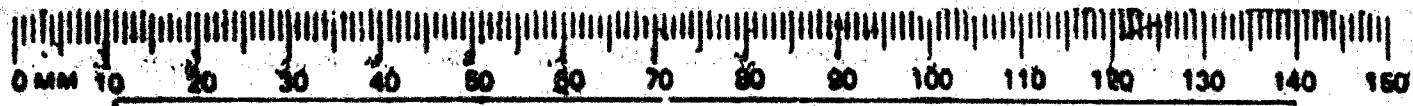
The majority of the population amounting to 50.9% of the total population claimed themselves to be farmers, but it must be

realised that farming is not their only occupation. Most of them practice a mixed system of working - farming in the main season and working somewhere else as fishermen, rubber tappers or odd job workers in the off season. But we should look with concern at the fact that 30% of the population are unemployed as defined in this context while 13.7% are students making a total of 43.7% of the population who do not make any active contribution to the household.

The majority of the pieces are owner operated, the most frequent crop being padi. One special aspect that deserves special mention is the fact that the number of Malays who operate, but do not own the land, exceeds that of Javanese belonging to this category although the number of Malays living in the three Blocks are less than Javanese.



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