

Constitution Adopted Establishing United States of Indonesia

BATAVIA, Java, Dec. 14 (AP)—Representatives of 16 Indonesian states and territories signed tonight a constitution which will join them in an independent United States of Indonesia, sovereign though linked with the Dutch Crown.

The constitution becomes effective the moment The Netherlands transfers sovereignty, probably December 27, surrendering the fabulously rich islands after 300 years of Dutch rule. Within two weeks the constitution probably will become the supreme law of a new nation of 77,000,000 people in the Southwest Pacific.

The constitution sets up a federal state patterned after European democracies. Government power will be exercised by the president and

his ministers, along with a house of representatives and a senate.

The constitution calls for the selection of a president by deputies from each of the 16 states. An electoral body already has been formed and is scheduled to pick the chief of state by Saturday at Jogjakarta, Java. The president will choose three cabinet members, who, in turn, will select three others. The government, in abbreviated form, is scheduled to accept sovereignty December 27 and go ahead later with formation of the senate, house, and other organs of government.

The Dutch-Indonesian independence agreement, signed six weeks ago in The Hague, was ratified by the parliament of the independent Indonesian republic, largest of the group which will make up the U.S.I. Previously the 16 federal, Dutch-sponsored Indonesian states and the lower house of The Netherlands parliament approved the agreement.

The parliament of all of the states also ratified the draft constitution.

Long Job

Negotiations for the granting of sovereignty to the people of this group of fabulously rich islands began early in 1942. They were interrupted by the Japanese invasion of the islands. After the war the negotiations, although resumed, were marked by bloody fighting between Dutch troops and Indonesian republicans before the United Nations stepped in early this year and demanded a truce and peaceful talks.

The big Indonesian republic, meeting in its capital at Jogjakarta, was the last to ratify the agreement.

But ratification was approved overwhelmingly by a vote of 226 to 62 with 31 members of the moderate socialist party abstaining from voting.

Those who voted against ratification were made up mainly of communists and splinter leftist parties. (At Lake Success, the Soviet Union cast two vetoes in the UN security council on resolutions commending the Dutch and Indonesians for peacefully ending their civil war. But Council President A. G. L. McNaughton of Canada said the vetoes would not stop operations of the UN conciliation commission which paved the way in ending the Dutch-Indonesian conflict.)

Soviet Beef

(Soviet Delegate Semyon K. Tsarapkin said the new agreement only imposed a "new and more subtle slavery" on the Indonesians. British Delegate Sir Alexander Cadogan retorted that the Soviets were annoyed by the independence agreement because it "limits their possibility of making trouble, raising strife and causing turmoil in that part of the world.")

(The security council voted down a Soviet resolution to abolish the UN Indonesian commission. McNaughton said it would continue to function as long as necessary to advise the Dutch and Indonesians on transfer of power to the new U.S.I.)

Although the new U.S.I. will have full sovereignty, it still is to be included on a federated commonwealth basis linked to The Netherlands by the Dutch crown. The Netherlands government has appointed its top economic specialist, Dr. Hans M. Hirschfeld, to be the new federal high commissioner to the new federation.

Formal turnover of sovereignty to the U.S.I. is scheduled December

Tough Seven Days For Wreck Victim

JUNEAU, Alaska, Dec. 14 (AP)—Both feet frozen, D. B. Mercado, 40, said today he had lived for seven days without food after a trolly boat turned over in St. James bay, drowning his partner. Reported lost was Andy Haffner, 50.

Mercado, known to fishermen as "Filipino Mack," was brought to Juneau today by the coast guard after a searching party found him in a small cabin at Boat harbor. He said he and his partner were anchored in St. James bay when a storm came up and overturned their boat. As it sank, he said, Haffner forced open a door and swam to the surface.

Mercado smashed the pilot-house door to escape. He heard cries for a moment, then silence.

