

U.N. BACKS JAKARTA ON WEST IRIAN RULE

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y., Nov. 19 (Reuters)—The United Nations endorsed today Indonesia's take-over of the former territory of Dutch West New Guinea, despite fierce African opposition to the recent "act of free choice" there.

The General Assembly voted, 84-0, with 30 abstentions, for a joint Netherlands-Indonesian resolution in which both countries agreed to recognize and abide by the results of the act, under which the territory—now known as West Irian—became part of Indonesia.

Most Western, Warsaw Pact and Asian nations voted for the resolution. Besides 24 African countries, Israel, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Guyana, Venezuela and Brazil abstained.

Under the "act of free choice"—held under United Nations observation—1,025 specially selected delegates cast votes on behalf of the Papuan population. The vote was unanimous in favor of Indonesian rule.

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