

LOHAJANG CLEARED OF MISCREANTS

MUNSHIGANJ, May 13:—The peace-loving people and students of Lohajang and Tangibari thanas of Dacca District cleared up the areas from miscreants and anti-social elements before the Pakistan Army personnel reached there, writes a PPI special correspondent this morning.

The Army personnel reached Lohajang and Tangibari on Tuesday from Munshiganj. Another batch of troop passed through Sherajdikhan and Sreenagar thanas and reached Bhagyakul, an important steamer station of Dacca District. They returned from Lohajang after a days stay.

In all thanas, the people and students cooperated with the armed forces and expressed their determination to deal with the miscreants and anti-social elements and told the authorities about it.

The people and students of stations have demolished the Lohajang and Tongibari police house of some criminals and anti-social elements who earlier looted incoming food-grains and daily necessities to the local markets from outside areas, and thereby planned to create a crisis in the markets.

The Army personnel held discussions with the local officials and non-officials about the maintenance of law and order in the locality. The Police personnel at Lohajang and Sreenagar, it may be mentioned, have already reported to their duties and were patrolling to protect lives and properties from the possible anti-social elements.

The PPI correspondent who visited some parts of the areas found that the farmers have sown jute in many fields which were suitable for jute cultivation.

The prices of daily necessities in the market were quite reasonable and supply position was adequate with the exception of kerosene oil and sugar due to communication facilities.

The peace committee have recommended to the authorities for the adequate supply of kerosene oil, sugar and mustard oil in the different markets of Lohajang, Sreenagar, Mawa, Bhagyakul and Sherajdikhan areas.

Almost all the educational institutions of Lohajang, Sreenagar and Sherajdikhan areas have reopened. The teaching staff have approached the education authorities to sanction lump sum grants to meet the immediate requirements.

The farmers in these areas
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Col. Usmani wanted by ML authority

Col. M. A. G. Usmani (Rtd) has been directed by the Martial Law Administrator, Zone B, to appear before SMLA, Sector 1, Second Capital, Dacca at 0800 hours on May 20, 1971, to answer to the charges under PPC Sections 121, 123, 131 and 132 read with MLRS 10 and 14 levelled against him, says a PID handout.

Following is the order of the Martial Law Administrator, Zone 'B'.

In exercise of the powers conferred on me under MLR-40, I, Lt. Gen. Tikka Khan, S.Pk, PSC, Administrator Martial Law Zone 'B' order you Col. M. A. G. Usmani (Rtd) to appear before SMLA Sector-1, Second Capital, Dacca at 0800 hours on 20 May 1971, to answer to the charges under PPC Sections 121, 123, 131 and 132 read with MLRs 10 and 14 levelled against you.

If you fail to appear as aforesaid, you will be tried in absentia in accordance with the provisions of MLR-40.

Rich nations' reserves up

ISLAMABAD, May 13:—Total reserves of 14 leading industrial countries rose to the equivalent of dollar 70,424 million at the end of the first quarter of 1971, from dollar 56,375 million in the corresponding period last year, according to an I.M.F. report received here today, reports APP.

The reserves in the last quarter of 1970 were dollar 65,315 million. These reserves figures comprise holdings of Gold, foreign exchange, special drawing rights (SDRS—known as paper gold) and reserve positions in the I.M.F. for 13 members of the Fund.

The reserve position in the Fund of 13 industrial member-countries—US, UK, Japan, Canada, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, France, West Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, and Sweden—declined from dollar 6,184 million equivalent at the end of the fourth quarter of 1970, to dollar 5,704 million at the end of first quarter of 1971.

It largely reflected a repurchase by the UK in March of the equivalent of dollar 694.75 million.

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were making last efforts to harvest the boro paddy and looking forward to harvesting IRRI-paddy. The crop position in Medinimandal union and Arial beel area, Hashara, Shamsiddhi and other parts which were brought under Agricultural Development Corporation's irrigation scheme were found satisfactory.
