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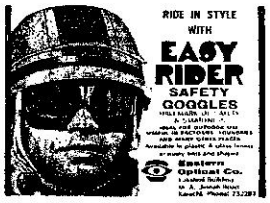

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CHHAMB IS LIBERATED

IAF losses now 104

From M.A. MANSURI

RAWALPINDI, Dec 7: Pakistan Army, continuing its thrust beyond River Tawi, has liberated the strategic town of Chhamb in occupied Kashmir.

This is the second time since 1965 that the Pakistan Army has captured this town and are inside Indian-held Kashmir.

In New Delhi, according to Reuter, the Indian Defence Minister Mr Jagjivan Ram admitted the withdrawal of Indian troops in the face of the Pakistani thrust. He told Parliament: "There has been intense pressure in the Chhamb sector. We have withdrawn our troops to prepare positions on the River Manawar Tawi."

An official spokesman told newsmen here today that our troops destroyed a large number of enemy tanks and captured ammunition dumps in the Chhamb operations. The Indians fought from well-prepared defensive positions but could not hold on against the Pakistani thrust.

NEWSMEN'S VISIT

The spokesman also said that journalists both foreign and Pakistani will be taken to the Chhamb area. The first group will be leaving tomorrow morning for an overnight stay in Chhamb.

In the Punjab sector, our troops have captured three more villages. The villages are: Gurmukh Khera, Adiwala and Bertwala. The Pakistani troops are also firmly holding their previous gains on the Indian soil resulting from their limited offensive in this area.

The Pakistan Army knocked out 16 Indian tanks in Pukhlian in the Bhikot area. This brings the total of Indian tank losses so far to 35.

ENEMY ATTACK

In this sector our troops wholly foiled a major enemy attack against the Shakargarh salient. The attack came under heavy armour and artillery attack. Our troops engaged the invading force effectively and kept pushing the enemy back into its territory.

Across the cease-fire line in the Poonch sector the enemy Air Force carried out a number of air raids, mainly to disrupt our line of communication and break up our forward positions. One of our posts in this area was also attacked

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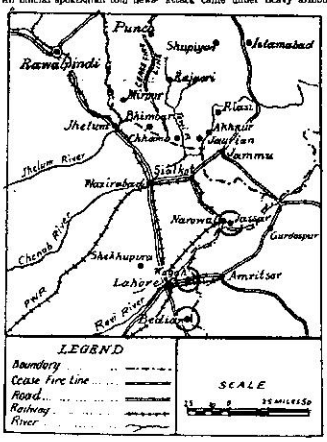

Word of God

And when they went out against Goliath and his forces, they said: Our Lord, pour out patience on us and make our steps firm and help us against the disbelieving people. So they put them to flight by Allah's permission. And David slew Goliath, and Allah gave him kingdom and wisdom, and taught him of what He pleased. And were it not for Allah's repelling some men by others, the earth would certainly be in a state of disorder: but Allah is full of mercy to the worlds.

(Al-Quran: 2:250-51)

EYE-WITNESS SAYS P.A.F. CAME IN LOW TO HIT I.A.F. BASE

From NASIM AHMED

LONDON, Dec. 7: The extensive destruction wrought by the Pakistan Air Force aircraft at Jodhpur airbase in Rajasthan has been described by a British photographer Douglas Dickens who arrived at the London Airport on Monday night.

Douglas Dickens told reporters that the Pakistani raider planes came in low and dropped their 500lb bombs all around. Some of the bombs hit the airport runway. There was a big blaze and a petrol dump was hit."

He said that the Pakistani aircraft "appeared to have escaped the radar trap by flying in from the opposite direction to that expected."

According to a report from Pathankot in the "Guardian", the Indians have set up "radar-directed anti-aircraft guns" at their air bases and other strategically important places.

Deciding that "it might not be a bad time to get out", Douglas Dirkens took a taxi across the Rajasthan desert and flew to Britain.

Nixon invited to Pakistan

WASHINGTON, Dec. 7. Pakistan's new Ambassador to US, Mr. N. A. M. Raza, speaking on the occasion of the presentation of his letter of credentials extended President Yahya's invitation to the President and Mrs. Nixon to visit Pakistan at a convenient time.

He added that should this visit be possible at the time US President visits Peking, the people of Pakistan "will be delighted and honoured to welcome you in their midst at that time."—APP.

