

# U. S. Recognizes Indonesia; Cochran Made Ambassador

## Truman in Special Move Welcomes Jakarta Into Body of Nations

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 28—The United States Government extended de jure recognition to the Government of the United States of Indonesia today as H. Merle Cochran arrived in Jakarta (Batavia), the capital to present his credentials as first United States Ambassador.

Further to signalize the occasion, President Truman issued a special statement on his return to Washington from his Christmas holiday visit in Independence, Mo., welcoming Indonesia "into the community of free nations."

It had been hoped that both of these steps could be taken yesterday, when the new republic officially came into existence, but official plans were thwarted by a series of untoward circumstances. Mr. Cochran's plane was delayed by bad weather in Turkey, so that he arrived in Jakarta only today. The displacement of the White House staff, due to Mr. Truman's holiday trip, prevented prompt is-



H. Merle Cochran  
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suance of the congratulatory statement.

There was never any question that the United States would grant prompt and enthusiastic recogni-

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tion to the new state. Mr. Cochran was appointed to the United Nations Commission on Indonesia, as United States member, to press for immediate and peaceful agreement between the Netherland Government and the Indonesian leaders.

His appointment as Ambassador by the President today came as a natural aftermath of his service in this capacity. He won the respect and friendship of the Indonesians to such an extent that the usual formalities of obtaining agreement from them for his appointment were telescoped to permit him to assume his new duties at once.

President Truman assured the Indonesian Government of "the sympathy and support of all who believe in democracy and the right of self-government." He added that Mr. Cochran brought to the Indonesian Government "the good wishes and assurances of friendship of the American people."

"I express the sentiments of the American people when I say that I am truly glad that the people of Indonesia have attained statehood by the way of peaceful and cooperative agreement with the Netherlands," the President's statement said.

The appointment of Mr. Cochran sets in chain a series of diplomatic shifts. He was named Ambassador to Pakistan last March, but was unable to serve in that capacity because of his appointment to the United Nations Commission. President Truman accepted his pro forma resignation from the Pakistan post today, with congratulations on his Indonesian activities.

"You assumed your duties as third member on the commission at a time when negotiations between the parties had been deadlocked for a period of months," Mr. Truman wrote him. "In the course of the ensuing negotiations you exhibited untiring effort and statesmanship which culminated in the signing by the parties of the The Hague conference agreements.

## Praise for United Nations

"These agreements constitute one of the most outstanding successes of the United Nations and one which has already given and will continue to give renewed faith to the peoples of the world who are seeking to develop methods of peacefully settling their disputes."

It was announced at the White House that Mr. Cochran would be succeeded as Ambassador to Pakistan by Avra M. Warren, now Ambassador to Finland.

There was no official intimation of Mr. Warren's successor in Helsinki, but there were reports that the post might go to John Cabot, Consul General at Shanghai for the past two years.

To succeed Mr. Cochran on the United Nations Commission on Indonesia, from which he also resigned to take up his new post, it was said at the White House that President Truman would name Edward H. Dow Jr. of Nebraska, as acting United States representative.

Mr. Cochran and Mr. Warren are both veterans of the foreign service. Mr. Cochran, a graduate of the University of Arizona, received his first assignment as Vice Consul at Mannheim, Germany, in 1914. He resigned in 1916 and worked on Mexican ranches until 1918, when he rejoined the foreign service. Since that time, he has served assignments in Switzerland, Jamaica, Haiti, Canada and France.

Mr. Warren was graduated from Johns Hopkins University and served as a second lieutenant in World War I. He joined the foreign service in 1920, and has filled posts in India, Newfoundland, Haiti, Argentina, the Dominican Republic and Panama.



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