

Indonesians, Dutch Settle Bitter Dispute

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP)—A bitter 13-year dispute over West New Guinea has been ended by an agreement under which the Netherlands will bow out of the big island territory it has ruled for 134 years.

The western half of the island will be transferred first to a temporary U.N. administration and then will be handed over to Indonesia by next May 1. Its final disposition will be decided by a U.N.-supervised plebiscite in 1969.

In the detailed agreement signed by Dutch and Indonesian representatives Wednesday night, the Netherlands government gave up the last bit of its colonial empire in the Far East. Indonesia won independence in 1949.

Both Indonesian and Dutch representatives hailed the agreement as a major achievement for acting U.N. Secretary-General U Thant and his special envoy, former U.S. diplomat Ellsworth Bunker, who negotiated the settlement.

Dutch Premier Jan de Quay took a different tack. In a radio-television address to the Dutch people Wednesday night, he said his government had yielded because the pressure of Indonesian military action "threatened to culminate in a real war" and because "the Netherlands no longer could count upon its allies for support." He obviously referred to the United States.

Sporadic Clashes

Thant stepped into the controversy last March after Indonesian President Sukarno's invasion preparations threatened a shooting war. Negotiations proceeded amid a background of sporadic Indonesian paratroop landings, and military clashes continued until within

hours of the signing of the agreement.

Under the approved peace plan, a cease-fire becomes effective at one minute after 7 p.m. Friday.

Although parts of the settlement are subject to approval by the U.N. General Assembly, which meets Sept. 18, it appeared certain the first steps would be taken by Oct. 1 as agreed by the two nations.

This means a U.N. administrator, supported by a civilian staff and U.N. military force of at least an infantry battalion, will arrive in West New Guinea between Sept. 18 and Oct. 1. The Dutch will start pulling out as soon as the U.N. administrator arrives.

Executive Authority

Thant pointed out that the U.N. role in West New Guinea would be considerably different from the part it is playing in the Congo and other trouble spots. For the first time in its history, he said, the world organization will have temporary executive authority over a vast territory. He also pointed out that Indonesia and the Netherlands agreed to share the expenses equally.

Under the agreement, the United Nations will keep representatives in West New Guinea until the self-determination plebiscite is held seven years from now. The Dutch accepted this as an assurance that the Indonesian government would not be permitted to tear up the plebiscite pledge once it had control of the territory.



Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio, left, signs copy of treaty ending dispute with the Netherlands over the territory of West New Guinea in ceremony Wednesday in the chambers of the U.N. Security Council in New York. Seated at the table are U.N. Acting Secretary-General U Thant, center, and J. Herman Van Roijen, right, Dutch ambassador to the U.S. Ellsworth Bunker, U.S. ambassador, second from left, helped draft the agreement which transfers control of the area from the Dutch to the U.N. and later to Indonesia. (AP Wirephoto)

France Relinquishes Last India Holdings

NEW DELHI—France's last formal hold on Indian soil came to an end Thursday with the exchange of instruments ceding

to India the four coastal enclaves that formed French India.

The documents were exchanged by Prime Minister Nehru and French Ambassador Jean Paul Garnier in a simple ceremony after coffee and biscuits in Nehru's office at the foreign ministry.

India had controlled Pondicherry and the other three enclaves—186 square miles with 500,000 people—since a de facto transfer treaty was signed in November 1954 in Paris.

The final transfer treaty signed in New Delhi May 28, 1956. After six years of repeated Indian reminders, the French parliament ratified the treaty last month.

Thursday's ceremony was the final act in a colonial history going back to the 17th century in which Britain, France, Portugal and Holland contended for control of India.

Britain emerged as the ruler of the subcontinent with France and Portugal relegated to tiny coastal enclaves. Holland was squeezed out and turned its attention to Indonesia.

British and French rule in India ended peacefully through negotiations, but Nehru sent his army to seize the Portuguese enclaves last December.

Montgomery Report False, Winnie Says

LONDON (AP)—Sir Winston Churchill, 87, issued a denial from his hospital bed to Viscount Field Marshal Montgomery's statement that the former prime minister opposes Britain's membership in the European Common Market.

Montgomery spent 40 minutes in Churchill's hospital room Tuesday and emerged to tell reporters:

"He was sitting up in bed smoking a cigar, shouting for more brandy and protesting against Britain's proposed entry into the Common Market."

A few hours later, Churchill heard a radio newscaster report Montgomery's statement. He immediately ordered his secretary, Anthony Montague Browne, to release for the first time a letter containing his views on the Common Market he sent to the Conservative party chairman of his constituency, Woodford, last year.

There was no other statement beyond the letter. But that note made it plain that Churchill considers himself a father of the idea of European unity and a vigorous campaign of British membership, provided that commonwealth interests are protected.

Montgomery, a leading opponent of British membership in the Common Market, was unavailable for comment on Churchill's letter—the first public stand the old warrior has taken for or against the membership.

Oregon Gets Road Funds

WASHINGTON (AP)—Oregon will get \$11,822,000 as its share of federal speed-up highway funds.

G. S. Paxson, deputy highway engineer for Oregon, said the Highway Department had not yet received official word of the release in the frozen funds.

