

3. Mixed nature of occupation
  - a. some Japanese desire to aid nationalists, But . . .
  - b. main interest in war & strategy - not the region
  - c. resources & conscript labor - esp. Indonesia & Burma

# F. Occupation as a Vehicle for Nationalists

## 1. Indonesia

a. Sukarno,  
Hatta &  
others given  
positions



- b. military training for small cadres
- c. declared independence  
8/17/1945 with help of  
Japanese officers

## 2. Burma

a. Aung San & the “thirty comrades”

b. 12/28/1940  
the Burma  
Independence  
Army



- c. 8/1944 Anti-Fascist Peoples Freedom League - Aung San & nationalists
- d. 3/1945 Burma National Army - Aung San & the "30 comrades" aid British reconquest

### 3. Vietnam

a. French humiliated but in office

b. Change by 1944

1.) formation of Viet Minh

2.) VM-OSS cooperation



# Viet Minh-OSS Cooperation



## 4. Philippines

a. positive American colonial legacy

b. independence scheduled for 1945



## c. Result

### 1.) Fil-Am soldiers die together defending country (starts at Corregidor Island)



## 2.) Active guerrilla campaign over entire war



(James Carrington's  
group)

(captured  
Japanese)



d. Japanese reaction

1.) broad repression -

Kempetai, "Comfort  
women," conscription of  
food, etc.



2.) reliance on collaborator  
government of Jose Laurel  
(were they amoral  
scoundrels or  
nationalists?)

