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When Richard M. Nixon, in accepting the Republican renomination, declared we must maintain a long-range foreign economic policy, he had some factual support.

The Vice President said this aid is necessary "to bolster when needed the economic strength of our allies." He went on: "Economic assistance may add to our sacrifice but we should never force the nations to choose between bankruptcy and submission to the Kremlin."

What he was talking about may be seen currently in Indonesia. This potentially rich section of the Southeast Pacific area—a section we shall let fall under Red control at risk of enriching the enemy with war materials and closing them to ourselves—is facing the grim choice of going Communist or bankrupt.

Yesterday's editorial page told how Indonesia is one of the major targets of Communist infiltration, in the estimation of the chief of our Central Intelligence Agency, Allen Dulles.

The haste with which the Dutch were thrown out—and our own bleeding hearts and muddled heads had something to do with it—left the vast storehouse open to conflict and intrigue. Agreements made to The Netherlands by the new native government have been broken. Enough natives are simply not ready to run their own show.

So Indonesians are hungry, discontented and distrustful. What a fertile field for the Communist agitators working there. The Reds will not need a civil war, some observers say. There is enough native resentment against present authority to vote Moscow's emissaries into power, as almost happened for similar reasons of want in France and Italy.