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Indonesia Insists Dutch Guarantee Delegates' Rights; Most World War I Debts Off Books

INDONESIA — The Republic of Indonesia office here announced the Cabinet and the Provincial Parliament Working Committee had decided against any further negotiations with the Dutch—either political talks or further imple-

mentation of the U. N. truce—until the Dutch guarantee delegates' diplomatic immunity and democratic rights for Indonesians in Dutch-occupied areas. The action, it said, was based on Aug. 16 incidents at Batavia, in which Dutch police confiscated Republican committee documents and started shooting during a Boy Scout independence celebration held in defiance of Dutch orders.

FOOD—The Netherlands Information Bureau here challenged earlier Indonesian food claims, which, among other things, asserted Republican output far exceeded that of Dutch-occupied areas. All Java and Madura, the Dutch said, produced 6,400,000 tons of paddy last year—4,000,000 in Dutch-controlled areas and 2,400,000 in the Republic, yielding 3,300,000 tons of rice over-all. The food situation in Indonesia improved considerably in the last year, reaching 85 per cent of pre-war, the Dutch said, but population increases—about a million a year—mean production must be raised considerably, with "no reason for overoptimism."

LOMAKIN—Yakov M. Lomakin, whose ouster as Soviet Consul-General has been demanded by the United States, retains a claim for immunity here as a member of the U. N. sub-commission on Freedom of Information and of the press, with the Economic and Social

Council now studying in Geneva a recommendation that the group be continued three more years. Story on page 7.

DEBTS—Most of the Allied war debts from World War I have been removed from the books of the debtors, the U. N. disclosed, even though the United States, as principal creditor, still carries them on its own balance sheet. Great Britain, also a large creditor, is affected as well, the U. N. noted in a volume of thirty-year public debt statements from fifty-two countries. Story on page 12.

PALESTINE—General Aage Lundstrom, chief of staff for Count Folke Bernadotte, U. N. Palestine mediator, accused the Jewish state of Israel of a "flagrant violation" of the Palestine truce in occupying the agricultural school and Arab government college in Jerusalem on Aug. 16-17.

Count Bernadotte, U. N. mediator, has ordered a halt in immigration of fighting-age men to Israel. The order takes effect next Wednesday. Israeli Foreign Ministry sources predicted it would be disregarded and an appeal made to the Security Council. Israeli Foreign Minister Shertok denied that Arab-Jewish peace talks were under way. Story on page 12.

KASHMIR—Secretary General Trygve Lie said at his press conference that the U. N. would send twenty military observers to Kashmir if India and Pakistan agreed to a truce over the disputed state. The U. N. Commission on India and Pakistan had asked for the twenty observers earlier in the week to supervise a truce to be established, if India and Pakistan agree, while a plebiscite is held to determine which dominion the Kashmir population prefers to join.

