Jakarta Renounces Pledge To Hold Irian Plebiscite

JAKARTA, Indonesia, Dec. 7 (Reuters)—Indonesia renounced today an agreement to hold a plebiscite in 1969 in West Irian, the former Netherlands New Guinea, which it took over three years ago.

The Home Affairs Minister, Lieut. Gen. Basuki Rahmat, said the decision not to hold the plebiscite was in line with the wishes of the West Irianese people.

West Irian was transferred from the Netherlands to Indonesia in May 1963 with the agreement that Indonesia would hold a plebiscite in 1969 to determine whether the Irianese wished to remain in the republic.