

KENNEDY MURDERED



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Sociologist With A Conscience

President Seymour set the tone for Yale mourning over the death of Professor Raymond Kennedy when he said this morning, "His loss will be sorely felt, not only in his special field, but here on the campus as well."

"Jungle Jim" was one of the most controversial and interesting figures of Yale life. His reputation as a genial wit drew hundreds to his lecture courses; those who enrolled were seldom disappointed. He was interested in interesting his students; the vigorous sweep of his rapid-fire speaking added spice to his material.

And there was a vital basis for his dynamics. Professor Kennedy was a crusader; he campaigned ceaselessly against racial prejudice, and this campaign enobled his artistry.

Those of us who knew him will miss him deeply.

Sociology Professor, Reporter Shot By Natives In Indonesia, Scene Of Cultural Research

Killers Stop Jeep On Lonely Road, Make Javan Villagers Bury Victims

by Dennis F. Strong

Professor Raymond Kennedy was shot to death yesterday noon on a lonely road near the village of Tomo in West Java. He had been studying the influence of western civilization on native culture.

According to Radio Jakarta (Batavia), Mr. Kennedy had been travelling by jeep with *Time* and *Life* correspondent Robert Doyle, heading for Jogjakarta, the capital of Indonesia. They were stopped by "four or five armed men in uniform," taken to a clearing in the forest and shot. They later forced the local villagers (Tomo) to bury their victims.

The group then commandeered a sedan and drove towards Cheribon. Authorities believe that this happened Thursday noon (11 P.M. Wednesday New Haven time). As soon as the villagers reported the incident, an Indonesian army unit exhumed the bodies. Positive identification of Doyle was made immediately; the fact that Kennedy was not identified until much later has led the Associated Press to believe that the bodies may have been mutilated.

Fanatic Moslem bands of the Darul Islam movement have operated in these mountainous regions in the past. This might prove to be a clue to the murders.

Mr. Kennedy always drove his own jeep, and Mr. Doyle was travelling with him for the purpose of interviewing natives along the route. His assignment was "what Indonesian peasants thought of the current situation in the Islands." Mr. Doyle was a graduate of the Institute of Far Eastern Languages at Yale, where he took an intensive course in the Chinese Language.

A Professor of Sociology since June of 1947, Mr. Kennedy left New Haven last June to spend 15 months in the Pacific. His trip had been planned for several years. Purpose of the trip was to study the influence of western civilization on native culture.

"Jungle Jim" began his career 20 years ago by selling automotive products in the Dutch East Indies. He was married in 1939 to Ruby Jo Reeves, now a member of the Sociology Department at Connecticut College in New London.