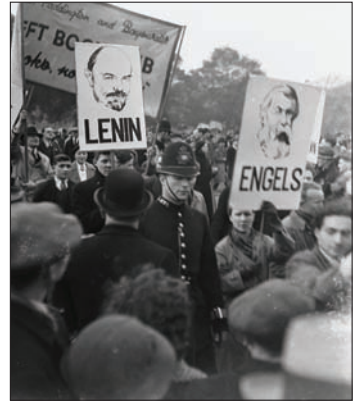


Childhood: Raja (extreme left) with his parents and younger brother, Seeva.



Above Raja at age 21 in 1936, a year after he arrived in London.

Left Outside his flat at 12, Steele Road, London. (NAS)



*Top left Whirl of activities:
Learning to punt. (NAS)*

*Above Taking photos of street
protests organised by the Left
Book Club. (NAS)*

*Left Enjoying a picnic
with friends at Champéry,
Switzerland, during his Europe
tour, 29 July 1937. (NAS)*



*Raja (extreme left) dabbles with drama as part of his literary adventures in
King's College. (NAS)*



Spring dates: Raja relaxing with Pirooska and a friend. (NAS)



In love: Raja and Pirooska. (NAS)



Homeward: Returning to Malaya with his new wife, Pirooska. (NAS)

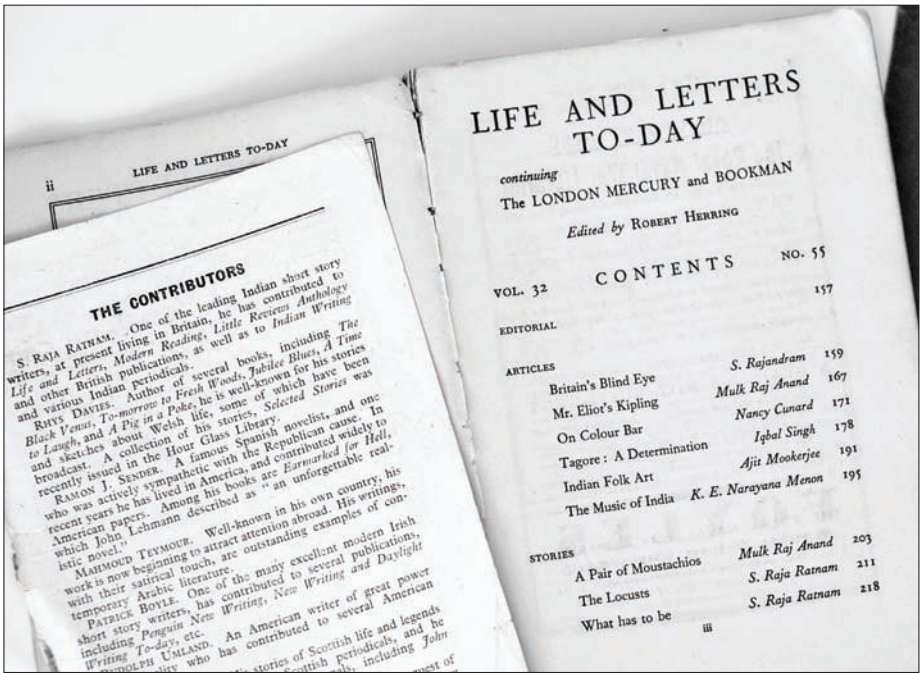


Carefree days: Raja (extreme left), with good friends. (NAS)



Left Home: Apartment at 89, Priory Road in West Hampstead, London. (NAS)

Above Tea cups, cigarette ashtrays and books reflect the couple's lifestyle. (NAS)



Writing between air raids in London: Described as a "leading short story writer" in *Modern International Short Stories*, 1947 (left), Raja's stories also appear in the August 1941 issues of the *Life and Letters*, among others.

Wartime 1941: Raja and Pirooska display a spirited attitude to life as British friends go to war. Their friends also include Asian students, and Jewish refugees from Nazi Europe. (NAS)





Famous journalist: Raja (centre, standing with arms folded) with the *Singapore Standard* staff. (NAS)



Raja reading proofs in the newsroom.

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I write as I please

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WELFARE OF MY MALAY BROTHERS IS MY INTEREST AND I WILL PROTECT THE INTERESTS OF MY PEOPLE. OUR COMMUNAL DEMANDS ARE INCLUDING IN A HOAX. SON HAS NOT BEEN EXPOSED REASON REFUTATION.

Open Conflict
The fact that a Chinese or an Indian or a Malay leader will safeguard the interests of all members of his community is a lie which has failed to deter his communal leader from care to hold this line of strong emotions. When the

Communal politics is based on a lie so new it is based on the false premise that the interests of the members of a racial community are identical and the conflict of interests within the community are minor compared with the clash of interests between communities. This is not true and may be more clearly seen when we study the policies pursued by the people who are actually honest in their intentions.

Sob In His Throat
If a Malay customer may feel that he has been deceived by a Chinese shopkeeper, he is likely to be angry. But he is likely to be angry at the Chinese shopkeeper. With rare exceptions, a disintegrated community will not quarrel on the basis of nationality.

THE HOAX OF COMMUNAL SOLIDARITY!

Communal leader talks communally of the interests of the Malay race and without regard to the grip of strong emotion in the mind of the speaker. Yet in fact the interests and feelings of a community are so much tangled that rights and interests of the non-members of a community may be longed to other communities.

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LOSE NO SLEEP
People should not worry over much as to the race of the person who represents them in our legislatures. They should not worry very much if the representative is of a certain race, but they should be concerned if the representative is not a person of the Malay race.

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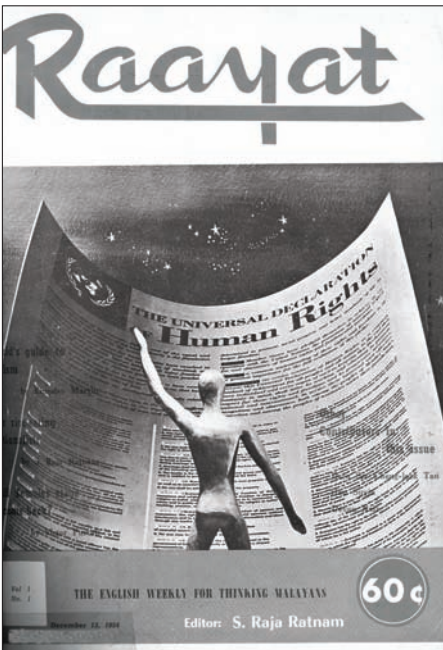
Young Indonesian Woman Honour Ema

Common Blood
For every race, communal politics were not done. The fact that the efforts of a group of people are directed towards the welfare of their own race is not a crime. It is only when the same racial stock will mix and mingle that the workers will have a little to do. The workers will have a little to do. The workers will have a little to do.

by S. Raja Ratnam
Will Be Honoured



Dinner parties: Entertaining friends and contacts at his home in Chancery Lane in his younger days. (NAS)



Above He continues to host friends in his house right up to his old age, as in this party in 1984.

Left Cover of the first issue of *Raayat*, 13 December 1954.