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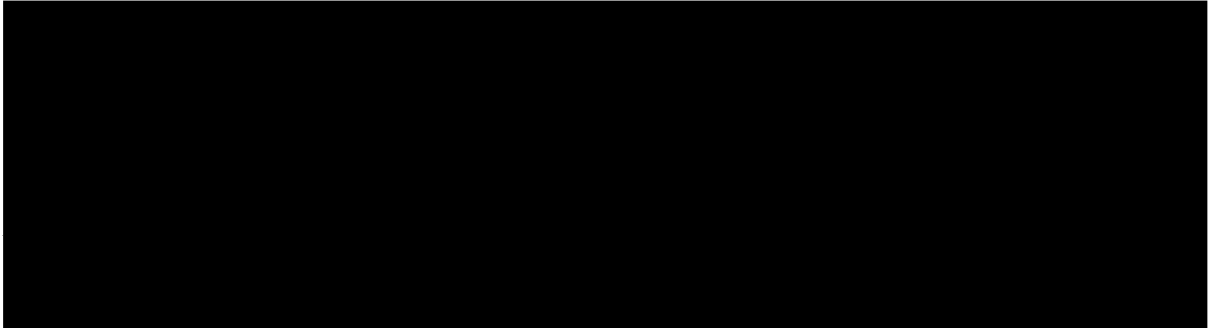|		
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1. Izak Mahdi, Indonesian Republican representative in Siam, recently obtained ten Republican newsreels for a private showing in Bangkok. Most of the films were documentations of Dr. Sukarno with his cabinet in negotiations with visiting Americans, British, Indians, and United Nations observers. One film showed a 'Republican Independence Day' mass rally which was held against Japanese orders. Another recorded many slogans in English, quoting the United States Declaration of Independence. Mahdi stated, in reply to a query, that the Republicans expected American troops rather than British to land in Indonesia at the end of World War II.

2. The films were 35 mm. Indonesian language prints, interspersed with English translations. They are old and worn to such an extent that they can no longer be used in certain types of projectors. The films were produced in Jogjakarta.

3. A 16 mm. silent reel showed the First Indonesian Olympiad held in the summer of 1948.

4. Mahdi intends to show the films wherever possible in Siam. They will be run at Chulalongkorn University as soon as Siamese language slides are made up. It is hoped that local and upcountry theaters will accept bookings. It is expected that there will be no admission charge.

5. Mahdi is extremely anxious to have American and British films shown in Republican areas to help counteract Soviet propaganda. In the last four years no new American films have been shown in Republican-held territory.   25X1A6a   Comment. It is believed that the American Motion Picture Export Association agreed to release films only to Dutch-controlled areas for the right to distribute in and out of Batavia.)

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