

MOST DUTCH BACK NEW GUINEA PLAN

Big Labor Opposition Bloc Favors a U. N. Authority

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THE HAGUE, the Netherlands, Oct. 3—The Labor party, the leading Opposition group with one-third of the votes in Parliament, supported today a proposal to place Netherlands New Guinea under a United Nations authority.

Foreign Minister Joseph M. A. H. Luns made this proposal to the United Nations General Assembly on Sept. 26. The Parliamentary debate indicated today that most of the country supports the plan.

The Netherlands administers the western part of New Guinea as a non-self-governing territory. Indonesia, which calls the area West Irian, claims the territory.

Indonesian Claim Opposed

Dr. Luns told the General Assembly that the Indonesian claim nullified the population's right of self-determination. He said that the Netherlands was prepared to give sovereignty to the territory's people and suggested that the United Nations set up an international development authority for an interim period. The Netherlands would continue to contribute \$30,000,000 a year for development.

Jacob A. W. Burger made the opening Labor party speech of a general debate in the Second Chamber, the lower house of Parliament. He criticized the Government on numerous issues but supported the policy on New Guinea.

Mr. Burger said there was little need for talks with Indonesia about the territory. He stressed that neither the Netherlands nor Indonesia should have representatives on the international authority that would direct the development of the territory.

Indonesia Talks Sought

J. A. H. J. S. Bruins Slot, speaking for the Anti-Revolutionary party, praised the Government's plan. But he urged that an effort be made to talk

with Indonesia about the problem.

P. J. Oud, speaking for the Liberal party, also endorsed the United Nations authority plan. He said there was no acceptable basis for talking with Indonesia about New Guinea, since the self-determination of the people there had to be guaranteed and the Indonesians would not accept this.

The Netherlands Government is composed of a coalition with the following votes in the lower house: Catholics forty-nine, Liberals nineteen, Anti-Revolutionary fourteen and Christian Historical twelve.

The Labor party has forty-eight votes and the Communists, who oppose the plan, three. Dr. Luns is a member of the Catholic party, which is solidly behind the plan for a United Nations authority.

Before today's debate it was assumed that any Government that proposed to give up sovereignty to Netherlands New Guinea would have trouble with public opinion. Observers believe that today's discussion showed the plan for a United Nations authority had won a great majority of the people.