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This book explores how the experiences of World War II shaped and transformed Dutch perceptions of their centuries-old empire. Focusing on the work of leading anti-Nazi resisters, Jennifer L. Foray examines how the war forced a rethinking of colonial practices and relationships. As Dutch resisters planned for a postwar world bearing little resemblance to that of 1940, they envisioned a wide range of possibilities for their empire and its territories, anticipating a newly harmonious relationship between the Netherlands and its most prized colony in the East Indies. Although most of the underground writers and thinkers discussed in this book ultimately supported the idea of a Dutch commonwealth, this structure wouldn't come to pass in the postwar period. The Netherlands instead embarked on a violent decolonization process brought about by wartime conditions in the Netherlands and the East Indies.

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## Abbreviations

ARP	Anti-Revolutionary Party (Anti-Revolutionaire Partij)
CC	Contact Group (Contact Commissie) of the Grand Council of the Resistance
CDU	Christian Democratic Union (Christen-Democratische Unie)
CFLN	French National Liberation Committee (Comité Français de la Libération Nationale)
CHU	Christian Historical Union (Christelijke Historische Unie)
CPN	Communist Party of the Netherlands or Dutch Communist Party (Communistische Partij in Nederland)
GAC	Grand Council of the Resistance (Grote Advies Commissie der Illegaliteit)
GAPI	Indonesian Political Federation (Gabungan Politik Indonesia)
GOIWN	Community of Former Dutch Resistance Workers (Gemeenschap Oud-Illegale Werkers Nederland)
Indies NSB	Dutch Nazi Party of the East Indies (Indische NSB)
ISDV	Indies Social Democratic Association (Indisch Sociaal-Democratische Vereniging)
KNIL	Royal Netherlands Indies Army (Koninklijk Nederlands-Indisch Leger)
KVP	Catholic People's Party (Katholieke Volkspartij)
LKP	National Action Groups (Landelijke Knokploegen)
LO	National Organization for Assistance to Those in Hiding (Landelijke Organisatie voor Hulp aan Onderduikers)
NBS	Dutch Forces of the Interior (Nederlandse Binnenlandse Strijdkrachten)
NICA	Netherlands East Indies Civil Administration
NMA/MG	Dutch Military Authority (Militair Gezag)
NSB	Dutch Nazi Party (Nationaal Socialistische Beweging)
NVB	Dutch People's Movement (Nederlandse Volks Beweging)

NVV	Dutch Federation of Trade Unions (Nederlandse Verbond van Vakverenigingen)
OD	Order Service (Orde Dienst)
Partindo	Indonesian Party (Partai Indonesia)
PI	Association of Indonesian Students in the Netherlands (Perhimpunan Indonesia)
PII	Indonesian Islamic Party (Partai Islam Indonesia)
PKI	Indonesian Communist Party (Partai Komunis Indonesia)
PNI	Indonesian National Party (Partai Nasional Indonesia)
PSII	Indonesian Islamic Union Party (Partai Sarekat Islam Indonesia)
PvdA	Labor Party (Partij van de Arbeid)
RSAP	Revolutionary Socialist Workers Party (Revolutionair Socialistische Arbeiderspartij)
SDAP	Social Democratic Workers Party (Sociaal-Democratische Arbeiders Partij)
SI	Islamic Union (Sarekat Islam)
Unie	Dutch Union (Nederlandse Unie)
VC	Fatherlands Club (Vaderlandsche Club)
VIV	United Indies Volunteers (Verenigde Indië-Vrijwilligers)
VOC	East Indies Trading Company (Vereenigde Oost-Indische Compagnie)
WIC	West Indies Trading Company (West-Indische Compagnie)