Amin to head coalition Ministry

Rescue parties had to work hard the whole day yesterday in Bihar Colony removing the bodies buried deep under the debris after the extensive devastation caused by brutal Indian bombing of Bihar Colony, Agra Taj Colony and Sehri in Karachi on Monday night. A rescue squad is taking out a body from under a steel and cement slab.—PPI.

NURUL AMIN SAYS BHUTTO FLIES TO UN TONIGHT

Mr. Nurul Amin, Prime Minister-designate, has disclosed that the Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister of the coalition Government, Mr. Z. A. Bhutto, will be flying to the United Nations tonight (Wednesday) to represent Pakistan in the UN General Assembly's debate on India's aggression.

Mr. Amin said this in an interview with Arnold Zeitlin, Associated Press correspondent in Rawalpindi today, immediately after he was called upon by the President to head the new coalition.

"The 77-year old leader said the question of appointing other Cabinet Ministers would be decided probably after Mr. Bhutto's return from New York.

About Mr. Bhutto's demand for power to nominate West Wing Ministers only from amongst the PPP members, Mr. Nurul Amin said there was some talk on this point."

He said there is "no change" in the President's plan for promulgating the constitution on Dec. 20.

It is a happy coincidence that in the 1965 war also, Mr. Bhutto was the country's Foreign Minister and had made a moving speech before the United Nations.—PPI.

Indians seize UN coasters: PN bags 8 jets

RAWALPINDI, Dec 7: Indian Navy has captured all the coasters chartered by the United Nations with UN rrw. for food supplies, in East Pakistan, a naval spokesman said here tonight.

He said Indian Navy has captured these coasters in pursuance of India's deliberate and ruthless policy of denying food to East Pakistan.

He also discloses that Pakistan Navy ships have downed eight Indian Air Force planes in both East and West Pakistan since the Indian aggression.

A destroyer of Pakistan Navy, which was earlier reported damaged, has unfortunately sunk and large number of survivors have been picked up, he said.

Berne will represent both States' interests

BERN, Dec 7: Switzerland will represent Indian interests in Pakistan and Pakistani interests in India following the Indo-Pakistani diplomatic breach, the Foreign Ministry announced here today.

The Swiss representation was requested by both India and Pakistan.—AFP.

Bhutto Dy PM & Foreign Minister

RAWALPINDI, Dec 7: President Gen A. M. Yahya Khan has decided to set up a coalition Government at the Centre, it was officially announced here tonight.

Mr Nurul Amin, leader of the United Coalition Party, will be the Prime Minister and Mr Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, Chairman of the Pakistan People's Party will be the Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

The President, in a statement said: "I have called upon Mr Nurul Amin and Mr Z. A. Bhutto to form a coalition Government at the Centre with Mr Nurul Amin as the Prime Minister and Mr Bhutto as the Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister.

"In view of the war and consequent difficulties in communications between the two Wings of the country, I have decided to set up the Government at the Centre now, which was to be formed after Dec 27. The members of the Central Government will be drawn from the elected representatives of the two Wings as decided upon by the leaders of the coalition Government.

A Government spokesman later told newsmen that the President would transfer "substantial powers" to the civilian Government.

He told a questioner that Gen Acha Mohammad Yahya Khan continued to be the President and Chief Martial Law Administrator.

Asked when the civilian Government would be sworn in, the spokesman said he assumed it could be tonight or tomorrow but added he had no official information.—PPI/APP.

Ultimatum to IAF

From Our Special Representative

RAWALPINDI, Dec. 7: Pakistan has warned India of "terrible retribution" if the Indian Air Force did not put an immediate stop to its bombing and strafing of civilian population in Pakistan.

An official spokesman said today that if the warning went unheeded, the PAF would give proper reply within four minutes of the next attack on civilians in Pakistan.

The spokesman said that Indian Air Force planes have been persistently killing civilian population and attacking civilian targets. Since yesterday, he said, at least 305 civilians have been killed and 345 injured as a result of the "acts of bestiality" by the Indian Air Force.

This was a sign of desperation on the part of the IAF and could bring terrible retribution on India, he said and hoped the message would be quite clear to the Indians.

The spokesman also said that the Indians also used napalm bomb in Dacca killing and mutilating a large number of civilians, while the PAF has not used this weapon so far.

He said that the PAF has never

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Gallantry awards

RAWALPINDI, Dec 7. The President has awarded the following Armed Forces officers and personnel operational and non-operational awards.

The following are the names of the Armed Forces officers and personnel and the awards given to them.

