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CIVILIAN GOVERNMENT TODAY: YAHYA QUITTING

A protest procession being taken out in Lahore yesterday.—Dawn radiophoto.

Hartal today

By Our Staff Correspondent

The local branch of the United Coalition Party has given a call for complete 'Hartal' in the City today to protest against the wrong policies of President Yahya's regime.

The UCP will also take out a procession at 1 p.m. from Empress Market today as part of the protest day. It will terminate at Arambagh where the local UCP leaders will address the people.

The UCP, at a meeting held yesterday, passed a resolution which called for immediate change of the dictatorship in favour of a democratic government for all times to come.

It also called upon the United Nations to see that the Geneva Conventions are observed in East Pakistan and the lives of the innocent civilians there is saved.

In a joint statement, 12 UCP MNAs and MPAs-elect urged upon the people to make the 'hartal' a success and join the procession in large numbers in order to raise their voice against dictatorship and to remove the present regime which is responsible for the past mistakes.

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They said that the protest day will also mark beginning of the new struggle for regaining civil rights so that the future generations may live in peace and with honour.

The people have been urged to wear black armbands to express their personal protest.—APP adds:

Twelve local MNAs and MPAs-elect in their joint statement further said the country did not want that "agents" of an international conspiracy directed against Pakistan to remain in power. They urged the Pakistani people to rise to the occasion and help their brethren who were being killed in East Pakistan.

The signatories of the statement were: Maulana Zafar Ahmed Ansari, Prof. Abdul Ghafoor Ahmad, Maulana Shah Ahmad Noorani Alizai, Abdul Mustafa Ansari and Mr. Mahmood Ali Kasuri, Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Haji Zahid Ali, Roshan Ali Hoti, Maulana Mohammad Hasan Haqqani, Mr. G. A. Madni, Shah Faridul Haq and Mr. Zaheerul Hasan Bhopali.

Bhutto due

From M. A. MANSURI

RAWALPINDI, Dec 19: President Yahya Khan will resign as soon as he hands over Government to the elected representatives of the people tomorrow, it was officially announced here tonight.

Meanwhile, relevant quarters were today anxiously awaiting the return of Mr Z. A. Bhutto who had been designated as Vice-Prime Minister before his departure for the United Nations last week. He had already been summoned by the President to reach here immediately.

According to People's Party sources here he will reach Rawalpindi sometime tomorrow.

Circles close to United Coalition Party chief, Mr Nurul Amin, Prime Minister-designate, believe the arrangements for the formation of a representative government that was agreed upon before Mr Bhutto's departure will continue, unless Mr Bhutto insists on something different.

Mr Mahmud Ali and other MNAs-elect and MPA-elect from East Pakistan who are at present in Rawalpindi called on President Yahya Khan today.

Mr Mahmud Ali's impression after the meeting appeared to be that the Constitution which President Yahya Khan had promised to be published on Dec 20 will come as scheduled.

The official handout last night had said that power will be transferred to a representative government formed under the new Constitution.

The situation, however, appeared to be changing rapidly and nothing in this regard can be said with certainty.

The Vice-Prime Minister and Foreign Minister designate, Mr Z.A. Bhutto is due to return to Islamabad this morning from Teheran, P.P.I. reliably learnt in Karachi last night.

Kuan-Hua backs our struggle against India

UNITED NATIONS, Dec 19: The leader of the Chinese delegation to the UN, Mr Chiao Kuan-hua on Friday expressed firm support for Pakistan people's just struggle to resist Indian expansionist aggression and expressed deep conviction that the Pakistanis can surely overcome their temporary difficulties and win victory.

Mr Kuan-hua was speaking at a luncheon given in honour of the Chinese delegation to the UN by Mr Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, Pakistan's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister-designate.

Mr. Hsiao Kuan-hua, Chairman, and Mr. Huang Hua, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese delegation, representatives Pu Hao, Hsiung Hsiang-hui and Chen-chu and alternate representative Tang Ming-chao were present on invitation.

Present also were chairmen or representatives of the delegations of the countries which support Pakistan in its struggle against Indian aggression.

During the luncheon, Mr. Bhutto reaffirmed that the Pakistan people are determined to continue their struggle to safeguard their territorial integrity and unity of the motherland.—NCNA.

