

Kennedy Charges Genocide In Pakistan. Urges Aid Cutoff

NEW DELHI, Aug. 16 (AP) — Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) charged today that Pakistan had committed genocide in East Pakistan and called for a complete cutoff of American military and economic aid to Pakistan until the strife in the eastern part of the country ends.

Kennedy, who spent four days last week touring East Pakistani refugee camps in India, spoke at a news conference following meetings with Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and Foreign Minister Swaran Singh.

The senator, chairman of the Senate subcommittee on refugee affairs, said he would recommend an aid cutoff until there is a "political solution" that would include the release of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, leader of the banned Awami League.

The United States has said that military aid contracted for before the March disturbances in East Pakistan will continue although it will not agree to any new arms aid. Economic aid is continuing.

Kennedy also criticized the secret trial of Sheikh Mujibur which is currently under way, saying the only crime he was guilty of was to win an election. The sheikh's election victory preceded the takeover of East Pakistan by the West Pakistani army.

The senator said the secret aspect of the trial "is an outrage to every concept of international law."

He also criticized the U.S. policy of supplying arms to Pakistan and appearing to side with Pakistan as "injurious to Indo-American relations."

The treaty of friendship and cooperation signed by India and the Soviet Union earlier this month was not disadvantageous to the United States, he said, adding that he did not find it inconsistent with India's policy of nonalignment. He said he would support a similar India-U.S. treaty if one were presented to the Senate.

U.S.: No Arms Sent From Viet to Pakistan

The State Department checked reports yesterday that

U.S. military equipment in South Vietnam has been shipped to Pakistan and said it could find no evidence to substantiate the allegation.

In New Delhi, visiting Sen. Edward M. Kennedy reportedly asked investigators of the congressional investigating agency, the General Accounting Office, to inquire into the reported diversion of arms.

A report from the Indian capital by William J. Coughlin of The Los Angeles Times attributed the new charges to Sen. Kennedy's staff. The senator was said to have been doing withdrawn from South-

east Asia are being diverted to Pakistan.

"Observers" returning to New Delhi from East Pakistan were reported to have said that more and more U.S. arms have been seen in West Pakistani army hands.

If the new charges should be borne out, the report from New Delhi noted, they would inflame the recent controversy over U.S. arms shipments to Pakistan.

When Indian Foreign Minister Swaran Singh was in Washington in June, he was told that American arms aid to Pakistan had been halted since the violent crackdown

on the Bangla Dash autonomy movement in East Pakistan. Later the Nixon administration acknowledged that the suspension did not affect contracts made prior to March 25.

State Department officials, chary as a result of that controversy, stopped short yesterday of a flat, formal denial of the new charge concerning arms shipments from Vietnam to Pakistan. But they said they are "pretty satisfied" it has not occurred.

"To the best of our ability to check this," an official said, "we find no evidence that anything has been transshipped from Vietnam to Pakistan."