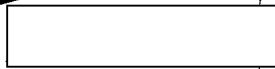


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TIMOR: DYNAMIC INACTION

Indonesian military forces are poised to intervene in Portuguese Timor, but President Suharto has not authorized an invasion. He is awaiting the outcome of negotiations by Portuguese special envoy Almeida Santos to organize a multinational effort—including Australia, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Portugal—to restore order in Timor. For domestic political reasons, Lisbon does not believe it can publicly sanction unilateral Indonesian intervention. Portuguese President Costa Gomes evidently fears that Jakarta will be too heavy-handed in dealing with Timorese dissidents and increase rather than end the bloodshed.

During discussions in Jakarta last week, Santos and the Indonesians worked out a proposal for a four-party peacekeeping effort. Indonesia under the general guidance of the others would send in forces to restore order. The four powers would then jointly supervise the peace and guide the decolonization process in accord with the arrangements worked out in Macao last June. Lisbon's initial reaction to the proposal was negative; President Costa Gomes probably wants

firmer guarantees that Jakarta will not deal too roughly with the Timorese.

Over the weekend, Santos visited Canberra to sound out Prime Minister Whitlam on Australian participation in the proposed joint effort. Whitlam is unlikely to agree to direct Australian participation in a military intervention but government spokesmen left open the possibility that Canberra might participate in a multilateral supervisory body. Whitlam has been criticized recently by members of his own party and by the opposition for his allegedly indifferent attitude about the fate of the Timorese. From Canberra, Santos flew to Timor for consultations with the governor, currently headquartered on a small island off the Timor coast. At the end of the week he is scheduled to return to Jakarta.

The possibility that some sort of multinational peacekeeping effort may be forthcoming has strengthened Suharto's hand against his top military advisers, who believe that immediate unilateral action is necessary.

Fretilin guerrillas during recent action in Dili



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