POWs, CIVILIANS IN EAST WING: R.C. CONTACTED

ISLAMABAD, Dec 19: A Foreign Office spokesman indicated in Islamabad this evening that four days ago Pakistan brought to the notice of the two International Red Cross Societies in Geneva the need for urgent action to honour the Geneva Conventions in East Pakistan and to send a massive Red Cross presence to look after the prisoners-of-war and other civilians present there.

Today the Foreign Office conveyed to all the ambassadors accredited to Islamabad its grave concern at the news of the violation of Geneva Conventions reported from East Pakistan by the BBC and other sources. It has urged the foreign Governments to express upon the Government of India the need for compliance with the civilized rules of behaviour towards military and civilian personnel involved.

All Pakistan missions abroad have also been similarly instructed to take up the matter with the Governments of their accreditation, the information media in their countries of accredition and charitable organisations of those countries to be seized with the immediate nature of these developments which have grave humanitarian implications and to do their utmost to alleviate the situation both through their diplomatic sections and through intervention with the Government of India.

The diplomatic missions in Islamabad and our missions abroad, particularly the mission to the United Nations in Geneva, have been asked for two specific actions. First of these is to trace out missing persons in East Pakistan and to inform the Government of Pakistan of their well-being and whereabouts. This could be done through the Red Cross bodies which have already reached at East Pakistan. The second is a request that those civilian officials and others who could be repatriated immediately without final settlement should be so repatriated.—PPI

Mass killing in E. Wing: leaders cable to Thant

RAWALPINDI, Dec 19: Twenty-three MNAs and MPAs from East Pakistan who are in Rawalpindi now have addressed separate telegrams to U Thant, Secretary-General of the United Nations, requesting him to save the lives of innocent people in East Pakistan after its occupation by India.

The East Pakistan leaders in their telegrams drew the attention of the Secretary-General to the genocide of those people in East Pakistan who believed in the idiotcy of one Pakistan and urged him to intervene forthwith.

They said that several journalists, writers, poets and teachers are among those who have been massacred in East Pakistan for their political views.

The East Pakistan leaders will call on foreign missions in Islamabad tomorrow and seek their in quiries to save the lives of innocent people.

A group of 20 MNAs and MPAs of East Pakistan headed by Mr Mahmud Ali, Vice-President of Pakistan Democratic Party, called on President Yahya Khan at the President's House here today.

Mr Mahmud Ali told newsmen after the meeting that the delegation requested the President to draw the attention of the international agencies to the killings of innocent people in East Pakistan and ask them to take immediate and adequate measures to save their lives.

Mr Mahmud Ali said that the President was almost deeply perturbed on the fate of the innocent people in East Pakistan who were being mercilessly massacred there.

The President had already drawn the attention of a number of international relief bodies to the state of lawlessness in East Pakistan and asked them to save the lives of the innocent people there, Mr Mahmud Ali said.

Maulana Syed Abul Ala Maududi, Amir of the Jamaat-i-Islami, has called upon the Heads of Muslim States to exert their influence in putting an end to the bloodshed going on in East Pakistan.

In a telegram to 21 Heads of Muslim countries, Maulana Maududi said mass killing of Muslim men, women and children was going on in East Pakistan after the occupation by Indian Army. He said influence and pressure must be exerted on India through the United Nations and other suitable channels to stop this genocide and accept neutral observers for ensuring end to the bloodshed.

In a similar telegram to Secretary-General United Nations, Secretary General Rabita Alam-i-Islami, Grand Mufti of Palestine and Secretary-General Islami Secretariat, Jeddah, Maulana Maududi has also urged them to use their good offices.—APP

Chou En-lai says India & USSR are following in footsteps of Empire

LONDON, Dec. 19: Chinese Premier Chou En-lai, said in a published interview today that both India and the Soviet Union were following in the footsteps of Empire.

India has inherited the mantle of the British Empire, and Soviet revisionism has inherited the mantle of the Tsars, he said in the second part of a two-part exclusive interview with Neville Maxwell, published in the "Sunday Times".

He said that in helping to develop a small country's economy one should enable it to attain economic independence, not make it economically dependent on one. This could involve interest-free loans or gifts, he said.

Advanced techniques and equipment could be provided to help it exploit mineral resources, but these should first be left to its own use and not that of the aiding country.

Look at the great waste of Middle East petroleum in the past 100 years. It can be exhausted in a few more centuries, he said.

The Chinese Premier said countries with arms should give them free of charge to nations preventing aggression, but not to States committing aggression, the South Africa and Rhodesia.

"We are now beginning to work in this direction, but what we have done is far from enough, nor have we done it very well", Mr. Chou said.—Premier.

