

FORECASTS (for 24 hours from 8 a.m.):  
CITY: Strong, cooler W winds. Cloudy.  
Chippy seas. Max. temp. 65 deg. N.S.W.:  
Cold usually W winds with showers  
over and southern districts. Easterly  
snowfalls, southern highlands.

SUN: Total 17  
MOON: Rise 7.4  
WIND: (Per cent)  
(4.1-10) 8.4 (Per cent)  
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## AGREEMENT ON WEST N.G. REPORTED: "HAND OVER NEXT MAY"

WASHINGTON, July 31 (A.A.P.-Reuter). — Dutch and Indonesian negotiators have reached agreement on "all essential points" for the transfer of the administration of West New Guinea, diplomatic sources said today.

The agreement, it is understood, will give Indonesia control in West New Guinea by May 30 next year.

The diplomatic sources expect that the two nations will now draw up a treaty at U.N. headquarters in New York. Probably they will sign it by August 15.

The Indonesian Foreign Minister, Dr Subandrio, who has been in Washington for the past 10 days, will leave today for New York, before flying to Indonesia to report to President Soekarno.

that, Dr Van Roijen, who has been in charge of negotiations for Holland, will leave Washington tonight for The Hague to report to his Government.

In the meantime talks between the two delegations will go on.

### 'BUNKER PLAN' BASIS

The Acting Secretary-General of the United Nations, U Thant, was informed today of the results of the talks. A spokesman for U Thant said later the talks were "progressing very satisfactorily". U Thant is believed to be well pleased by the development, making success for his first major mediation effort since he succeeded the late Mr Dag Hammarskjöld as chief U.N. administrator. He is expected to issue a communique later today, or tomorrow, covering the main topics of the agreement reached. Exactly how the transfer of authority will be carried out under the draft plan reported to be agreed to is not known. However, it is believed the agreement has mainly been

based on the U.S. "Bunker Plan". The "Bunker Plan" evolved by Mr Ellsworth Bunker, the U.S. diplomat who has been a third party basis for formal negotiations at the private talks, provided for a phased hand-over of the administration of West New Guinea by the Dutch to the Indonesians. A temporary executive authority under U Thant would have been set up beginning with the second U.N. officials would be replaced by Indonesian with the understanding that full administrative control would be transferred to the Djakarta Government by the end of the second year. That time-table has now been speeded up, but its essential features are understood to have been retained.

#### Safeguarding Of Interests

Also retained in the draft, diplomatic informants say, is Holland's insistence on guarantees for safeguarding the interests, including the right of self-determination, of the Papuan natives of West New Guinea. Diplomatic sources say that a number of matters of a financial and military nature still remain to be discussed.

It is not at all improbable, they add, that special advisers in those fields will be brought to Washington to take part in the continuation of negotiations. It was stated some time ago that, after agreement was reached between the Dutch and Indonesians in the talks under Mr Bunker's auspices, a further conference would take place with U Thant himself in the chair.

#### Assembly To Approve

The U.N. General Assembly is expected to approve the necessary measures for the implementation of the agreement through a phase which will give the U.N. a key role in West New Guinea. U Thant is expected to submit the question to the agenda of the seventeenth session, opening on September 16. It is expected to be given priority consideration by the Assembly.

However, much still remains to be done. The talks at Hantslands, outside Washington, have been in the nature of exploratory discussions to see whether there was a basis for more formal negotiations to be held under the auspices of the United Nations.

In these circumstances, some diplomats close to the talks say the plan now

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### Accord On Dutch N. Guinea

Transfer of authority came after the talks had run into serious difficulties last week over Indonesian demands for reducing the period of transition.

Sources say that the Djakarta Government had during last week's talks called for handing over of authority by January 1 next.

Diplomatic circles say that the compromise will avoid any direct transfer of authority from Holland to Indonesia.

#### Mass Air Evacuation

This means, presumably, that the plan now drawn up will still call for the United Nations initially to supervise the handover.

It was announced at the Hague yesterday that mass air evacuation of Dutch women and children from the major towns in West New Guinea will take place over the next three weeks. It will touch the Hollandia, the territory's capital; Serui, Manokwari and Biak (Islands on the north coast); Fak-Fak on the west coast; Merauke on the south coast.

The airlift will be part of "operation spectrum" based on the evacuation of 6,200 Dutch women and children in the next few months.

This represents about 90 per cent of the dependants of Dutch military and civil staff in West New Guinea.