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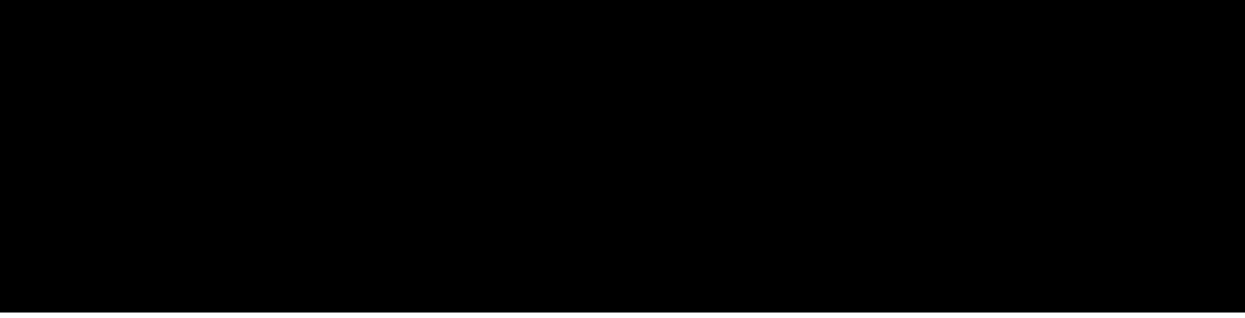
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1. No trade unions were registered in the Federation as such before the Japanese occupation. In September 1945, the Communist-controlled General Labor Union, which included employees in all trades and industries, came into the open, and by February 1946 it had established branches in every State and Settlement.
2. The Trade Unions Enactment of 1940 was made applicable to the whole country by the Trade Unions Ordinance of 1946 which came into force on 1 July 1946.
3. By October 1946, the General Labor Union had reorganized into a Central Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, a Federation for each State and Settlement, and individual unions on a trade or area basis.
4. At the end of 1947, 289 unions had been registered, of which 117 were under the control of the Communist Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions, 86 were independent, and the status of the remaining 86 unions was doubtful. The Pan-Malayan Federation of Trade Unions had not been able to obtain control over 40 government employees' trade unions, as such trade unions are not permitted to federate with or to act in conjunction with non-government employees' trade unions.
5. In June 1948, the Trade Unions Enactment was amended to provide for the registration of Federations of Trade Unions but it was limited to trade unions whose members are employed in a similar trade, occupation, or industry. This facilitated collective bargaining, but it also rendered the Communist Federations of Trade Unions, which included unions in all trades and industries, unregistrable.
6. The Communist-controlled Federation and its unions ceased to exist from this time, which coincided with the outbreak of the Emergency, and a large number of their members took to the jungle and joined the bandits.
7. At the end of 1949, there were 169 unions on the Register with a total membership of 42,288, of which 41,305 belonged to registered employees unions. An approximate racial breakdown of this membership was: Indians,

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23,957 (58 percent), Chinese 9,913 (24 percent), Malays 5,370 (13 percent) and others 2,065 (5 percent).

8. On 31 March 1949 there were 97 non-government employees' unions, with a total membership of 24,183: 59 government employees' unions with a total membership of 16,106, and 5 employers' unions with a membership of 932.
9. At the end of 1949, there were 3 registered Federations of Trade Unions:
- (a) The All-Malayan Federation of Government Medical (Lower Grade) Employees Trade Unions with, 7 registered unions affiliated for a total membership of 2,082.
 - (b) The Federation of All Malayan Estates Staff Unions with 7 unions affiliated, for a total membership of 674.
 - (c) The Malayan Federation of Clerical and Administrative Staff Unions with 4 non-government employees' unions affiliated for a total membership of 2,064.
10. More recently the Malayan Trades Union Council has been formed. A total of 107 trade unions were represented at its second Conference in March 1950. This Council intends to affiliate itself to the International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and to register not as a trade union but as a society.
11. Only 9 of the 169 registered trade unions were formerly under Communist control. These were:

Perak:

- (1) Taiping Building Laborers Union, Eastern Road, Taiping
- (2) Pangkor Fishery Laborers Union, Sungei Pinang Kechil, Pangkor
- (3) Keow Heng Workers Mutual Association, Sungei Besar, Pangkor Island
- (4) Teluk Anson Building Laborers Union, 12 Ah Chong Street, Teluk Anson

Penang:

- (1) Penang Boatmen's Union, 34 Queen Street, Penang
- (2) Penang Building Association, 52A MacAlister Road, Penang
- (3) European Establishment Employees Union, 29 Nagore Road, Penang
- (4) Batu Gantong Indian Labor Union, 141 Batu Gantong Road, Penang
- (5) Prai Wharf Workers Union, 694 Main Road, Prai

12. Of the registered trade unions the following appear to merit attention from a security viewpoint:

Clerical

- Colliery Asiatic Staff Union (201)
- Salangor Clerical and Administrative Trade Union (591)
- Perak Clerical Union (590)
- Malacca Clerical Union (106)
- Penang Clerical and Administrative Trade Union (942)

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Electricians

Perak Hydro Employees' Union (616)

Shipbuilders

Penang Shipbuilders' M. H. Association (85)

Harbor Labor

Harbor Trade Union, Port Swettenham (436)

Muslim Workers' Union, Penang and Port Swettenham (63)

Harbor Labor Union, Malacca (101)

Quarry Labor

Kennison Brothers Workers' Trade Union (121)

Teachers

The Pahang Union of Teachers, Kuala Lipis

Technical College Lecturers' Union, Kuala Lumpur

Selangor Teachers' Union (306)

Negri Sembilan Teachers' Union

Johore Teachers' Union

Building

The Penang Building Association

Tin Mining

Kaki Bukit Tin Mining Laborers' Association (30)

Association of European Mining Employees (99)

Perak Chinese Mining Employees' Association (20)

Perak Tin Ore Sievers' Association (36)

Coal Mining

Batu Arang Colliery Workers' Union (542)

Mechanics

Malacca Mechanics' Union of All Nationalities (79)

Rubber Estate Employees

Carey Island Estate Workers' Union (2,369)

Kuala Selangor District Estate Workers Trade Union (3,634)

Bukit Damar Estate Workers' Union (84)

Bukit Cloth and Bahru Estate Workers' Union (227)

Batak Rabbit Estate Workers Union

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Sabrang Estate Main Division Trade Union (243)
 Caledonian Estate Labor Union (100)
 Ulu Selangor Estate Workers' Trade Union (942)
 Shelford Estate Trade Union (127)
 K. Langat Estate Workers' Trade Union (600)
 Havard Rubber Estate Workers' Union (180)
 Bukit Lembu Rubber Estate Union (62)
 Bukit Mertajam Rubber Estate Workers' Union (454)
 Baling Rubber Estate Workers Union (271)
 Titi Panchang Rubber Estate Labor Union
 Bukit Ijok Merbau Estate Workers' Union (257)
 Lanchang Estate Employees Trade Union (265)
 Ijok Batu Kurau Estate Labor Union (577)
 Cicely Division Rubber Estate Labor Union (119)
 Bantang Pandang Division Central Estate Labor Union (66)
 Perak Estate Employees' Union (389)
 Alor Gajah Rubber Workers Union (367)
 Soon Lee and Kurau Estate Workers Union (388)
 Plantation Workers Union Number 8 (913)
 Devon Estate Rubber Workers Union (98)

Estate Staff Employees

Estate Asiatic Staff Union, Kedah (82)
 Estate Staff Union Kuala Langat (6)
 Estate Asiatic Staff Union, Ulu Langat (54)
 Estate Asiatic Staff Union, Klang District (84)
 Kuala Lumpur and Ulu Selangor Estate Staff Union (68)
 South Johore Estate Staff Union (123)
 Negri Sembilan Estate Asian Staff Union (219)
 Estates Staff Union, Lower Perak (120)
 Estate Staff Union, Kuala Kangsar District (60)