14 die in bus crash

SALVADOR (Brazil), Dec 19: Fourteen people died in a bus crash near this Atlantic coast city on Friday night. Highway Police reported.—Reuter.

Mujib's trial over

From Our Special Representative

RAWALPINDI, Dec 19: The trial of the defunct Awami League chief, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, is over, it is learnt.

The Tribunal trying him is understood to have already submitted its findings.

Asghar calls on Yahya to quit, face open trial

From Our Special Representative

RAWALPINDI, Dec 19: Air Marshal Asghar Khan (Rtd) today demanded that President Yahya Khan should be made to quit immediately and put up to face a public trial.

Addressing a Press conference here this morning the Tehrik-i-Istiqlal chief said it was right to hand over power to the elected representatives of the people and restore democracy.

He hoped that President Yahya Khan's trial will serve as a deterrent for future adventurers.

Mr Asghar Khan said that there could be many points which he could be made to face public trial. The main ones were then:

1. He abrogated the Constitution of 1962 which he had taken oath to defend.

2. He ran the affairs of the country in a manner which led to East Pakistan crisis.

3. He conducted the war in a fashion which resulted in the loss of East Pakistan and brought humiliation to the country.

Later in the afternoon Air Asghar Khan addressed a largely-attended public meeting at the Liaquat garden which he said was being held despite Government's orders withholding permission.

The Air Marshal levelled serious charges against President Yahya Khan and said the East Pakistan crisis could have been solved through political settlement and war could have been avoided. When the war broke out he said the measures which should have been taken by ordinary military strategists were never taken.

Even now, he hoped, a political solution could be made possible by creating conditions in which the two Wings of the country could draw nearer.

He was willing to go to Pakistan for the purpose even now. But it would be better if the job was taken up by the elected representatives of the people, he said and added that no one in the country has accepted the loss of East Pakistan.

He accused India of having always aspired to destroy Pakistan.

Agency reports add:

He said that he had no desire for any office and his only objective was that those elected by the people were given the due responsibilities.

The country, he said, had suffered plenty to say when he reached Pakistan.

He said: "If you have the support of the people you can look across the Himalayas."

He said his first act on reaching Pakistan would be to ensure the return of democracy there.

"We have to build a new world —It's like the first chapter of Genesis."

Mr. Bhutto said the need now

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Nixon affirms Pak unity, says Bhutto

ROME, Dec. 19: Pakistan Foreign Minister-designate Mr. Zulfikar Ali Bhutto said here tonight that President Nixon had confirmed, during their meeting yesterday, American support for Pakistani unity.

Mr. Bhutto was speaking to the Press on a stop-over from Washington.

The Foreign Minister said here that the United States would "support the principles of the sovereignty and unity of the Pakistani State."

President Nixon said that it should be "by popular wish if the interior situation in Pakistan is to be changed."

Mr. Bhutto, on his way home from Washington where he met President Nixon last night, Mr. Bhutto said that a truly representative Government can usher in "a grand reconciliation between the two wings of Pakistan and a new equation in the Subcontinent."

Mr. Bhutto rejected suggestion by some British newsmen that the concept of one Pakistan was no longer practical. Arguing that people's faith in a united Pakistan had been reminded by the Indian aggression, he reminded British journalists that many foreign occupation of countries like China, France and Russia had not destroyed their national identity."

The leader of the People's Party stated that the agonising situation facing Pakistan today underlined the fact that "people are supreme and their participation was essential in building of a new Pakistan dedicated to democracy and social justice." Stressing that Indian aggression would not have succeeded without military and diplomatic support from Russia and arms supplies from Britain, Mr. Bhutto said "our soldiers and I underline the word soldiers fought bravely against heavy odds and we salute these valiant men."

He said the people had reposed their confidence in him and his People's Party. "So far, we have been denied the role which the people want us to play," he said.

To repeated questions by Pressmen on his statement that he considered Pakistan still one country, Mr. Bhutto said emphatically: "Of course Pakistan is still one country. Temporary phenomena are not permanent realities."

He declined to comment on the future of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, but said he would have

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C-in-C as State head: PPP opposed

The Secretary-General of the Pakistan People's Party Mr. J. A. Rahim, yesterday strongly opposed that under the new constitution the Commander-in-Chief of the Army will be the President of Pakistan and Chief Martial Law Administrator (CMLA).

