

NEW GUINEA VOTE HAILED BY DUTCH

Papuans Elect 15 Members
of Legislature in Initial
Step Toward Self-Rule

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THE HAGUE, the Netherlands, March 2—One hundred thousand Papuan voters, many of whom put on clothes to take part in their first national election, have chosen fifteen residents of Netherlands New Guinea to serve in a legislative council. Dutch officials here hail the results as a first step toward self-determination.

One candidate, a Papuan district officer named Nicolaas Tanggahma, was chosen by electors in two districts. A new election will be held in one of these regions after he has decided which one he wishes to represent.

Governor P. J. Platteel will appoint twelve more members to form a council of twenty-eight. The council will have its first meeting April 5 in Hollandia, the territory's capital.

The final results of the elections, held during the last week, were received here today. Twelve of the council members chosen were Papuans and three were Dutch. All are Netherlands citizens.

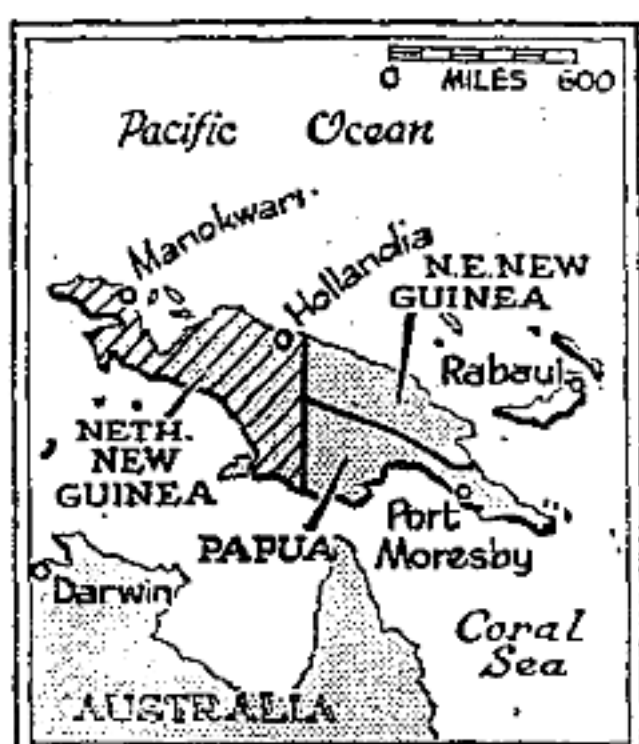
Council to Be Consulted

It is indicated here that after Governor Platteel has made his appointments to the council at least two-thirds of the members will be Papuans. The Netherlands Government has pledged that within one year the council will be asked to express its opinion on the method to be used in the approach to self-rule for Netherlands New Guinea.

Netherlands New Guinea has been the subject of a long and bitter dispute between the Netherlands and Indonesia, with President Sukarno's Government in Jakarta insisting that Indonesia is the rightful possessor.

Paper ballots were used in the towns of Hollandia and Manokwari, but in most of the rest of the territory the voting was done by "whispering ballots." The voter whispered a candidate's name in the ear of the election officer, who then marked the ballot and dropped it in a box. Candidates chosen by this method were assembled in an electoral college for the voting district and the college then chose one person to represent the district in the New Guinea council.

The Dutch Parliament began study yesterday of a Government ten-year plan for the development of Netherlands New Guinea. The Netherlands is providing annual aid to New Guinea of 100,000,000 guilders (about \$27,000,000), and this will rise during the development plan, which covers further building of schools, roads, ports, water systems and other basic government investments.



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in Netherlands New Guinea,
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for a legislative council.