

Newsmen Expelled From Dacca

Government Claims E. Pakistan Victory

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NEW DELHI — The Pakistani government claimed yesterday that the army had won control in its eastern province where civil war has been raging since Thursday. But reports from the frontier said heavy fighting was still going on.

With both East and West Pakistan under a strict censorship blackout, news of the conflict was sketchy. Sparse reports that did get out of Pakistan were sharply conflicting.

Thirty-five foreign correspondents were expelled from East Pakistan after the outbreak of fighting. They were taken from a Dacca hotel to the airport and then flown across the subcontinent to Karachi in West Pakistan.

The newsmen represented American, Australian,

UPI correspondent Robert Kaylor gives on-the-scene account of Dacca fighting. Story, Page 9.

British, Canadian, French, Japanese and Russian news media.

The official Pakistan radio said Sheik Mujibur Rahman, leader of the outlawed Awami League who had been spearheading the rebellion, was under arrest.

"The army is in full control of the situation throughout East Pakistan and life is fast returning to normal," the radio said.

Indian radio monitors, however, said they heard a clandestine broadcast of Sheik Mujib in his own voice denying his arrest and reporting he was in the "liberated" port city of Chittagong.

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Secrecy shrouds E. Pakistan fighting

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"I am okay, comrades, go ahead with your program to achieve the goal of freedom," the monitors quoted Sheik Mujib as saying.

Reports reaching Indian towns along the 1349-mile border with East Pakistan said heavy fighting was continuing throughout the province, with the Pakistan air force bombing Dacca and other cities to beat back Sheik Mujib's followers, who were reported armed mainly with spears and daggers.

A State Department spokesman in Washington said its latest information indicated "that all is quiet in Dacca."

The reports from the US Consulate in Dacca did not indicate any information about events in other parts of East Pakistan, officials said.

Radio Pakistan said the Pakistani government has lodged a protest with India against what it called her "deliberate and blatant interference in Pakistan's internal affairs."

The Indian high commissioner was told that Pakistani authorities took "serious exception" to the Indian Parliament debating the Pakistan situation, the broadcast said.

Pakistan also protested a news coverage by New Delhi radio.

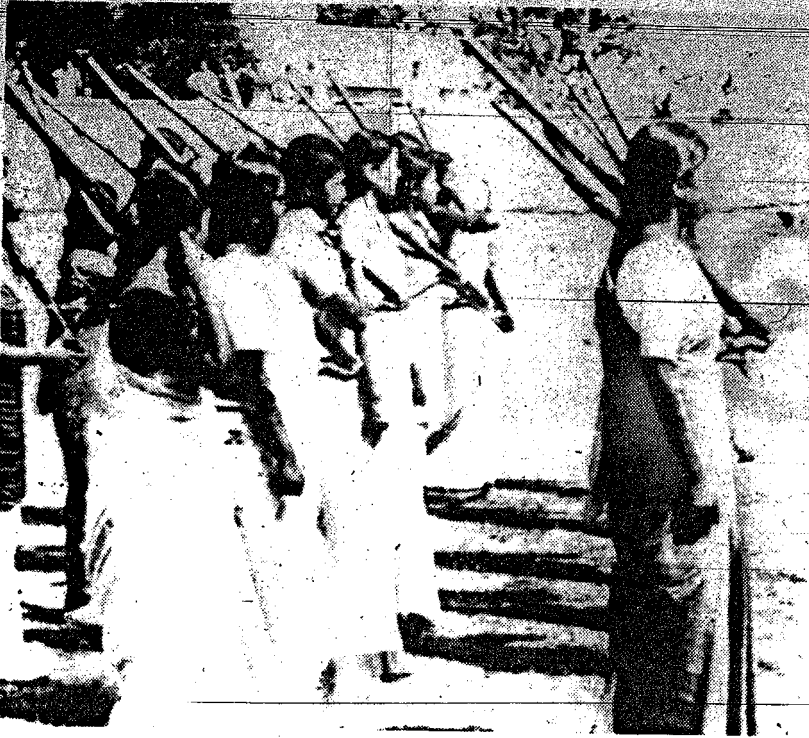
The Foreign Office said it had broadcast "highly exaggerated, malicious and provocative stories about the East Pakistan situation."

One Indian news agency said at least 10,000 unarmed civilians were slain.

