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the Indonesian people, their country, their history, their culture, their struggle for freedom - etc. - etc.

Imperialism contra Indonesian independence movement.

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World War Number TWO has come to an end. Millions of soldiers died in the flower of their youth, have been lamed, blinded, wounded of mentally disordered. Millions of innocent citizens have perished from hunger of disease, or because of endless hardships and misery. Innumerable are the damages inflicted on property, buildings and cities all over the world, and countless also the cases of moral decay.

Why and what for?

As you all know, better than we do, this second World War is an imperialistic war.

As you all know, better than we do, imperialism as the highest stage of capitalism, is to be found in the western countries. It has reached a stage whereby the full power of monopolies and capital is displayed; whereby export trade with other countries is of utmost importance; whereby the world is divided by Capital-Powers as their colonies, half-colonies or spheres of influence.

As you all know, better than we do, class-hatred becomes sharper with the rise of imperialsm in the Western countries; competition between Capital-Powers becomes hotter; the struggle between those powers of the possession of colonies or for the maintenance of own colonies becomes more heightened; relations between nations become more strained; trade-wars more intense; pride and arrogance of the Have-nations more outspoken; resistance and hatred of the suppressed stronger; unemployment more extensive; sufferings of the proletariat — especially in the suppressed countries — more unbearable; economic conditions more confused; reaction, particularly in the form of fascism more violent. All these inevitably must lead to revolutions and at last to wars which will bring with them endless disasters. The war which has lasted for six years has now ended, a war caused by capitalism and imperialism, a war which has almost destroyed the whole world. At last the people can breathe freely again and the big leaders of the world are busily arranging measures for a lasting World-Peace.

We, the People of Indonesia, enjoy with the world the end of a war which has brought so many disasters.

We too are longing eagerly for a lasting World-Peace with the conviction that as first condition is necessary: complete annihilation of Imperialism.

For more than three centuries Indonesia has been colonized, its riches have been sucked out and the Indonesians have been oppressed, kept ignorant, impoverished and divided. These things are not strange to you. But perhaps you don 't know, that we Indonesians are not beasts, not some kind of cattle which like to be sucked out or oppressed as the imperialistic nations use to exhibit in their World's Fairs of use to put down in the papers with the deliberate intention:

1. to throw dust into the eyes of the world by saying they have come to Indonesia to „spread civilization".
2. to give the impression that they „are not seeking their own advantages", but that they „always take care of the interests of the people who live in peace and order and remain loyal to and love their ruler and oppressor".

The Indonesian people are a people with ancient culture. Since 40 years they have been fighting unceasingly against imperialism, notwithstanding pursuit and imprisonment. Many Indonesians have fallen victims in their struggle for freedom: imprisoned, exiled, tortured or killed.

On August 17 th the Indonesian people proclaimed their Independence and the next day the Constitution of the Republic of Indonesia was announced.

Due to the cruelty of the Dutch Imperialism there have been nearly no class-stuggless between the Indonesian races themselves, generaly speaking their fate has been one: they become a people with nothing but their hands to work with, of they have only a small piece of land to cultivate.

On the whole the Indonesian people are proletariat. So it was very easy for the representatives of the various regions of Indonesia to agree unanimously with the Constitution of the Republic, with is based on maintaining the interests of the common people politically, economically as well as socially. All walks of life, the labourers, the peasants and the retailers as well are at one in their aim to protect their independence, which will bring a better fate for all. Everybody is firmly determined to sacrifice his all for this ideal.

You and we Indonesians quite agree: we all strive for a lasting World-Peace. The people of the whole world — so we Indonesians too — are one in maintaining this aim, as war always brings the greatest calamity for mankind.

We hope that you understand with us that the cardinal condition for a lasting World-Peace is the complete annihilation of imperialism which must include the recognition of a free Indonesia. Therefore, lend your support to a Free Indonesia.

Away with imperialism!!

That World-Peace may last forever ! !

Indonesia for the Indonesians. Hospitality to any body who respects our constitution.