

# New Asian Nation May Ignite Dangerous Cold War Outbreak

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KUALA LUMPUR (AP)—The birth of a new Asian nation has sparked one of the most potentially explosive situations to develop in Southeast Asia since the disintegration of Indochina. Malaysia—composed of Malaysia and the former British holdings of Singapore, Sarawak and Sabah (North Borneo)—was born Monday. It is meant to add another strong link to the chain of democratic nations in this seething part of the world.

Instead it has set off a chain reaction of sparks that could ignite another cold war brush fire, joining the ones already smouldering in South Viet Nam and Laos and strengthening Communist designs on the area. The crux of the problem lies with Indonesia and the Philippines, partners of Malaysia in the decaying Malindang pact which was to have brought unity among these three neighbors.

**MAN OF PEACE**  
Malaysian Prime Minister Tunku Abdul Rahman, who continually stresses he is a man of peace, has done everything he can to remove Indonesian and Philippine opposition to Malaysia. He irritated the British and members of his own party in seeking appeasement. He even delayed the formation of Malaysia for a United Nations survey of Sarawak and Sabah.

But when Indonesia and the Philippines rebuffed him and refused to recognize Malaysia, the Tunku's patience ended. He promptly severed relations with both countries, recalled his diplomats and their staffs and ordered a state of preparedness in Malaysia "for any eventuality."

Indonesia, which represents the greatest danger to Malaysia, reacted violently. Uncontrolled mobs in Jakarta hurled another bloody conflict. A minor demonstration took place in Manila.

The quick reaction of Malaysia to this opposition has been more than that of a mother hen protecting her young. Malaysia appears determined, if necessary, to pit its 10,000,000 population against the nearly 100,000,000 Indonesians and the 60,000,000 Filipinos in order to maintain its national dignity.

**BESET BY PROBLEMS**  
Malaysia knows the doorway to real trouble could be opened by Indonesia on the borders of Sarawak and Sabah, which adjoin Indonesian Borneo on a porous frontier. Guerrillas already are operating in the Sarawak area. A command from Jakarta could touch off another bloody conflict.

Malaysia knows the full impact such a warfare could have on this new nation, which already is beset by numerous internal problems. It took Malaysia nearly 15 years to clear its own jungles of organized Communist resistance. The tattered remnants still remain.

The new state can depend on the military support of Britain and other Commonwealth countries pledged to help it in an emergency. Commonwealth forces already are stationed in Malaysia.

Any overt efforts by Indonesia to undermine the new nation would open the possibility of embroiling the United States directly into the conflict. Britain and the United States, as well as the Philippines are members of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization (SEATO), pledged to co-operate in maintaining stability in the area.

Malaysia is trying hard to isolate the opposition by convincing the Philippines to recognize the federation. If it succeeds, they will be a serious blow to this critical area. He does not want another Laos or Viet Nam.

His hope for success lies now with the Philippines. If it turns its back permanently on Malaysia, the Philippines may be led into a dangerous alliance with Indonesia that would open the gates to serious trouble.



**MISS U.S. FOOTBALL**

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## Canadian Food Values Said Better Than 30 Years Ago

**BY ARCH MACKENZIE**  
OTTAWA (CP)—Whatever the housewife says, food remains a good buy—better than 30 years ago in fact, says the federal agriculture department. Granted, food prices have risen 2½ times between the period 1933-39 and 1962. For the family of four in the 1930s, the weekly food bill averaged \$10 against \$30 in 1948-50 and \$23 last year. And more increases can be expected, says the department. But that same family has four times as much money to spend today. The upshot is that the house-

wife is buying more expensively over the years—more meat, fruits and vegetables, much less grain products and potatoes, a larger variety of products and items in attractive—but more expensive—packaging. The details of food trends in the last 30 years are set out in a department booklet just issued in revised form under the title Our Food Costs.

Canadians still devote about 25 per cent of income to food, it says. But while more money is available now, that doesn't mean that Canadians are eating more, suggests Dr. L. E.

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