

that such events are rather indigestible on the part of the parties concerned, and perhaps there is a field in which we can make some improvements. But, disarmament must follow political agreement and cannot precede it, I think.

QUESTION: Sir, what economic cultural ties still remain with your former colonies, and to what extent is any aid given to these previously colonial countries?

AMBASSADOR von BALLUSECK: Not very much as been left. We still have a few of our nationals over there who are in the teaching business, college professors and people such as that, but not to the extent that used to be before the separation of the two countries. We still have a few students - Indonesian students - in Holland. There may be more and we are quite willing to have them. But we can't decide these things. They must have permission to come in and study with us, and if they do come they will be very welcome.

There is no reason why the relationships should not be renewed, and perhaps even on a sounder basis than the pre-war basis. We've been invited by the Indonesian Government of today now that we have settled our political issues and we have handed over the last remnant that we administered over there; the Island of New Guinea - the Western part of it; not entirely to our satisfaction; not because we wanted to keep it, but because the conditions under which it was handed over were not the conditions that we had hoped for.

We had hoped that here was a case where we, Indonesia and the United Nations could establish or recognize to the full the principle of self-determination. The way it is going now we have the feeling that self-