Report Indonesia May Be Facing Economic Collapse

By JAMES WILDE

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP)—Indonesia faced business collapse Sunday as it plunged on in efforts to win the jungles of Dutch West New Guinea.

Directors of three big Dutch banks taken over Saturday by Communist-backed trade unions, informed the government they will close unless there is an easing up in the campaign against the Netherlands and Dutch economic ties here.

The banks—the country's largest—handle most of Indonesia's vital export business. Indonesian banking officials have warned that wildcat seizures of major banks could affect the circulation of currency and spark wholesale economic collapse.

Since last Monday, essential Dutch services have been taken over by Indonesian workers—many of them members of the Communist-run Sobsi trade union. Paralyzed by these seizures are inter-island shipping and the principal export-import houses.

Reports reaching Jakarta indicate workers are taking over concerns handling major exports—copra, rubber, tin, coffee, tea and palm oil.

DUTCH BURN BRIDGES

There also were reports the Dutch running these concerns were attempting a scorched earth policy rather than hand them over to the Indonesians.

This capital was quiet Sunday with most businesses and industries shut down as usual.

The government radio reported Communist East Germany has offered to send airplane pilots in two days to replace Dutch airmen who might resign from the Garuda Indonesian Airways.

The government was going ahead with its plan to expel all but a sprinkling of Dutch technicians in three months. There was some question whether the sprinkling will want to remain after most of the 50,000 Dutch have left.

Indonesia's anti - Dutch campaign began last Monday. The government called on all Indonesians to strike for 24 hours against Dutch concerns. But the boycott lurched out of control, with Sobsi taking control of vital concerns.

GOVERNMENT WARNS

The government warned it would not tolerate seizures without official approval. But there was no evidence in Jakarta at least that the government had done anything else to stop the seizures.

In North Sumatra, however, the military took over all Dutch interests to prevent the unions from doing so. Sumatra, the richest of Indonesia's string of 3,000 islands, is the seat of much discontent against the central government of President Sukarno.

The announced purpose pf the campaign was to show Indonesia's displeasure with United Nations rejection of its proposals for negotiations on West New Guinea.

RELIGION AND LIFE

BY VERY REV. GEORGE C. PIDGEON, D.D., LL.D.
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Goodness—what is it?

A son once described his father as "God's good man"—what did he mean?

What does the Apostle mean when he distinguishes between the just man and the good man, and adds that for the latter one would even dare to die?

The Old Testament gives various answers to that question and always in picturesque form.

Micah, the peasant, says that goodness is a blend of justice, kindness and humility plus a walk with God. Isaiah, the statesman, affirms vigorously that it is a combination of personal right dealing and right speaking that overflows into public support of justice, honest and honesty, plus a moral indignation against cruelty and self-seeking in all their forms.

The writer of the fifteenth Psalm, which is our subject today, adds those qualities that make the life of a community happy and secure. Not only does he teach the right, but he praises it in song as essential in the worship of God.

PSALM

Here is Principal W. R. Taylor's version of that Psalm:

O Lord, who shall sojourn in Thy tent?
Who shall dwell on Thy holy hill?
He who walks blamelessly, and does what is right,
and speaks truth from his heart;
Who does not slander with his tongue,
and does no evil to his friend,
nor takes up a reproach against his neighbor;
in whose eyes a reprobate is despised,
but who honors those who fear the Lord;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
who does not put out his money at interest,
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

COLORFUL

Before concentrating on the Psalm before us, take a look at the colorful way in which those ancient prophets state their case. They ask: What does God want of me

Their concern is about God and His will for each and all of us. This forces them back to the ultimate question: What kind of a being is God? Because what God is determines what God wants.

The prophet Micah asks: How shall I approach God? Does He want the costliest sacrifices, even the blood of my son? This was no rhetorical question: men then were actually offering their sons in sacrifice to their gods and believed that those gods wanted them.

But Micah answers: What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness (or mercy) and to walk humbly with your God?"

Isaiah states his case more strongly:

"Who among us can dwell with devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

ANSWER

He answers:

He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly;

He who despises the gain of oppressions,

Who shakes his hands, lest they hold a bribe,

Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed,

And shuts his eyes from looking upon evil.

He will dwell on the heights;

His place of defense will be the fortresses of rocks;

His bread will be given him, his water will be sure.

Isaiah, the statesman, cannot separate private from public virtue; the man who obeys God in his personal deeds and dealings can be counted on to champion justice in the affairs of the community.

AUTHOR'S CONCERN

Turn now to Psalm 15.

