Radio Reports Indonesia Used Rockets in West Irian

PORT MORESBY, Papua, Tuesday, May 6 (Reuters)—The Australian Broadcasting Commission reported today that Indonesia had used rockets in a military operation in mountainous West Irian to quell an uprising among 30,000 highland tribesmen.

The radio, in a report from its Jakarta correspondent, said an Indonesian bomber used the rockets in a raid on the town of Enarotali in the former Dutch territory’s central ranges area following a ground attack by rebels on an aircraft carrying the West Irian Army commander. The radio said its correspondent, who returned to Jakarta yesterday, reported two commando companies were parachuted into the jungle near Enaratoli Sunday for an advance on the town.

The correspondent said the trouble began two weeks ago when “growing resentment among primitive tribesmen forced officials of the Indonesian Administration and their families to leave Enaratoli.”