Reaching shore barefooted, Mercado remained in the woods for a day and then made his way to the unoccupied cabin and awaited rescue. He could find no matches with which to start a fire. The boots he made of cotton ripped from a mattress in the cabin were not enough to keep his feet from freezing.

Teen-Ager Convicted Of Murder

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 14 (AP)—Sixteen-year-old Raymond Welsh has been convicted of first degree murder in the shooting of a teenage pal. The jury recommended life imprisonment.

The slender youth stood with eyes lowered and shook his head from side to side when the jury of eight men and four women returned the verdict yesterday afternoon. The jury deliberated only an hour and 15 minutes.

Welsh is the youngest person ever convicted on a first degree murder charge in Essex county.

He was convicted of shooting 15-year-old Freddie Januskiwicz in order to rob him of \$81 in wooded South Mountain reservation last March 3.

The state had asked for a life sentence rather than the death penalty for the murder, because of Welsh's youth.

George VI Observes Birthday

LONDON, Dec. 14 (AP)—George VI observed his 54th birthday today, fit and hearty.

Artillery at Hyde Park and the Tower of London boomed out 41-gun salutes.

A year ago the king was flat on his back with a dangerous circulation ailment. "The empire feared amputation of one of his legs and longtime invalidism for him."

Today he worked at his desk, and had just returned to Buckingham palace after a couple of weeks of grouse and pheasant hunting.

He began picking up after an operation last March to relieve his clogged circulation.

He spent his birthday quietly today. There was no official celebration. That comes in June, his "official" birthday. The country gave him a second birthday so the people could celebrate it with parades and festivities in good weather.

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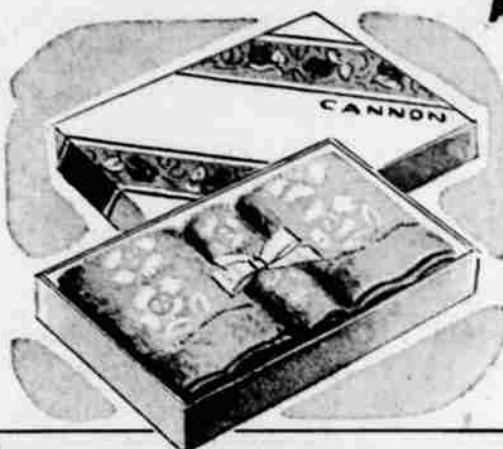
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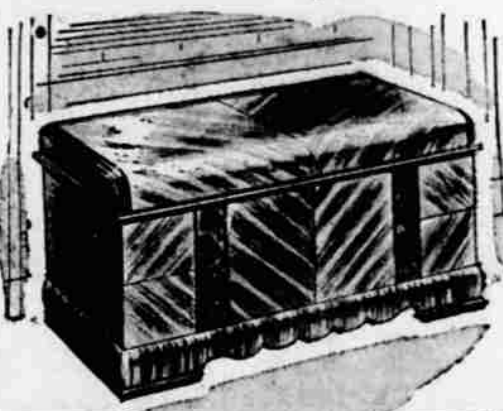


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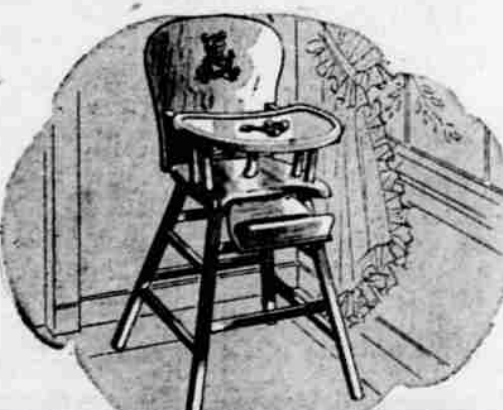


