

Yahya Khan

accused of sex orgies

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GENERAL YAHYA KHAN has been placed under house arrest along with Gen. Abdul Hamid Khan, his former Army Chief of Staff, it has been announced in Rawalpindi.

The former president was arrested "in the supreme interest of Pakistan," following a rising public demand to place him on trial.

In West Pakistan the slogan "Hang Yahya" is seen everywhere, and now that the Press has been freed from censorship and tongues loosened, it is being alleged that he and his régime was not only corrupt but licentious to almost the level of ancient Rome.

The fate of a dozen or so girls said to be linked with Gen. Yahya is unpredictable, but they are said to be marked women, along with their husbands, who hold powerful and lucrative positions.

Woman's command

The wife of a petty police official, commonly known as "Auntie," is credited with having wielded fantastic power. Heads are said to have rolled on her command.

There are rumours of wild sex orgies, including one three-day period of revelry in honour of the wedding of the general's son, which went on while the Army was fighting to save the country from disintegration.

During a dinner given by a rear admiral, the then president, who was drunk, grabbed a singer known as the Melody Queen, walked into his host's bedroom with her, and did not reappear for five hours.

Generals retired

President Bhutto's first act on assuming power was summarily to retire 14 generals and six admirals, and it is expected that more pruning will be necessary before Pakistan's armed forces' morale and prestige can be restored.

In his first 20 days of office he has touched only on the tip of the iceberg of Pakistan's maladies. They have been festering for many years, beneath the surface, first under the dictatorship of Gen. Ayub Khan, then under Gen. Yahya.