

The Prime Minister of Canada, Mr. St. Laurent, sent the following messages to the Prime Minister of the Netherlands and to the Prime Minister of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia, extending greetings and informing them that the Government of Canada fully recognized the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

To the Prime Minister of the Netherlands:

I take great pleasure in extending to you and to the Dutch people the most cordial greetings of the Government and the people of Canada on the occasion of the transfer of sovereignty to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

I trust that the Netherlands-Indonesian Union thus established between the Netherlands and the Republic of the United States of Indonesia will contribute to peace and stability throughout the world.

I have just informed Prime Minister Hatta that the Canadian Government has extended full recognition to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

To the Prime Minister of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia:

Upon the proclamation of the independence of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia, I take great pleasure in extending to you and your people the cordial greetings and good wishes of the Government and people of Canada. The transfer of sovereignty which has just taken place constitutes a tribute to your statesmanship and that of your colleagues. We also welcome your voluntary association with the people of the Netherlands in the new Netherlands-Indonesian Union.

I hope that Indonesia will enter upon an era of peace and prosperity that will contribute to the wellbeing and stability of all nations in the Pacific. I feel confident that by collaborating in the establishment of peace throughout the world, both your country and mine will be brought together in ever closer friendship for their mutual benefit.

This message may be regarded as giving full recognition by the Government of Canada to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

The following replies were received from the Prime Minister of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia and from the Prime Minister of the Netherlands:

From Prime Minister Hatta

December 29, 1949.

On behalf of my Government and people I desire to express to you my warmest appreciation of your greetings and good wishes upon the occasion of the inauguration of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

I note with gratification that your kind message is to be regarded as giving full recognition by the Government of Canada to the Republic of the United States of Indonesia.

From Prime Minister Drees

January 7, 1950.

I wish to thank you most sincerely for the cordial congratulatory message on behalf of the Government and the people of Canada on the occasion of the establishment of the Republic of the United States of Indonesia and the Netherlands-Indonesian Union. I feel confident that co-operation between the two Union partners will be lasting, to their mutual benefit and that of the world at large.