

# FORCES CLOSING IN

## Gov. Malik and Aides Flee Into Refuge With Red Cross

By Reuters

DACCA, Pakistan, Dec. 14—  
The entire regional government of East Pakistan resigned today, dissociating itself from further actions of the central administration of President Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan in the country's West.

Dr. A. M. Malik, Governor of East Pakistan, wrote the draft of the resignation letter for his cabinet to President Yahya Khan with a shaking ballpoint pen on a scrap of office paper as Indian MIG-21's destroyed his official residence, Government House.

The move came as Indian forces closed in from several sides on Dacca, the East Pakistani capital, on the 11th day of the Indian-Pakistani war.

[In New Delhi, officials reported that Indian Army troops were advancing rapidly from the north and northwest and had reached within six miles of Dacca. A Pakistani brigade commander close to the Dacca garrison was reported to have surrendered. Page 18.]

### Shows Draft to Others

Governor Malik, surrounded by the ministers of his East Pakistani administration, showed the draft of his resignation to a United Nations official, John Kelly, and to Gavin Young of The Observer, a London Sunday paper. They had been trapped with him in his bunker during an air raid. Dr. Malik's wife and daughter huddled in a nearby room.

All morning, Dr. Malik and his regional cabinet had been unable to decide to resign or hang on. The Indian air raids finally resolved the issue.

Having completed the draft against a background of crashes of rockets and some bombs, Dr. Malik, an elderly man, removed his shoes and socks, carefully washed his feet, put a clean handkerchief on his head and knelt down to pray in the corner of his bunker.

### Fears for Ministers

Finishing his prayers, Dr. Malik asked Mr. Kelly whether he should move his wife and daughter to the comparative safety of the Inter-Continental Hotel, which has been declared a neutral zone and is administered by the Red Cross.

Earlier, 16 senior civil servants, led by the Inspector General of Police, M.A. Chaudhry, sought refuge in the hotel.

Dr. Malik wondered aloud whether the Indian Army would kill his ministers.

The resignation effectively places all responsibility for a last-ditch stand on the East Pakistani military commander,

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# East Pakistani Administration Resigns

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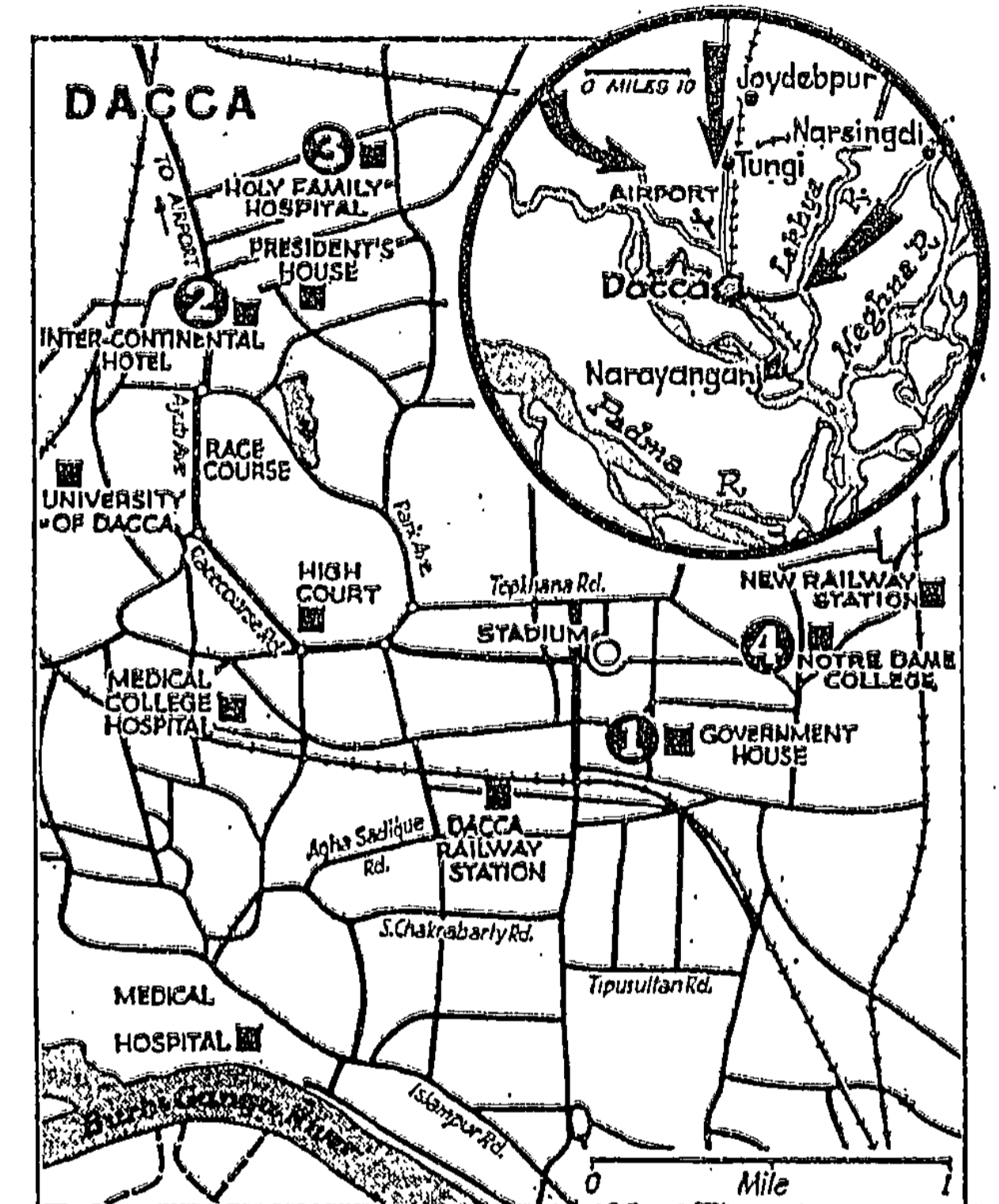
Lieut. Gen. A. A. K. Niazi, who has vowed to fight to the last man.

In the afternoon, Indian MIG jets flew back and forth across the city, strafing with rockets at low level and meeting virtually no resistance.

Reporters said that these raids killed numerous men, women and children, and in one house reporters saw a family of six killed by rocket fire.

Earlier in the afternoon, high-flying Indian DC-3's dropped leaflets on the city promising non-Bengalis in the irregular forces their lives and property if they surrendered.

East Pakistani officials who sought asylum in the Inter-Continental Hotel did so on the written orders of Dr. Malik, who directed them to cease their functions and proceed there.



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Indian troops reportedly pushed to within six miles of Dacca at closest point (arrows on inset). Government House (1) was bombed, and Inter-Continental Hotel (2), Holy Family Hospital (3) and Notre Dame College (4) were designated by Indians as Red Cross neutral areas.



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**BOMBING OF DACCA:** Cloud of smoke rising after an attack Monday by Indian MIG jets

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