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Last Coast

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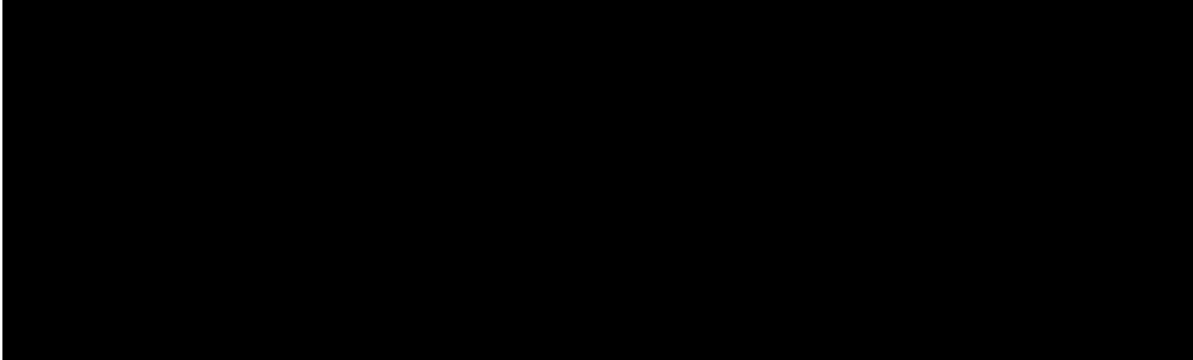
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1. During August and September 1951, the Sarekat Buruh Islam Indonesia (SBII) (Islamic Labor Union) became active in Sumatra Last Coast. According to its contact men, the SBII, while nominally a labor union, is also concerned with the Islamic religion, economics, culture, health, and politics. Before the SBII contact men or agitators visit the estates, local Government officials request the European estate managers not to interfere with, but to encourage the organization of the union on their estates. The SBII is reputedly anti-Communist.
2. The SBII contact men go to the estates and kampongs, remaining there several days or weeks. During this time, they outline the purpose of the union, giving special attention to its Islamic foundation, to the workers. No attempt is made to organize or establish a local branch of the union. The contact men then move on to a new estate or kampong, leaving the workers to think and talk about the SBII. According to union personnel, because of its strong religious appeal, the workers soon convince themselves and demand that a local branch of the SBII be formed. The SBII organizers return, quickly set up the branch, and move on. No estimate of present SBII membership is available.
3. Following are the members of the SBII Konsulat (Council) for North Sumatra, established at a meeting of the Ledan SBII on 21 August 1951:

General Chairman Kiai H.A. Madjid
Chairmen Ma'munarrasjid
A. Rahim
Secretaries T.M. Hajat
Amir Hamzah
Askar
Treasurer T.A. Djalaluddin

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Information Section	Hasjim Zakaria
	A. Fuad Said
	Datuk Maradjoe
Defense Section	Rustam Taib
	Telah M. Amin
Economic Section	B. Muslim
	B. Nurdin

4. The Sungei Mentjirim branch of the SBII was officially established at a meeting on 16 September under the Chairmanship of Ali Husin, with Raja Masman Adnoto as Secretary. The meeting was also attended by:

H. Abdul Madjid Abdullah	Committee of the SBII North Sumatra
Hasjim Zakaria	Commissioner of the SBII Deli/Serdang
T.M. Zakaria	Asst. Secretary General of the SBII Central Committee
Suleiman Datuk	
Makmunarrasjid	An employee of STANVAC in Belawan

In a speech on this occasion, Hasjim Zakaria said that the SBII loves peace, does not discriminate between classes of people, will avoid all disputes, and cooperate with employers and others, regardless of color or race.

1. Washington Comment. SO-70102, Early May-Late June 1951, reported that a branch of the SBII was set up on the Laras Estate in East Sumatra on 4 May 1951. The labor force on this estate, originally affiliated with the SARBUPRI, numbered nearly 5,000. Other branches in the area were listed as:

Pagardjawa	1,200 members
Bah Djambi	2,500 members
Dolok Ulu	1,700 members
Balimbingar	3,200 members

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