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OFFICIAL CHINESE COMMUNIST STAND ON INDONESIA'S ACTION  
AGAINST CHINESE COMMUNIST MERCHANTS

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Officially the Chinese Communist Embassy in Djakarta fully accepts the recent order of the Indonesian Government which prohibits Chinese Communist merchants as well as all other foreigners from engaging in business in the outlying districts and sub-districts after 1959. The Embassy has taken the stand that this is the internal affair of Indonesia and that as a good neighbor Communist China will not take any action against Indonesia for passing such a law.

The Embassy, however, is deeply concerned about the hardship and suffering which the new law has imposed on thousands of innocent Chinese. The Embassy feels that the Indonesian Government should at least modify the law to allow the "victims" time enough to find means of earning a living in the big cities and to arrange for housing there instead of simply being thrown out of the small towns.

Consul General LI CHU SHENG (2621/5468/3932) had an appointment with the Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for 10 June 1959 at which time he planned to present to the Indonesian Government the official views of the Chinese Embassy on the subject. The Chinese Embassy does not plan to take any actual action, however, to solve the problem until the new Cabinet is formed.

Actually the Chinese Embassy is bitterly opposed to the law and feels that the Indonesian government is now biting the hand that fed it, citing the example of rice donations to Indonesia and the case of the Chinese Communists starting to shell Quemoy in order to tie up the U.S. Seventh Fleet so that it could not openly support the PRRI rebellion in Sumatra.

To meet eventualities the Chinese Embassy is now making preparations to evacuate to China for their resettlement the small town merchants who will not be able to make a transition to the big cities.

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