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The vivid, poetical language employed by the author makes reading this study a very pleasurable experience. This new invasion provides the fuel for Leary's final statement that 'after the Orang Asli had survived the physical violence of the Emergency, after Merdeka they had to struggle to preserve their religion, their homeland and their culture' p. This study challenges the depiction of the Orang Asli as naïve innocents, unwittingly manipulated by outsiders for their own purposes.

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Violence and the Dream People is an important study of a much neglected facet of the Malayan Emergency and of the history of the indigenous peoples of the Malay Peninsula. The aim of Leary's analysis is twofold: to interpret the role of the Orang Asli during the Emergency; and, simultaneously, to refute the myth main tained by various anthropologists that the Orang Asli are basically peace ful, incapable of violence, and were unwittingly drawn into the struggle, its innocent victims. They are therefore not surprised that in the case of the Semai people, the turmoil of the Emergency, the threats made by both contestants, exacerbated by the examples of violence they perpetrated, prompted some individuals to commit acts of violence.

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Heavily outnumbered, they looked to their own resources to survive, in the face of relocation, conscription, random bombings, and haphazard killing. The author argues that the use of force by both sides in their attempts to woo or coerce the jungle dwellers to support one side or the other in the conflict, caused tensions among the Orang Asli that resulted in counter violence against the interlopers and internecine killings in the tribal groups. Review Author s : CORNELIA M.

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