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1. Sumarno, the public prosecutor in Medan, has tried and dismissed the cases of Saleh Umar and Jacob Siregar.
2. Saleh Umar is chairman of the council of the Partai Komunis Indonesia (PKI) in Sumatra and also is a member of the Republik Indonesia Serikat (RIS) House of Representatives in Djakarta. He was charged with conspiracy against the government and accused of causing a number of disturbances throughout North and East Sumatra. Since Saleh committed his offenses while out of the RIS Parliament, he did not enjoy any special privileges as a member of that Parliament.
3. Jacob Siregar, as commander of the Harimau Liar guerrilla band operating around Gunung Tua, south of Medan, was charged with armed revolt. The Harimau Liar (Wild Tiger Corps) is still active and there are a number of Japanese serving in its ranks. This corps expects to make contact with units of the Malayan Communist Party, who have infiltrated across the Straits of Malacca into Sumatra. Siregar trained many of the younger Tentara Nasional Indonesia (TNI) officers when they were in the "Sukarelah" during the Japanese occupation. Since they knew him, each time Siregar was captured, he was set free by his former students. In January 1950 he was arrested and has been held until recently.
4. Ibrahim bin Hadji Jacob* has just settled in Medan. He is chairman of the Malay Nationalist Party, which has been outlawed by the British. Although Ibrahim calls his party now the Free Malay League, he is in close contact with the Malayan Communist Party of LEE Seong.

* [Redacted] Comment. [Redacted], July 1950, reported that Jacob, Oman bin Haji Sira, Hessian bin Abdul Manan, Kerim Rashid, Sulong and Abdul Malik bin Hashin were leaders of a new radical Malayan political party.

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