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- 2 **25X1X** Comment. The Bataks in Sibolga and lower Tapanuli are better educated than the Bataks above Tarutung, who are known as "the scum of the Bataks". The latter have been driven into the area around Tarutung, Balige, and Prapat by the other Bataks. Consequently, there is a great deal of thievery and trouble in Tarutung. This lower class of Bataks is now drifting into Medan and Sumatra East Coast.
- 3 **25X1A** Comment. The 28 July 1951 issue of Mimbar Umum, reported that the police in Nias District had confiscated the silver coinage and were prohibiting further circulation. Silver coins had previously circulated in Nias at 3:1 in relation to the regular Republik of Indonesia banknotes. Counterfeit coins discovered by the police are thought to have been imported into Nias by foreign traders.

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