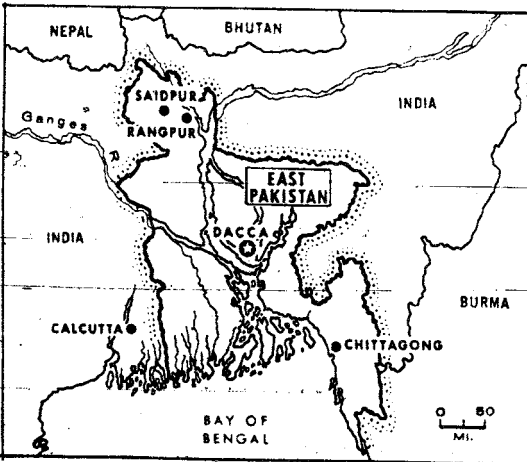
United News of India said earlier that thousands of persons had been killed

in two days of bloody fighting. The agency said army units were under West Pakistani command were battling civilians in Dacca.

Throughout the day, the Pakistan central government and the followers of Sheik Mujib engaged in a war of words.



TRAINING—Women volunteers of the rebel-Awami League political party train just two days before civil war erupted in East Pakistan. (UPI)



Bitter rivalry has existed between East and West Pakistan, separated by 1000 miles of Indian territory, ever since Britain established the dominion in August 1947.

Sheik Mujib has been

campaigning for years for independence for East Pakistan which his followers believe has been exploited by the government of West Pakistan.

Last week Sheik Mujib conferred at length with Pakistani President Yahya Khan seeking independence for East Pakistan's 70 million people.

After the sheik unilaterally proclaimed independence for the eastern province, however, Yahya issued orders banning all political activity, outlawing the Awami League which has a majority in the National Assembly and accused the rebel leader of treason.

The current crisis was triggered when Yahya imposed martial law several weeks ago and canceled the National Assembly scheduled to meet in Dacca to draw up a constitution.

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the situation and we shall keep constantly in touch with what is happening and what we need to do," she said.

Many members of parliament, including some from her own Congress party, urged immediate recognition of independent Bangla Desh.

were completely controlled by the Awami League.

United News of India said that one hospital in Dacca was destroyed by bombs and that nearly all the patients inside were killed.

The Indian agency said about 35,000 Indian nationalists gathered near the Paki-

Sheik Mujib engaged in a war of words.

Within minutes of government announcements, the sheik's clandestine radio network came on the air, giving a counterversion. Then Radio Pakistan would issue a denial.

Prime Minister Indira Gandhi herself questioned the veracity of Radio Pakistan reports about Sheik Mujib's arrest.

"The point is that this news has come through Radio Pakistan, and therefore, I cannot say whether it is true or not," she told Parliament. "But we should not take it as true because it could be just propaganda."

Mrs. Gandhi indicated to Parliament that India was considering the possibility of assisting the East Pakistanis, although she did not make any commitment.

"We are fully alive to

Students form Pakistan union

A foreign student at Harvard University yesterday appealed to "all the countries of the world to put direct or indirect pressure on their governments to immediately stop the genocide in East Pakistan."

Mohiuddim Alamgir, speaking on behalf of some 100 East Pakistani students in New England, announced the formation of "Bangla Desh" associations, in Cambridge, Washington, New York City, and San Francisco.

The associations, he said, have a total membership of about 1000 students in this country from East Pakistan. The associations were formed, he said, "to represent the interests of our newly formed country in Pakistan, and to mobilize world conscience to put pressure on West Pakistan to stop the genocide in East Pakistan."

Alamgir said the associations have sent telegrams to President Nixon, Secretary of State Rogers, United Nations Secretary U. Thant, and Senators Kennedy, McGovern, and Fulbright, urging them to help in the appeal for all governments to "extend immediate recognition" to the new republic of East Pakistan, and to urge a stop to the genocide in East Pakistan.

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One East Pakistani who crossed into eastern India was quoted as saying that a guerrilla-type war was under way. He said members of action committees formed by the Awami League had spread throughout the province, organizing rallies to convey messages from Sheik Mujib.

He said he witnessed one such meeting in the town of Akhura where members of the East Pakistan Rifles stood guard against possible army attacks.

The source claimed that rural areas in the province

about 35,000 Indian nationalists gathered near the Pakistan border in the remote State of Tripura and volunteered to fight alongside the Bengalis against the Pakistani troops.

But the agency said that Bengali leaders told them that they were hopeful of meeting the army challenge on their own.

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