

# The new currency goes to Singapore banks

**S**INGAPORE, Mon.—In a swift and secret operation yesterday most of Singapore's 35 banks got their first supplies of the Republic's new currency notes.

The banks in turn handed over old notes on a note-for-note basis to the representatives of Singapore Board of Commissioners of Currency.

A Board spokesman today declined—"for security reasons"—to reveal the total amount of new notes issued yesterday.

Vans carrying the currency were heavily guarded by police during the operation.

The spokesman said the last and final exchange of notes would take place next Sunday—the eve of the public issue of the new currency.