

to a small village or remote tribal area, is unspeakably evil when directed to sustaining the rule of a distant military regime over a vast unarmed populace which only three months before had overwhelmingly voiced its desire for a measure of richly deserved regional autonomy.

We therefore urge the Government of the United States to join the Governments of India and the Soviet Union in publicly expressing its outrage at the course of events in East Pakistan; and to carry into effect itself the following measures:

(1) to halt at once all military aid to Pakistan, whether of ammunition, spare parts, or equipment; and to maintain this embargo until a government responsive to the will of the people of East Pakistan has been restored to that province;

(2) to suspend economic aid to Pakistan at least until such time as news reporters and scholars are permitted free entry into the major cities of East Bengal to verify for themselves the truth or falsehood of the stories put out by the Government of Pakistan about the events of March and April 1971; and

(3) when economic aid is resumed, to direct the overwhelming bulk of such assistance to the relief and rehabilitation of the distressed people of East Bengal. The channelling of emergency relief should take first priority, followed by a wide range of programs aimed at encouraging the growth of a self-reliant progressive Bengali economy.

BRUTAL SUPPRESSION IN EAST PAKISTAN

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OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, May 5, 1971

Mr. WALDIE. Mr. Speaker, I have been shocked and saddened by recent newspaper reports which describe the treatment of the people of East Pakistan by the Pakistan Army since the recent uprising.

I have received a petition from members of the faculty, staff, and student body of the University of California at Berkeley, protesting this treatment and suggesting a course of action for our Government.

I believe this petition is worthy of the attention of this body.

The petition and signatures follow:

A PETITION OF PROTEST REGARDING THE TREATMENT OF THE PEOPLE OF EAST PAKISTAN

We, the undersigned members of the faculty, staff, and students associated with South and Southeast Asia Studies at the University of California at Berkeley, wish to protest strongly against the massacres which have been carried out against the people of East Bengal by the Pakistan Army since March 25, 1971. Not content with simply reasserting its authority over the region, the regime of Yahya Khan has embarked on a policy of systematically murdering all Bengali military officers, students, and intellectuals and civil servants who might have provided some leadership for Bengal in the future. They appear in particular to have singled out for destruction all the Bengali professors and heads of departments at Dacca and other East Bengali universities. This policy can only have as its result the reduction of East Pakistan to a wasteland inhabited by a cowed and subjugated people. Such a policy, horrible enough when applied

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