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1. Westerling's well-equipped Angkatan Perang Ratu Adil (APRA) forces attacking Bandung were transported in 40 trucks\* and were carrying new medium and light machine guns.
2. The Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) base command at Bandung was completely surprised by the attack despite the strong rumors of an impending attack that were current 20-22 January.
3. Estimates of the strength of APRA forces in the Bandung area run from 800 to 2,500 men.
4. The Darul Islam-APRA forces east of Jakarta from Bekasi to Tjibinong greatly outnumber the TNI forces in this area. So far there has been no large scale action on either side.
5. Sumedang, between Cheribon and Bandung, is now surrounded by Darul Islam forces.
6. More Tentara Komunis Indonesia\*\* men have been arrested in Jakarta by the TNI. Interrogation of these men indicates their headquarters is in Kampong Sawah, 20 kilometers southeast of Jakarta.
7. Irregular forces are concentrating on the outskirts of Serpong, Tjisauk, and Rumpin on the southwest border of the Jakarta area. It is believed that these troops may attack later this week.
8. Heavy fighting is in progress about 75 kilometers west of Medan in the Batak-lands between Jacob Siregar's Communist units and a TNI battalion under Kawilarang.\*\*\*

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\*            Comment.           , 12 January 1950, reported that            Westerling owned a motor transport company.

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\*\*\*            Comment.           , 17 December 1949, reported that the Military Governor of North Sumatra was Lt. Col. Alexander Kawilarang and that his headquarters were in Medan.

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