

Two Americans Are Found Slain On Jeep Journey in Central Java



Robert J. Doyle



Prof. Raymond Kennedy

One Victim Is R. J. Doyle of Time Magazine —The Other Is Believed to Be Professor Raymond Kennedy of Yale

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JAKARTA, Indonesia, April 28—Robert J. Doyle, correspondent of Time magazine, and a companion assumed to be Dr. Raymond Kennedy, professor of anthropology at Yale University, were killed yesterday while traveling by jeep in central Java. The two men were believed to have been attacked by an armed gang while en route from Bandung to Jogjakarta.

The first news reached here through a telephone message from Lieut. Col. F. Day, British member of a United Nations observer team in Bandung, to Lieut. Col. Karl Hisgen, United States coordinator of field teams at Jakarta. Colonel Day's message said that the report of the deaths had been brought to Bandung by an Indonesian army liaison officer with the United Nations observers.

Jacob D. Beam, counselor of the United States Embassy here, who arrived at Bandung from Jakarta this afternoon, later reported to the United States Ambassador, H. Merle Cochran, that Mr. Doyle's body had positively been identified.

[Later press service dispatches said papers on Professor Kennedy's body confirmed its identification. The United States Embassy said the two would be buried in Bandung on Sunday.]

The deaths occurred between Bandung and Cheribon near the little village of Tomo in rugged hill country. The bodies had been buried by the villagers and are being brought to Bandung by an Indonesian Army unit.

Professor Kennedy, an authority on Indonesian people's cultures, had been touring the country and making further anthropological studies. Mr. Doyle had arrived on a news assignment in Indonesia from Hong Kong ten days ago. His wife is at present in Hong Kong.

One report reaching the Aneta news service here tonight stated that the two Americans had been followed by a blue sedan containing five uniformed men but this report lacked confirmation.

Mrs. Kennedy About to Sail

NEW HAVEN, Conn., April 28 (AP)—The report of the death of Professor Raymond Kennedy of Yale University came to his wife today while she was en route to New York to make arrangements to join him in Java.

Their two-year-old daughter, El-

len, was to have spent the summer in this country with a nurse.

Associates said that Professor Kennedy, who was 43 years of age, and who went to Indonesia in January, 1949, had almost finished his study of the effect of Western civilization on Indonesian natives. He had only to complete his tour of Java and visit Sumatra to end his research.

Author of three books on Indonesian ethnology, Professor Kennedy was familiar with the country, having been a field representative for General Motors Corporation in Java and Sumatra from 1929 to 1932.

For a short time before that, following his graduation from Yale in 1928, he had taught in the Philippines.

During the war he was a consultant for the State Department and the Office of Strategic Services on Southeastern Asia affairs.

He was born in Holyoke, Mass.

Doyle Served in Navy

Mr. Doyle, 31, Hong Kong bureau chief of Time, Inc., was in Java on assignment to write about the new republic. Born in Chicago, he worked his way through Northwestern University. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa there and an editor of the daily Northwesterner.

During the last war he served in the Navy as a lieutenant. As a senior intelligence officer, he worked on intelligence analyses for Chinese coastal operations. After the war he studied Far East history and politics at Columbia University and the Chinese language at Yale University.

Mr. Doyle joined Time in 1947 and worked in its New York and Washington offices before becoming Shanghai bureau chief in 1948. One of the last evacuees from Nanking, he established a bureau office in Hong Kong. Last fall he spent two and a half months in Indonesia.

His widow, Ann Ford Doyle, survives.