In a statement released to the Press after an emergency meeting of top PPP leaders including a few members of the Party's Central Committee here at the PPP Secretariat, Mr. Rahim said he was issuing the statement after consulting leaders of his party. Mr. Rahim has also sent a copy of the statement to the President.

The PPP Secretary-General said: "At this juncture the President should await the arrival of Mr. Z. A. Bhutto from New York in order to discuss and decide these issues.

Following is the full text of the statement of Mr. J. A. Rahim: "Mr President, I have today after consulting leaders of my party issued the following statement to the Press: It is learnt that President Gen. A. M. Yahya Khan is due to promulgate a new constitution tomorrow. It is believed that this Constitution contains provisions under which the C-in-C will be the President and Chief Martial Law Administrator. It is entirely unacceptable to the country that a serving military officer should be the President and that the power of CMLA should rest in the hands of military officer. At this juncture the President should await Mr.

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GOLD PARITIES CHANGES

WASHINGTON, Dec 19: The following are the percentage changes in gold parities in the Group of ten currencies and Switzerland under yesterday's monetary agreement, according to a senior European delegate to the group meetings here:

German Mark	+ 4.61
Swiss Franc	+ 4.61
Japanese Yen	+ 7.66
Belgian Franc	+ 2.76
Dutch Guilder	+ 2.76
French Franc	No Change
Pound Sterling	No Change
Swedish Crown	+ 1.90
Italian Lira	+ 1.06
US Dollar	+ 7.89
Canadian Dollar	Floating Rate.

—Reuter.

CAIRO, Dec 19: Fifty agricultural workers drowned in the nile near Aswan when the trailer transporting them broke away from the tractor pulling it, the Middle East News Agency reported today, quoting the "Al Ahram" newspaper.—AFP.

$ DEVALUED: NEW PARITIES

WASHINGTON, Dec 19: The United States last night devalued the dollar and scrapped controversial trade protection measures in the most sweeping change of world currency rates.

The dollar was devalued by 7.9 per cent., the price of gold raised by 8.57 per cent. to 38 dollars from 35, and the US 10 per cent. import surcharge was dropped as the world's 10 richest non-Communist countries reached what President Nixon termed: "The most significant monetary agreement in the history of the world."

When markets reopen after this week-end, the value of the American dollar will have been reduced by 7.9 per cent. against most of the world's major currencies, and US goods will be cheaper abroad.

From the standpoint of foreign countries, one of the most important parts of the agreement by the Finance Ministers of the Group of Ten was the US decision to suspend the trade protection measures introduced by President Nixon last August.

Besides the 10 per cent. import surcharge these included "Buy American" tax incentive for US business.

Now foreign goods can enter the United States more easily and more cheaply.

REVALUATIONS

Revaluations will make the mark dearer by 12.6 per cent. and raise the rate for the yen by an overall 16.9 per cent.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer (Finance Minister) Anthony Barber said the parity of sterling in terms of gold would remain unchanged—raising the pound's value automatically by 8.57 per cent.

Continuing sterling, also the Swedish crown would be revalued upwards by one and a half per cent. less than the 8.57 per cent. implicit in the US dollar devaluation.

The Belgian and Dutch currencies will be revalued upwards by about three per cent. more than the 8.57 per cent. increase.

The Italian lira will be devalued by one per cent. in relation to other European currencies.

VITAL US DECISION

Contributing to the narrowing of policy differences essential for the agreement reached at two-day meeting of the Ten was a US decision to keep its trade dispute separate from the monetary talks.

US Treasury Secretary John Connally said the United States might slash its proposal to the US Congress for an 37 per cent. upward revaluation of the dollar price of gold to 38 dollars an ounce if further trade agreements cannot be reached between the United States and other major powers.

But President Nixon's declaration that the monetary agreement had been concluded ruled out the possibility that the US authorities would revoke their commitment to devalue the dollar, observers said.

The effective devaluation will be assured by the policy actions of their Central Banks in keeping their rates at the agreed levels on foreign exchange markets, Davis said.

The Nixon Administration has calculated that every percentage

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INDIRA DISCLAIMS EXPANSIONIST AIM

LONDON, Dec. 19: India has no territorial ambitions in Bangla Desh" and will withdraw her troops from the territory as soon as possible, Premier Mrs Gandhi told the "Sunday Times" in an exclusive interview published today.

Mrs. Gandhi said that she would not say when the troops would be withdrawn, but said that for the time being they were needed there.

She said there was "no doubt" that India and Pakistan would "establish a very friendly relations" in the future.—APP.

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