

Birth Of Tiny New Nation Remains Uncertain

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The flags were ready and the musicians rehearsed to welcome on Aug. 31 the peaceful birth of a new nation of 10 million persons to be known as Malaysia.

But the chances were increasing today that it may be a still-born birth.

Malaysia is or was a dream-child of the British who hoped to weld into a single anti-Communist nation former Southeast Asia holdings comprised of Malaya, Singapore, North Borneo, including the sultanate of Brunei, and Sarawak. The capital would be Kuala Lumpur in presently independent Malaya.

Unquestionably in favor of federation were Malaya and Singapore.

Recent elections in North Borneo and Sarawak had convinced the British that these areas also wished to join.

Situation Eases

Despite occasional seemingly conciliatory gestures, unalterably opposed was President Sukarno of Indonesia and less violently the Philippines, with a historic but scarcely tangible claim of its own on North Borneo.

Sukarno charged the plan for Malaysian federation was a Western plot to surround Indonesia and threatened it with a "confrontation" similar to that by which

he at last wrested Western New Guinea from the Dutch.

The situation eased after a Tokyo meeting between Sukarno and chief federation mover Prince Abdul Rahman, prime minister of Malaya, and seemed to ease further after a Manila meeting which also included President Diosdado Macapagal of the Philippines.

There the three initialled agreement on a loose confederation which would include the new nation and which would be called Maphilindo.

British Reluctant

So far as Sukarno was concerned these turned out simply to be delaying tactics.

In the Maphilindou agreement

was a clause calling upon United Nations Secretary General U Thant to send teams into North Borneo and Sarawak to determine whether elections there had been "properly" conducted.

The declaration also referred to British and American bases in the area as "temporary."

The British reluctantly, and Thant with the express reservation that his findings should be final, agreed to the inspection.

But back at home in Jakarta, it also became obvious that Sukarno had not budged from his previous stand in opposition to Malaysia.

As British forces in Singapore and North Borneo remained on the alert and British naval vessels cruised off shore, it was plain that Sukarno's "confrontation" was on in full force.

And the birth of Malaysia, already set back by at least a month, could be delayed indefinitely.



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By a vote of 32-4, the committee endorsed a bill that would permit the federal government to spend \$190.6 million on the project during the current fiscal year.

Congress would review the plan next year and decide if it should complete the rest of the projected five-year program to provide 95 million spaces at a cost of more than \$2 billion. Added to existing spaces, the ultimate figure would be 240 million spaces.

Committee Chairman Carl Vinson, D-Ga., successfully beat back Republican attempts to trim down the size of the bill. A cut would have ranged from 125 million to 175 million.

The program was recommended by a subcommittee headed by Rep. F. Edward Hebert, D-La.

Injunction Bars Title Changes

PORTLAND (UPI)—Federal Judge William G. East today issued a temporary injunction barring any action that would affect the title of status of the Pilot Inn at Bend.

The injunction was issued at the request of the U.S. attorney's office, which has filed a complaint that owners William and Gertrude Corbett made a fraudulent mortgage assignment to defeat government tax liens.

Trial on that complaint is scheduled for mid-October.

The court order also stays action by the Deschutes County Circuit Court foreclosing on an alleged second mortgage until after the government complaint has been decided.

Basin Briefs

DAIRY
MR. AND MRS. LESTER JONES entertained relatives and friends with a picnic at their home on Sunday. Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lee Miller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolfe and Juanita, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Horsley and family, and Mrs. Glatha Jones, all of Klamath Falls; Mr. and Mrs. John Brown and Alex. Bonanza; Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Prough and Mrs. Maude Conquergood, Dairy; and Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones and family, Grants Pass.

MR. AND MRS. HARVEY BUTTS spent the weekend at Roseburg with son Billy and other relatives and friends.

BILL BURGDORF from California arrived Friday for a surprise visit with his great-uncle, Albert Burdorf, and Mrs. Virgil Schmoee and family.

MR. AND MRS. RAY JONES and family of Grants Pass spent the weekend with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Jones. They took their two daughters home after a week here.

MR. AND MRS. KEITH TURNER and Roxie, Mr. and Mrs. John Robertson of Grants Pass, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Schmoee and family, Albert, Eldon and Billy Burdorf enjoyed a picnic at Moore Park Sunday. The Robertsons returned to their home after the picnic. They had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Keith Turner, and family.

MR. AND MRS. ROY HILL and sons of Fallon, Nev., spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Challa. The four boys played with their grandparents while their family went to the Cedarville rodeo.

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