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- Extremists and armed gangs in Jakarta and other cities in Java are cowed by the Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI). According to one active in the black market, two weeks ago there was an average of six daytime robberies a day in Down Town Jakarta. Since the TNI took over there has not been a single robbery. So far TNI troops have proved to be well disciplined and business-like.
- Communists in Jakarta still appear not to be sufficiently organized or to have funds enough to cause trouble on a large scale. Their activities are confined to setting up local labor unions and instigating minor strikes. To date no non-Communist labor federation has shown enough interest in Jakarta labor to curb Communist development in this field.
- The slight evidence of enthusiasts for MAO Tse-tung in certain Chinese circles two months ago is less evident today. There were almost no Chinese Communist flags flown in Chinese quarters during the holidays. Several Chinese Nationalist flags were displayed. Most of the Chinese are afraid to take a positive stand in this matter until the attitude of the Republik Indonesia Serikat (RIS) on the subject is clarified. If the RIS is anti-MAO Tse-tung the Chinese in Indonesia will adopt this attitude. Now almost all of the local-born Chinese are claiming Indonesian citizenship.
- Enthusiasm among extremists for the Darul Islam in the Jakarta area seems to have diminished somewhat since the TNI took over.
- Eurasian interest in New Guinea is noticeably less than it was two weeks ago. Many Eurasian houses in Batavia and Buitenzorg are now flying only the Indonesian flag.

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