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Men in the News

East Pakistan Chief Fulfills a Prediction

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His military judges laughed when Sheikh Mujibur Rahman said: "I expect to be leading my people for quite some time."

It was the early 1960s and he was on trial, facing a life sentence, for plotting the secession of East Pakistan from West Pakistan.

Yesterday he apparently moved to make his old dream come true. Clandestine radio reports say he declared East Pakistan to be an independent sovereign republic.

MUJIBUR RAHMAN
Rebel leader

Martial Law

The reports followed bloody clashes between rioters and troops, and President Yahya Khan's announcement that full martial law would be enforced.

Rahman, 51 last week, has been a political fighter all his life. First for independence from the British and the establishment of the Moslem state of Pakistan, then for autonomy for East Pakistan when he found it was dominated politically and economically by West Pakistan 1,000 miles away across India.

9 Jail Years

His beliefs have earned him a total of nine years in jail.

Put "Mujib," as his followers call him, in front of a large Bengali crowd and he comes alive with fiery charisma and evangelical fervor.

He rouses the masses with simple themes. "Did you know the roads of West Pakistan are paved with gold — your gold!" he yells, and the crowds roar their disapproval whether they believe him or not.

He is from a village where his father was clerk of the district court and a modest landowner. The title "sheikh" does not make him a sheikh in the Middle Eastern sense, but is close to "squire" as a title in the Middle Ages.

Family

He was betrothed to his wife, under Moslem custom, when she was 3. They live with their seven sons and daughters in a small decached house in the best area of Dacca.

He once was so broke that he and his wife took in boarders. But they were hard to find because people were reluctant to be linked to such an obvious troublemaker.

He was expelled from law school for his political activities and made his living selling insurance.

In the 1950s he formed the Awami League, dedicated to the betterment of the Bengalis of East Pakistan.

Ideology

Nowadays when people want to know if he is a Socialist or if he is pro-Western, it is hard to fix him with any distinct ideology. His whole career has been so much taken up with the problems of his homeland.

Perhaps middle-of-the-road Socialist and leaning to the West would best sum him up. More significantly, he does not harbor the anti-Indian sentiments of the West Pakistanis. If he really comes to power he is quite likely to make a deal reopening trade links between East Pakistan and India.

The people showed their confidence in Mujib and his six-point policy for self-rule to get East Pakistan out from under domination of the Punjabis of West Pakistan last December, when they swept the Awami League into all except one of the 162 seats then being contested in the national assembly. He has since added another six women's seats to his total.

The seats gave him an absolute majority over the West in the 313-seat national assembly. The clash over self-rule came even before the body could meet for its inaugural session to draft a constitution.

Iron Fist Guides West Army

By United Press International

Pakistan's brilliant military strategist is facing what professional soldiers fear most — civil war.

When Agha Mohammed Yahya Khan, 54, president of Pakistan, found he could not prevent East Pakistan from going its own way, he did not hesitate to use the mailed fist. He never has.

Yahya Khan was born in 1917 of Iranian and Puthan warrior stock. He was commissioned into the army in 1938, became a brigadier at 34, a major - general at 40 and a lieutenant - general at 46.

YAHYA KHAN
President

Yahya has always kept his private life private. His family — a wife, son and daughter — are unknown to the public.

Yahya is credited with forming the modern Pakistani army. He established the first staff college in Pakistan shortly after independence from Britain in 1947.

Eleven years later, as chief of the general staff, he played a key role in the October, 1958, coup which brought his commanding officer, Gen. Mohammad Ayub Khan, to the presidency.

Like Ayub, Yahya has what seems to be an ingrained suspicion of politicians.

But when Ayub was forced from power by student and labor unrest in March of 1969, and Yahya took over, he tried to introduce the reforms demanded by the demonstrators angered over 13 years of martial law.

He gave workers the right to strike and brought civilians into his cabinet.

In 1970, unrest had eased and Yahya felt the time was ripe for a gradual return to civilian rule. He called elections for last December, for provincial assemblies and for a national assembly to write a new constitution.

He reserved the right to reject the constitution, however, indicating he felt the nation still needed a firm hand at the helm.

Teamster Pact

Chavez Faces Growers

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tract, said flatly: "We aren't going to arbitrate it."

A spokesman for Antle said: "Our position is that our contract is with Local 890 and does not expire until July 15, 1973. It is our understanding that the UFWOC recognizes our contract with Local 890."

Herb Fleming, spokesman for the Salinas Valley Growers & Shippers Association, could not be reached for comment.

Neither could officials of the Western Conference of Teamsters, which has contracts with about 200 growers. Seventy-five of these are in the Salinas Valley and the others elsewhere in California.

Washington View

In Washington, William L. Kircher, AFL-CIO organizing director who has worked closely with the UFWOC, said the agreement signed by Meany and Fitzsimmons, provides that the Teamsters Union will drop any contracts with lettuce growers covering fieldworkers.

