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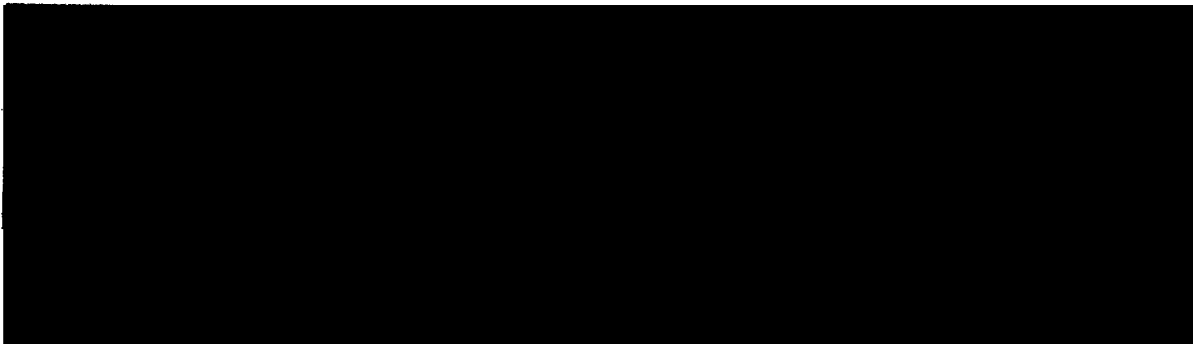
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1. John Andu, who was formerly employed by the Netherlands Information Bureau in New York, is now one of the principal Indonesian officials of the Indonesian American Trading Company, a newly established import and export company at 39 Broadway, New York. Andu, whose employment was presumably terminated after the Republic of Indonesia proclaimed its independence on 17 August 1945, is now unpopular with the Indonesians. They believe that he cooperates as formerly with the Dutch and is therefore unsuited to become an Indonesian representative in such an enterprise.
2. The Indonesians are also displeased with Andu's unilateral action in choosing the name "Indonesian American Trading Company" with its similarity to that of the American Indonesian Corporation. Apparently no relationship exists between these two companies. The Indonesian American Trading Company was allegedly established as a result of the joint efforts of American and Indonesian citizens, and is endeavoring to obtain more American support as evidenced by an advertisement appearing in the New York Journal of Commerce. From an Indonesian point of view John Andu is a dubious character. He has counterbalanced what appears to be sympathy for the Republican cause by doing work which is detrimental to the Indonesian Republic Delegation in the United States.
3. Andu has stated that the company is at the organizational stage and not yet operating. The Indonesians consider its status to be doubtful and have advised their officials and merchants against any dealings with the company.

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