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Een Indonesiër die lid is van de Perbepbsi.

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THE ARMY-BAN ON EX-FIGHTERS ORGANISATIONS

So far PERBEPBSI/PKI has not been able

to find a way out in order to elude the ban on all existing ex-fighters organisations with the exception of the LVRI (Veterans Legion), issued by the Army Chief of Staff on November 10 last.

On January 2 next, the LVRI will issue a sort of "manifestation" merging all ex-fighters organisations into the LVRI.

At the moment an ad hoc committee is busy drafting the regulations for the LVRI. PERBEPBSI is represented in this committee and the PERBEPBSI-members are now trying to get the principle of "democratic centralism" included in the regulations, and to get the merger carried out through a Veterans Congress in which all ex-fighters organisations participate. In this way PERBEPBSI/PKI hopes to maintain some right of say in the LVRI and to have a few representatives in the leadership of the LVRI.

However, PERBEPBSI/PKI fears that the ad hoc committee will accomplish very little, and that the Army Chief of Staff and the Minister for Foreign Affairs will appoint the new board of the LVRI on their own authority without consulting the ex-fighters organisations. In particular the PKI fears that the exfighters organisations will simply be dissolved by the Army Chief of Staff, without convening a Veterans Congress.

Remarks: PERBEPBSI is used by the PKI as a means for agitation. Through PERBEPBSI, the PKI has a firm grip on the hundreds of thousands of ex-fighters in the country. For this reason PERBEPBSI's disappearance will be a serious loss for the PKI.

The LVRI is now part of the FNPIB (National West Irian Liberation Front) and has as such become an instrument in the hands of the Army.

Communist representatives in the ad hoc committee are F. Suharto REBO and HADIWASISTO.

Tweede helft december 1958.