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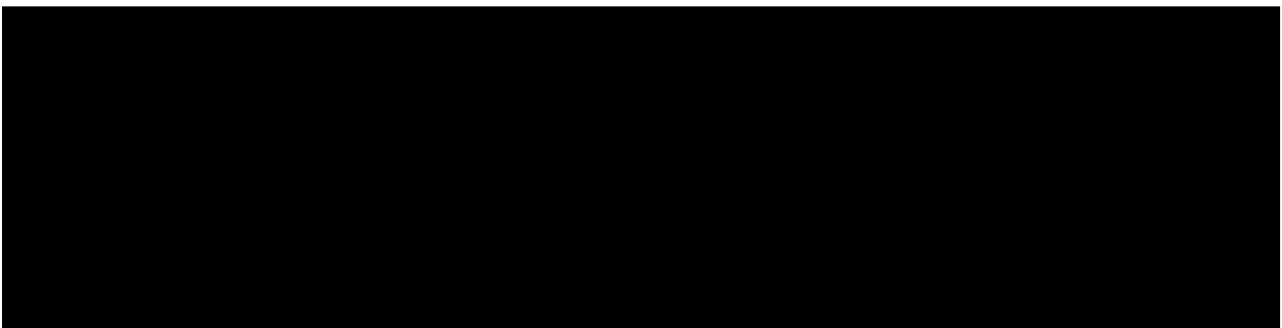
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- 1. TAN Kah Yee has a long standing financial interest in the Chinese daily newspaper, Sin Po, published in Djakarta. This newspaper, which issues a Chinese and Indonesian edition, is controlled by the Sin Po Press, Ltd., a company with offices at Asemka 29, Djakarta.
2. Originally 60 percent of the paid-up capital of the company was issued in bearer shares, held by LEE Kong Chian on behalf of his father-in-law, TAN Kah Kee. These shares were purposely issued as bearer shares to safeguard the owners in the event of any legal action brought against the paper. Subsequently, TAN ordered his shares transferred by LEE to ANG Jan Goan and GO Tiau Goan, respectively the Managing Editor of the Sin Po Press, Ltd., and the Deputy Chief Editor of the Indonesian edition of the Sin Po. This transfer, ostensibly done as a gift, was actually made on condition that both the Chinese and Indonesian editions of the newspaper further the Communist cause by disseminating anti-Kuomintang and anti-imperialist propaganda. ANG and GO, both old college friends of LEE Kong Chian, are thought to hold rphs. 300,000 worth of bearer shares.
3. In 1947 a disagreement arose between KWEE Kek Peng, then Chief Editor of the Sin Po's Indonesian edition, and a group of Communist sympathizers, including ANG Jan Goan, GO Tiau Goan, THIO Tong Hay, Director and Business Manager of the Indonesian edition, and NUO Joe Lan, sub-Editor and shareholder. KWEE had persistently refused to publish pro-Communist editorials and articles in the Indonesian edition. He was forced to resign and his shares, amounting to some rphs. 35,000, were taken over by his opponents. After KWEE's resignation a number of Chief Editors were successively engaged, but none were found suitable. ANG Jan Goan finally took over this position.
4. The present acute shortage of newsprint in Indonesian is threatening publication of the Sin Po. However, LEE Kong Chian has assured ANG and GO that regular supplies of paper will be made available as long as this newspaper continues to publish pro-Communist material.

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