

Pakistan sets coalition government

Pakistani radio announced Tuesday that President Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan has decided to form a coalition government. The announcement came as Indian army troops crashed through East Pakistani defenses in the key towns of Jessore and Syihet.

The numerically-superior Indian troops supporting the Mukti Bahini freedom fighters made tremendous advances on the retreating Pakistani troops.

India's chief of staff called on these Pakistani troops to surrender and give up the country to the Bangla Desh independence movement.

The announcement from Radio Pakistan said Yahya Khan had asked former foreign minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, the leftist leader of the Pakistan People's party, to set up a central coalition government after December 27 to replace the current military regime. Radio Pakistan said Yahya Khan made

the decision in light of the present war which has resulted in a disruption of communications between East and West Pakistan.

Yahya Khan has ruled Pakistan as chief martial law administrator since March 25, 1969, and on March 31, 1969, declared himself president. Last December in general elections the Awami League of East Pakistan won the majority of the seats in Parliament — whereupon

Yahya Khan abruptly suspended the legislative body and began arresting the opposition leaders of East Pakistan.

In related developments, anti-aircraft fire from three warships in the Bay of Bengal rocked a Canadian C 130 transport plane flying a mercy mission to Dacca, East Pakistan, where more than 300 foreign personnel are awaiting evacuation, a U.N. spokesman said.

The hostile action by the three ships forced postponement of the evacuation for the second day.

In the U.N. itself, the United States pushed Tuesday for action by the General Assembly to "save lives" by ordering a cease-fire and troop withdrawal in the area. Diplomatic sources said it was unlikely a vote on the measure today would support the U.S. stand.

China accused the Soviet Union Tuesday of employing "gunpowder diplomacy" to support India's policy of "aggression and expansion" against Pakistan. The Chinese also said India's support of the Bangla Desh is designed to "annex Pakistan" under the New Delhi government.

Court convicts protestors for marching in Greenville

GREENVILLE — A total of 62 persons were convicted for parading without a permit Tuesday in connection with protests against the slaying of a black farm worker by a state trooper.

Judge Robert D. Wheeler sentenced all 62, most of whom were arrested Nov. 29 at the start of a halted march to Raleigh,

to three days in jail each.

The march, still uncompleted, was to have been a week-long demonstration against the shooting death of William Early Murphy by trooper Billy Day.

Police said a permit would readily be granted if the marchers would apply the necessary 72 hours in advance. But

Golden Frinks, state field secretary of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, declined.

Frinks maintained that the ordinance was unconstitutional, and for four days the group started its march only to be arrested. During the period more than 140 persons were charged with parading without a permit.



Ohio drops charges in Kent State case

RAVENNA, Ohio — The state of Ohio Tuesday filed motions to drop charges for lack of evidence against the remaining 20 defendants indicted in connection with the 1970 disorders at Kent State University.

Special prosecutor John Hayward announced the State's action after Mary Nicholas, from Akron, Ohio, was acquitted of charges of interfering with a fireman when the campus ROTC building was burned May 2, 1970.

Hayward said his office had reviewed the FBI report on the disorders and "it is the conclusion of this office to drop the cases."

Portage County Judge Edwin Jones and Judge Albert Caris withheld a ruling on the State motion pending action on an affidavit filed by defense attorneys to have Caris removed from the trials on the grounds he is prejudiced.

European countries add \$1 billion to NATO costs

BRUSSELS — European members of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Tuesday announced an increase of more than \$1 billion spending for 1972.

British Defense secretary Lord Carrington said this was in addition to \$1 billion already committed by European members to the alliance for improving the West's defenses during the coming year.

The move was made to show the United States that Europe is "willing to take up her share of the defense burden," said Carrington on the eve of a three-day meeting of NATO foreign, defense and finance ministers.

Committee okays curb of President's powers

WASHINGTON — The Senate Foreign Relations Committee voted Tuesday in favor of restricting the power of the President to commit American troops abroad in the future without the consent of Congress.

The committee approved, by a 13-0 margin, a bill that basically requires the President to obtain congressional approval in advance before committing U.S. troops.

But it contains numerous exceptions to permit unilateral presidential action where advance approval of Congress is impossible — including an attack on the United States or on U.S. troops abroad.

The Nixon administration strongly opposes the measure, which would not affect the war in Vietnam.

Official says bombings 'drain' Belfast economy

BELFAST, Northern Ireland — A Belfast city official said Tuesday the fire bombing of an east Belfast factory caused \$2.5 million damage and called it typical of the drain on Northern Ireland's economy after two years of violence.

A Salvation Army worker died in the fire and four other persons were injured. "In all the anger and horror people tend to forget the immense financial burden all this has placed on us," said the spokesman. He said the city has at least 12,000 claims on its books from businesses and private persons for property damage caused by riots, bombs and other violence.

He said the claims pour in "at the rate of about 200-250 a week. Many will take years to settle. A lot of them go back to 1969, when the trouble started."

Senate begins debate on William Rehnquist



William H. Rehnquist

WASHINGTON — With little chance of success, members of the Senate began a campaign Tuesday against the Supreme Court nomination of William H. Rehnquist, charging him with "persistent distaste" for efforts to outlaw racial discrimination.

Despite complaints from Republicans, the debate on the nomination of the 47-year-old assistant attorney general proceeded at a leisurely pace with a strong possibility it could continue for at least the rest of the week.

As expected, Sen. George S. McGovern (D-S.D.), who is seeking the presidential nomination, announced he would vote against the Rehnquist nomination. Sen. Edmund S. Muskie (D-Me.), acknowledged front-runner for the Democratic nomination, made a similar statement against Rehnquist last week.

There was no indication, however, of any erosion in Rehnquist's strength, which as of now is expected to assure him confirmation when the vote is taken to choose the successor to retired associate justice John M. Harlan.

The Senate confirmed Lewis F. Powell, of Richmond, Va., Monday as the third of President Nixon's appointments to reach the court.

Canadian head sees end to U.S. import tax

WASHINGTON — Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau said Tuesday he is "willing and anxious" to see removed the United States' 10 percent surcharge on imports as soon as an agreement on monetary and trade agreements matters can be made with other major non-Communist countries.

Trudeau, who met with President Nixon Monday, told a news conference before flying back to Ottawa that he was optimistic that an agreement will be reached later this month at the meeting of the Group of Ten, an unofficial alliance of the world's most economically powerful nations presently meeting on world currency realignment.

The Group of Ten has met three times since September in an effort to resolve the monetary crisis which began last August when President Nixon imposed the surcharge and allowed the dollar to "float" on world money markets.

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