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Sibolga

- 1. Since June 1951 no rubber has left Sibolga by water. It is being transported overland, principally to Tandjungbalai 1 The rubber is moved by trucks operating mostly at night. Approximately 25 trucks a week travel between Sibolga and Tandjungbalai. Trade in Sibolga became moribund after the recent fall in the price of rubber, but has revived since the late August rise in rubber prices.
- 2. Sibolga is peaceful; there is no thievery or disorder within the town. 2 During the security roundup, not more than 30 persons were arrested, most of thom have already been released.
- 3. The following are local Communists:

THE Kiem Lian

Age 38; manager of Giap Lee

Arrested 14 August during the security sweep; released the next day

OEI Kie Tjai

TJI Sa Lin

Age 33

These three men came to Sibolga from Siantar soon after the transfer of sovereignty. They are in the rubber brokerage and rubber import-export business business; their families are still living in Siantar.

- 4. There has been no transport of rubber by boat or tongkang either to or from Nias Island since June 1951. Silver money is now forbidden on Nias. 3 All Government positions, except two, are held by local-born persons. Mahdin, a Mandailing, is Head of Customs, and a Javanese is Head of the Telephone Department.
  - 1 Field Comment. Presumably for shipment to Malaya.

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2 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 brouble in Tarutung. This lower class of Bataks is now drifting into Medan and Sumatra East Coast.

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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