He did say, however, that when the funds were frozen, Oregon was already out ahead in the construction program, and had already put many projects under contract, therefore did not have as much money left for this current release.

In the allocation announced Wednesday only three states had smaller amounts than Oregon: New Hampshire \$6,199,000, Alaska \$10,368,000 and Delaware \$10,733,000.

Washington state was listed for \$33,624,000, Idaho \$21,820,000 and California \$98,302,000.

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Bandits Rob, Kill Peasants In Colombia

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP)—Army troops combed the countryside 100 miles northeast of Bogota Thursday for bandits who attacked a civilian bus with grenades and automatic weapons, killing at least 24 persons and wounding 14 others.

An unofficial source said 28 to 32 persons were killed in Wednesday's attack, believed led by Efraim Gonzalez, a notorious killer. The bandits stripped their victims of jewelry and other valuables before fleeing into nearby woods as another bus approached.

The victims were mostly peasants bound for the town of Chiquiquira to shop and to visit a shrine of the Virgin Mary on the Feast of the Assumption, a national holiday in this predominantly Roman Catholic country.

Authorities said some passengers were spared when a grenade failed to explode. Troops and medical units were sent to the scene as the government issued a call for blood donations.

It was the worst terrorist attack since a bomb blast killed 50 persons attending Christmas Eve festivities at the Buga army garrison.

The banditry that plagues the Colombian interior is an outgrowth of the 1948-58 political war which killed an estimated 200,000 Colombians.

Judges Dismiss Apportioning Suit

MILWAUKEE (AP)—A panel of three federal judges Wednesday dismissed a suit by Wisconsin's attorney general in which he asked the court to order reapportionment of Wisconsin's political districts before the fall elections.

The panel concurred with the recommendations of its special master that the "equities are not with the plaintiffs," and ordered that the suit be dismissed without prejudice to a similar action seeking relief after Aug. 1, 1963, if the state legislature has not completed action on redistricting by that time.

"As a practical matter," the panel said in a 14-page decision, "it is impossible at this late date to enter orders which would change the election dates of the primary and general elections and also to change all the statutory preliminary requirements."

The order was signed by U.S. Appeals Judge F. Ryan Duffy Sr., and District Judges Patrick T. Stone and Kenneth Grubb. Former Wisconsin Supreme

Officers Escape

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)—Four army officers have escaped from a prison in Caracas where they were awaiting sentence for a revolt, authorities said Wednesday.

Cloture Prompts Sharp Duels Acrid Atmosphere Hangs Over Senate

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WASHINGTON—Unaccustomed as its members are to speaking briefly, the Senate operating under cloture has an acrid atmosphere that forecasts new troubles for President Kennedy's legislative program.

Under the cloture rule, unused for 35 years until it was invoked by a 63-27 vote Tuesday, each senator is limited to a total of one hour's talk while the administration's communications satellite bill is before the body.

A full day's experience in its operation Wednesday left the Senate short in temper and accomplishments but long on scars that may not be healed when other measures are taken up under the customarily unlimited debate.

Democratic Leader Mike Mansfield of Montana, who has the principal responsibility for piloting the President's program through the Senate, jumped on the bill's opponents for abusing the rules by forcing frequent quorum calls.

'This Lousy Bill'

Sen. Russell B. Long, D-La., who said he hoped he could kill "this lousy bill," took out after Sen. Lee Metcalf, D-Mont.

Presiding at the time, Metcalf was about to submit to the Senate itself Mansfield's point of order that opponents were engaging in "dilatory tactics" in violation of the cloture rule. Long demanded to be heard but Metcalf said the point wasn't debatable.

"Don't give your colleague (Mansfield) the whole damn floor," Long roared.

Sen. Estes Kefauver, D-Tenn., another opponent of the bill, quieted Long and the Louisiana senator subsided temporarily.

This and other demonstrations caused some of cloture's best friends—who for years have argued how wonderful it would be to be able to seal up a

filibuster inside an iron-clad limitation on talk—to express some public doubts about the way things were going.

Two Make Plea

Sens. Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating, New York Republicans, pleaded with opponents not to offer fly-speck amendments which administration leaders swatted down with motions to table (kill). This motion cuts off debate immediately.

Javits said cloture—which he would like for the Senate to use to pass some civil rights legislation—would be discredited if members voted without even discussing amendments.

Bruised opponents of the bill also complained. Sen. Wayne Morse, D-Ore., got into a yelling match with Sen. John O. Pastore, D-R.I., one of the measure's sponsors, after Pastore announced he would move to table a civil rights amendment.

Nerve-Fraying Battle

The incidents were only the outward manifestation of a rasping, nerve-fraying battle in which each side took advantage of every parliamentary quirk to make it tough for the enemy.

Sen. Robert S. Kerr, D-Okla., a deft duelist with rules, cut opponents down with frequent objections and motions.

Kerr will have a major share of the responsibility of guiding through the Senate the administration's tax revision and international trade bill. And Morse already has made some threatening gestures toward the latter.

Actor Arrested

HOLLYWOOD (AP)—Veteran character actor Alan Mowbray was arrested Wednesday night and booked on suspicion of drunken driving. Mowbray, 66, was released on bail.

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