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## **UN, Indonesia and Malaysia Sukarno Denies War Aim**

The Malaysian charges that Indonesia was preparing for war against Malaysia were denied by President Sukarno January 13.

Interviewed in Jakarta by CBS-TV, Sukarno said that "if Indonesia is attacked, the Indonesian people will fight back, but Indonesia will never begin the fighting." Asked whether there was even a possibility of an Indonesian attack on Malaysia, Sukarno replied: "No, no, no...!" He insisted that the crisis could be solved if Malaysia carried out the 1963 Manila agreements for UN surveys to determine whether the peoples of Sarawak and Sabah wished to become part of Malaysia. (Indonesia had refused to accept the results of the UN survey, in which the 2 states' populations had voted for Malaysia.)

The Indonesian Foreign Ministry had accused Britain January 12 of planning "another Suez" in which it would attack Indonesia under the pretext of protecting Malaysia. Ganis Harsono said that Britain's military buildup in Malaysia was "unprecedented in peace-time" and that its charges of Indonesian attacks on Malaysia were "a deliberate cover-up for a major military offensive against this country."

A report from Washington January 7 said Indonesia had massed its forces on the Sarawak and Sabah frontier after President Sukarno had been advised to do so in talks with Chinese Foreign Minister Chen Yi in Jakarta November 17, 1964. Chen was said to have urged Sukarno to abandon his previous tactics of hit-and-run guerrilla raids and use massed conventional forces. Chen also was said to have offered to try to revive the Communist guerrilla activity in Malaya in the hope of an eventual insurrection of Chinese residents in Sarawak and Sabah. Chen reportedly pledged military aid and a \$50 million loan to Indonesia.(t) He called on Sukarno to ban the nationalist Body for the Promotion of Sukarnoism and the anti-Peiping Communist Murba on the ground that both political parties were hostile to the pro-Chinese Indonesia Communist Party. Sukarno complied; he dissolved the Sukarnoism party in December 1964 and outlawed Murba January 6.

(t)Chen Yi reportedly promised to train Indonesians at Communist China's nuclear energy centers.

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