

"No Implications" In N. Guinea Statement

Australian Associated Press
NEW YORK, November 22.

Australia gave an assurance yesterday that any suggestion of military implications in the recent joint Dutch-Australian statement on New Guinea was "completely unfounded."

Opening the UN debate on New Guinea on Wednesday, the Indonesian Foreign Minister (Dr. Subandrio) said his country feared that the joint statement had military implications. The chairman of the Australian delegation (Dr. E. R. Walker) told the UN political committee on behalf of his Government yesterday that the statement was "no more than it purports to be."

"No Evidence"
"I will only say that never has there been any credible evidence that this fear has the slightest justification in fact," he said.
A Reuter correspondent reports that the Australian statement is understood to have been completed only after all-night consultations between the delegation and the Federal Government.

Dr. Walker said that the Australian Government wanted the stability and unity of Indonesia and nothing less than the best and most friendly relations with a country whose future and that of Australia would inevitably be closely linked.

Australia could not accept the view that Indonesia had any valid claim to West New Guinea.

There was no indigenous movement in West New Guinea which claimed independence or association with Indonesia or any other country.

"Indeed, there cannot be at present," he said, "because the people are still unfamiliar with such political ideas as nationhood and independence."
The Indonesian Government claimed that there were spokesmen for the territory in Indonesia.

Western New Guinea—Papuan who are very different from the people of Indonesia—are to be handed over, with the support and blessing of UN, from one nation to another, to be compulsorily separated forever from their fellows in the great island of New Guinea.

The issue was purely and simply a claim for the transfer of territory and population.

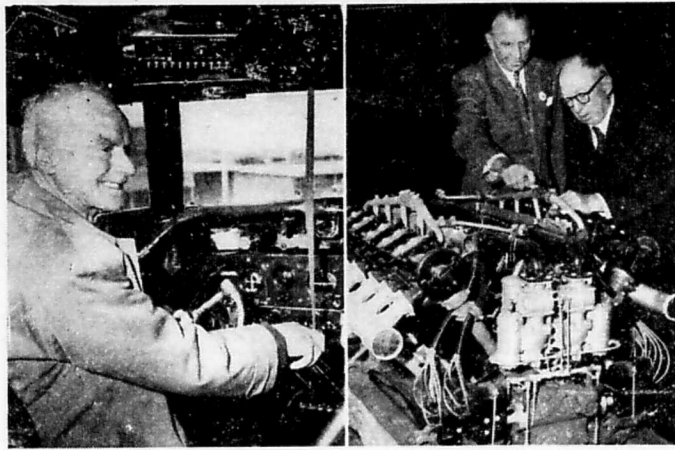
It was not a "colonial issue" and there was no threat to the peace arising from conditions in Western New Guinea.

"Anomalous"
"It is surely anomalous that a country which has only recently gained its own independence demands that UN give support and encouragement to its claim that in people in Netherlands New Guinea, be brought under its control without any prospect of choosing their own political future," he said.

"On the other hand, the Netherlands offers them the promise of self-determination as soon as they are able to make a choice."

"We in Australia believe that the people of Western New Guinea must be assisted to prepare for self-government."

AVIATION PIONEERS AT ADELAIDE AIRPORT



Mr. R. G. Carey, who flew SA's first air mail between Adelaide and Gawler 40 years ago, arrived in Adelaide from Melbourne yesterday to fly in the DC3 aircraft that will re-enact the flight this afternoon.

Above, Mr. Carey gets the feel of the controls of the DC6B airliner which brought him to Adelaide.

At right, Mr. C. A. Wittber, of Adelaide, examines the engines again at Adelaide Airport yesterday. With him is the Adelaide manager of TAA (Mr. R. M. Rechner).

UNREST SPREADS ON WHARFS

From Our Staff Representative
SYDNEY, November 22.

Two wharf disputes today left 13 of the 38 ships in Sydney without labor, and more than 2,500 waterside workers were idle.

Government Not Backing Ansett Bid
CANNBERRA, Nov. 22.

Denials were issued officially today about rumors that the Federal Government is supporting Ansett-ANA in attempts

The main dispute is over the dismissal and deregistration of a waterside named Krespi after he had admitted bashing a 63-year-old foreman stevedore.

An owners' official said: "Our intention is to insist on manning the vessels worked by the Central Company."
"We will not give in on this matter."

About 310 men directed by press and radio pick-up today to work the Ixion, Soochow and Isarstein failed to report for work and were dismissed. The three vessels are handled by Central Wharf Stevedoring Ltd.

The overseas liner Arcadia was affected by the strike. Passengers and

New U.S. Missile Test Site

Australian Associated Press
WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.

Plans to build a huge \$65m. missile site in Wyoming were announced by the Defence Department yesterday.

Construction at the Francis E. Warren Air Force base at Cheyenne would begin "during the middle part of 1958."

The department did not announce the purpose of the new missile site.

But American press reports say it is apparently intended as a launching base for the 5,300-mile range Atlas missile.

The announcement said that between 4,000 and 5,000 men would be needed to "operate the missile facility."

"Failures"
Senator Clinton Anderson (Democrat, New Mexico) yesterday sharply criticised the performance of missiles in a demonstration on Wednesday at White Sands proving ground.

In a formal statement he said that three of six types failed.

RETREAT IN FACE OF HUGE FIRE

Our Staff Representative
SYDNEY, Nov. 22.

Late tonight, 500 firefighters were retreating in the face of a huge bushfire in the Blue Mountains, west of Sydney.

The fire, burning on a 10-mile front, is between Falconbridge and Glenbrook. It had been burning all day but flared up dangerously tonight.

Trapped

During the day in the mountains:—

- Five airmen escaped but one was injured when they were trapped by one outbreak at Springwood.
- Winds up to 40 mph swept through burning gullies.
- The Great Western Highway, linking Sydney with mountain towns was cut in at least a dozen places.
- Trains through the area were held up for up to four hours.

The five airmen were among a squad of over 300 men from Richmond Air Force Base tackling the outbreaks.

"Shot Past"
One of the men, Cpl. C. Muller, said "We were playing the hose on a fire when it went with a burst."



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