

Dutch "Could Not Stand Alone" In N.G. Invasion

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HOLLANDIA, Wednesday. — The Dutch Secretary for Home Affairs, Dr T. H. Bot, said yesterday that if New Guinea was invaded by a force of more than 1,000 "we could not be expected to stand alone," according to American Associated Press.

Dr Bot was being questioned on a statement he was reported as making earlier, that Holland would expect military support from Australia, Britain and the United States if Indonesia invaded West New Guinea. —

According to American Associated Press, Dr Bot said at the questioning: "How could I speak for those other countries?"

The news agency quoted Dr Bot as saying that Holland was prepared for trouble from Indonesia.

He added: "We don't expect any trouble right now. But if trouble came, you could not expect Holland to handle it alone, could you?"

Dr Bot is in Hollandia for the opening session of the West New Guinea Council. The U.S. State Department in Washington would not comment on Dr Bot's reported statement that the Netherlands would expect military help from the United States.

A department spokesman said comment was never made on hypothetical cases.

Australian officials in Canberra would not comment.

He said tonight he understood there was some concern in Australia over reports that Indonesia was building up arms.

Indonesia was a country of great mixtures, and almost 100 million people, he said.

A large Army was necessary to preserve law and order—but as a country, Indonesia had no intention of aggression against anyone.

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Position "Not Changed"

In Darwin tonight, the new Indonesian Ambassador to Australia, Brigadier-General Suadi Suromihardjo, said the new Council in Dutch New Guinea would not change the Indonesian position.

What was referred to as Dutch New Guinea was, in fact, part of Indonesia, he said.

It was not proper to talk of Indonesians as "infiltrating" because it was part of their country.

General Suadi said Indonesia had no intention of using force over the issue.

"However, if the Dutch resort to arms, that is a different matter," he said.

"We have to defend ourselves."

General Suadi, on his first visit to Australia, said he felt Australians understood the position in Dutch New Guinea and other problems facing his country.

Role In U.N. Suez Force

General Suadi, born in 1921, became a lieutenant-colonel when Indonesia became a republic.

During the 1956-57 Suez crisis, he commanded the Indonesian contingent in the U.N. force in Egypt.