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4. NETHERLANDS SEEKS NATO SOLIDARITY ON INDONESIAN ARMS REQUESTS

Comment on:

The Netherlands Government, in a further move to assure support from its NATO partners in the dispute with Indonesia, has requested that any NATO member approached by Indonesia regarding arms should ask the Dutch for their views. At a meeting of the NATO political advisers' committee on 7 January, the Dutch representative stated that his government does not deny Djakarta the right to defend itself, but noted that Indonesia now "openly proclaims it is seeking other means" to satisfy its claim to West New Guinea. He expressed particular concern over weapons which might be used in an invasion of New Guinea, such as military aircraft, parachutes, and landing craft.

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Ambassador Burgess in Paris has previously stated that sympathy for the general Dutch position is virtually unanimous in NATO, and that "words or actions" which seem to condone recent Indonesian actions would not be welcomed by the Netherlands' NATO allies. Ambassador Allison in Djakarta, however, is convinced that unless Western assistance is immediately forthcoming, Indonesia will fall to the Communists.

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7. CLOSE CONTEST EXPECTED IN OKINAWA MAYORAL ELECTION

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A close contest is expected in the Naha, Okinawa, mayoral election on 23 January. The conservative-Socialist coalition candidate, Tatsuo Taira, would make an effective mayor, but his campaign is being hampered by the lukewarm support of a conservative party boss. Far-left candidate Saichi Kaneshi, who received more votes than any other candidate in last August's Naha city assembly election, is expected to attract the leftist and anti-American vote. Kaneshi and his supporters have superior organizing ability and are demonstrating their astuteness as campaigners.

The election was necessitated by the ouster of pro-Communist Mayor Kamejiro Senaga last November.

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1. There were no significant military developments in the area during the period.

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2. Nationalist Chief of Staff Wang Shu-ming on 13 December informed Admiral Doyle, commander of the US Taiwan Defense Command, that British shipping will no longer be shelled while entering and leaving the Communist port of Amoy. Wang indicated that the previous policy of attempting to prevent entry had gained the Nationalist Government nothing and caused it to lose prestige. This change of policy, although Wang did not say so, probably was made last August when firing at British shipping abruptly ceased.

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