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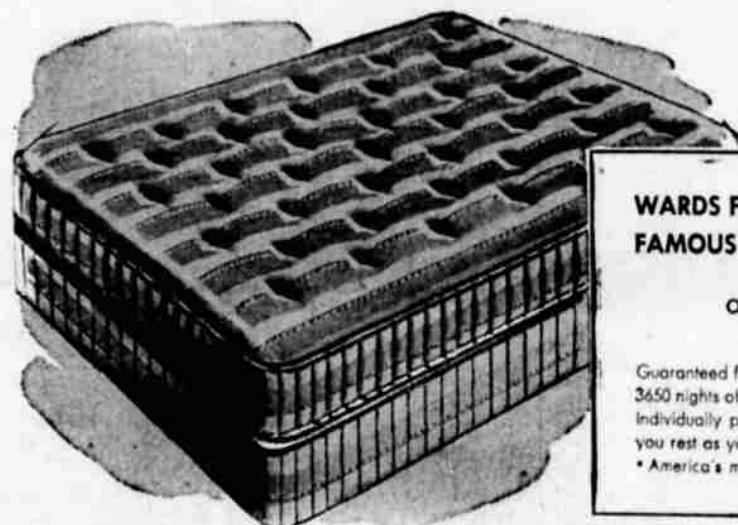
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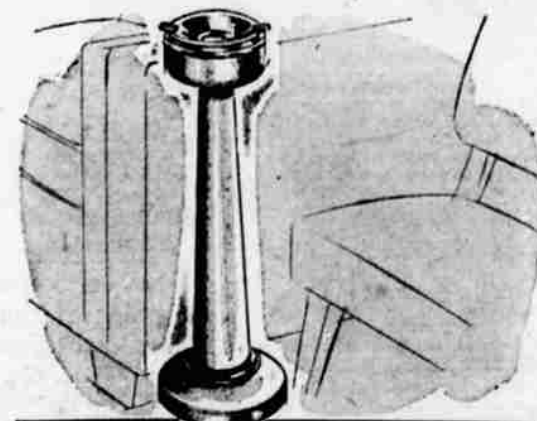


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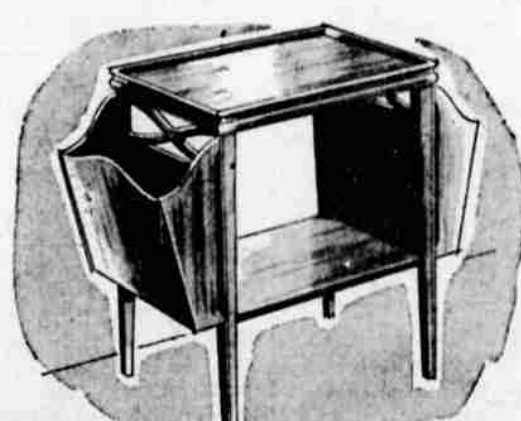
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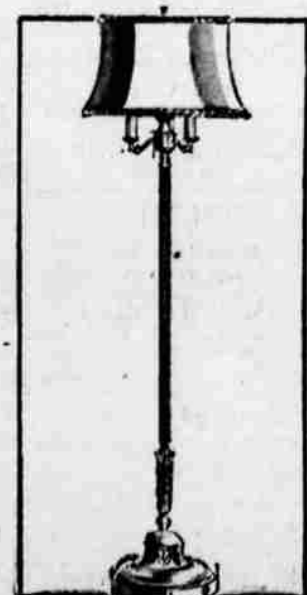
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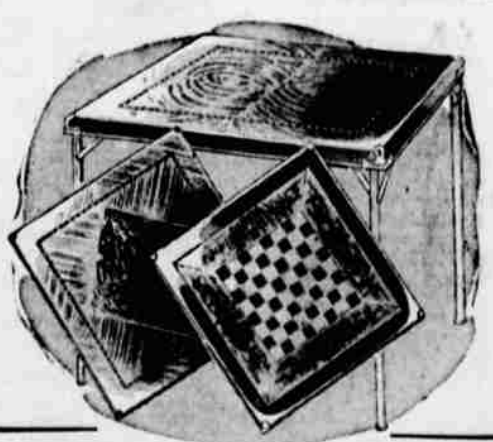


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