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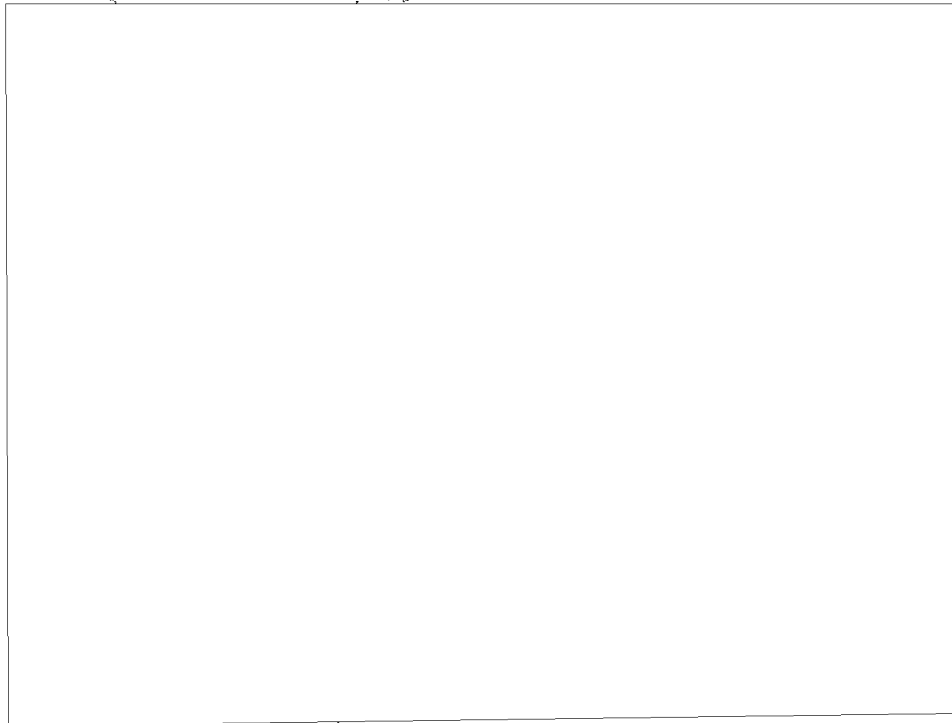


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~~CONFIDENTIAL~~**7. INDONESIAN PRESIDENT CONCLUDES SOVIET TOUR**Comment on:

 The public statements of Indonesia's President Sukarno during his two-week tour of the Soviet Union, concluded on 12 September, amounted to a generous overfulfillment of normal Asian forms of courtesy, the American embassy in Moscow reports. In his series of speeches, Sukarno emphasized the identity of Soviet and Indonesian peoples in their love of freedom, peace and social justice. In one instance, he commented that the Soviet people, like the people of other countries he had visited recently, did not want war; nevertheless, leaders of "capitalism, fascism and supporters of feudalism" were working toward war. The joint statement signed prior to his departure anticipated increased cultural and economic relations.

Sukarno's constant protestations of friendship for the Soviet people and his praise of the Soviet Union for its support of Indonesia's anticolonialist struggle probably will have the effect in Indonesia of decreasing suspicion of Soviet motives. The Indonesian press to date, however, has given less publicity to Sukarno's current trip than to his recent tour of the United States.

Sukarno was undoubtedly impressed by what he saw of Soviet economic accomplishments, particularly since he was already highly sympathetic to a socialized economy. He indicated before he left on his Orbit trip that in developing a political philosophy, Indonesia could borrow profitably from the socio-political freedoms of the West and the government-controlled economy of the Orbit.

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