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BANDUNG SUMMARY

- I. Most remarkable aspect of conference was effective role played by anti-Communists.
 - A. At outset, Turks and Paks squelched Nehru's proposal ^{to} dispense with opening speeches.
 - B. Imposing ^{list} parade of speakers forthwith denounced Communism: Jamali (Iraq) keynoted--said Communists "confront world with new form colonialism, much deadlier than the old."
 - C. Anti-Communists also dominated conference committees, repeatedly thwarted or heavily amended objectionable proposals.
 - D. Example: Closing communique made no mention of Communist-neutralist "co-existence" or "five principles," ^{of Nehru} instead held that "nations should practice tolerance and live together in peace" in accord with UN principles.

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E. ~~Example: After long battle, Colonial-~~
ism, which conference sponsors expected
to be common denominator at Bandung,
was denounced--"in whatever form it may
manifest itself"--language which covers
present Communist expansion as well as
~~the~~ Western ^{type} history.

F. At end, Ali (Pak) told Amb. Cumming
Bandung was "75% victory for free
world."

II. Neutrals were forced to take back seat.

A. Nehru, who hoped for major role,
probably unhappiest man in Bandung--
both his views and leadership ^{well} quickly
rejected.

B. In closing speech, he nonetheless re-
affirmed neutralist faith: exhorted
conferees not to be "camp followers of
either American or Russia."

1. ^{Nehru} May now sulk and become even more
difficult to deal with.

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~~III. In contrast to frustrated Nehru, Peking's~~

Chou made favorable impression.

- A. Was "social lion" throughout, behaved most "correctly," repeatedly plugged ~~Peiping's "interest" in eradicating colonialism, promoting Afro-Asian solidarity, enhancing world peace.~~

IV. Chou's whirlwind:

- A. Concluded treaty with Indonesia ending "dual nationality" of local Chinese within ^{TWO}~~one~~ years and also backing Indonesia's claim to West New Guinea;
- B. Talked trade with Japanese;
- C. Supported Arabs against Israel and France;
- D. Invited such staunch anti-Communists as Romulo, Prince Wan and Mohammed Ali to visit Communist China;
- E. Attended numerous side meetings in interest of "reducing tensions."

Proposed ~~Foreign~~ discussion with USA

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At one of these ~~on Formosa prob-~~
~~lem~~, he straight-facedly suggested
possibility of finding honorary
post for Chiang Kai-shek in
Peiping government.

V. ~~Chou's climactic offer--to negotiate~~
~~Formosa issue with US--was "a most impres-~~
~~sive performance," according to pro-Western~~
~~observer.~~

A. Offer was well-received by practically
all delegates.

VI. ~~Although sampling of Bandung "fall-out"~~
~~far from complete,~~ Some conclusions possible.

A. Very few specific issues--no matter
how important--on which Asians and
Africans can reach complete agreement.

1. Only important point on which all
readily agreed: French should quit
N. Africa.

B. Despite lingering suspicions of West,
surprising number of conferees are pre-
pared to stand with West against Com-
munists and neutralists.

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economic advancement and for protection of continued independence.

C. ~~Nonetheless~~, they would rather see UN, as all-embracing body, used as instrument for settlement international problems.

1. UN references in closing communique indicate willingness to accept broader charter than Afro-Asian one.

2. On way home, Ceylon's Sir John said: "The most interesting feature of the conference was eagerness shown by everyone, including China, to uphold authority and prestige of UN."

However
D. Communist China gained further acceptance in international community--Chou clearly impressed even anti-Communists with "reasonableness."

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E. Chou, however, has committed Peiping to a position which, if changed, would rapidly bring a loss of the good will gained.

1. After conference, Sir John pointed out: "The sincerity of purpose of both sides has yet to be seen in action."

Friends of heart did a good job - They know it & are proud of it. This a real plus.

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