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BIG GAINS ON LAND, IN AIR

Enemy loses 20 outposts

RAWALPINDI, Dec 5: Pakistani forces have captured as many as twenty Indian outposts in the area between Burki and Hussainiwala, including the Khemkaran Customs post on the West Pakistan border and have also made further gains in occupied Kashmir where our troops are dominating Poonch town.

An official spokesman told newsmen today that fighting was continuing in near and across the ceasefire line in Jammu and Kashmir and on the Indo-Pakistan border in Punjab plain.

The posts which fell in the Pakistan hands are:

LAHORE AREA: 1. Akharpur 2. Balol 3. Goga 4. Veera including Dhassan Bund 5. Bhage Kamo 6. Tooti 7. Area between Rani and Pul Kanjri.

BURKI AREA: Forward line of the UBD (Upper Bari Doab Canal).

KASUR AREA: Four outposts including the Khemkaran Customs post.

HUSSAINIWALA AREA: line of Sutlej River.

FAZILKA SECTOR: About eight outposts including Khanwala, Sawar, Pakka and Mohammad Peer.

According to the spokesman on the fighting across the ceasefire line (CFL) in Jammu and Kashmir the enemy suffered 300 casualties — good and wounded — most of these casualties are reported from the Tithwal and Uri sectors.

The enemy attacked our main positions in strength at Dog points along the CFL. The attacks were repulsed. Fighting is reported from Ax along the CFL and our troops are consolidating across.

Reports from Poonch sector indicate further progress made by our troops in this area. They are now dominating Poonch town.

Fighting is also reported from Akhnur sector. Large quantity of ammunition is reported to have been captured by our troops at Burjal. Details are awaited.

In Mendhar area our troops gave a good hammering to the enemy inflicting heavy casualties.

From Sialkot-Shakargarh area there are reports of sporadic exchange shelling. Our troops made a number of ambushes across the border to disrupt the enemy's communication lines.

From Lahore area Pakistani troops continue to make penetrations into the enemy territory. They have secured a large number of outposts and are dominating the area between Rani and Pul Kanjri.

In all they have captured about 20 Indian outposts in the area between Burki and Hussainiwala and Lahore and Kasur. All the outposts have been cleared and are securely in our hands.

In Hussainiwala area our troops have closed up to Sutlej River and area now commanding the mouth of the Hussainiwala Headworks. The Indians while retreating made demolitions of the road bridge on the headworks.

Further down south in Rajasthan the Indians are reported to have established their position on the Ondra-Khokhrapar axis.

Reports of fighting have also been received from East Pakistan. In the Eastern sector an Indian attack on Akhaura railway station has been repulsed. Our troops are readjusting positions in Kasba area on the line of the railway track.

The Indians mounted subsidiary attacks under artillery cover on Dariana in Kushtia district and Thakurgaon up in Rangpur. Situation here is somewhat confusing but the enemy is dominating these places. Fighting is continuing. A number of other areas in East Pakistan are also reported to be under shell and mortar shelling.

Replying to a question, the spokesman said that India had deployed over fifteen divisions on the West Pakistan borders excluding four to five deployed in Kashmir. He said he cannot give the exact number of the Indian divisions unless these are fully known.

The spokesman said that Pakistani troops were quite ahead of Dewa town in Jammu and Kashmir. He said he cannot give the exact location of the Pakistani troops at the moment because several times the changes hands within hours.

Asked to enlarge on the word "dominating" the spokesman said that Pakistani troops were surrounding Poonch from three sides from a higher position.

The spokesman while in reply to a question said that the Kamalpur post in Mymensingh district was in the hands of Pakistan troops.

The spokesman said that there was no change in the situation in the Jessore sector. He said except for naval activity there was no change on the ground situation.

Asked if the Indians also made some penetration on the West Pakistan border the spokesman said they might have temporarily but now he was not in a position to give a specific progress.—PPI

When asked to comment on Indian claim that they had sunk Pakistani destroyer "Khyber" and damaged "Shahjahan" another destroyer, the spokesman told foreign newsmen he would take them for a party on these ships when the war was over.

Answering a question he said Karachi Civil Airport had not yet been attacked. The IAF had tried to hit Mauripur base and made attacks on the harbour.

Cease-fire call by non-permanent UN Council members

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 5: Nine of the ten non-permanent members of the UN Security Council — Poland was the exception — today approved a motion calling on India and Pakistan to agree to a cease-fire and withdraw their troops behind their frontiers.

