Warship Brings Sukarno To Province of West Irian

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KOTABARU, Saturday, May 1—President Sukarno of Indonesia stepped ashore this morning at Kotabaru, capital of the new Indonesian province of West Irian.

The Soviet-built cruiser Irian, flagship of the Indonesian fleet, brought the President here along with diplomats representing the major countries of the world in Jakarta.

When he came ashore at a pier decked with Indonesian flags, President Sukarno stood on the soil of what was Netherlands New Guinea until control passed from a United Nations administrative group to Indonesia on Wednesday.

After ceremonies here today, the President will fly tomorrow over the mountains of West Irian's interior to Merauke, the principal town on the south

coast.

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