Bishop Urges Action In Canberra

"Explosive Situation" Seen In New Guinea Settlement

The Bishop Armidale, the Rt. Rev. J. S. Moyes, yesterday said that with the West New Guinea settlement, Australians were in an explosive situation which could affect areas and peoples beyond the limits of West New Guinea.

"I speak as a citizen and not in any official capacity, on a matter that is of world significance," Bishop Moyes said.

"It is a matter of concern, and I doubt whether public opinion is concerned, with the ownership of a few thousand square miles of unoccupied swamp land in West New Guinea.

"There are serious and far-reaching moral issues involved in the future of the people of West New Guinea, and this is my concern. It should be made clear to Australians that the agreement made between the Netherlands and Indonesia was not negotiated under United Nations auspices, but with Mr. Elsworthy Barker, of the United States, as chairman and mediator.

"Neither party acted specifically at the behest of the United Nations. This agreement still has to come before the Security Council for its consideration.

"As far as the majority of the members of the United Nations are concerned, it seems to me that their view was expressed eight months ago, and that the United Nations should then send a proponent into New Guinea to assume control of the administration. The voting was a few short of the 75 per cent required to make this mandatory.

"I would have urged the Security Council for the reason that the vote would have prevented any decision being reached."

"Three Facts To Remember"

"First, Indonesia is a member of the United Nations, and the British are under an obligation to support the United Nations. Second, the West New Guinea settlement is not a matter of domestic politics in Indonesia. The third fact is that the West New Guinea settlement will have implications for the whole world, including Australia.

"I would like to see the Government give a clear and unequivocal undertaking that it will grant Australia, New Guinea and Indonesia a voice in the West New Guinea settlement."

Aid To Cut Red Tape

The N.S.W. Public Service Board will establish a central bureau to help the public deal with State Government departments, the chairman of the N.S.W. Public Service Board, Mr. J. W. Goodsell, said yesterday.

Mr Goodsell said the bureau would advise people where to go with particular problems and give them any information they needed.

It would also help them in Government offices and at the bureau's office on their return from a four-month trip overseas.

"To illustrate this," Mr Goodsell said, "I will go up to the General Assembly of the United Nations, and when there I will be able to get help from the bureau."

The Premier, Mr Heffron, met State Government officials at the bureau's office when he arrived in Sydney.

"I think this is a tremendous opportunity for the people of this country," Mr Goodsell said. "It will be open to all Australians and will also take telephone inquiries for information."