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[REDACTED] Comment. The following is a translation of a statement sent by the Surabaya Section Committee of the Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI) to its sub-section committees.

Action to Strengthen the Peasants Struggle in East Java

1. A merger of industry and foreign monopolistic capital would cause:
 - a. There would be collective responsibility between landlords and peasants.
 - b. Peasants would be attracted to the landlords.
 - c. An obstacle to the union between the laborers and the peasants, which means a danger to the national united front (would result).
 - d. This would bring an uncertain benefit to the peasants who do not own the fields they till, because it is difficult to control the bookkeeping of industry.
2. A merging of government industry and the peasants can be realized under the following conditions:
 - a. The top echelon which decides the personnel policy, the production plan, and the distribution policy must be in the hands of a court consisting of representatives of government, laborers, and peasants.
 - b. A representative of the peasants does not mean a representative of the peasant mass organization, but a representative of the village people concerned with the industry who is democratically elected - directly and secretly - by the people. In that case the formation of a democratic village autonomy is encouraged.

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The "buy up" system

3. In districts where land is difficult to acquire, the government established a people's office and a tobacco committee for the tobacco, "rosella," "korkorus," and sugar cane estates. This committee consists of government officials and village constables.
4. Using such slogans as collective interests, improving farming technique, and changing the one-crop system, the office and the above mentioned committee have the duty of looking out for the farmers who like to plant for the needs of the industry. The farmers then will get technical advice, advances of money, seed, and manure, but are obliged to plant what is needed by the industry as determined by the technical leaders. The crop must be sold to the factory for a minimum price according to the contract.
5. This system will cause:
 - a. Security of production, removal of the estates' risks in getting a bad crop and economy in transportation expenses.
 - b. Freeing the estates from claims of the workers to have their wages raised, to get extra pay for extra work, gratification, New Year's presents, etc.
 - c. Attraction of the peasants to the capitalists.
 - d. Departure of the peasants, with the consequent loss of a greater part of the revolutionaries from the labor unions.
 - e. Splitting of the union between the laborers and the peasants, the foundation of a national united front. Therefore, the "buy up" system must be opposed and at last the lease system, which does not hurt the peasants, must be struggled for, with the following conditions: The minimum lease of the fields must be the same as the maximum price of the products of the peasants plus some losses. In districts where the people plant for the estates, a central sales body must be organized along democratic lines. In addition the people's furnaces in tobacco districts and the mills for sugar cane must be multiplied.
6. The result of the action according to the particular kinds of fields, former estates and other crop areas:
 - a. Certain fields are claimed for nationalization, with the village having the right of arranging delivery to the peasants who still do not have fields.
 - b. The peasants who till the fields of former estates are organized to defend their land.
 - c. Concession areas and land under long lease, for which the time period has expired or which are not tilled by the holders, are to be claimed for nationalization or given back to the villages to become available for the peasants.
 - d. To release the peasants from government exploitation, PPN, AURI, CTN, without doing the laborers any harm.
 - e. The peasants who till the field of former estates before 6 October 1953 are organized to defend their soil, but according to the ideological interest they can be removed with compensation such as moving expenses and the provision of other fields of the same size and quality.

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- f. Poor soil is improved.
 - g. Land for military purposes which is no longer so used must be given back to the villages.
 - h. Government land which can no longer produce good crops must become the fields of the people.
7. These claims are to be made at the same time, mindful of the following:
- a. The basic organization to make the claims is the united front of the village people; attempts should be made to attract other people, especially those concerned.
 - b. The action committee will arrange to lead the action.
 - c. The time for the action is chosen.
 - d. Every action must have in mind the experience of the people and must end in victory.
 - e. In view of the assistance we give to Ali-Wongso, before each action is organized its problems must be discussed with the government. In the event of a deadlock, we must seek direct communication with the Minister of Agriculture or the Prime Minister.

Surabaya, 17 January 1954

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- 25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. Originally received as "let."
- 25X1A 2. [REDACTED] Comment. PPN probably refers to the Perusahaan Perkebunan Negara (Government Estates Administration) and CTN to the Corps Tjadangan Nasional (National Reserve Corps). ADRI (Angkatan Dagang Republik Indonesia) (Indonesian Army) is probably intended rather than AURI (Angkatan Udara Republik Indonesia) (Indonesian Air Force).

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