

Dr. Sumiarsih Caropeboka, examining a fellow-prisoner at Plantungan. She has no stethoscope and examines her patient by placing her ear on the chest.



Many women prisoners were pregnant when they were arrested and gave birth in detention. Others were arrested with small children. Where there are no relatives to take the children, they grow up in detention or may eventually be placed in orphanages or families willing to take them.



The daily supply of drink. Boiled water is the only beverage supplied to the prisoners.



(On the right) One of the youngest prisoners at the camp. When this photograph was taken, she was under 20 and had been in detention for six years. She has had no contact with her relatives since her arrest

... "Now that six years have elapsed since the notorious Lubang Buaya tragedy, a question arose: Is the nation ready to forget the bloody event and give another chance to the Communists to repeat their treachery? The answer must be in the negative, lest the Communists make use of the chance for the third time. The Communist movement, though officially banned, is not quite dead in this country. The remnants of the banned PKI activists are still moving around consolidating their forces in their effort to stage a come back... The arrests of Communist remnants here and there support this position ....(They) should never be given any more chance to participate in the nation's politics, no matter what their comrades say abroad... Today is the time when the nation should renew the pledge to carry on the struggle of the fallen heroes and step up vigilance".

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A prisoner asleep in the dormitory. The space allotted to her is about two feet wide. The mat, blanket and pillow she uses were obtained from private donations.

(These shots were taken from a film made by a unit of the Dutch TV company, KRO, in August 1971).