Sawmills and Woodcutting

Perak Sawmill Employees' Union (44)
 Trengganu Timber Factory Union (103)

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Batu Pahat Sawmill Workers Union (35)

Water Transport

Malacca Lighter Workers Union (71)

Boatmen's Union, Penang (217)

Fishermen

Pangkor Fishing Labor Association (303)

General Labor

Indian Labor Union, Sungai Best (sic) (150)

Kampong Labor Union, Klang (80)

Pahang Indians' All Trade Union (27)

North Johore Indian Labor Union (263)

Batu Gantong Indian Labor Union (23)

Indian Labor Union, Prai (157)

Keow Heng Mutual Aid Association (179)

Government Servants' Trade Unions

Customs and Excise

Customs Subordinates Union, Malaya Benevolent Fund (1,364)

Asian Customs Services Union of Malaya (1,489)

Clerical Employees

Government Junior Staffs Union, Public Works Benevolent Fund (132)

Kedah Government Clerical Union (136)

Government Clerical Services Union, Negri Sembilan (48)

Electricians

Electricity Department Workers' Union (427)

Electricity Department Junior Officers' Union (174)

General

Gemas Government Workers' Union (49)

Kluang Government Workers' Union (291)

Batu Pahat Government Labor Union (245)

Johore District Government Workers' Association (583)

Muar District Government Workers' Association (128)

Government Workers' Union, Johore Bahru (65)

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Alor Gajah District Government Labor Union (170)

Malacca Government Labor Union (185)

Mersing District Government Labor Union (80)

Harbor Employees

Penang Harbor Board Staff Association (790)

Interpreters

Interpreters Union Federation of Malaya Benevolent Fund (235)

Junior Staffs (Peons)

Government Junior Staff Union Number 8 (65)

Marine Employees

Marine Employees Union and Public Workers' Benevolent Fund (44)

Municipal Employees

Municipal Laborers Union, Malacca (115)

Malacca Municipal Services Union (126)

Negri Sembilan Public Works Department Workers Union (431)

Perak State Public Works Department Employees Union (444)

Perak Town Board Employees Union (762)

Penang Municipal Services Union (731)

Municipal and Government Labor Union (180)

Selangor Public Works Department Workers' Union (122)

Waterworks Labor Union (171)

West Pahang Government Workers Trade Union (397)

Printers

Government Printing Department Employees Union (42)

Postal and Telecommunications

Postal Uniformed Staffs Union, Negri Sembilan and Malacca (32)

Postal Uniformed Staff Union, North Malaya Benevolent Fund (152)

Union of Postal and Telecommunication Employees, Johore Baru (166)

Postal Uniformed Staffs Union, Selangor and Pahang (114)

Telecommunications Telephone Operators Union (551)

Telecommunications Laborers' Union, Kuala Lumpur (305)

Postal Uniformed Staffs Union, Perak (40)

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Postal and Telecommunications Workers Union, Penang (268)

Union of Post Office Workers, Malaya (490)

Union of Telecommunications Workers of Malaya (339)

Railway Employees

Locomotive Enginemen's Union (538)

Signalmen Union, Malayan Railways (90)

Malayan Railway Traffic Operators Union (276)

Permanent Way Officers Union (67)

All Malayan Railway Workers' Union (1,717)

Malayan Railway Junior Officers Union (541)

Surveyors

Malayan Survey Department Employees' Trade Union (410)

Technicians

Union of Public Works Department Technical Services, Malaya (432)

The Technical Services Union, Central Electricity Board, Federation of Malaya

13. MCP policy towards trade unions has the following aims:

(1) To penetrate legitimate trade unions.

(2) To form parallel underground trade unions.

14. Direct links between the Federation and the Soviet-dominated World Federation of Trade Unions have been severed; but contact is always possible through under-cover Party members and trusted Communist sympathizers.

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