Modern national political system began with Sovereignty of the People and Parliamentary System. Both were responsible for the formulation of modern political thoughts. But one thing we ought to be aware of is that these were products of a Western social infra-structure. With regard to Asian nations, being swept into a major independent movement in the post-war period, such political system began to face new challenge. The replacement or modification, too often beyond recognition, of the constitutional system testified to this change.

Singapore being one of the youngest nations underwent the same struggle for independence in the 50's, followed by intensive effort in nation building in the 60's, and in the present decade, the one vital item of concern is the viability of such a political system. This concern is legitimate, for the one-party transitional period has begun to generate some genuine doubts amidst dissolution of such a system in her surrounding.

That Singapore has inherited the British parliamentary system is natural, considering the influence Britain had on the island state in the past and also at the present, but, it is time such a heritage is subject to tests, to see whether it is possible to adapt a foreign political system to the local requirement and eventually evolve into an indigenous system. The more important issue involved here is a question of sacrifice by the people of Singapore to accept a peaceful process of power transition based on tolerance and unity. We ought to realise that no question arises out of independent factors, and it is obviously futile to attempt an explanation of the nature of such links in very brief statements. No prophetic prediction about the future of the democratic political system of Singapore is possible, but we
shall take faith in what have been achieved so far in this regard. If Singaporeans can accept such as a way of life for them, then, it should become the life goal for all.

A small nation does not account for much in the midst of international changes, but her achievement in this area can be a symbol of success comparable to Athens in her glory.