

Indonesia Reports West Irian Terror Campaign

JAKARTA, Indonesia, May 8 (Reuters) — A top Indonesian official said today that an anti-Government terror campaign had begun in West Irian, and the Jakarta administration banned journalists and foreign diplomats from the vast, primitive region.

West Irian, the western half of the island of New Guinea, is about the size of California — 159,000 square miles. The people of West Irian who are Papuans, are scheduled to decide this summer whether to remain part of Indonesia. The guarantee of such an "act of free choice" was part of the agreement under which the area was transferred from the Netherlands to Indonesia in 1963. The unrest is understood to center on a Government plan not to hold a one-man, one-vote plebiscite.

Dr. Sudjarwo Tjondronegoro, Deputy Foreign Minister for West Irian Affairs, said that recent outbreaks of fighting in West Irian were the start of a wider plot by an underground "free Papua" movement.

Speaking at a news conference from which foreign news organizations were excluded, Dr. Sudjarwo said that West Irianese seeking independence had kidnapped or intimidated pro-Indonesian leaders in West Irian, including a local legislator.

Clashes With Guerrillas

Indonesian troops captured documents detailing kidnapping plans in clashes with small guerrilla groups, Dr. Sudjarwo said.

"If they start these terror activities, we have to take action against them" he said.

The exclusion of newsmen and foreign diplomats from West Irian came two days after the Government confirmed reports of a renewed outbreak of rebellion and announced that it had sent in 500 paratroops.

Outsiders Are Forbidden to Enter Area — Jakarta Sees Start of Wide Plot

Announcing the press ban, the information Ministry said that it was hoped that the ban would be relaxed by the time scheduled for the decision on self-determination, in July and August. The United Nations is to assist in this effort.

The 1962 Dutch-Indonesian agreement does not state precisely how the "act of free choice" should be carried out and there has been evidence of Irianese dissatisfaction over the method the Indonesians are proposing—a nonvoting consensus among 1,000 community leaders. The area has a population of 728,000, mostly tribesmen of non-Indonesian stock.

American Protestant missionaries and their families have been evacuated from part of West Irian, where they were living among tribesmen, a United States Embassy official said. They were evacuated from Enaratoli, where rebels and Government troops fought two weeks ago.