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Onderwerp:

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Referenties:

Feitelijke datum:

12 - 15 maart 1962.

Datum van

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27 maart 1962.

Bron:

Van bevriende zijde.

Subbronnen:

Par. 1 en 2: oud-officier met contacten in hoge officierskringen, van een functionaris van het Indonesische Ministerie van Buitenlandse Zaken.

Opmerkingen:

Par. 3 en 4: officier van de inlichtingendienst van het Indonesische leger.

Verzonden aan:

de Minister van Buitenlandse Zaken.

Aan Zijne Excellentie Prof. Dr. J.E. de QUAY Minister-President

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USSR/Indonesia/West Irian

RELATIONS BETWEEN THE USSR AND INDONESIA

A message received from the Soviet Union by the Indonesian Foreign Department of about 12 March 1962 stated that the Soviet Union would not be able to fulrill requests made by Air Force chief Omar DANI for more expeditious delivery of Air Force equipment already ordered and for additional equipment. Among the additional equipment requested by DANI which the Soviets said they could not supply were anti-submarine airplanes similar to the Gannet planes embargoed by Great Britain. The Soviet message stated that they would wait and see the results of present efforts towards peaceful negotiation of the West Irian problem before considering DANI's requests.

When Foreign Minister SUBANDRIO went to Bali on 14 March, he carried with him a request by the Soviet Union for clarification of Indonesia's intentions and plans regarding West Irian with specific questions of why Indonesia was relying completely upon the United States in this matter and allowing the United States to control the initiative. President SUKARNO gave SUBANDRIO an answer for the Soviets in which he explained Indonesia's present policy, stating that his cooperation with the United States at this time in seeking a peaceful solution to the West Irian problem is largely a tactic and that this does not mean that Indonesia will not fight for West Irian.

During Ambassador MIHAILOV's recent talk with Foreign Minister SUBANDRIO, MIHAILOV incensed SUBANDRIO with his aggressive and almost insulting approach to questioning the Indonesian Government's intentions regarding the West Irian issue. He referred to the extensive economic and military aid the Soviets had given to Indonesia and then asked SUBANDRIO why the Indonesians allowed the United States

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to arrange for peaceful negotiations after all the support the Indonesians received from the USSR in their preparations for settlement of the West Irian issue by force. MIHATLOV complained that he had been trying to see President SUKARNO for several days with no success and asked that he be allowed to see SUKARNO as soon as he returned from Bali.

Comments

WithAILOV's attitude further indicates the USSR's extreme concern over the possibility that the negotiations in the United States will result in a peaceful settlement of the West Irian issue. The Indonesian Government expects the pressure from the USSR to increase if initial talks between Dutch and Indonesian representatives appear favorable.

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27 maart 1962.