

I visited Burma on my last visit there and had a talk with them, and I would say there is the beginning of hope that they might join in some of these operations, but so far they are not ready to do that.

The other countries that are members, the nonregional countries, are Austria, Belgium, Canada, Denmark, Finland, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, the United Kingdom, and the United States. They are the nonregional countries.

A very interesting membership is Switzerland. Switzerland would never join anything before. This is the first international financial organization they have become a member of. They have joined this institution. All the other countries in the Asian area are members, as I said this morning, including Australia, New Zealand, and Japan, which are capital contributing countries.

Mr. BINGHAM. It is interesting that Cambodia is a member.

Mr. BLACK. Cambodia is in a peculiar position right now. They made their first payment of the five payments that I have told you about. They are a member and they are represented by someone on the Board, although they have announced they are going to resign. They have not yet resigned, and I am not sure that they will resign, but they have made an announcement that they will. I can't guarantee Cambodia is going to continue to be a member, but so far they have been a member and they have made one payment and we hope they will continue to be a member.

Mr. ZAGORIN. I would just like to add, Mr. Black, that there are 18 or 20 nationalities on the staff of the Bank. The predominance is from the developing countries. Practically all of the nonprofessional staff comes from the Philippines. The professional staff comes from all over Asia, and there are also very able people from nonregional countries, including three or four officers from the United States. Most of the regional countries have staff members in the Bank. There is widespread participation in the activities of the Bank on the part of the member countries.

Mr. BINGHAM. I would just like to call attention to one item in your statement, Mr. Black. At the top of page 3, you refer to the Netherlands contribution of \$1.1 million. That might seem a little small, but I believe it is true that the Netherlands is making a very substantial effort in regard to West Irian, which is in the area, and doing that on its own. I think that should be noted in terms of their contribution to development efforts in that area; wouldn't you agree?

Mr. BLACK. Well, all I can say is the Netherlands in every case has come up with assistance. They have been extremely forthcoming and helpful.

In the figures that I gave you on the money that had been spent on the Mekong, the Netherlands has put up over \$6 million in the pre-investment studies. There has never been any case when we have gone to the Netherlands that they haven't contributed their share in any international proposal we have made to them.

Mr. BINGHAM. Do you happen to have the figure of what the Netherlands is doing per year in West Irian? I have a feeling it is \$10 million a year.

Mr. BLACK. I don't know. We can get that for you.

Mr. BINGHAM. I think it might be part of the record.

(The information requested follows:)