

SUKARNO PLEDGES NEW GUINEA DRIVE

Indonesian Leader Declares He Will Order 'Liberation' of Dutch Area Soon

By United Press International.

BANDUNG, Indonesia, Nov. 30 — President Sukarno said today that the "decisive moment" for the "liberation" of Netherlands New Guinea was at hand. He said he would call on "all progressive forces and friends" for help in wresting the territory from the Dutch.

"We do not want to wait any longer," Mr. Sukarno declared. He ordered his armed forces to prepare for the "liberation" of the disputed territory, which the Indonesians call West Irian.

"I will give my command in the near future," Mr. Sukarno said.

He made his statements in a speech to army officers attending the Indonesian Army's staff school here.

Opposes Mediation

He said attempts by the United States and other countries to mediate the Indonesian-Dutch dispute were "no longer of help." "We will mobilize all progressive forces and friends outside Indonesia," he declared.

Asked later if he had set any absolute deadline for the territory to be turned over before he would seek its "liberation," he said: "Wait and see until I open my mouth."

Mr. Sukarno originally had promised to give the "final command" following debate on the issue in the United Nations. The debate ended earlier this week.

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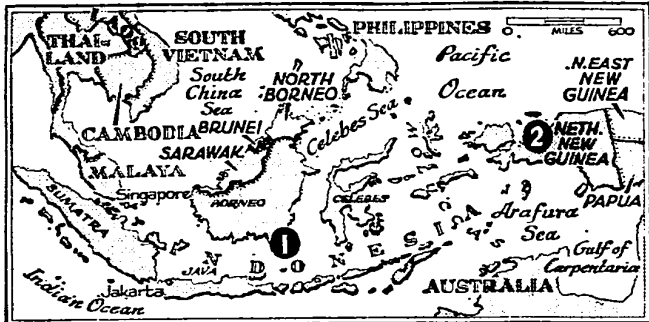
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the western half of the island of New Guinea, which is separated from northern Australia by the Torres Strait and the Arafura Sea.

Netherlands New Guinea has long been administered by the Dutch as part of the Netherlands East Indies. It was not included in the territory of the Indonesian Republic, which was formed after World War II. This caused friction between Indonesia, which claims the area for geographic reasons, and the Netherlands, which holds that the population of Netherlands New Guinea has no ties to the Malay population of Indonesia.

The northeastern part of New Guinea is known as the Territory of New Guinea and is governed by Australia under a United Nations trusteeship. The southeastern part of New Guinea is Australian and is known as the Territory of Papua.



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'LIBERATION' SOUGHT: President Sukarno told the armed forces of Indonesia (1) to prepare for action to wrest Netherlands New Guinea (2) from the Dutch.