

HOLLANDIA URGED TO SET ITS AIMS

New Guinea Invited by Dutch
Premier to Chart Future—

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HOLLANDIA, Netherlands New Guinea, April 5 (AP)—The Netherlands Government today invited the newly inaugurated Legislative Council of this South Pacific island territory to advise within a year on methods and possibly a date for self-determination.

The invitation came in a broadcast by Premier Jan de Quay of the Netherlands as the twenty-eight members of the New Guinea Council assembled for the first time in a new music hall amid much native pageantry.

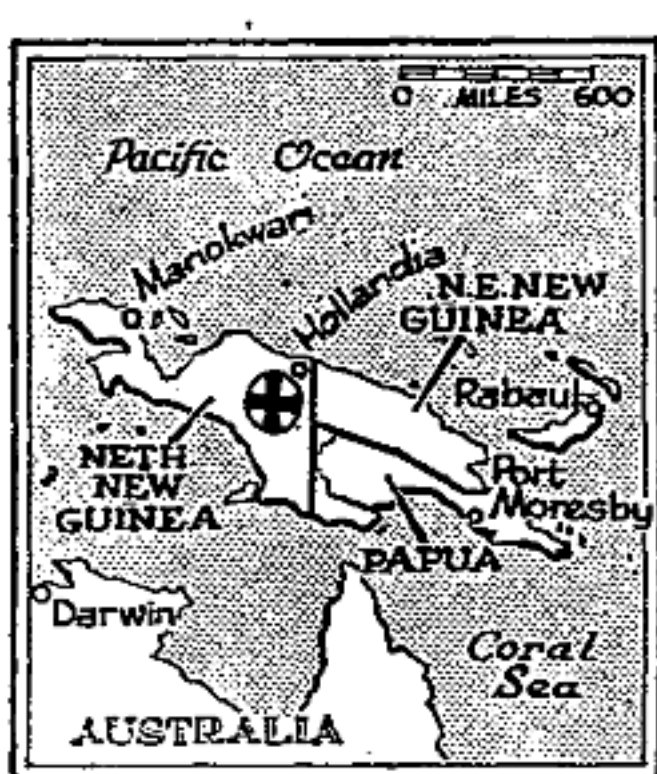
Queen Juliana, in a tape-recorded message to the Council, an advisory group, already had expressed the hope that the road to independence for the territory's 700,000 Papuans would be short.

Theo H. Bot, Dutch Secretary for New Guinea, promised that the Netherlands would continue to help with finances, material and personnel.

Papuans Elect 16

Sixteen members of the council were elected by 100,000 Papuans and the others appointed by the Dutch Governor, P. J. Platteel. Only five of the council are Dutch.

Alone among the members of the South Pacific Commission:



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A legislative council for Netherlands New Guinea opened in Hollandia (cross).

the United States declined to send an official representative to the inaugural. This action incurred the displeasure of the Dutch, who accused Washington of bowing to "Indonesian pressure."

The Indonesians assert that Dutch New Guinea, which they call West Irian, should have been surrendered to Indonesian sovereignty when the rest of the Dutch East Indies gained independence in 1949. The Indonesians say the New Guinea Council is a Dutch puppet.

"We are more than angry with the United States," said Nicolas Jouwe, a Papuan businessman, at the council's opening session today. "It claims to be the representative of democracy and the right of self-determination. Yet it is not represented here today."

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