HILAL-I-JURAT

Operational Awards

ARMY: 1. PA-1204 Lt-Gen. Tikka Khan, HQA, S.Pk., PSC, Hilal-i-Jurat; 2. PA-477 Lt-Gen. Amir Abdullah Khan Niazi, H.J., S.Pk., S.K., M.C., PSC—Bar to Hilal-i-Jurat; 3. PA-449 Maj-Gen. Abdo Baker Osman Mitha, S.Pk., SQA, PSC—Hilal-i-Jurat; 4. PA-986 Maj-Gen. Mohammad Hatim Khan, SQA, AWC, PSC—Hilal-i-Jurat; 5. PA-4404 Maj-Gen. Mohammad Husain Ansari—Hilal-i-Jurat; 6. PA-2135 Brig. Jehanzeb Arbab, S.I., PSC—Hilal-i-Jurat.

SITARA-I-JURAT

ARMY: 1. PA-2948 Lt-Col. Chaudhry Muzaffar Ali Khan Zaffar, Arty—Sitara-i-Jurat; 2. PTC-3393 Lt-Col. Mohammad Taj, S.J., PSC—Bar to Sitara-i-Jurat.

3. PA-4070 Lt-Col. Abdul Latif Awan, T Bn, Arty—Sitara-i-Jurat; 4. PTC-4329 Lt-Col. Amir Nawaz

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UN ASSEMBLY ASKED TO ACT

UNITED NATIONS Dec 7. The United States, again blaming India for broadening the crisis with Pakistan, urged the U.N. General Assembly to pass a resolution today to end the fighting and bring about mutual withdrawal of the two contested forces.

The resolution, which was earlier vetoed in the Security Council by the Soviet Union, was revived by Argentina and 11 other countries.

He spoke of US Governmental efforts to avert the conflict and said the American attitude stemmed from the fact that Pakistan had never rejected conciliation but that India had refused it.

The debate was then adjourned till 4.00 GMT today, when Secretary-General U Thant will make a statement on the humanitarian aspects of the conflict.

Argentine delegate Carlos Ortiz submitted the draft resolution calling for an immediate cease-fire and the withdrawal of Armed Forces to the respective borders of the two countries.

Mr. Ortiz had already submitted the same resolution to the Security Council on Monday only to withdraw it later because of the threat of a Soviet veto.

The resolution also called for intensified efforts to create conditions favourable for the return of refugees to East Pakistan.

It urged all Member-States to co-operate in giving aid for the refugees and provided that the Assembly would make a close scrutiny of the situation and debate it again, if necessary.

The General Assembly took up the problem some 12 hours after the deadlocked Security Council acknowledged its inability to act because of vetoes of Soviet Union. —AFP/Reuter

ERIM ASKS INDIA TO QUIT E. WING

ANKARA, Dec 7: Premier Nihat Erim today said: "No foreign state has the right to impose its desires on Pakistan through the use of armed force."

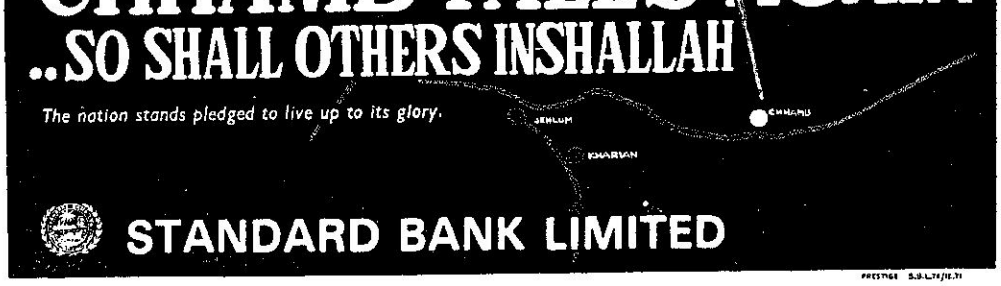
The East Pakistan problem was a domestic Pakistani issue, he said.

Replying to a journalist's questions he said India was certainly concerned about the problem of refugees "but the use of arms cannot be the way to settle it."

Mr. Erim called for the immediate proclamation of a cease-fire and the withdrawal of all Indian units from Pakistan territory.

There could be no question of a political settlement until this condition had been met, he said.

Mr. Erim, who resigned with his Cabinet last Friday, has been asked by President Cevdet Sunay to form a new Turkish Government.—AFP/Reuter.



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