

# President Charged with Letting Military Sometimes Dominate Foreign Policy

By DREW PEARSON

**Indonesian War**  
Inside fact about the Indonesian war is that the United States received ample advance notice it was coming.

Merle Cochran, American member of the United Nations good offices committee in Indonesia, warned the state department by cable one month before the attack. He reported that the Dutch were piling up supplies, most of them made in America—preparing to wipe up the Indonesian republic, even while U. N. mediators were trying to settle the dispute.

Cochran queried the Dutch regarding their activity, but got waved aside with the bland reply that the Dutch Army was preparing for "routine maneuvers."

But possibly because of his inquiries, Dutch representatives in Washington were more frank. They informed both the state department and the U. S. joint chiefs of staff that Communists had permeated the Indonesian republic and were planning a revolt in February. If this revolt was successful the Communists would use Java and Sumatra as a base to take over British Malaya, Borneo and the Philippines. Therefore, concluded the Dutch, they planned to take "police measures" in advance.

It so happens that the registered Communist vote in Holland itself at the last election was 10 per cent, and U. S. observers say that the Communist percentage in Indonesia is less.

However, U. S. reaction was mixed. The state department, which hitherto has coddled the Dutch, began to get alarmed. Certain U. S. military men, on the other hand, in effect winked. "Police action," they indicated to the Dutch, was an internal problem of no concern to the United States.

**Truman's Military Pals**  
Conflict between the U. S. military and the state department is, of course, nothing new. And the above illustrates what has happened to U. S. foreign

policy time and again ever since President Truman took office. In Germany, in China, in Argentina and in Spain, the President has let the military influence sometimes dominate his foreign policy.

Immediately after the Dutch attacked, the state department, belatedly wide awake drafted a strong note to the Netherlands. It was just as strong as the Australian statement to the Netherlands. It was just as strong as the Australian statement at the United Nations.

When the note was sent to the White House, however, the President toned it down. Again the military were suspected.

But even in its revised form, the American protest put the Dutch almost in the same category as the Hitler and Mussolini in their wrecking of the League of Nations. It also brought howls of private anguish from the Dutch.

**The Dutch Wail**  
Last week Dutch representatives called on U. S. officials again. They were up in arms over curtailment of Marshall Plan aid to Indonesia—even though this slap on the wrist sounds much louder than it hurts.

Actually the state department has curtailed only \$145,000,000 of unspent ECA aid to Indonesia. The remaining \$47,000,000 has already been committed and will not be cut off—though most of it could be. Furthermore, our huge \$550,000,000 ECA allotment to Holland still stands—even though \$350,000,000 of this amount is passed on to Indonesia.

Nevertheless, the Dutch were irate. Without attempting to quote them direct, the gist of what they said was this:

**We don't understand your policy. You spend five and a half billions to fight communism in Europe, yet in the Far East you support communism. We wouldn't be in the western European pact if you hadn't asked us to get in. We could have been neutral in the last war, and we could be neutral in the next. We don't want to have our country overrun by the Russians as it was by Hitler.**

We realize that this western European pact is largely for the defense of the United States and that we are essential to it. So if the United States is going to cut off Marshall plan aid because of Indonesia, we might begin warming up to the Russians. We don't want to, but we may have to.

So far it doesn't look as if the President is going to be scared by Dutch threats. Mr. Truman may make mistakes, but the last thing he does is scare easy. He's much more likely to get his backbone up.

**CHAIRMAN APPOINTED**  
ROYAL—Supt. Millie Mahood has announced the names of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Francis and Mr. and Mrs. Alois Mnarik as cochairmen to sponsor activities for the purpose of raising funds in the current drive. Owing to the blocked roads in this vicinity, dates for entertainments have not been set.

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## 8 O'Neill Students in Creighton 'U'

Eight students from O'Neill are attending Creighton university in Omaha this semester. Rosemary Biglin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Biglin, is a graduate student.

Edward F. Campbell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Campbell, is a junior in Creighton college. Tom C. Hart, son of Mrs. Pat B. Hart, is a freshman in the college of commerce and resides in Wareham hall at Creighton.

