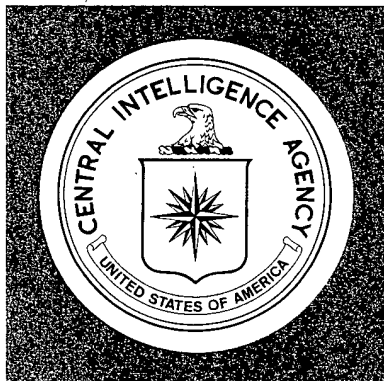


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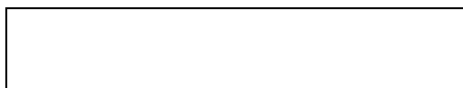
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### TIMOR: GOING THROUGH THE MOTIONS

Talks between Indonesia and Portugal last weekend in Rome resulted in little more than another pledge by Lisbon to do what it can to secure a cease-fire between the local forces now struggling for control of Portuguese Timor. Lisbon can probably do very little. Jakarta concluded weeks ago that a Portuguese request for Indonesian "assistance" in restoring law and order to the colony would not be forthcoming, and that the Portuguese have neither the inclination nor ability to reassert their own authority in the colony.

The continuing diplomatic dialogue with Portugal, however, is important to the Indonesians, if only to demonstrate to world opinion that Jakarta would prefer a non-military solution. Indonesia has had increasing difficulty in maintaining a low profile on Timor as its limited military intervention there has expanded. Recently, Portugal compounded Jakarta's image problem by announcing that it had asked Jakarta to withdraw its forces from the Timor border area and nearby waters. The Australian government last week also added to Jakarta's problems by publicly criticizing for the first time Indonesia's military intervention in Timor.

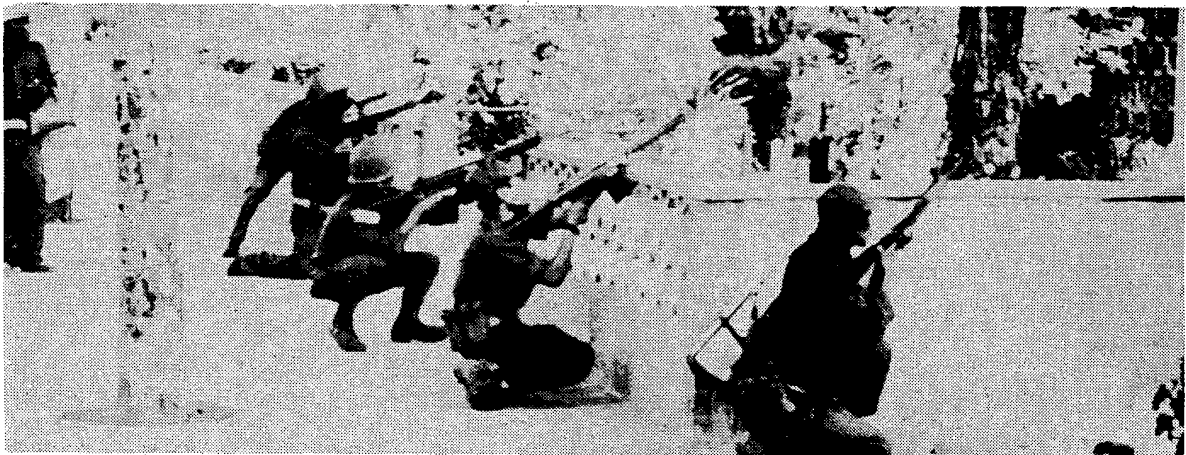
Bad weather last week continued to im-

pede troop movements and military operations in Timor. Heavy rains and flash floods have made it difficult to move reinforcements and supplies, and the fighting has been confined to sporadic exchanges of small arms and mortar fire.

Indonesian forces now control most of the border area and at least five towns inside Portuguese Timor, and they are attempting to consolidate their positions. The Indonesian Military Command has sent a mobile police brigade to help administer Indonesian-controlled areas; local forces with some reinforcements—including an infantry and artillery battalion—have been sent into several military enclaves.

Air and naval units continue reconnaissance operations. Late last week, an Indonesian cargo ship left for the island with large quantities of badly needed supplies; it should arrive by the end of this week. The Indonesian task force commander on Timor has asked Jakarta for provisions and ammunition for a force of 13,000 Indonesians and allied Timorese for a two- or three-month campaign in Portuguese Timor.

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Fretilin forces in street fighting