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 in-
augurated Legislative Council of this South Pacific island ter-
ritory to advise within a year on methods and possibly a date for self-determination.

The invitation came in a broadcast by Premier Jan
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 Coun-
cil, and Prime Minister Joop van den Ende, who had expressed the hope that the road to independence for the territory’s 700,000 Papuans would be short.

The Dutch Secretary for New Guinea, promised that the Netherlands would continue to supply finances, material and personnel.

Papuans Elect 16
Sixteen members of the coun-
cil, including one Papuan, were elected by the Papuans and the others ap-
dointed by the Dutch Governor, P. J. van der Westhuysen. Only five of the council are Dutch.

Alone among the members of the South Pacific Commission:

the United States declined to send an official representative to the inaugur. This action incensed the displeasure of the Dutch, who accused Wash-
ington of bowing to “Indonesian pressure.”

The Indonesians assert that Dutch East Indies, 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 Indo-
nesians say the New Guinea Council is a Dutch puppet.

The Papuas, at the council’s opening session today, “It claims to be a forum for democracy and the right of self-
determination. Yet it is not represented here today.”

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