Paul R. Kubitschek, son of Dr. and Mrs. F. J. Kubitschek, is a freshman in the college of dentistry.

William R. Kubitschek, brother of Paul, is also enrolled in Creighton university. He is a sophomore in the college of medicine and he is affiliated with Phi Chi Rho, Alpha Sigma Nu, national Jesuit honor society, and Phalan fraternities.

James E. Merriman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence M. Merriman, is a junior in the college of commerce. He is affiliated with Delta Sigma Pi, national commerce fraternity.

Robert W. Wallace, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Wallace, is a junior in Creighton college and resides in Dowling hall at Creighton.

Stephen W. Wallace, brother of Robert, is a sophomore in the college of medicine. He is affiliated with Phi Beta Pi.

Creighton is a Catholic university, founded in 1878 by John and Edward Creighton, pioneer businessmen in the midwest. It is estimated by the Jesuit n28 is administered by the Jesuit fathers and is the only private university between the Mississippi river and the West coast. The present enrollment in the nine colleges that make up the university is 2,841.

## REDBIRD NEWS

Louis Hohndorf, of Cedar Rapids, arrived Saturday, January 15, for a visit with his sister and family.

Arthur Bessert was a visitor in Redbird Saturday, January 15.

Howard Slack and family, of near Dorsey, was here Saturday, January 15.

Virgil Wilson was a caller in Redbird Saturday, January 15.

Eva Truax visited Mrs. Pete More Saturday, January 15.

Gordon Barta was in Redbird Saturday, January 15.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Graham and children visited in Redbird Saturday, January 15, on their way home from Spencer.

Emmet Slaughter and family, of near Scottville, were visitors in Redbird Saturday, January 15.

Robert Wilson and Victor McKenzie were in Redbird Sunday, January 16.

Harold Halstead was in Redbird Monday, January 17.

William Hartland was a visitor in Redbird Monday, January 17.

Ray Wilson and Fred Truax, sr., were visitors in Redbird Monday, January 17.

Robert Wells was here Monday, January 17.

George Kruse, of near Dorsey, was in Redbird Monday, January 17.

Mrs. Clara Wandrei was in Redbird Monday, January 17.

Bert Moody was here Monday, January 17.

Alfred Truax, of near Lynch, visited at Michael Hull's Tuesday, January 18.

Dale Bessert was in Redbird Tuesday, January 18.

Merrill Anderson visited at Redbird Tuesday, January 18.

Mr. and Mrs. Lucian Looch returned from a visit from his folks' at Spencer Tuesday, January 18.

Elvin Luedtke was in Redbird Tuesday, January 18.

Duane Hopkins and Leadore Watson visited at the Frank Spinar home the past week, both leaving for their respective homes Thursday, January 20.

Herman Schollmeyer visited at Ray Wilson's Wednesday, January 19.

Harry Truax was in Redbird Wednesday, January 19.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Carson, of near Dorsey, were in Redbird Thursday, January 20.

Ralph Pinkerman was a visitor in Redbird Thursday, January 20.

Ray Wilson visited in Redbird Friday, January 21.

Harold Halstead went to Lynch on business Friday, January 21.

W. H. Hartland drove over to Mike Hull's Friday, January 21.

Louis Hohndorf went to O'Neill Saturday, January 22.

**Sam Fuhrer Honored**  
P. V. Hickey and family and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Robertson were dinner guests on Friday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Fuhrer in honor of Mr. Fuhrer's birthday anniversary.

Miss Verna Truffell, of Orchard, returned home Friday, after spending a week visiting her sister, Mrs. Neil F. Clarke, and family. Little Miss Sandra Clarke returned with her for a visit.

