

of the new Government of the R.U.S.I. The Netherlands made very impressive sacrifices in this regard. The most important of these was the cancellation of two billion guilders of external debt to the Netherlands.

In arriving at the amount of debt assumed by the Republic of the United States of Indonesia at the date of the transfer of sovereignty, due consideration was given to the amount of extra military expenditures and to the amount of other expenditures attributed to military action.

The internal debt at the date of transfer of sovereignty is to the charge of the United States of Indonesia.

Cultural Agreement

The purpose of the agreement is to promote cultural relations between Indonesia and the Netherlands. To this end, a Committee is to be set up, consisting of seven members from each of the partners. This Cultural Committee will carry out directives given it by both Governments for the realization of the aims of the Agreement.

The cultural programme will seek to make better known the culture of each of the partners in the other's territory. For this, all the media of mass communication will be put to work. Exchanges of persons qualified in the fields of education, art and science will be organized. Cultural institutes may be set up by each partner in the other's territory and these will be granted all facilities by the host state. A study will be made to determine equivalence of academic degrees and technical qualifications. Opportunities in scientific research will be given to students coming from the partner country. Scholarships will be opened up reciprocally and the results of academic research will be made available to the partner. In order to ease the flow of books, newspapers and periodicals from the one country to the other, attention will be given to the relaxation of customs restrictions.

Objects of cultural value, originating in Indonesia and now in the possession of the Netherlands Government, will be turned over to the Indonesian Government.

The Position of Civil Government Officials

The R.U.S.I. will maintain in office, for a period of at least two years after the transfer of sovereignty, the civil servants of the former Netherlands East Indies and will not alter unfavourably their terms of employment. Arrangements are designed to protect pension rights of such officials.

Defence Agreement

A draft agreement was drawn up for the implementation of Articles 2 and 21 of the Union Statute, which provides for aid to be given one partner, if requested, by the other partner. Arrangements are also made for training and the provision of personnel and matériel; the agreement also states that Military Missions will be exchanged.

The regulations concerning the Netherlands Naval Fighting Forces in Indonesia after the transfer of sovereignty provide, among other things, that: