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1. As a result of the longshoremen's strike in Antwerp last Spring and Communist-inspired labor difficulties there and in Rotterdam, it is reported that ship-owners in both ports recently formed a secret agreement which arranges for the re-routing of ships from one port to the other in the event of a strike. If dockers in Rotterdam are out on strike, ships destined for that port could be diverted to Antwerp for unloading.
2. To thwart this plan, the Secretary-General of the Rotterdam Dockers' Union (Syndicat Unique des Dockers) is said to have come to Belgium in early October to negotiate for an exchange of union delegates between the two ports. The sole purpose of these workers so exchanged would be to keep the respective syndicates of Rotterdam and Antwerp informed of the re-routing of vessels when a strike occurs, so that cooperation between the unions would prevent their unloading by calling a strike at the alternate port.
3. Two Dockers' Union delegates are reported to have been chosen for this mission and will live clandestinely in each of the ports. The identity of the delegates has not been established.
4. Source states that the management of the Rotterdam Dockers' Union is under complete control of Dutch Trotskyist elements. This Union has a membership of some 17,000.
5. While in Brussels, the Dutch Union official attended, as an observer, a meeting of the principal militant Trotskyist trade unions of Belgium on 12 October 1947, according to Source.

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