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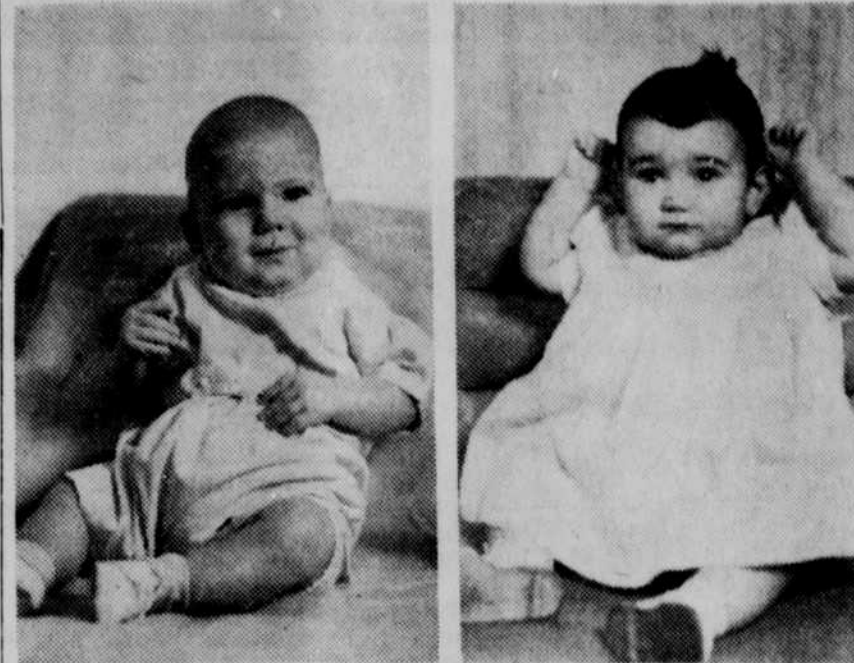
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**O'NEILL SMALL FRY**... This week the editor of the Jack and Jill Corner would like to have you meet John Patrick Miller (left) and Miss Joan Claire French. John Patrick is the 8½-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Miller, of O'Neill. He has brown hair and brown eyes. The cold weather doesn't seem to bother him. Of all his toys John likes his giraffe the best. He can say "bye bye" and "Da Da" and he likes to show off his cheery disposition. Joan Claire ("Jody") French is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O. D. French. She will be a year old January 24. "Jody" has black hair, brown eyes, and seven teeth. She likes to go visiting and to play hide-and-seek with her mother. The weather doesn't bother "Jody," either. She loves to ride her sled in the snow.—O'Neill Photo Co.



JOHN PATRICK MILLER

JOAN CLAIRE FRENCH

## Hears of Death of Relative —

ROYAL—Russell Burch and Mrs. Glenn Rundquist, cousins, heard in a radio broadcast of news on Tuesday, January 18, of the death of the seven-year-old daughter of their cousin, Edwin Butterfield, of Merna. The child met death in an auto accident at Kemmerer, Wyo., when the car in which the family was riding plunged over a 70-foot embankment. According to reports, the mother suffered a broken back. The family was returning home from California where they had spent the holidays. Mr. Butterfield is a son of Ernest Butterfield, was born on a farm near

Orchard. Mrs. Emma Burch, of Royal, was a great aunt of the little girl.

## ATTENDS CREIGHTON

PAGE—Monte M. Taylor, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lee Taylor, is attending Creighton university in Omaha, this semester. A graduate of Page public high school, Taylor lettered four years in basketball and was salutatorian of his class. He is now a freshman in the college of commerce.

Frank E. Parkins returned last Thursday from a trip to Cleveland, O.

## 8 Holt Children Aided by Society

Eight Holt county children were aided last year by the Nebraska Children's Home Society, according to the reports given at the annual meeting in Omaha Wednesday evening, January 19.

According to H. B. Bugbee, chairman of the case committee, the Society provided nearly 70,000 days care for children, placing 93 in good homes and completing 90 adoptions.

Kenneth G. Harvey, Omaha banker, was reelected president. Other officers are: Fred Hill, Omaha school man, vice-president; H. E. Bugbee, secretary, and Fred W. Thomas, Omaha banker, treasurer.

Trustees named for three-year terms are: E. J. Loutzenheiser, of Gothenburg; A. D. Hunter, K. G. Harvey, Irving Benolken, Fred Hill and Fred W. Thomas, all of Omaha; Dr. W. H. Phelps, of Bellevue; Lee Loersch, of Tekamah, and T. O. McLaughlin, of Grand Island.

Tracy J. Peycke, Omaha telephone executive, was named to a two-year term caused by the death of Will R. Johnson.

