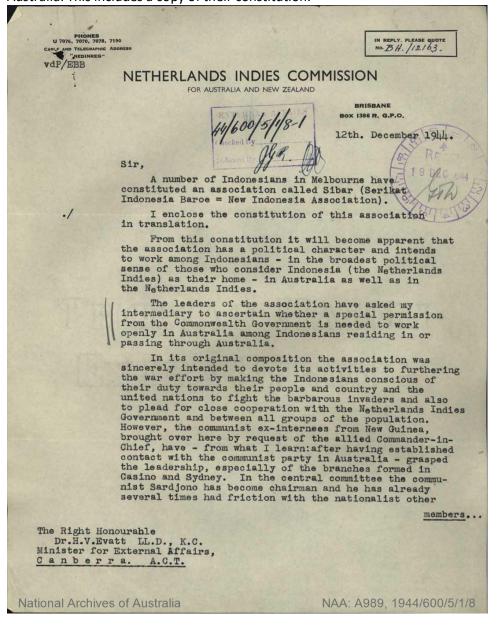
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Information about the 'New Indonesia Association' to work amongst any Indonesian living in Australia. This includes a copy of their constitution.



2/ The Rt. Hon. Dr. H. V. Evatt, Canberra. 12.12.44. members, because of his acting without their knowledge. Since it is internationally incorrect to establish and work political organisations in a foreign country without that country's Government's approval, I should be much obliged if you would inform me of the Commonwealth Governments decision in this matter. I have the honour to be, Sir, Your obedient servant, (Ch.O.van der Plas)

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STATUTE.

Article (1)
Name and Place.

- a. The name of this association is:

  "Serikat Indonesia Baroe"
- b. Settlement: Where the Headquarters are settled.

Article (2)

The Aim.

The aim of this association is:

- a. To cooperate with the Dutch Government for obtaining the liberation of Indonesia from the hands of the enemy.
- b. To prepare the basis for a democratic New Indonesia.

Article (3)

Endeavour.

To obtain the objects as stated in article (2) this association will make any possible effort, without infringing upon the laws of the Dutch Government, the Commonwealth of Australia and any other state in which this association exists.

Article (4)

Members.

- There are two kinds of members in this association:

  a. Ordinary members: Indonesians, men as well as women above
  18 years of age are eligible to be ordinary members. Indonesian will mean every subject of the Dutch Kingdom, who acknowledges Indonesia to be his home country.
- b. Members Donors: Member "Donor" can be anybody who contributes to the association at least £5/-/-(Australian pounds) for those living in Australia, or f.10.-- (ten guilders) for those living in liberated Indonesia.

Article (5)

Rights of Members.

Every ordinary member has the right of electing and being elected member of the executives of this association. And each has one vote in meetings of members. In the general meeting every 25 members have one vote.

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Article (6) Meetings.

In this association there are three kinds of meetings:

- a. Executives: The Headquarter's (general executive) Assembly and the Local executive Assembly.
- Meeting of members: Meeting of the members of the branches of the association.
- c. General meeting (Congress): A meeting of the association attended by delegates of all the branches. This Congress should be held at least once a year.

Article (7). Validity of Meetings.

- a. Assemblies of Executives as well as of Branch members can only be proceeded with when there are present more than half the total number of their members.
- b. The Congress can only be proceeded with when the delegates of the branches present represent more than half the number of branches and bring the majority of the votes of all members of the association. In case majorities A. and B. are not attained, a second meeting shall be called, irrespective of these majorities.
- c. Decisions in meetings mentioned sub a and b are only valid if taken by a majority of members present. However in meetings called for amending these statutes and for dissolving the association, article 12 should be applied.

Article (8) Executives.

The association is led by a head committee of at least five members: comprising a chairman, a vicechairman, a secretary, and treasurer. All these shall be elected from and by the ordinary members of the association.

Article (9)

Finance.

To cover the expenses of the association there shall be an admission fee of 5/- for those living in

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Australia and f.0.50 (fifty cents) for those in liberated Indonesia and a monthly contribution of 2/- (two shillings) for those living in Australia and f.0.20 (twenty cents) for members in the liberated Indonesia.

And any other legitimate means.

Article (10)

Domestic Regulations.

What is not explicit in this statute will be set forth in the Domestic Regulations without being contradictory to this statute.

What is not to be found in the statute and domestic regulations shall be fixed up by the executives provided they are not in contradiction to the interest of the association.

Article (11) Branches of the Union.

In places with at least 25 members with the consent of the head committee, a branch can be established, directed by a committee of at least 5 members, among whom a chairman, a vice-chairman, a secretary and a treasurer to be elected from and by the ordinary members of the branch. This branch committee is under the supervision of the head committee.

Article (12)
Alteration of Statute
or

Dissolving of the Association.

To alter the statute or to dissolve the association a Congress must be called, especially for this purpose. The decisions of this congress will only be valid if the world of the conditions are fulfilled:

- a. The attendance should represent two thirds of the total votes of all the ordinary members of the association.
- b. The agreement should be obtained of two thirds of all the votes represented in this meeting.
- c. When at a first meeting the majorities are not obtained sub a. and b. a second meeting is called and held according to article 7 of this statute.

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