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West Java

- On the night of 9 May a fight took place at Rawah Bangke in Djatinegara, a suburb of Djakarta, between a company of the pro-Indonesian Republic Pasukan Istimewa and a company of the Tentara Republik Indonesia Serikat (TRIS) Kala Hitam Battalion, commanded by Capt. Sumarsono. The fight lasted half an hour and three TRIS men and one Istimewa man were killed. The fight was the result of an argument about the division of money and jewelry looted by the Pasukan Istimewa from Chinese.
- Armed gangs operating in Djakarta town and the surrounding area include:

| <u>Name of Gang</u> | <u>Name of Leader</u> | <u>Locality</u> |
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| Laskar Pakjat (about 500 men, mostly jobless harbor workers) | Hadji Ma'sum | Tjilintjing and Tandjungpriok |
| Pantjolong (over 1,000 Bantenese gangsters) | Ridwan | Djembatan Limah, Angke, Pekodjan, Pintu Ketjil, Asemka |
| Barisan Banteng (about 750 men) | Imam Sutardjo | Kampung Duri (down town) Bukit Duri-Tandjekar, (Djatinegara) |
| Lutung Kesarang (about 275 men) | Mohammed Sawal | Djakarta down town |

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3. In addition there are pickpockets operating in the trams, trains and town buses in groups, individual Angkatan Perang Ratu Adil (APRA) men in plain clothes and in uniform, and Republik Indonesia armed forces in units such as the Pasukan Istimewa.
4. The Tentara Rahasia of Rawamangun, Djatinegara, has been withdrawn to Cheribon.
5. On 17 May three thousand TRIS men raided the following kampongs in Djakarta in an effort to check crime in this area:

Tanah Abang to Djati Petamburan

Kemajoran

Kepu

Tanah Tinggi

Senen

Djembatan Limah

Angke

Bukit Duri, suburb of Djatinegara

6. In the Tanah Abang area four Indonesian were arrested. They had two revolvers without papers.
7. East of Bogor the APRA has reorganized and is waiting for an opportunity to attack the TRIS post at Tjiteureup, Djonggol, Tjileungsi and Tjibinong.
8. Two commandants of the Tentara Rakjat, Chairul Saleh and Lt. Colonel Muhidin Nasution, who were arrested, have been moved from the jail in Plodang, Bogor, to Banteuj, Bandung. They led their forces against the Tentara Nasional Indonesia in southern Bantam in August and September of last year.
9. The Barisan Setan, which is under Jahja Nasution, who is closely connected with Saleh and Nasution, is still active in southeastern rural Bogor.
10. The Tentara Islam Indonesia (TII) is organizing a line of attack from Leles to Brebos against three TRIS brigades which have a total of about ten thousand men spread out in this area.

East Java

11. From 1 January through 30 April 1950 there were 502 motor car thefts in Surabaya, Malang, Pausuruan, and elsewhere in East Java reported. During the same period in this area there were 500 armed robberies, 150 murders and kidnappings, and 250 cases of looting and plundering reported to the police.
12. The armed youths of the Gabungan Pembela Proklamasi are active in Surabaya, Malang, Kediri, Blitar and the plantation areas of Besuki Residency. Col. Sungkono has been reluctant to take action against them.

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East Sumatra

13. The highway connecting Brastagi with Medan is patrolled by armed raiding bands under the leadership of Mohammed Sa'id. Sa'id is chairman of the Peoples Congress Committee for East Sumatra in Medan.

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