

Beware of Reds Bearing Advice

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WASHINGTON, September 13—Among those who are advising those who have flown in from the East to advise President Kennedy on keeping the peace is one of the world's most powerful Communists. He is, of course, as unknown in the U.S. as was Lumumba in the days when folks did not know whether the latter was a man or a dance.

The influential Communist I refer to is Dipa Nusantara Aidit. He is an intimate of N. S. Khrushchev and Mao Tse-tung. For he is secretary-general of the PKI—the Communist Party of Indonesia.

Many consider the PKI the largest Communist Party in the world outside the barbed-wire bloc. The PKI claims 1,500,000 members.

Mr. Aidit is Indonesian President Sukarno's Red shadow. Where one goes, so does the other. The Jakarta Communist chief is, in fact, an unofficial one-man super cabinet for Mr. Sukarno.

It is not surprising, then that this is not the first time Mr. Aidit has visited the White House. Just about a year ago Aidit was in the U.S. At first he had attempted to enter on a per-

sonal visa. This was denied him. So Sukarno, in true comrade fashion, appointed the Party chief a special advisor to the Indonesian United Nations delegation.

Then Dwight Eisenhower invited the President of Indonesia for a White House chat. Sukarno has a personal status symbol. He travels with large banks of retainers and advisors. He arrived here with 20 such. And among them was the PKI's secretary-general, Moscow-trained and Peiping-briefed Aidit.

THE VISIT DID Comrade Aidit no harm, prestige-wise back home. He boasted in Jakarta that the American President had consulted him. Then Aidit sat down and wrote an article in language fit only for



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the dirty walls of prison out-houses. Aidit blistered the U. S., excoriated capitalism, sneered at the White House and talked of New York City as a jungle filled with barbarians.

As secretary-general of the PKI, Mr. Aidit truly is a one-man ruler of a vast network of Communist cells. They cover the huge tin fields and rubber plantations of the 3,000-island archipelago.

Through the PKI he runs a youth league front, a proletarian front, and the nation's largest union federation. This is called the Sobal. With the flick of a switch or one phone call, Aidit can unleash violent revolution. Only the anti-Communist sentiments of the Indonesian Army prevents Sukarno from naming this professional Communist bureaucrat to an official position.

It matters not, however, that Aidit has no post. All influential anti-Communist, pro-Democratic parties have been banned. Except for the Communist publications, the press is controlled. When an anti-Communist editor, Mochtar Lubis, returned from a journalists' conference in Tel Aviv, he was jailed. He had criticized Sukarno's and Aidit's policies.

NOR IS IT KNOWN here in many circles that another friend of Sukarno's, who also bears his name, has been linked with the International Communist movement. This second bearer of the name is Modibo Keita, President of the Republic of Mali.

I first ran into this chap's trail during a conversation with the then Prime Minister of France, Maurice Bourges-Matnoury. I took the ex-Prime Minister's advice and have kept my eye on the swashbuckling foot-four ruler of Mali.

It took no time to learn he had been a collaborator with French Communists. He went back as a decade ago, he was called "an unrepentant Communist."

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