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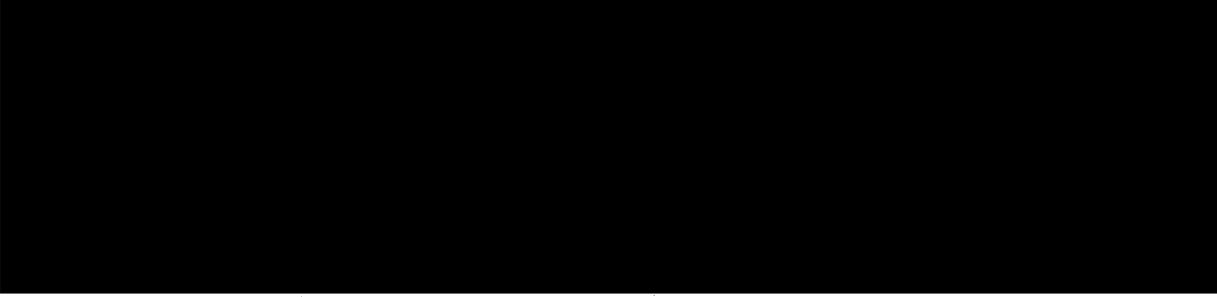
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Colonel Simatoepang, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Tentara Nasional Indonesia(TNI), made the following statements concerning the armed forces of the Indonesian Republic.

1. The present strength of the TNI is 250,000. It is planned to reduce this force to 150,000 as it is impossible to train, feed and clothe a larger number. The Dutch refusal to allow demobilized troops to return to their villages in East and West Java has caused unrest among them.
2. The food supply per man averages 1300 calories a day. Many of the troops are clothed only in gunny sacks.
3. The original disciplined strength of the TNI is more than able to handle the armed forces of the Partai Komunis Indonesia(PKI). TNI officers from Lieut. General Soedirman down to battalion commanders have pledged loyalty to Mohammed Hatta.
4. The only Communist infiltration in the armed forces is among the irregulars and the Pesindo.
5. Military police are being trained in village supervision.

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