The resolution also urged a stepping up in efforts to create conditions permitting refugees from East Pakistan" to return to their homes.

The resolution was an effort to forestall veto by any of the five permanent members of the Council — United States, Soviet Union, Britain, France and China.

Observers considering that as the resolution contained a proposal for a cease-fire and also for a withdrawal of troops, it was likely to be unacceptable to the Soviet Union or China.—AFP

LONDON, Dec 5: Foreign Secretary, Sir Alec Douglas-Home said today, Britain would work hard within the United Nations to try for a cease-fire, and then talks between India and Pakistan

PEKING CONDEMNS INDIRA'S CALL FOR LONG WAR

HONG KONG, Dec 5: Radio Peking accused Mrs Indira Gandhi of inciting her people to wage a long-term war against Pakistan.

Launching a new attack on the Soviet Union for its alleged assistance to India in the Indo-Pakistan conflict, Radio Peking said the situation in the Indian sub-continent had become critical through Soviet interference.

Last Friday the Indian Government expanded its aggression and launching attacks on West Pakistan while intensifying its offensive in the East, it said.

On the eve of this new institution of adventure Mrs Gandhi "mobilised true patriotism and cited the Indian people to carry out a long-term war against the

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Naval action: Indian claim debunked

An official spokesman here yesterday evening denied the Indian claim that two Pakistan Navy destroyers had been sunk by the Indian Navy.

The spokesman said that Russian missile boats of "Osa class" supplied by the Soviet Union to the Indian Navy in the recent past last night hit a destroyer of the Pakistan Navy. A large number of survivors of this destroyer have been picked up.

When his attention was drawn to the enemy's claim that the Indian warships steamed into Karachi port itself, the spokesman described it as simply ridiculous saying that the claim is absolutely baseless and an outright lie.

Dastardly attack on civilians: 69 dead, 188 hurt

LAHORE, Dec. 5: Indiscriminate and ruthless strafing of the civilian population by the Indian Air Force in Lahore, Sialkot Sargodha and Lyallpur areas has resulted in the death of 69 persons during the past two days, according to the latest figures available here this evening.

The figure includes the passengers who died in the railway train bombed by the IAF near Narowal yesterday.

The enemy aircraft have injured 188 persons during the period. Most of them were injured quite seriously.

A message from Sialkot said IAF air raids in that district today caused 33 casualties, including twelve dead.

In Narkot alone, one child and eight women were killed while 15 persons were injured. Another three persons were killed in Antovili village of Shakargarh tehsil. In Narowal area three persons were injured, one seriously. Three persons were injured in Shakargarh.

In the dastardly air attack twelve persons were killed and six equal number including a child and an old woman were injured in Sargodha.

A Bahawalpur report said three persons were killed and eleven injured in Chishtian, a sub-divisional town of Bahawalnagar district, from strafing by IAF planes today. The Indians had raided the civil population of Chishtian town thrice till noon today.

A report from Okarawal said four persons were killed and 24 other injured as raiding Indian aircraft strafed villages near Okarawal during the last two days.—APP.

India will taste fruit of provoking war, warns Chou

LONDON, Dec 5: in an interview published in London, Premier Chou En-lai said once war broke out between India and Pakistan the quarrel would not be easily stopped.

From then on there would be no tranquility on the Indian subcontinent, Premier Chou told British author Neville Maxwell in Peking last week.

The interview was published in the "Sunday Times" newspaper yesterday.

The Chinese leader said that if war broke out China would firmly support Pakistan against India's subversive and aggressive activities. If India should brazenly provoke a war, it would taste in the end the bitter fruit of its own making he added.

The Premier also said that he did not expect spectacular results from President Nixon's visit to Peking, but he believes that the American President, for US public opinion purposes, will try to make something of the visit, which seems at first sight to be somewhat pointless.

Chou said also he was agreeably surprised by the recent United Nations vote on the admission of People's China.

The announcement of Mr Nixon's visit to Peking has certainly influenced some undecided countries to vote for the entry of People's China, he said

USSR vetoes US peace call

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 4: Russian case its veto for the 106th time today to oppose the adoption of a UB proposal that the Security Council call for a cease-fire in the Indian sub-continent and the withdrawal of troops.

Eleven members voted for the proposal, Britain and France abstained. The Soviet Union and Poland cast negative votes.

