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About a dozen young Balinese men wearing jeans and white T-shirts carry a parade float with constructed figures of an Indonesian revolutionary victoriously fighting a Dutch man who is falling backwards to the ground. The Indonesian figure holds up a knife as his weapon, and an Indonesian flag is mounted by his side on the float. The parade is watched by spectators in storefronts and on the street through which the parade is passing. Each year on August 17th, parades and other patriotic events are held to commemorate the day in 1945 when Indonesia declared its Independence from Dutch colonial rule. The Dutch did not accept the proclamation easily and fought against the revolutionaries until 1949 before conceding defeat and leaving their former colony.



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