The author's concern is precisely the same: How can I come before God? On what terms will my God receive me? The Psalmist answers: Only by doing right and being in the right in my dealings with my fellow men.

Prophets and Psalmists together stand on the position that worship to be acceptable to God must be based on right dealings with men.

Sacrifice as a substitute for justice is an abomination in the sight of a righteous God.

Here a modern evangelical would put in the confession: My righteousness is like a filthy rag in the eyes of a holy God. My only ground of hope is in Christ's righteousness available to me through faith. This is true. "No other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ." But on that foundation I must build the temple of personal righteousness. The object of redemption is the good life of the redeemed.

All this is based on the moral character of God, which is Israel's peculiar contribution to religion. And what tremendous implications it has for life in the modern world.

DERAILMENT BLOCKS TRACK

VASSAR, Man. (CP) — Auxiliary crews Friday cleared the track at Vassar, 84 miles southeast of Winnipeg, where the engine and three leading cars of a Canadian National Railways passenger train were derailed Thursday night. Fireman Tom Phillips, 28, of the Winnipeg suburb of St. Vital was the only casualty. He suffered a fractured right arm.

COMING EVENTS

South Milton Christmas concert December 20th.

Shur-Gain Cavalcade at Afton Hall, Monday, December 9th.

Variety Concert in Murray River Public Hall on Wednesday, Dec. 11th 8 p.m. Sponsored by United Church Ladies Aid.

Rose Valley Y.P.U. Variety Concert, Breadalane Hall, December 10.

Reserve Friday, December 20, for Emerald School Concert in Emerald Hall. Dance after. Curtain 8.15 p.m.

Federation County Annual Meetings at Baptist Church Hall, Summerside, December 10 High School Auditorium, Montague, December 11 Birch Court, Experimental Farm, Charlottetown, December 12 All meetings at 10:30 a.m.

"Nine Mile Creek Christmas Concert, Afton Hall, Saturday, December 21st.

Patrick for catering to a wedding breakfast for a member of her family.

Cards of thanks fom Mrs. Fred Duncan and the Moynagh family for sympathy extended in bereavement, letters from the national convener magazines and from the T.B. League re Christmas seals. The treasurer Mrs. Thomas McAvinn then gave her report which showed a substathtial balance.

The following conveners were present and gave brief reports, Spiritual Mrs. John A. MacDonald reported on the First Friday Adoration and on the Perpetual Rosary recited by the members on the First Saturday of the month. She also reported that Masses had been offered for the repose of the souls of Mrs. Jas. Hughes and Mrs. Jas. Jobe and High Mass on the 11th of November for departed servicemen. Social Action was reported by Mrs. J. Coyle, Institutions, Mrs. Trainor, Mrs. H. Toombs, Finance, Mrs. Stephen Connolly for membership reported 292 paid up members. Citizenship, Mrs. P. Ready, Radio and T.V. Mrs. L. Fitzpatrick, Press Miss Mary Duffy reported on the progress of the "Casket" canvass which was not quite completed.

The president Mrs. Allan MacDonald thanked the members for their assistance in the "casket," canvass and other activities since the last meeting. She also spoke on the RegionalConference held recently at Norte Dame Acadmey at which St. Pius X. Sub-division and Holy Redeemer Sub-division were guests of the Bascilia sub-division. The conference was very instructive and enjoyed by all who attended.

There being no further business the meeting then closed with the Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary. A delicious lunch was then served by the committee in charge.

PLANE LANDS SAFELY

SHANNON, Ireland (Reuters)—A United States Air Force plane landed safely here Friday after sending out distress signals over the Atlantic west of Ireland. The plane, with 10 persons aboard, sent out a radio message saying it was flying from Bermuda to Shannon at 11,000 feet and was feathering one propellor.

Holy Redeemer C. W. L. Met

The December meeting of the Catholic Women's League, Holy Redeemer Sub-division took place at the Community Center on December 2nd. Mrs. Allan MacDonald presided and the meeting opened with the League Prayer recited by the members.

After roll call of the executive the Secretary Mrs. Bepedict Callaghan read the minutes of the previous meetings which were approved as read.

Correspondence were read by Mrs. Alex. McLean and included the following: cards of thanks from Mrs. Ethel McManus and Mrs. Helen McAvinn for get well wishes extended while in hospital, card of thanks from Mrs.

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Pursuant to Section 17 (3) no applications or payments can be considered after December 31, 1958.

For further details and information contact the undersigned at once.

H. F. LANDRY
Secretary
Teachers' Superannuation Commission.

$50 Fine For Operating Truck Overweight

A fine of $50 and costs was imposed by Magistrate Gilbert A. Gaudet in Queen's County Magistrate's Court Friday evening on a resident of New Haven charged with operating a truck on the highway in excess of the gross registered weight of the vehicle.