The vote came after a long emergency session of the Council on the situation in the Indo-Pakistan Sub-continent.

Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Jacob A. Malik said his first impression of the draft, introduced by US Ambassador George H. Bush, was that it was "unwanted and unacceptable."

He said it was aimed at shifting responsibility "from the right place to the wrong one."

Earlier, the debate was marked by a further exchange of harsh words between Mr Malik and Chinese Ambassador Huang Hua.

Mr Huang, siding with Pakistan, said the Council should strongly condemn the act of aggression by the Government of India" and demanded the immediate, unconditional withdrawal of Indian troops from Pakistan.

He also asserting that Indian "aggression" had been launched with the support of "social imperialism"—the term the Chinese have been using about Soviet policy.

Earlier Belgium Italy and Japan jointly proposed that the Security Council call on India and Pakistan forthwith as a first step," to order a cease-fire and hold all military activities.

They submitted their resolution after it became apparent that either a Soviet veto or the lack of the required majority would prevent adoption of a more comprehensive US draft calling for a cease-fire and troop withdrawals.

SOVIET RESOLUTION

A UN spokesman had earlier finished reading the text of the new draft to reporters. Then it was announced that Russia had submitted a further resolution.

Russia sought a Council call for a political settlement in East Pakistan which would inevitably result in a cessation of hostilities.

The Soviet draft proposed further a call on the Pakistan Government to take measures to cease all acts of violence in Pakistan, forces in East Pakistan which have led to a deterioration of the situation.

Reporting the details of the vetoes Reuter said: The United States formally proposed last night that the Security Council call on the Governments of India and Pakistan to take all steps required for an immediate cessation of hostilities.

Under the American proposal, the Council would call on both Governments and others concerned to exert their best efforts to

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Soviet demand contrary to professed desire

From Our Special Representative

RAWALPINDI, Dec 5: Pakistan Government today expressed strong disapproval of the Soviet representative's demand at the UN Security Council that the so-called "Bangla Desh" representative should also be heard in the Security Council in the context of Indo-Pakistan conflict.

The Soviet Ambassador was called to the Foreign Office here this morning and informed that this position of the Soviet Union was considered here as "wholly contrary to the repeated assurances given to the Soviet leaders that they support the unity and integrity of Pakistan and have no desire to interfere in the internal affairs of Pakistan."

The obvious interpretation of the Soviet veto of the three country resolution on the Indo-Pakistan situation and their demand for hearing of a representative of the so-called "Bangla Desh" at the Security Council is that the Indians enjoyed the blessings of the Soviet Union in their efforts to establish "Bangla Desh" and destroy the integrity of Pakistan which are having brought to the Subcommittee to the present stage.

It is understood that Pakistan Government also expressed disappointment to the Soviet Ambassador that the Soviet Government had vetoed the Security Council resolution which called for cessation of hostility and withdrawal of armed personnel on both sides.

This resolution, let alone, underscored the gravity of the situation inasmuch as it failed to condemn or even to take note of India's naked aggression against Pakistan.

But at least it held out good prospects of preventing the spread of bloodshed. By vetoing it, the Soviet Union has contravened its professed desire for peace in the Subcontinent.

The resolution received the support of 11 of the 15 members of the Security Council including all other Afro-Asian countries and the United States.

Nixon for pullout and cease-fire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5: President Nixon hopes for an "immediate cease-fire" in the Indo-Pakistan conflict and withdrawal of "forces from foreign territories" chief spokesman Ronald Ziegler said in a statement at Mr Nixon's Key Biscayne retreat.

The President was being constantly briefed on developments in the India-Pakistan conflict, and conferred this morning with special Foreign Affairs Adviser Henry Kissinger, Chairman of the Washington special group an emergency situation task force.

It includes the Secretaries of State and Defence, the Chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, the Director of the Central Intelligence agency and other top officials.

It was on the basis of recommendations and options submitted by the group which met this morning for a final assessment of the situation that Mr Nixon decided to take the matter to the United Nations.—APP/Reuter.

A US State Department official last night said in Washington that big Government helped "India bears the major responsibility for the border hostilities which have ensued" in the sub-continent.

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PAF 'bag' now 74

From M.A. MANSURI

RAWALPINDI, Dec 5: The Pakistan Air Force, responding to the "good hunting" call of its Chief, continued to win spectacular victories in the air and its bag grew by the hour during the past 24 hours. By 9 p.m. last night it was 74 IAF planes, shot down ordamaged.

