

Rice Said Key To Success In Indonesia War on Reds

Editor's Note: Following is the third and final dispatch in the series dealing with the three great prizes in the struggle between East and West, India, Iran and Indonesia.

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Rice is the key to the success or failure of the war against Communism in Indonesia.

As in India and Iran, other great prizes in the world struggle between the democracies and Communism, Communist successes there are bred on hunger. In Indonesia, as in other nations of the Orient, the key to existence is rice. For the Westerner, whose chief knowledge of the East in-



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BACKS ESTES—Senator Paul H. Douglas, a "Northern liberal," indorses Senator Estes Kefauver for the presidency at a Washington, D. C., news conference. Douglas said the people are for Kefauver.

dies comes from pictures of lush Balinese beauties surrounded by tropic splendor, it is difficult to think of the fabulous Indies in terms of poverty. Particularly so since Indonesia is one of the world's richest countries in natural resources, including vast supplies of tin, oil and coal, along with copper, gold and silver.

Chaotic War Years
However, in the family of nations, Indonesia is new, having gained independence from The Netherlands only in 1949. Prior to that time there had been years of chaotic wartime occupation under the Japanese.

So an inexperienced government has had to wrestle with the administration of a nation comprising more than 3,000 islands spread over some 735,000 square miles and inhabited by people speaking 17 languages and nearly 200 dialects.

Internal communications are sketchy and the Indonesians realize they must improve security conditions before they can hope to attract foreign cap-

Congressional Quiz

Questions and Answers on What Goes on at the Capital. Furnished by Congressional Quarterly News Features.

Q.—How big a share of defense contracts have been going to small business?
A.—In the 19 months following the start of the Korean war—July, 1950, through January, 1952—small business has received 20 per cent of the value of all "prime," or direct, defense contracts, according to the Munitions board. In addition, small firms won many subcontracts from larger companies filling military orders. The government defines a "small business" as one employing fewer than 500 persons.

Q.—Are there many lobbies for small business?
A.—At least five were active in 1951. Those filing financial reports required under the Federal Regulation of Lobbying Act: Conference of America Small Business Organizations, Chicago; National Federation of Independent Business, Washington, D. C.; Small Manufacturers Emergency Committee, Washington; National Associated Businessmen, Washington; and National Small Business Men's Association, Evanston, Ill.

Q.—Why did Sen. Carl Hayden ask the Senate to defeat his own resolution in the vote on investigating Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy?
A.—Hayden (D.-Ariz.) was trying to get a vote of confidence for the subcommittee studying a proposal to oust McCarthy (R.-Wis.) from the Senate. He did this by proposing that the Senate discharge the subcommittee from its investigation. The 80 senators present April 10 voted

unanimously against the Hayden resolution, thus in favor of continuing the probe.

Q.—What's the difference between a "union shop" and a "closed shop?"
A.—Under a union shop agreement between labor and management, employees must join the union within a specified time after they are hired. But in a closed shop, workers must be union members before they can be employed. The 1947 Labor-Management (Taft-Hartley) Act forbade the closed shop in future contracts.

Q.—Have campaigning senators been going on record on roll-call votes?
A.—Of the four senators with announced White House ambitions, three fell below the chamber average of 89.8 per cent for the first three months. Their On

Record percentages, as compiled by Congressional Quarterly, were Estes Kefauver (D. Tenn.), 67, Robert S. Kerr (D. Okla.), 53, and Robert A. Taft (R. Ohio), 79. The fourth, Richard B. Russell (D. Ga.), went On The Record 100 per cent of the time on roll-call votes. (Copyright 1952, Congressional Quarterly)

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—SEVEN

Waitresses Perform Midwife Duties; Baby Said Healthy, Normal
Chicago—UPI—Two waitresses served as midwives when a young housewife collapsed on a busy street Tuesday and gave birth to an 8½-pound baby girl. Mrs. Vera E. Windle, 21, rush-

ed from her home to get help after she began to suffer severe pains. She collapsed in front of a coffee shop and was surrounded by curious pedestrians. The waitresses hurried out of

the cafe to help deliver the healthy, normal child. Abner Doubleday, the father of modern baseball, is supposed to have fired the first northern shot in the Civil War.

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ital to help develop their natural resources. The government of Indonesia under President Dr. Ahmed Sukarno has followed a policy often puzzling to the west. **Middle-of-Road Course**
In world affairs, Indonesia has attempted to follow a middle-of-the-road course between Communist nations and the democracies. Internally, the government has been vigorously anti-Communist. For example, since last August, some 1,200 Communists or fellow travellers have been arrested and about 200 still are being held. The dragnet missed a man named Alimin, an opium addict trained by Moscow and Peiping in Communist ideologies and considered the most influential of the Indonesian Communist leaders. At the moment, Communist or left wing supporters hold about 50 seats in the Indonesian Parliament and are not considered a real threat except for their obstructionist policies. **Unions Influenced**
They have their greatest influence in the trade unions where it is estimated they can control an estimated 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 persons. They pose as ardent nationalists, but their relation to Moscow is well known. Government leaders believe the Reds have no chance of breaking down the philosophy of "adat" which holds to tradition or custom. Government officials take the sensible view they can lick Communism by eliminating its "reason for being"—that is, by improving the social and economic structure, which in turn means the position of rice, its price and availability to the people.

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