The case of a Granvil'e resident charged with assault was adjourned until December 13th following the hearing of two additional witnesses for the complainant.

A female resident of the city charged with unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor not purchased at a vendor's was fined twenty five dollars and costs or thirty days, and the case of another female resident of the city charged with driving while intoxicated was further remanded until December 11th.

A father and son, both charged with contravening the Migratory Birds Convention Act, had their case adjourned to December 18. Each is accused of keeping migratory birds within one-quarter mile of an area where waterfowl hunting was taking place.

The case of a city resident charged with possession of intoxicating liquor in a place other than his residence was adjourned to December 11, the accused entering a plea of not guilty.

In addition ten other traffic offenses were dealt with at Friday's session of the Court.

Given 4-Month Jail Sentence

Found guilty of breaking, entry, and theft a young man from Charlottetown Saturday morning was sentenced to serve four months in the Queen's County Jail by Magistrate K.M. Martin presiding at the City Police Court.

The charge arose out of the theft of a quantity of cigarettes and cigars from Green's Grocery 70 Great George St. Evidence disclosed that the value of the goods taken was in the vicinity of $150.00.

The break occurred in the early hours off Friday morning November 29. The accused apparently gained entry, by breaking the glass in the front entrance enabling him to reach the lock.

In the subsequent investigation a portion of the stolen goods were recovered in the room of the accused by the City Police.

The accused was represented by Lester O'Donnell.

Also on the docket were three drunk and incapables two of whom were sentenced to 20 days in the Queens County Jail and the other remanded until Tuesday, December 10.

Girl's Murderes To Hang Wed.

DALHOUSIE, N. B. (CP)—The hanging of Joseph Pierre Richard is scheduled for early next Wednesday, shortly after midnight. Sheriff Edmond LeBlanc has been supervising preparations for the execution of the man condemned for the slaying of 13-year-old Mary Katherine De LaPerelle last February.

Defence Counsel W. H. Senechal said Thursday no word has been received from Ottawa regarding an appeal for commutation of the death sentence to life imprisonment.

It is believed the gallows will be erected in a building between the jail and courthouse.

SCHOLARSHIP WORTH $2,000

OTTAWA (CP) — The Canada Council announced Friday it will provide a recurring annual scholarship to the government of Ghana to finance study in Canada. The scholarship is valued at $2,000 plus a travelling allowance. It is offered for graduate study at any Canadian university in the arts, humanities or social sciences.

WOMAN, 105, GREETS KIN

FRIEDLAND, West Germany (Reuters)—A 105-year-old woman who arrived at a transit camp here was met by three generations of relatives, including her 71-year-old daughter and granddaughter, aged 48. She is the oldest woman to be resettled in West Germany from former German territories now ruled by Poland and Russia.

Y. P. U. Honour Member Leaving For R. C. A. F.

On Wednesday evening the Young People of St. David's United Church Georgetown, assembled at the Church Hall for their weekly meeting and a party for Lloyd Walker, one of their fellow members who will leave shortly to join the R.C.A.F.

The meeting opened with a devotional period led by Jean Le Lacheur. A business period followed in which plans were finalized for the bean supper to be held

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Dec. 11th and the Christmas social.

The remainder of the evening was spent in erokinole games after which a lunch was served. During the lunch Peggy Anne Aitken, vice-president on behalf of the Young People presented Lloyd with a gift.

INJURIES FATAL

HALIFAX (CP) — Gilbert A. Howard, 75, of Halifax, died in hospital Tuesday from injuries received in a Sept. 30 car accident.

QUEEN'S COUNTY LIBERAL ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Queen's County Liberal Association will be held on Thursday, December 12, at 8 p.m. at the Canadian Legion Hall, Grafton Street, Charlottetown.

Each poli is requested to send five delegates. Premier A. W. Matheson and other prominent speakers will address the meeting. Everybody welcome.

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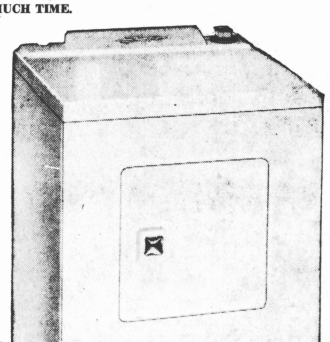

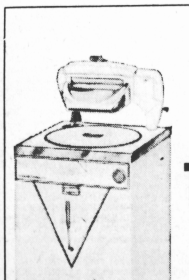

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