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Reading

Let's read.

"Those who are inside and outside this hall please make donations to help Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al-Haj to go to London for the sake of our people and nation," said Siti Rahmah Kassim at Dewan Hang Tuah in Bandar Hilir, Melaka sometime in 1957.

That was one particular moment which the 84 year old, Datuk Siti Rahmah Kassim, an unsung hero, will not forget for the rest of her life.

Tunku Abdul Rahman was sourcing for funds to go to London to obtain the country's independence from the British. Siti Rahmah was the first person to donate her gold bangle, which was a gift from her father. When she heard about it, she placed her gold bangle in a red shawl and walked around the hall asking for more donations from those present. The men gave away their valuables including rings and gold watches. The women gave away their brooches, dress pins, and other valuables. "When Tunku came down from the stage to collect the jewellery, tears rolled down his cheeks. Watching the touching moment, the others in the hall cried too," she said.

Datuk Siti Rahmah Kassim who hails from Negeri Sembilan is still active in several non-governmental organisations. She said the younger generation should be inculcated with the determination and enthusiasm to serve the country.



Answer the questions.

1. Who made the announcement to raise the donation?

2. Why did Tunku Abdul Rahman Putra Al Hajj decided to go to London?

3. Why do you think people donated their jewellery and valuables?