The spokesman said two more Indian pilots have been captured. They are Sq. Leader Davinder Singh Jaffa of the 26th IAF Squadron based at Adampur and Fl-Lt Vikram (who was admitted to hospital because of injuries.)

He said the Indian aircraft which were destroyed since mid-day today included one Canberra (unconfirmed), four SU-7 (unconfirmed), two Hunters (confirmed) and five jets of undetermined type (confirmed). Besides one Hunter was damaged.

According to an official spokesman the bag included 40 fighters destroyed and ten unconfirmed kills and eleven Indian planes damaged. This did not include two aircraft destroyed by Pakistan Navy.

The spokesman said a number of Indian aircraft also attacked Pakistan during the night. During these night attacks seven Indian Canberra bombers were destroyed. One of these was shot down near Sukkur, and the other PR 14 Bhanil was shot down near Tharta, two shot into the sea in the Korangi Creek near Karachi, two near Dacca, and one over Mauripur.

OUR LOSS

The spokesman said the PAF lost one plane — an F-104 Starfighter which was destroyed by Indian ground fire near Amritsar. The pilot was seen bailing out and landing safely on the ground.

One Air Force has thus lost no jets against three aircraft against the enemy's loss of 74 planes. No other Pakistani plane has been destroyed so far, the spokesman said.

An official spokesman had said this afternoon that the fighting in the air continued all night night of Dec. 4 and 5.

PAF attacked military targets in India again after 2000 hours on Saturday, when the last brief lull on the war situation had held. The Indian military targets

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Indian losses in air war

RAWALPINDI, Dec 5: Following are the details of the types of the Indian aircraft confirmed destroyed, unconfirmed destroyed, and damaged by PAF upto 2100 hours on Sunday:

Canberra	7	4	1
Gnat	2	—	—
Hunter	13	1	3
SU-7	11	5	2
Jet fighter aircraft (not determined)	38	—	6
Totals to date	53	10	11

—PPI

Word of God

Surely Allah loves those who fight in His way in ranks, as if they were a solid wall.
(Al-Quran; Ch. 61-4)

RUSSIA WARNS PAKISTAN, CHINA & OUR SUPPORTERS

MOSCOW, Dec. 5: The Soviet Union declared today that the Indo-Pakistan war was a threat to its "security" and announced that it had warned Pakistan "with all clarity" that it must bear "the grave responsibility" for the current situation.

The Russian declaration was carried in the form of an authoritative Tass news agency statement, which falls one short of an official Soviet Government policy announcement.

The Soviet Union cannot remain indifferent to the developments, also the circumstance that are taking place in direct proximity to the USSR's borders and, therefore, involve the interests of its "security."

The statement also warned the Governments of all countries to stay out of the conflict since any involvement would lead to "aggravation" of the war.

Tass did not name any particular nation, but it evidently was referring to China and those countries that might support Pakistan through the United Nations.

This was apparently directed primarily at China, which today accused Moscow of instigating India to "large-scale aggression" against Pakistan.—APA/Reuter

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KARACHI'S TALLY

By SAFDAR BARLAS

Two enemy planes were shot down over Karachi when they raided the City yesterday. They made three sorties till our going to the Press at midnight last night, beginning from 4 a.m. They reappeared at 2.30 p.m. and followed it up at 10 p.m.

One more enemy plane was seen by the people going down in Landhi-Korangi area but the same was yet to be confirmed.

Once again they struck at the innocent civilian population, mostly in the suburbs, killing three persons and injuring many more. While one was killed in the early morning sortie, the other two were strafed to death in the second raid of the day. Civilians were as well as a private car, parked on the road, were strafed and de-

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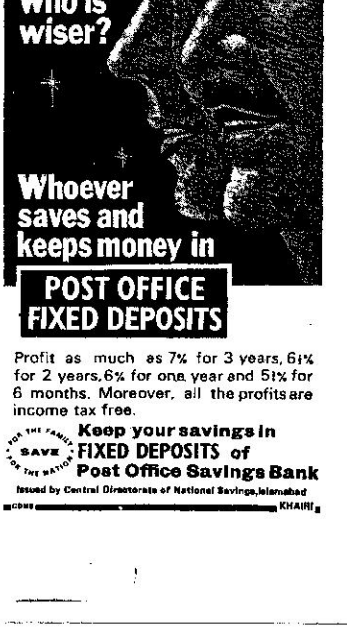

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