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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 he eluded search parties that expelled 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 Bangkok.

As the Pakistani Army moved in force into Dacca last week to crush Sheikh Mujibur Rahman's 25-day-old independence movement all foreign journalists in East Pakistan, confined at gunpoint in the Intercontinental Hotel since the beginning of the fighting, were rounded up and deported to Karachi.

However, I evaded the round-up by hiding on the roof of the hotel. Then despite repeated attempts by the Army to find me and the only other foreign newsman to escape the net, Associated Press photographer Michel Laurent, I managed to make an extensive tour of the burning city and to see first-hand the extent of the slaughter the Government of Pakistan is trying to hide.

I succeeded in getting on a plane to West Pakistan yesterday, missing a check by security men by minutes, and although I was twice stripped and my baggage thoroughly searched, got through with my notes intact to Bangkok to file my report.