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NEW GUINEA

Problem In Making
For Australia

SIR, When the Minister for External Affairs "hopes that the final settlement of the West New Guinea problem will accord with the principles of the United Nations" one is entitled to wonder what on earth he is talking about.

The Minister may view with equanimity, even gratification, the outcome of this sordid affair, but others may not consider that Australia's contribution to this action the handing over of the West New Guinea peoples to the mercies of an alien Indonesian rabble—is a matter for self-congratulation, even though the principal broker has been the United States.

If the Minister believes that the Communist-tainted Government of Indonesia will permit its new subjects to acquire self-government in 10 years, he is being remarkably ingenuous. Moreover, he and our Government have presented Australia with the making of an irritating policing, not to say defence problem, which we may yet live to regret.

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Sir,—Congratulations on the editorial "Appeasement And What Comes After It" ("Herald," August 2), in which you have had both the courage and foresight to print the real implications of the acquisition of West New Guinea by Indonesia.

How many Australians realise the significance of that statement, "the third largest Communist Party in all the world will be entrenched there."

Communists never lose sight of the fact that their main objective is world domination. Appeasement only encourages them to go after greater gains.

Can the Red tide be stopped? Yes, providing sufficient newspapers, organisations and individuals so mould public opinion that the combined clamour will force Governments to act to preserve what we are in danger of losing our little-appreciated freedom.

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