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Tunku Abdul Rahman "a serious mistake . . . belligerent, bellicose. But leaders of both nations said they had no intention of re-

sorting to force. Rahman emphasized to newsmen in Kuala Lumpur this nation was suspending-not breakingdiplomatic ties with Manila. "We will maintain only a skele-

state on Borneo.

ton administrative staff there," he said. Demonstrators turned out in

KUALA LUMPUR (AP) - Ma-

laysia announced suspension of

diplomatic relations and abroga-

tion of an anti-smuggling pact

with the Philippines Thursday in

response to a new Philippine law

annexing Sabah, the Malaysian

In Manila, Foreign Secretary

Narciso Ramos called the an-

nouncement of Prime Minister

Kuala Lumpur and other major towns in Malaysia to voice sup-

# **Malaysia Suspends Philippine Relations** the last drop of our blood." "Let us hope there is no bloodshed," Rahman said. "Malaysia is preparing for the worst but

**Crisis Over Sabah** 

hoping for the best." Support came also from a British military official in Hong Kong.

"We fully support the case that Sabah is part of Malaysia," said Gen. Sir Michael Carver. He told newsmen five British Royal Air Force jet fighters flew over Sabah Thursday at Rahman's request. But he added the request was made before President Ferdinand E. Marcos of the Philippines signed the law in Manilla Wednesday.

Rahman's move suspending rewas seen by diplomats here as a Malaysian attempt to shift the burden to Manila.

"Now if relations are going to be completely cut, it's going to have to be Marcos who calls for it," one informant said. A presidential spokesman in

Manila said Marcos planned no retaliatory steps at least until he receives official word of the Malaysian action.

Malaysia's decision to withdraw from the anti-smuggling pact came as no surprise.

Smuggling between Sabah and the Sulu Islands, at the southern tip of the Philippines chain, has reportedly cost the Manila government \$100 million a year.

The illicit trade is plied by socalled barter traders from the Sulus, who cart Philippines raw materials to Sabah and return with such goods as cigarettes, transistor radios and other small consumer items.

Many of these items carry tarlations and abrogating the treaty iffs as high as 300 per cent in the Sulu Islands.

> Malaysia, however, has never condemned the barter trading and some officials have stated in the past that it went along with the pact solely as a show of unity with Manila after relations between the two countries were established two years ago.

The Philippines did not recognize Malaysia when it was formed in 1963 of the former British colonies of Malaya, Singapore Sarawak and North Borneo. North Borneo is now Sabah. Singapore has since withdrawn.

Sabah, with nearly 500,000 persons living in its 29,388 square miles of territory, is on Borneo's northern tip. It is about 1,000 miles east across the South China Sea from the Malaysian mainland. The Sulu Archipelago begins about 40 miles off its northeast coast. The Philippines island of Palwan is about 60 miles north.

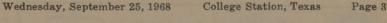
The Philippines contend the territory which is now Sabah was ceded to Britain in 1877-78 by the sultan of Sulu, whose descendants are Filipinos.

But the Philippines secretary of justice, Claudio Teehankee, said in Manila Marcos' law "does not include the physical incorporation of Sabah — but is only a statement of our right to claim Sabah."

Rahman, however, called Mar-

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