TANKS CRUSH REVOLT IN PAKISTAN

7,000 slaughtered: Homes burned

By SIMON DRING in Bangkok, who was in Dacca during the fighting

In the name of "God and a united Pakistan,"
Dacca is today a crushed and frightened city.
After 24 hours of ruthless, cold-blooded shelling
by the Pakistan Army, as many as 7,000 people
are dead, large areas have been levelled and
East Pakistan's fight for independence has been
brutally put to an end.

Despite claims by President Yahya Khan,
head of the country's military government,
that the situation is now calm tens of thousands
of people are fleeing to the countryside, the
city streets are almost deserted and the killings
are still going on in other parts of the province.

But there is no doubt that troops supported
by tanks control the towns and major popula-
tion centres and that resistance is minimal
and so far ineffective.
Telegraph REPORTER SLIPS NET

SIMON DRING, Daily Telegraph reporter, flew into Dacca on March 6 as the political tension built up in East Pakistan.

Dring, aged 27, describes how student search parties that dealt foreign correspondents and stayed on to bring this first-hand account of the fighting out of the stricken state.

He left Dacca at the weekend and filed this report from Bangok.

As the Pakistan Army moved in force into Dacca last week to crush Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 25-day-old independence movement, all foreign journalists, including the Associated Press photographer Michel Laurent, were ordered to leave the city. The International Hotel, the only hotel that was open, was commandeered by the Pakistan Government to house the journalists.

However, I crossed the border by hiding on the roof of the hotel. I then departed the country by air. I was later flown to Calcutta to file my report.

Olympics

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION
in Salisbury

AFTER repeated attempts by the army, the police and the government to break up the students' hunger strike, the army has taken control of the entire campus.

The strike, which started over the issue of the national anthem, has now spread to other universities. The army has been called in to restore order.

The government has promised to hold elections in four months, but many students are unhappy with the way they have been handled.

CIVIL INJUNtION

By CHRISTOPHER MUNNION
in Salisbury

The court has decided to rule on the constitutionality of the new law allowing the army to remain in the country indefinitely.

The government has claimed that the law is necessary to maintain order, but the opposition says it is a threat to democracy.

The court has decided to hear the case next week.

CURBS COMING ON INFLATION, SAYS HEATH

Curbing inflation has meant some hard decisions and would mean more in the months ahead, Mr. Heath said in his Budget speech. He said the government would take tough measures to control inflation.

The government has announced a series of measures to control inflation, including a 10% increase in interest rates and a freeze on wages.

PAID MATERNITY LEAVE URGED BY CARR

Motherhood should be paid maternity leave for the first 12 months, Mr. Carr Employment Minister. He says in a letter to the Trades Union Congress.

The letter, which has caused much controversy, says that paid maternity leave is necessary to help mothers return to work.

The Trades Union Congress has called for full maternity leave for mothers, but the government has said that it cannot afford to pay for the full 12 months.

The controversy has continued for several weeks, with many workers demanding full maternity leave.
SIMON DURING Daily Telegraph reporter flew into Dacca on March 8 and describes how the Pakistan Army, which has been winning the war against the Bangladesh Liberation Front, moved in force onto the Chittagong peninsula and have been fighting on the streets for the last two weeks.

The Bangladesh Liberation Front, which has been fighting for independence since 1971, has been subjected to heavy shelling in recent days. The Pakistan Army has been able to advance into the area and has been fighting on the streets for the last two weeks.

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Tanks crush Pakistan revolt

By SIMON DRING

Tanks have entered the city, crushing the resistance of the Pakistani army. The military has taken over control of the city, and many civilians have been killed. The army has blocked off roads and set up checkpoints. People are being detained and searched. The city is in chaos.

Police HQ attacked

As the army moved in, the police headquarters in the city were attacked. The army took over the headquarters and arrested many police officers. The city is now under the control of the army. The army has set up checkpoints and blockades on the streets.

Thousands flee

Militants have fled the city, fearing for their lives. Thousands of people have left the city, seeking safety.

LABOUR ANGER BENEFIT CHECK

By ANDREW A

The government has announced the end of the three-day strike. They have agreed to increase benefits for the unemployed. This is a significant step in the right direction.
Thousands flee

Mysteriously the city returned to life after 5 a.m., with palls of black smoke now hanging over the old town and out in the industrial areas. The streets were packed with fleeing people.

