

STRONG PROTEST LODGED

Smear campaign against Pakistan in Britain

ISLAMABAD, July 5:—Pakistan has strongly protested to Britain against unceasing attacks on his country by the British Parliament, B. B. C. and other information media. Official sources said today. reports APP.

The British High Commissioner, Mr. John Laurence Pumphrey, is understood to have been called to the Foreign Office on July 3 and handed over a note in which the Government of Pakistan expressed its deep concern over the smear campaign against Pakistan in Britain.

The more it is learnt, invol-

tes the attention of the British Government to the activities of irresponsible British citizens and others through the so-called Bangla Desh Action Committee, with the publicly stated aim of despoiling the unity and integrity of Pakistan. Funds are being raised in Great Britain for the purpose of acquiring arms and ammunition for use in East Pakistan.

The protest note also refers to the statement of British Foreign Secretary Sir Alec Douglas Home on June 23 which amounts to encroachment upon Pakistan's internal affairs.

He had stated that there will be no new British aid to

Pakistan until there is firm evidence of real progress towards a political solution.

While conveying their deep concern and protest over these developments, the Government of Pakistan is understood to have expressed the hope that remedial measures would be taken by the British Government to rectify the situation before further harm is done to the relations between the two countries.

Mr. Pumphrey was also called to the Foreign Office on June 28 and apprised of Pakistan Government's serious concern over Sir Alec's statement in the House of Commons.