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gotiations in which it was believed President Yahya Khan would have granted virtual autonomy to East Pakistan, White House officials said last night, reports Reuter. The officials, denying allega-tions that President Nixon was anti-Indian, said the United States itself favoured autono-

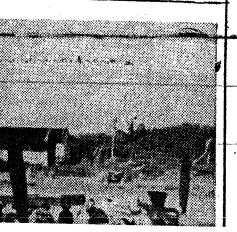
WASHINGTON, Dec. 8:-

India's attack on Pakistan

had interrupted secret ne-

my for East Pakistan as a solution to the crisis. The officials revealed Pakistan had made secret commitments to even talks with "Bangladesh" respresentatives in Calcutta and was considering a proposal that the separatists should be represented delegates named Mujibur Rahman. Sheikh

The White House officials said time was required to carry out the negotiations needed for movement towards a poli-



tical settlement. But, they said, India's attack on Pakistan on November 22, showed that the Indian Government wanted military confrontation rapidly and was interested in a politi-cal collapse in East Pakistan rather than political evolution

The officials, speaking with the authority of the President briefed reports to reveal the secret diplomacy conducted by the United States and to justi-fy its decision to cut off mili-tary supplies and 87,600,000 dollars in development in an effort to weaken India's war-making potential. The White House briefing

was held shortly after Demo-cratic Senators Edward Kennedy and Edmund Muskie hedy and Edmund Muskie challenged the Administrations' claim that it was neutral in the crisis, declaring that the President was favouring Pakistan. Officials said charges that the Presidential Adviser Mr. Henry Kissinger, was anti-Indian were totally incorrect. The Henry Kissinger, was anti-Indian were totally incorrect. The Administration had moved against India with great sad-ness and disappointment, they

At the same time, they called on the Soviet Union, India's supporter, to work with United States in efforts to end the fighting rather than short-term political gains. for

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The officials said India's attack on Pakistan was an unjustified move that could lead to international anarchy. I was becoming an attempt to dismember a sovereign State.