Randall C. Biart, of Bellevue, is executive director of the Society.

Members of the Society came to the meeting from as far West as Scottsbluff. Others attended from Bridgeport, Kearney, Nebraska City, Tekamah, Lincoln, Blair and other points.

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## Legion Auxiliary Meets —

**CHAMBERS** — The Legion Auxiliary met Friday night, January 7 at the home of Mrs. John Abers. Ten members were present.

It was voted to give \$5 to the infantile paralysis fund. The Auxiliary will also solicit for this fund. It was also voted to give \$5 to the Legion to help buy Boy Scout emblems, and another \$5 to the layette fund.

It was decided to buy lining for a quilt. The blocks and batt will be donated by members.

Later lunch was served by Mrs. Abers and Mrs. Cleo Alderson.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Hat-tie Tibbetts on February 4.

## More Chambers News

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Shares, of Neligh, motored to Chambers Friday, January 14. Their niece, Miss Minerva Sanderson, returned home with them.

Mrs. Clara Thorin has been staying with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thorin, of Neligh for the past few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Metske have moved into their new home in the West part of town.

Several from this vicinity took the teachers examinations in O'Neill Saturday, January 15.

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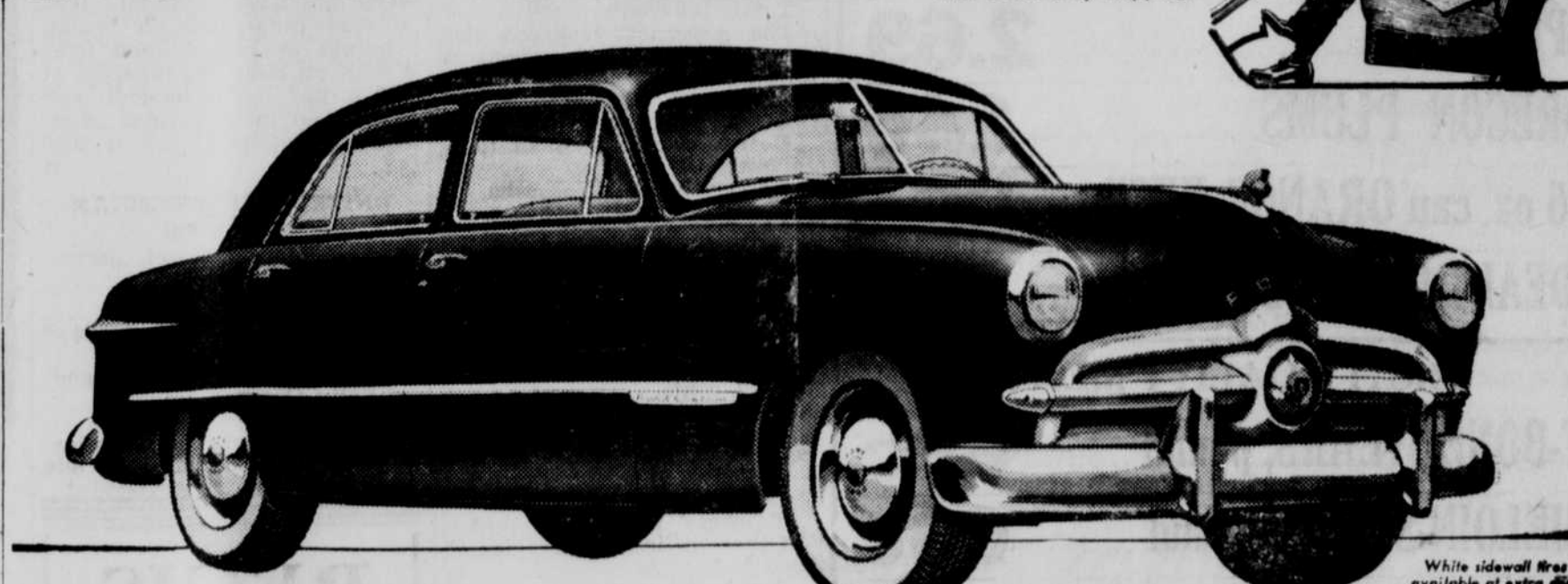


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