By car, in rickshaws but mostly on foot carrying their possessions with them the people of Dacca were leaving by midday they were on the move in their tens of thousands.

"Please give me a lift, I'm an old man," in the name of Allah help me," came the pleas.

Sick and unshorn they passed and saw that the Army had done. It was a thorough job, carefully planned and meticulously executed and they looked the other way and looked and saw nothing.

Down near one of the markets a shot was heard. Within seconds 2,000 people were running for their lives. Many of them were now joining the exodus already forming hand in hand to their weapons.

Government officials remained almost empty. Many employees were leaving for their villages.

Those who were not fleeing could see the blackened, twisted sheets of corrugated iron used in most shanty towns as well as other materials to save what they could from the flames.

Nearer every other car, if it was not taking people out of the city, was flying a white flag. The blackened, twisted sheets of corrugated iron used in most shanty towns was cut up and sold to the hospitals.

And in the middle of it all occasional convoys of troops would appear, sometimes unannounced, sometimes just passing through the streets.

On the Friday night as they pulled back to their cities they shouted "Narai Taksir," an old Persian war cry meaning "We have won the war." On Saturday, after the trainee, Max spoke it was to about "Pakistan had won the dabbad." —Long live Pakistan.

Most people took the hint and before the curfew was lifted a real exodus of thousands of Pakistanis left their homes, lifting the blackened, twisted sheets of corrugated iron used in most shanty towns was cut up and sold to the hospitals.

So they protected their property in their city and locked up their house would be before they left the house would be before they left the house would be before they left the house would be before they left.

The Government wants to now said another officer. Nobody can speak out or come out. If they do we will kill them. Towards evening enough they are testers we are not. We are fighting in the name of God and a united Pakistan.

The operation was carefully planned and led by Gen Tikka Khan, the West Pakistan army has been in the process of capturing every last drop of resistance out of the people of Bengal.

Only the propaganda machine of the Indian Government is repeating the fight going on from the left-wing underground group operating a clandestine "Bangla Desh" radio somewhere outside Dacca.

If anything is to be salvaged from the ruins of Sheikh Mujib's movement, the Indian people must be underestimating the power of the people of Bangladesh. They have said they will not let the elections be held until they have been in the minds of the people for the last time.

If anything is to be salvaged from the ruins of Sheik Mujib's movement, it is the people of Bangladesh. The plan is to protect the elections by the power of the people.

But in the meantime, the losses have been great. Many people have been killed or wounded in the fighting.

India's Sympathy and Army Still Meet Resistance—P11

By H.

Strikers' benefits

because there would be no money to divide. Perhaps the most ironic effect of the Bill is that it increased the benefits paid to the strikers after their return to work. It is expected that they will be able to divide the money.

Under existing law, anyone who stopped work for a day was offered a back wage. This was originally intended to cover workers whose new employer could not be expected to give him a new job.

But in recent years strikers have seen the advantage of this law as a gift from the State, rather than as a benefit. Employers who had agreed to "sub" a day after a worker had been coerced by the men to withdraw the offer.

The Bill also provided that the strikers should be paid their benefits even if they had not been employed before their return to work. This is expected to cost the State a great deal of money.

The Bill was passed by the Government in response to the pressure from trade unions. The Bill was expected to be a major victory for trade unions.


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Strikers' benefits

because there would be no refund on shares. Perhaps the most irksome effect of the Bill on strikers is that supplementary benefit paid after their return to work will be recoverable from them through their employers.

Under existing law, anyone starting a new job or returning to an existing job can claim benefit for the first 15 days. This was originally intended to cover someone whose new employer could not reasonably be expected to give him a job.

But in recent years strikers have seen the advantage of claiming benefit as a gift from the State, rather than ask the employers for the job.

The Government wants to stop this misuse of the benefit to people who are not prepared to practice the principle of fair play.

When benefit is paid, it is to be repaid to the employer. This will be a great help to the employer who may wish to avoid the benefit that has been paid.

The Bill also provides for reduction in supplementary benefit where people are not able to work or qualified to do so.

The present decisions of the Court of Appeal in the case of the dockyard workers' strike will be followed.

There are other provisions in the Bill, such as the provision for increased earnings and the provision for the payment of compensation to workers who are not able to work.

The Bill is expected to be introduced into Parliament in the near future.

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