

The Weather

Today—Cloudy, fair tonight; high in the mid 50s, low in the 20s. Chance of rain 20 per cent today, 10 per cent tonight. Saturday—Fair; high in the 30s. Temperature range: Today, 27-36; Yesterday, 53-74. B3.

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Surrender Ends War in East



Indian Gen. Aurora, left, and Pakistani Gen. Niazi sign the surrender agreement, left, after first shaking hands on Aurora's arrival in Dacca.

Pakistani Forces Lay Down Arms

Fight Not Over, India to Call Truce in West

By Jim Hoagland
RAWALPINDI, Dec. 16—Pakistani President Yahya Khan admitted to the nation tonight that "we have been overwhelmed in the eastern sector."

"But," Yahya continued, "a temporary cessation in one theater of war does not by any means signify the end of the struggle."

The brief speech, which was taped at midday for radio and television broadcast, gave the West Pakistani population no details of the Pakistani army's surrender in Dacca.

The surrender was signed at 6 a.m. EST by Gen. A. A. K. Niazi in the beleaguered city of Dacca.

At the same time, Indian authorities made public a letter from Gen. Aurora to President Nixon asserting that India wants no territory in either East or West Pakistan.

[Mrs. Gandhi told Parliament that "the Indian armed forces will not remain in Dacca for longer or than they are needed," AP reported. The news agency also reported that an agreement was reached with Indian newsmen in New Delhi that Indian forces would remain in Bangladesh "until mop-up operations are completed, until normalcy is restored, until the task set for the army is fully done, until the health and municipal services are restored, and the refugees repatriated."]'

In her letter, Mrs. Gandhi reprovingly wrote President Nixon that the war could have his only messages to the West Pakistani population of 53 million since the war began.

Official spokesmen were unavailable to newsmen today, and the nightly joint military diplomatic briefing session was canceled as abruptly as the war.

Ziegler said that Mr. Nixon welcomed India's offer of a cease-fire on its western front with Pakistan. But he denounced India for triggering the war.

"The way you avoid war is not starting up the tanks and not putting bullets in the rifles," Ziegler said. Asked by reporters who had started up the tanks, he responded: "India."

Ziegler explained that the United States has not changed its position that India should pull back from East Pakistan, saying that "foreign forces should withdraw from foreign territory."

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Indians Enter Dacca to Marigolds, Cheers

By Lee Lescaze
WASHINGTON Post Foreign Service
Dacca, Dec. 16—Indian army troops entered Dacca today to the cheers of thousands of Bengalis shouting "Jai Bangla" (Victory for Bengal).

Wednesday EST) and received an immediate reply that there would be no further Pakistani resistance. He then entered the city with his men.

The Pakistani airport defense units grouped at the far end of the runway to meet their surrendering point.

to protect foreigners and the former civilian government of East Pakistan, which has taken refuge there.

Japan Courts China With Apology Offer

By Selig S. Harrison
WASHINGTON Post Foreign Service
TOKYO, Dec. 16—Foreign line contacts with Chinese Minister Takeo Fukuda said today that Japan is prepared to make a formal apology to the Chinese people for "what they suffered during the Sino-Japanese war" as a precondition for establishing diplomatic relations with Peking.

China Warns India on New 'Aggression'

From News Dispatches
China asserted yesterday that India had aggressive designs on neighboring countries besides Pakistan and judged a "strong" protest with New Delhi against an alleged intrusion of Indian armed personnel into Chinese territory.

India Denies Name for War Mrs. Gandhi and Nixon Clash

By Stanley Karnow and Richard Prince
WASHINGTON Post Staff Writers
Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi and President Nixon clashed yesterday over U.S. policy in the conflict between India and Pakistan.



PRIME MINISTER GANDHI ... New Delhi "deeply hurt" spokesmen deal with us with such harshness of language.

While White House spokesman Ronald L. Ziegler rejected Mrs. Gandhi's contention that the war could have been averted had the United States "searched for a genuine basis for reconciliation."

AF Denies Viet Stepup

Armed with charts of figures, Air Force Secretary Robert C. Seamans yesterday contradicted critics who claim the U.S. is stepping up bombing in Southeast Asia to cover withdrawal in the ground war.

Antiwar Move Killed, Congress to Adjourn

House and Senate conferees killed the Mansfield antiwar amendment and agreed on a \$2.752 billion foreign aid authorization bill yesterday.

The Politicians and the People



Humphrey-Muskie posters tell story at Democrats' 1968 convention in Chicago.

Political Pros Confirm Decline of the Parties

By David S. Broder and Haynes Johnson
WASHINGTON Post Staff Writers
The scene in the hotel ballroom in Hempstead, L.I., looked like a combination of a New Year's Eve celebration and a Polish wedding. The revelers were of all ages—children bouncing balloons and blowing noisemakers; their parents, wearing comic straw hats and bowlers, dancing or standing on the sidelines holding beer mugs.