Once again the FEP. In the evening Mae West rang me up to say: "You can't go on this place tomorrow". It surprised me and I wondered where to. Then he explained that I couldn't go to Solo with Sxxxxz. Daxxxxp turned up enter to explain that twice I had expressed a desire to visit the interior, they had included my name on the list! Mae West seems to be growing fond of me! Jai Hind!
Heard in the morning that Noel Brinkley, Reuters correspondent, who was also refused permission alone into me last night, has left by the same plane with Sxxxxer. Perhaps, with the connivance of Mae west.

I have protested to DDR to whom I handed over a protest message to be sent to Supremo.

Singapore - Str. Centre - Br. Aust. & Ind. Coop. - Dutch Navy in Ind. largely directed by Aust. thro. Br. - Ind. incapacity to self govern?

Freedom as long as it retains pristine qualities of freedom & South. French code satisfies internal public opinion as much - does not matter whether it is nurtured by the Japs, Germans, Brit. or Americans or even Russians.
Mae wash sent Bob Kieck to ask me if I would approach the Gen and tell him that Noel Berkeley should be pardoned. I refused as I was fighting as a matter of principle.

Rumors of "shadow" between Syakin and Sockamo gaining ground. Don't believe in it because I know the anxiety with which such a contingency is feared in certain quarters.
H. J. B. is no other than Sgh. Banerjee of the Air Force, a Radical Democrat. He and Capt. Sen Gupta both have told Sjahmir that Nehru is a hypocrite!

Banerjee spreads the propaganda that Radhwaal Democratic Party is the only Socialist party in India. Darjo has flown off to Solo to find out the truth behind the rumours of a split between Sjahmir and Xockarroe.
Why is there so much fear in Jakarta? Americans put out their stars of stripes, for which their men at home are responsible, while the Dutch are using clothing and hiding themselves in army signs?
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Tuesday 14

Met Mr. Punjabi - wants me to cooperate with him by not resorting to regular news despatches and not interesting myself in obtaining nice for India - Problem politically dedicate in view of Dutch obstinacy. Obstinate I agreed provided he kept me informed.

Why do Indian army officers come here as British troops, shoot down Indonesians, and yet, patently with the Dutch and still expect to be treated as Indians who have sympathies to Indonesia?
Who is this Thamber who calls himself a Malay when he is a Ceylonese. He appears to me to be a very dangerous person - ostensibly he is working for the BR. too in addition for the Indonesians. He doesn't want any contacts between India and Indonesia.

An accreditation ceases w.e. from today.

Sjaharin returned from Solo. What is the future of these mal. ups who have deserted BR. lines and joined the Indonesians?

Sjaharin and Sharifuddin have assured me that they will not be handed over to anyone except Ind. govt. in case of political settlement.
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Thursday 16

Met Brig Lander and discussed with him question of had deserters who have taken up arms. Their total is about 160 according to him, but I believe there are a few more hundreds. I gave an undertaking that I would not file a story about it provided he brought it to the attention of Civil, India that these deserted for political or religious reasons. He also assured me that they will not be punished severely. I agreed in the future interests of an army - Brig Lander is an accommodation understanding officer.

Met Sjihari in the evening after Punjabi had seen him. Punjabi doing well.
Van Hooke's "off the record" press conference. He does not admit that British policy in India or elsewhere has no effect on events in Indonesia - from what he says the situation does not seem to be hopeful. He is wanting to find out the wishes of the population of other Indonesia by appointing representatives and elicit their opinions. In my question if people like Dr. Ratulangi would be released prior to holding a plebiscite in those areas, he evaded an answer.
Met Maj. Rebello (a Co-sen-in-law of Frank Moraes) at lunch with Mr. Vohra. He seems to be a nice and good officer of the Indian Army.
4 pm. Left Jacarta by train along with the cabinet ministers for Jogjacarta. Octomo was my escort and conducting officer from the Indian. My first sight of Indians working for the republic!

Passing the Gurkha line and entering ‘Laskar Raja’ line causes mild excitement. The “no man’s land” appears peaceful with a native pastoral beauty. I see the golden harvest paddy on one side and the transplanted on the other side of the railway line - Sun sets and my picture of the rice for India vanishes - late dinner hot rice and Curry - Old Agn Sali peeps in for a chat.
I am arrive Jogjacarta - Hotel Merdeka quite comfortable but nice times a day - day begins into (Naxxxx goroup) like hot coconut nice - Baniani, Harijo and later rain call on me - Meet president, 1952 agricultural assn & president of the hxxxxdan peasant movement - both support Sjahma nice offer - Met Indians who have deserted British lines to join Indonesians. They complain of Delhi broadcasts which mention of their having been enticed by women. My own impression is that some have fallen victims to the noise. I came over for religious reasons while large proportion for political reasons. They greet me ‘Jai Hind’.