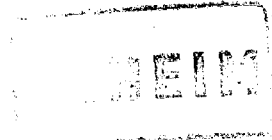


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THE PKI AND THE ARMY

1. The session of the "Grup Veteran" of November 27th last, was informed that the Chief of Staff Army in his capacity of Central War Administrator (under Martial Law) has sent a secret order dated 13th November 1958 to the Territorial Commanders concurrently Regional War Administrators instructing them to watch closely the movement and activities of the PKI. The secret order came to the knowledge of the CC-PKI about 7 days after it was issued, and has shocked the PKI-leadership very much. The CC-PKI has started an investigation into the actual background of the order. The Party is anxious to know what the Army has led to issue the instruction. The "Dewan Harian" (Executive Council) of the Politbureau is now formulating a letter for the Provooms impressing upon the Provoom leaders to practise the greatest caution in the execution of their task.

2. The Secretariat CC-PKI has received a report from Sidik KERTAPATI, based on information from B.M. DIAH, member of the National Council, saying that SUWIRJO, chairman of the PNI, is making efforts to have DJUANDA replaced as Prime Minister. DIAH has further said that the PNI has been assured by the Chief of Staff Army that the Army has no intention to introduce a military junta. Also DJUANDA has been informed by the Army Chief of Staff that the military are not going to take over the Government. In his speech at Magelang, the Army Chief of Staff did not mean more than he actually said namely that the "djalan tengah" (middle Road) means that the Army wants to have a hand in the running of the State and determining its policy.

3. On November 23 last, the CC-PKI has passed on his final analysis on the present political situation in Indonesia to the PKI-fraction of PERBEPBSI, namely:

- a) The PNI is trying to bring about a crisis in the present Cabinet.
- b) The Army is not yet strong enough to take over power, if the Army has really the intention to do so.

4. Lt.-Col. ACHMADI, who has succeeded Brig.-Gen. MUSTOPO as secretary-general of the FNPIB (National West Irian Liberation Front), is regarded by the PKI as an extreme nationalist who is leaning towards Partai Murba. However, he can be approached by PKI-people and left-wing PNI-members who have been student fighters.

Although he is known because of his anti-PKI attitude, since his return from his tour of the Soviet-Union and People's China the CC-PKI has noticed in his speeches a difference namely that he is no longer a priori anti-Communist and that he even spoke with sympathy about the two communist countries. This is the reason why the PKI does not consider him as 100% dangerous for the Party.

MUSTOPO, who still holds a function in the FNPIB as a deputy-chairman, is a supporter of the Pantja-sila, leaning towards the PNI. He obeys SUKARNO and NASUTION. He is a man without firm convictions, neither anti- nor pro-Communist. He has no objection against cooperating with the Communists.

His reputation is based on his role during the revolution in Surabaya.