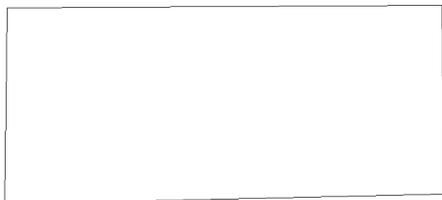


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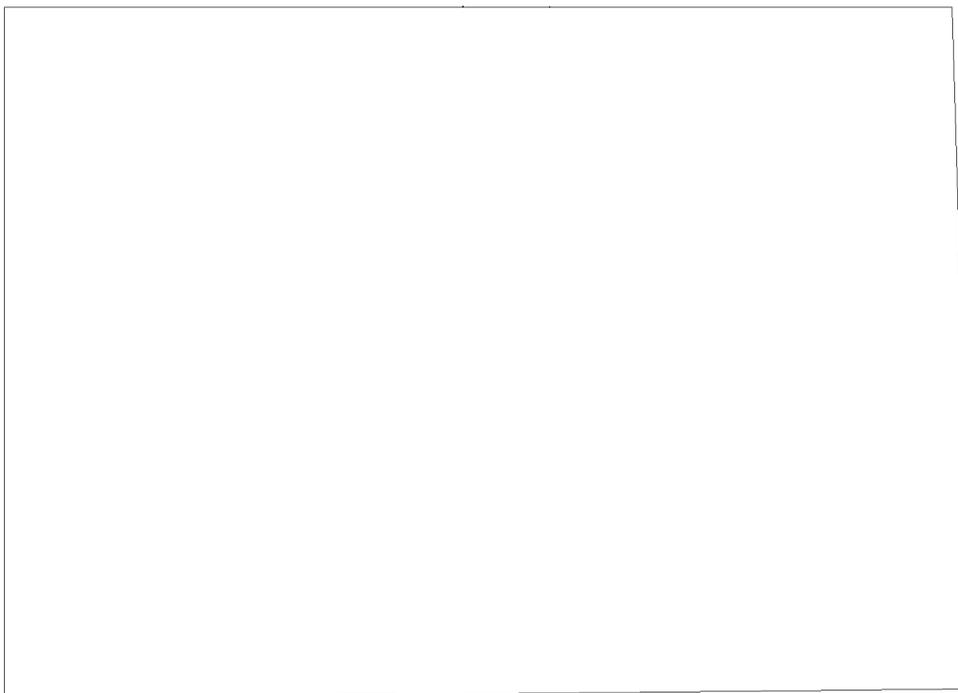


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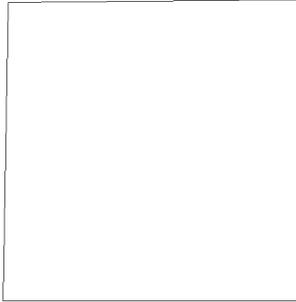
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An agreement for \$100,000,000 in Soviet aid for Indonesia will be signed in Djakarta on 15 September, according to an announcement by the Indonesian Foreign Ministry. The announcement stated that the aid would be used to help develop asphalt and hydroelectric plants as well as coal and nickel mines.

The aid probably has been set up as a line of credit on which Indonesia can draw as its economic plans progress under a five-year plan, now in final stages of preparation. The Indonesian press reported on 12 September that the credit would be at 2.5-percent interest repayable in 12 years.

The decision on the amount of aid may have resulted from talks held by President Sukarno and Foreign Minister Abdulgani during their recently concluded visit to Moscow. Indonesian officials may argue--in defense of their neutrality--that the Soviet credit balances the \$100,000,000 granted by the Export-Import Bank in 1950, which has been exhausted only this year. 

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