

Indonesia Accepts Plan For Vote in West Irian

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Sept. 30—Adam Malik, Foreign Minister of Indonesia, today reversed an earlier declaration by President Sukarno and promised to hold a plebiscite on the future of West Irian.

When the United Nations arranged for the transfer of this territory, formerly the colony of Dutch New Guinea, to Indonesia's control in 1963, it was agreed that by 1969 the people would be permitted "an act of self-determination."

But as soon as Indonesia had taken over this wild, sparsely populated half of New Guinea, President Sukarno announced there would be no plebiscite. He said it was already clear that the people wanted to remain Indonesians.

"I visited West Irian recently," Mr. Malik said today. "I was handed a long petition, saying all the people wanted to remain in Indonesia. But I told them there must be a plebiscite."

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