

# House Committee Rejects Restriction On Aid to Indonesia

WASHINGTON, July 18 (UPI)—The House Foreign Affairs Committee refused today to put any new restrictions on foreign aid to Indonesia.

It defeated an amendment to the foreign aid bill that would have cut off any further aid to Indonesia unless President Kennedy made a specific finding that it was vital to United States interests.

The author of that amendment, Representative William S. Broomfield, Republican of Michigan, said he would take his fight to the House floor.

Many lawmakers have been critical of Indonesia because of alleged Communist influence in the country and because of President Sukarno's dispute with an American ally, the Netherlands, over the fate of Dutch New Guinea, a dispute that the United States helped to resolve.

Supportors of the Administration, led by Representative Cornelius E. Gallagher, Democrat of New Jersey, argued today that failure to aid Indonesia would help to turn over to the Communists the world's fifth most populous country.

Meanwhile, in another closed hearing, the Senate Foreign Relations Committee tentatively voted to slash \$32,000,000 from President Kennedy's request for outright economic development grants to friendly nations.

The action came as the committee got down to voting on the President's \$4,500,000,000 foreign aid program. The vote was 11 to 1 in favor of the slash, from \$257,000,000 to \$225,000,000.

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