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- The Putch plan of having the Federal states form an interim government is progressing. Republican sympathizers in East Indonesia and the Pasundan State had promised to withhold their support from the formation of the new cabinets, but they later decided it would be better for all concerned if they acquiesced to the Dutch proposals and then tried to help the Republic from within.
- 2. Republican strategy is continued resistance in the form of guerrilla warfare, which will intensify when scattered groups are reorganized behind a definite common policy. The Masjumi leaders are trying to organize resistance.

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- about the confused position of the Republic because he feels that the many thousands of young men who, like himself, have dedicated their lives to opposing Dutch colonialism will eventually oust the Dutch. These men have given up careers and professions for this end. Admittedly there are many Republican opportunists who will participate in the Dutch sponsored Federal government, but this will detract from the backbone of Republican resistance. He believes that new leaders will come forward, and that in the end the Republic will succeed.
- 4. While Communists are now fighting with the nationalists, it is not the desire of any of the nationalists to be dominated by a Soviet or any foreign group.

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