The agreement is a 5-year extension of one the UFWOC and Teamsters signed Aug. 12 but failed to jell. This resulted in UFWOC strikes in the Salinas Valley, court injunctions, disturbances, the calling of Chavez and boycotts. Five large growers cancelled Teamster contracts and signed with UFWOC.

The new agreement, signed by Meany and Fitzsimmons, provides that Teamster and UFWOC representatives will first try for five days to settle disputes. If they fail, the issues shall be referred to the U.S. Catholic Bishops' Committee on Farm Labor which will have 15 days to attempt resolution.

Binding Decision

If the committee fails the issues will be referred to Meany and Fitzsimmons for binding decision by them or their representatives.

"The greatest problem now is to get the growers to talk with us," Chavez said.

He said the UFWOC would seek immediate negotiations. UFWOC spokesmen said talks with the Teamsters would begin next week.

In Baltimore the Delegates Convention of the National Federation of Catholic Priests' Council, representing some 25,000 priests, praised efforts to settle the dispute.

Resolution Issued

A resolution called on "all parties to the dispute to enter the process in good faith, to engage in open and honest negotiation and to reach a settlement agreed to by all, so that the work of organizing farm workers of the world and thereby obtaining justice and equality for them and their families can proceed with renewed vigor."

The Salinas Valley fight started last summer after Chavez, victor in a long battle with growers in the San Joaquin Valley, turned his attention to organizing lettuce and other produce field hands.

The Teamsters signed labor contracts with the growers which were branded by the UFWOC as "sack deer agreements."

Sadat in Sudan

BEIRUT — (AP) — President Anwar Sadat of Egypt flew to Sudan today for "crucial talks on the Middle East crisis," the Egyptian Middle East News Agency reported.

Indira Tells Sympathies For Rebels

NEW DELHI — (UPI) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today spoke in support of the people of East Pakistan.

"We welcome the democratic action of an entire people who have spoken with one voice," she told parliament.

"The government is fully alive to the situation and a decision will be taken in time," she said.

The prime minister said "There is no use in talking in theoretical terms, but at the same time certain international laws have to be followed."

"An unarmed people have been met with tanks," she said.

The prime minister made the statement after persistent demands from all sections of the house, including the ruling Congress Party, that a statement of the foreign minister, Swaran Singh, on the situation in East Pakistan "did not reflect the feelings of the people of India."

Speaker G. S. Dhillon announced that he will waive the house rules and will fix a date for a debate on the situation in East Pakistan.

Weinberger Denies Eye On S.F. Race

Presidential budget analyst Caspar W. Weinberger has no intention of running for the office of mayor in his native City of San Francisco.

But he does intend to register to vote in San Francisco, using the address of his brother at 60 Merced Ave. in the Forest Hill District as his official address.

Weinberger, in a call to The Examiner from the White House late yesterday, said he was not aware of talk in Republican circles that he could be a candidate for mayor.

Asked whether he had been approached by any check-book Republicans willing to support his possible candidacy in a race against Mayor Alioto, he responded:

"No, I haven't. I've never been harassed by any supporters with money."

He added that he has too much to do in Washington to give any thought to the possibility of running for Mayor.

Weinberger, a onetime state assemblyman, was Gov. Reagan's finance director when President Nixon appointed him to a top job in the White House budget bureau.

Remaining Quints Off Critical List

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Two survivors of quintuplets born to a 25 year old housewife have been removed from the critical list and the hospital says their progress is encouraging.

Valley Presbyterian Hospital said yesterday the infant girls no longer are fed intravenously and are given eight cubic centimeters of milk each hour. A spokesman said the girls, Dawn Michelle Kaplan and her sister, Danielle Faye, probably will be hospitalized three more weeks.

Pearl Kaplan, wife of an insurance salesman, gave birth to quintuplets March 16. A boy was stillborn and two girls died the next day of respiratory failure.

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Fighting is reported in Saidpur, Rangpur and Agartala. Key cities Dacca, Chittagong are also shown.

Heavy Fighting

10,000 Reported Slain in Pakistan

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have control, including the radio station.

At Jessore, PTI said, more than 1500 civilian, many clad in sarongs and undershirts, were shot down by army machinegunners when the insurgents charged with spears, clubs, axes and daggers in an attempt to capture the airport.

Reports reaching the borders said fighting was still going on today in many towns and cities throughout East Pakistan. The Awami League's so-called "freedom fighters" blew up the Bhairab Bridge near Akhaura and destroyed roads and power lines in many places.

A report from Calcutta said the Pakistan air force had run low on fuel and had appealed to Burma for help. The report said Burma had assured the Karachi government it would provide aviation fuel.

