

indicate. They should, and do, have a place in grade school science teaching. Educators are anxious to have all the help that geologists can give in improving the caliber of this teaching in the schools.

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Mail for Indonesia

ON page 367 of *SCIENCE* for March 30, 1951, I read a communication of A. B. Gurney about the new Indonesian names of some towns in this country and about the attitude of Indonesian postal officials toward the former Dutch names. On the authority of Mr. Hooyer, of Leiden, Mr. Gurney writes: "as that bearing Dutch place names is likely not to be delivered because of the present attitude of postal authorities in the Republik Indonesia Serikat (R.I.S.)" [the correct name is R.I.: Republik Indonesia].

Now from my own experience I can assure you that this statement is *entirely wrong*. After the change of the government the Indonesian postal authorities published a communication in the papers that mail from the interior would be returned to the sender if it did not bear the new Indonesian address. But at the same time it was stated that foreign mail would be delivered in any case.

As professor at the Department of Veterinary Science, University of Indonesia at Bogor (Buitenzorg), I am charged with the care of the library of our department. Our mail amounts to about 400 letters and printed matter monthly. Most of them bear the new addresses, but some of our correspondents still use the old Dutch names of the departments, streets, or places. And I can assure you that there was never any delay in the receipt of our mail, nor any loss of mail due to these Dutch addresses. I discussed this matter with some other people here and they have had the same experience.

As a proof I enclose 18 covers of letters (4 from Holland, 3 from England, 1 from Norway, 1 from Denmark, 1 from Eire, and 8 from the USA) from the mail of last week, all bearing the old Dutch names of the departments, institutes, streets, and place, and all promptly delivered here.

Our address in Dutch is:

Bibliotheek van de Faculteit der Diergeneeskunde
Van Imhoffplein 1
Buitenzorg

The new Indonesian address is:

Pergustakaan Fakultas Kedokteran Hewan
Taman Kentjana 1
Bogor

The most important changes of names are: Batavia = Djakarta, Buitenzorg = Bogor, Cheribon = Tjeribon, Fort de Coek = Bukit Tinggi, Borneo = Kalimantan, Celebes = Sulawesi. A list of the new Indonesian names of departments, institutes, services,

libraries, etc., can be obtained from the secretary of the Organization for Scientific Research, Merdeka Selatan 11 pav., Djakarta.

It is possible that one of the subordinate postal officers caused some trouble in delivering foreign mail with Dutch addresses, but this certainly may be regarded as an exception, and it is not the attitude of the postal authorities. Although it is much better to use the new Indonesian names, you may be sure that mail from abroad with the old names or with addresses written in English will be promptly delivered.

You will favor me very much indeed by publishing a rectification of Mr. Hooyer's communication, because wrong ideas about postal matters in Indonesia are not a favorable basis for our scientific relations with colleagues and institutes in other countries.

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WE HAVE been reading the letter by Ashley B. Gurney in your March 30 issue (*SCIENCE*, 113, 367 [1951]).

By surface mail the second edition of *Guide of Scientists in Indonesia*, O. S. R. Bulletin 10, has been dispatched to you, in order that contacts between scientists in your country and Indonesia may be less hampered due to faulty addressing. This bulletin, like all other editions of the Organization for Scientific Research in Indonesia, is already being mailed to about a hundred scientific institutions of the USA.

You will note that a large number of scientists and scientific institutions may be reached through the secretaries of:

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Science Council of Indonesia, c/o Medan Merdeka Selatan 11, Djakarta
Akademi Nasional, Taman Matraman 15, Djakarta
Gadjah Mada University (Prof. Dr. Poesponegoro), Setinggil, Jogjakarta
Balai Perguruan Tinggi Republik Indonesia (University of Indonesia), Salemba 6, Djakarta

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An Error Has Crept In

WITH respect to my letter to *SCIENCE* (114, 332 [1951]), entitled "How Does the Ivy Grow?" I regret that either in the composition of this note for publication or in a typographical error in the original, an error has crept in. For the rate computed in mm/min, the value should read 0.05 mm/min, not 0.5 mm/min as printed. Even with this decrease in rate, the growth of this shoot was still considerable.

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