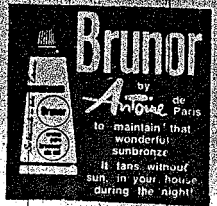


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Scheel punched in Bolivia Report from East Pakistan

WEST German Foreign Minister Walter Scheel was punched in the chest by a 69-year-old German during a wreath-laying ceremony here.

The man, identified by a Bolivian police spokesman, Captain Céspedes, as Hugo Feiger, pushed through the crowd as the West German anthem was being sung and punched Scheel in the chest.

The foreign minister shook his attacker by the shoulders and spoke to him before about 30 plain-clothes police grabbed the man.

Captain Céspedes said Feiger hit Scheel because he disagreed with the minister's policy on German unity.

Céspedes said Feiger, a German forestry engineer who came to Bolivia four years ago was being held incommunicado at criminal police headquarters. It was not immediately clear whether Feiger has West German citizenship.

At the time of the attack, Scheel was laying a wreath at the monument to Simón Bolívar.

The West German minister arrived here on Saturday from Colombia for a one-day visit and talks with Bolivian President Juan José Torres. (Reuters)

Rebel government set up under army major

EAST Pakistan's clandestine radio announced yesterday the establishment of a rebel government under an army major, and said his forces were marching on the capital of Dacca, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

PTI also said the martial law administration in East Pakistan had urgently appealed for more troops from West Pakistan to put down the uprising in the eastern part of the country separated from the central government by 1,000 miles of Indian territory.

The Indian news agency did not give a source for the report.

Free Bengal Radio, a clandestine transmitter that purports to be the voice of Sheikh Mujib Ur-Rahman's rebel army, announced the formation of a provincial Bangla Desh (Bengal country) government, PTI said.

The broadcast, monitored by PTI, said the underground government was being headed by Major Zia Khan and that his forces were on the march to Dacca from the city of Chittagong.

The radio said the rebels would be guided by Mujib, who, it said, was directing the "liberation struggle" against West Pakistan from his headquarters in Chittagong.

PTI quoted the broadcast as saying that Major Zia Khan had appealed for material assistance for his troops and recognition of the rebel regime by "peace-loving governments."

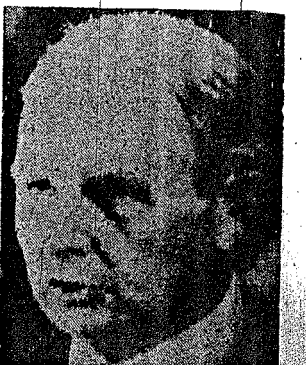
Belfast continues to simmer

An explosion rocked a mort-gage firm yesterday and British troops broke up fighting between Roman Catholics and Protestants here.

The blast, a charge of gelignite-type dynamite, shattered windows of downtown Belfast's Northern Ireland Housing Trust building, a spokesman for the British military said. No one was hurt. The fighting apparently stemmed from an attack on a Roman Catholic church.

Brian Faulkner, the province's new premier, secluded himself for the weekend to prepare two speeches for his first political tests.

One was for a meeting today of the ruling Unionist party council, where may face a vote of confidence. The other speech was for a parliamentary debate tomorrow. (UP)



Northern Ireland Premier Brian Faulkner — preparing for his first political tests (UP)



Indian supporters of breakaway East Pakistan demonstrate outside the Pakistan embassy in New Delhi to protest the reported massacre of thousands in East Pakistan (UP photo).

Peaceful elections in Honduras

HONDURANS crowded peacefully to the polls yesterday to choose a civilian president to head the country for the next six years.

Air forces units were rushed from the northern city of San Pedro Sula early in the morning to the Caribbean coast province of Colón after supporters of the two contending parties — the Liberals and the Nationalists — fought briefly at dawn but calm was quickly restored.

Incomplete election results received early this morning indicated that the candidate for the ruling National Party, Ramón Ernesto Cruz, took an early lead. An estimated 40 percent of registered voters did not vote. Left-wing and other groups which failed to obtain official registration have waged a "don't vote" campaign. (Reuters-UP)

Sierra Leone asks Guinean army in

GUINEAN armed forces entered Sierra Leone yesterday at the request of Prime Minister Dr Siaka Stevens.

The first group to land by air took up positions around Dr Stevens' private Brookfields residence, which is under very tight security.

The prime minister announced in a broadcast yesterday morning that he had asked President Sekou Toure of Guinea to send troops to Freetown following abortive coups and assassination attempts.

In a second broadcast Dr Stevens said the armies of Sierra Leone and Guinea had "become one" to prevent trouble-makers bringing down the Sierra Leone government.

Three Mig fighters and a helicopter arrived in Sierra Leone from Guinea earlier at the request of Stevens.

Stevens called on the people of Sierra Leone to stand firm against "aggressors" who continue to make trouble in the country.

The army chief, Brigadier John Bangura, and six other senior officers have been arrested following last week's abortive army coup and assassination attempts against the prime minister. (Reuters-UP)

PTI said the rebel radio said East Pakistani irregulars captured army posts at Comilla, Jessore and Khulna and insisted that the rebels had killed General Tikka Khan, east Pakistan's chief martial law administrator.

According to PTI, the government-held Dacca Radio said several thousand West Pakistani army troops had been airlifted to Chittagong, a port city, to quell disturbances there. (UP)

Córdoba

A score of urban guerrillas belonging to the "Ejército Revolucionario del Pueblo" organization took over TV channel 10 here at midnight last night and transmitted a revolutionary proclamation, and an image of "Che" Guevara with a five-pointed star and the letters "ERP." The terrorists escaped before the arrival of police. (UP)