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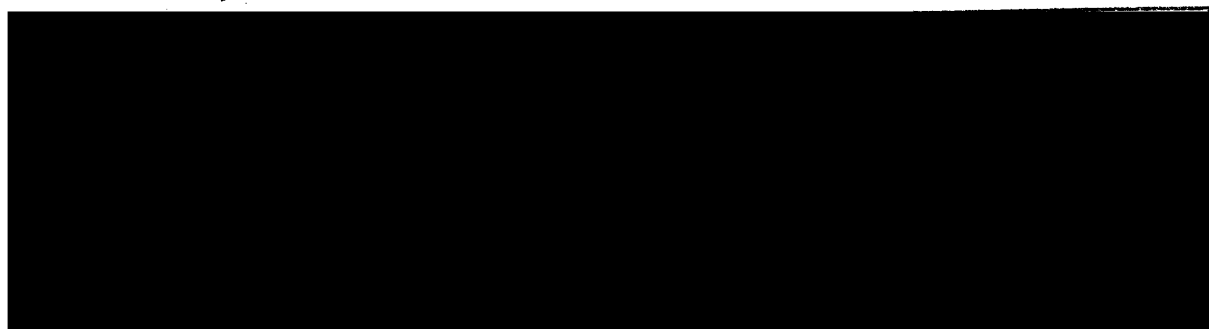
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1. Catholics in East Sumatra have organized the Partai Katholik at Simeleungun with the following council:

- Chairman S. Tambunen
- Deputy Chairman L. Sianipar*
- Secretary Fr. Sianturi*
- Assistant Secretary M. F. Sianturi*
- Treasurer A. Pandiangan
- Advisors: G. B. M. Sianturi*
G. P. M. Simandjuntak*
- Patron Pastor P. J. Joosen

2. There is also the Catholic youth organization, the Muda Katholik Indonesia, with a membership of several hundred. This organization was established at the Public Elementary School in Pematangsiantar. The council is composed of:

- Chairman M. R. Sianturi
- Deputy Chairman J. Pandiangan
- Secretary M. W. Datubara.

3. Catholic groups in East Sumatra, especially among the Bataks, have recently organized anti-Communist propaganda campaigns. The Catholic faith is gaining a strong foothold particularly in Medan, Pematang Siantar, and Delitua in East Sumatra.

* Batak

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