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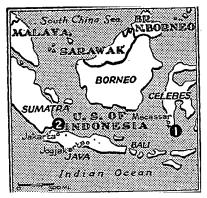
Men Who Formerly Fought Under Dutch Resist Shift to Jakarta Command

By The Associated Press.

JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 5 — Rebellious Indonesian soldiers captured Macassar, Celebes seaport and state capital of East Indonesia, in forty-five minutes of shooting today. Ten persons were killed or wounded.

A cryptic communiqué from the Federal Government's Information Ministry said tonight the insurgents had been ordered to return to their garrisons and the leader had been summoned to Jakarta to answer for the uprising. The communiqué did not specify how the orders had been transmitted and it did not say that the revolt had been settled.

Officials at Dutch Army headquarters here said as far as they knew the rebels still were in control late Wednesday night. This was supported by the monitoring of a rebel radio broadcast ordering a night curfew, an indication that the rebels still held Macassar. The Commander in Chief of Netherland forces in the Indies, Buurman van



The New York TimesApril 6, 1950Macassar (1) was seized byrebellious Indonesian troops.The government at Jakarta(2) said the insurgents' leaderer was a 26-year-old captain.

Vreeden, flew to Macassar to investigate.

apparently stems revolt The have muddles that two from United fledgling plagued the States of Indonesia from the first day of its independence a little more than three months ago:

1. The inability of the Central Government, dominated by veterans of the revolutionary Indonesian Republic, and the Dutch-spon-

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sored states created during the strife for independence to reconcile differences and share authority.

2. The serious problem of transferring into the new Indonesian Army about 50,000 Indonesians mostly recruited from East Indonesia-who fought on the Dutch side.

A company of about 150 men led by Capt. Andi Abdul Aziz had just been transferred into the Indonesian Army when it turned on its new commanders.

radic machine-gun fire, the Federal

armed.

the harbor, radio station and telegraph office and began patrolling the city.

an ultimatum to a battalion of 900 against opposition. Federal soldiers, whose imminent The uprising was the third in them out."

The Cabinet of the State Gov-pendence. ernment of East Indonesia, headed Only a few hours before the by Premier Diapari, went into Macassar outbreak, the Federal Government had arrested Sultan emergency session.

The Premier said he was trying Hamid II, one of the Government to avoid further bloodshed, but ministers. He was accused of havsome members of the Cabinet had ing masterminded the West Java threatened to "kick them [the Fed-|revolt at Bandung last January led eral soldiers] into the sea if they by a former Dutch army captain, R. P. P. (Turk) Westerling. dare to land."

The battalion had been dis- Only last week a serious revolt The shooting started at 5:45 patched from Jakarta days ago as of Indonesian soldiers still serving A. M. when the rebels attacked 100 an occupation force for East Indo- in the Dutch army on the island of Federal troops in their barracks. nesia against the advice of the Ambon was quelled after two days. After forty-five minutes of spo- East Indonesian Government. Details of that uprising have not In Jakarta an Army spokesman yet been published.

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soldiers were lined up and dis-said it was likely the battalion would be ordered to return to Ja-The rebel units quickly seized karta without attempting to land. He explained that the civilian steamer on which it had embarked Captain Aziz said he had sent was not equipped to land troops

landing had set off the revolt, not three months involving Indonesian to come ashore. If they tried to solders who fought in the Dutch land, he threatened, "we will shoot Army against the Indonesian Nationalists' successful bid for inde-