All-India Radio said fighting was widespread through East Pakistan, separated from West Pakistan by 1000 miles of India.

Mass Outbreak

Ghostly Hysteria In Malaysia Girls

SINGAPORE — (UPI) — A psychiatrist said today a baffling outbreak of mass hysteria by girls in a Malaysian high school two days in succession was triggered by a fearful belief in ghosts and spirits common in this part of the world.

"The belief in charms and spirits and devils is not unusual here and it often has subconscious repercussions. If one person is affected, mob psychology takes over in a chain reaction," Dr. M. Mahadevan said.

Hospital

He spoke by phone from the central mental hospital in Tanjong Rambutan, 12 miles from the Malaysian town of Ipoh where the mass panic struck a school Thursday and yesterday.

"All you need to do is scratch the surface and these religious or superstitious beliefs will manifest in some way," Mahadevan said.

More than 40 girls, aged 14 to 16, suddenly screamed and fainted at Ipoh's Raja Chulan secondary school for Malay children on Thursday, and 19 were hospitalized. The next day the same thing happened and 25 more girls were sent to the hospital.

Only girls were affected.

Trigger

"Anything could have touched it off," Mahadevan said. "If one of these girls fainted on the playing field from overexertion, for instance, that would be enough right there.

"With rumors of spirits about, another of the girls might have seen the fainting and become hysterical. From there on, a chain reaction could have occurred and mob psycology could have taken over."

The school is on the site of an execution and burial ground by occupying Japanese troops during World War II. It is the belief of many that the dead haunt the ground they are buried in.

Lebanon Cut Off

BEIRUT — (AP) — Telephone communications from Lebanon were cut off today by a strike of operators seeking higher wages.

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Offers of Aid

McCloskey to Oppose Nixon

LOS ANGELES — (AP) — Rep. Paul McCloskey Jr. (R-Calif.) says he will establish a campaign staff next month to challenge President Nixon in the 1972 presidential primaries, the Los Angeles Times reports.

The newspaper said today that McCloskey, a frequent critic of Nixon's Vietnam war policies, said yesterday in Washington his decision to run was partly based on pledges of financial support.

Offers

Other reasons cited by McCloskey were offers by over 300 persons to work in his campaign and the failure of any nationally prominent Republican to challenge Nixon, the newspaper said.

McCloskey said he received a large pledge of an undisclosed amount from Los Angeles millionaire industrialist, Norton Simon, the Times said.

McCloskey, a decorated Korean war Marine officer, said he was "inundated" with offers of support since a speech at Stanford University Feb. 11, the newspaper reported.

Won't Run

In that address, McCloskey proposed a national debate on impeachment of Nixon, claiming that the President stepped beyond his constitutional authority in providing American troop support for the Laos and Cambodian operations.

McCloskey, of San Mateo, said he tried unsuccessfully to get five Republican liberals to enter the primaries, the Times said, naming Sens. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, Charles Mathias of Maryland, Charles Percy of Illinois, New York City Mayor John Lindsay, and John Gardner, former U.S. secretary of health, education and welfare.

In addition to Simon, other financial offers to McCloskey came from Henry Niles a Baltimore businessman, and

Couple Arrested In Slaying

A Mission District couple was arrested by police last night as suspects in a bizarre sidewalk shooting outside a garage at 1372 Church St.

Left dead with a single bullet in his heart was Richard C. Hacker Jr., a teamster who lived at 19 Menlo Ave., Daly City.

Police said he was shot from a car, by a man in the passenger seat, which then circled the block and drove by again before speeding off.

The murder occurred at 5 p.m. and by 9 p.m. a cruising patrol car had located the suspects, James Atencio, 25, and his wife, Lucy, of 2930 22nd St.

Investigating officers said there was a dispute between the two over ownership of a car engine Hacker was working on at the garage he rented to overhaul cars.

The suspect claimed the motor had been stolen from him, and had initiated court proceedings to try to recover it.

Cleveland industrialist Cyrus Eaton, the Times said.

Niles is chairman of Business Executive Move for Vietnam Peace.

Volunteer offers streamed primarily from college students who favor McCloskey's stand on Vietnam and the ecology, the Times said.

Girl Hurt in Escape Leap From Truck

A 21 year old San Francisco woman, critically injured when she leaped from the fast-moving pickup truck of a would-be rapist, was recovering today after surgery at a Novato hospital.

A passing motorist saw Miss Lisa Michelle Smith jump out while the truck was going 50 miles an hour yesterday on Highway 37 just past the Petaluma River bridge on the way to Napa. She suffered a skull fracture and severe abrasions.

She had hitchhiked a ride in San Francisco for Sausalito, police said.

The driver of the truck, a late model Ford, red over white, with a horse for a hood decoration, demanded sex but was unable to stop because of continuous heavy traffic, she told officers.

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