

Local Couple Witnessed Burning Of British Embassy In Jakarta

A land of warm friendly people who continued their spirit of friendship toward Americans even while their country was swept with hostile demonstrations toward the British, is the way Mrs. Paulus McKee of Roseburg describes Indonesia.

McKee is still in Indonesia, working on arrangements for the construction of a plywood plant, while his wife returned to Roseburg earlier this month.

They were in the Indonesian capital city of Djakarta (or Jakarta in the western spelling) when the city erupted in political protests against the British for their support of Malaysia, and witnessed the burning of the British embassy.

Mrs. McKee's eye-witness account of the incident shows the demonstrations to have been carried out against the British government, but the British people themselves were not attacked or injured.

Friendship Offered
"While all this was going on," Mrs. McKee points out, "the people went out of their way to make sure we knew they wanted us to remain as their friends."

She said most of the demonstrators were students, as can be easily evidenced by pictures she brought which were taken the day the British embassy was burned.

"True, there is much poverty in Indonesia," she said, "but conditions were not distasteful. The traditional virtues, which all Indonesians admire, include self-control, good manners and hospitality. We were treated royally everywhere."

While in Djakarta, the McKees had several occasions to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Kidder and their daughter Sarah. Kidder, whose parents and

brother live in Roseburg, is stationed in Djakarta with the U.S. State Department.

Mrs. McKee said that of all the islands she visited in the far east, Indonesia was the most untouched by western ways. Djakarta, which is the capital of the 3,000 islands of Indonesia (population 90,000,000) is on the island of Java, which holds two-thirds of the total population of the nation.

People Happy
The people, she said, although they may be poor in many ways, are happy. She said it was explained to her that this happiness comes from being satisfied with their lot in life and from not knowing the frustrations of wanting things which are above their reach.

Financial conditions for some of the Indonesians will be improved if McKee is successful in his attempt to locate a plywood plant on one of the islands. His wife said it is his hope to be able to do this, not only from a business standpoint, but also to provide the people with a chance to help themselves. He believes it is good for the United States, and its businesses, to provide the people with something from which they can personally benefit.

As for Djakarta itself, she says arriving at the airport there is like being transplanted into a new world. She viewed it

as a mixture of squatters' shacks, housing developments and soaring new office buildings. Traffic is complicated by bicycles, horse drawn carts, motorbikes, automobiles, three-

wheeled betjacks and during times of political unrest, by buses and trucks loaded with soldiers.

Bathe in Canal
The canal which runs through

the center of the city is used for public bathing, laundry and bathroom by the thousands who have no homes with plumbing, or even enough water. "In spite of the sluggish canal water,

the people appear to be clean," she points out.

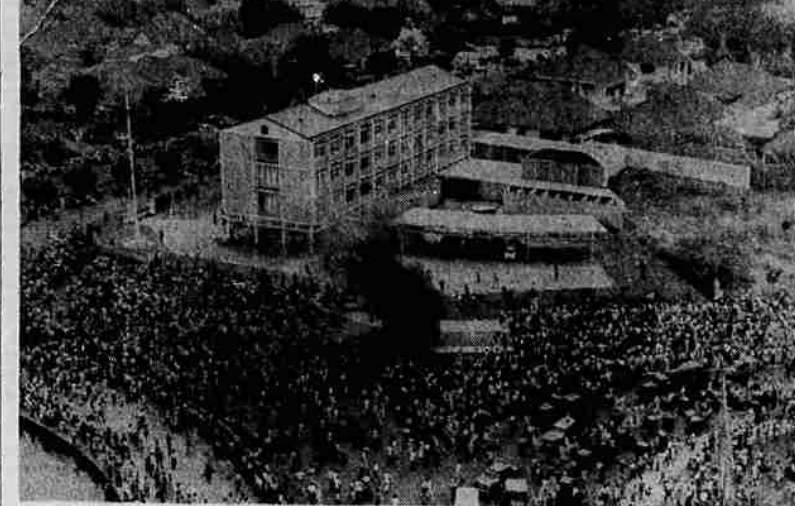
Most Indonesians still wear their native dress. The Kain, or skirt, is Batik, a method of dyeing cloth in various colors and intricate designs. Some of these take as long as six months to make.

Leaving Indonesia, Mrs. McKee was able to get a seat on the Japan Air Lines last plane out of Djakarta to Singapore. Since the political unrest, all relations between Indonesia and Singapore have halted.

While in Singapore, she visited many British and Australian wives and children she and other American women had helped to evacuate from Djakarta. They spent several hours working on the evacuation, and many women, like Mrs. McKee herself, donated some of their own clothing to British women.

Looking back on her trip to Indonesia, she credits having the foresight to learn to speak the language, so she could talk with people in the street and at the market place, with making the trip so enjoyable. "They are wonderfully warm and friendly people," she recalls.

From Singapore, she traveled to Bangkok, Hong Kong and then Tokyo, taking several tours in both cities. The trip to Djakarta included stops at Hawaii, Guam, Manila, Saigon and Singapore.



BRITISH EMBASSY BURNING in the Indonesian capital city of Djakarta was witnessed by Mr. and Mrs. Paulus McKee of Roseburg. Photo of students rushing across street (and burning a car before reaching embassy building) was taken from the hotel in which the McKees were staying at the time of the incident. The incident came in a storm of protests against the British for their support of Malaysia.

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Tillamook Calls Days Creekers

By MRS. DURNIN SWINGLEY

Mr. and Mrs. Memphis Nixon and nephew, Steve Kostic, and three sons of Days Creek are in the process of moving back to their former home at Tillamook where Nixon will be employed the first of the month. They have taken one load of things up for storage, and are awaiting the vacating of their house near Tillamook before they complete their moving. Nixon will use their camp trailer for a time if necessary. The family has resided at Days Creek and Canyonville for the past six years.

Geese Seen Here
Migrating geese were noted Friday morning at Days Creek. Local turkey vultures circled into a group and headed south the end of September, much to the surprise of local residents who had supposed they remained in the area until somewhat later in the fall.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Weber of El Sobrante in the San Francisco area visited here recently at the home of the former's son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. William D. Ward, and family.

Guests recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Heibel and family were Mrs. Heibel's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Brosz, of Leola, S. D., near Aberdeen. Leola is the former home of both Mr. and Mrs. Heibel before teaching days. Mr. and Mrs. Brosz also visited at Eugene with the latter's sister.

Lynda Long, a June, 1963, graduate of Days Creek High School, is working at the Meier and Frank lunch room in the Portland store. Her older sister, Joyce, also has been employed by Meier and Frank's for some time. Lynda and Joyce are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Long.

MEDIAN INCOME UP

WASHINGTON (UPI) — The median family income in the United States rose 100 per cent in 15 years to reach \$6,000 in 1962, but rising prices during this same period allowed only a 45 per cent increase in purchasing power.

The Commerce Department said Monday that from 1961 to 1962 the average family income went up about 4 per cent.

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