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- 1. It is now evident that the visit of Prime Minister Sutan Sjahrir to Burma, India and Egypt in 1946, was in connection with the formation of an Asian "Neutral" Bloc of Socialist countries at the outbreak of World War III.
- 2. The plan called for this bloc to be "strictly neutral" at first, and to ally itself with whichever side would appear to be victorious, as the military conditions developed. The purpose of Sjahrir's visit was known to Clarence Mart Campbell.
- 3. Sjahrir believed that Indonesia would be organized into a war-industry and raw material production center at the outbreak of war, and would be used as a base for the Allied counter attack on the Asiatic Communists.

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