

# U.S. withholds aid; policy based on dollar diplomacy

WASHINGTON (AP)—The official Nixon policy of neutrality in the India-Pakistan war is more taking the shape of an increase in dollar diplomacy aimed at chastising the New Delhi government through withholding aid.

While the White House and State Department say they are not taking sides in the spread-war, President Nixon is

known to be dissatisfied with India's position in recent months, particularly its lack of response to U.S. calls for moderation.

In less than a week the United States has suspended economic and military aid to India totalling some \$100 million and has publicly described Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government as an aggressor.

This is in marked contrast to

the role exercised by the United States in the India-Pakistan conflict in 1965 when Washington did not take any action critical of either side.

The aggressor label is supported by U.S. officials who cite what they term a pattern of Indian acts ranging from rejection of American proposals for a ceasefire and troop withdrawals to acknowledged invasions of East

Pakistan.

On the other hand, the U.S. attitude toward Pakistan has been much softer, although administration officials acknowledge President Yahya Khan helped precipitate the crisis by his moves to repress the East Pakistani independence movement.

However, the Americans say Yahya has accepted publicly Nixon's call for an end to the fighting

and a troop pullback and they minimize his earlier actions in East Pakistan.

Last Friday the administration stopped all military assistance to India by cancelling some \$14 million in arms sales licenses. And Monday, the State Department announced the suspension of \$87.6 million in economic aid previously committed.

While Pakistan previously lost

similar aid last month, that cutoff didn't come until nearly all such assistance had been completed.

And while the whole matter of aid to Pakistan and India is under administration review, U.S. resources indicate India may lose even more of the \$160 million that is still outstanding from previous appropriations.

Another possibility would be

an end to the heavy American support of economic aid channeled to India by several international agencies. This totals several hundreds of millions of dollars.

While chopping away at India's economic position the United States is taking a stand in the United Nations that angers the New Delhi government, pushing resolutions calling for a ceasefire and withdrawal of troops.

The Indians object this position equals them with the Pakistanis, who they accuse of near-genocide in repressing the rebellion in the East.

The Nixon administration acknowledges only marginal influence on the subcontinent and what it hopes to accomplish by its recent actions is unclear. Publicly officials say they are aimed at keeping the United States from becoming involved and are not designed to punish anyone.

Privately, they doubt India will turn direction because of Washington's pressure, but they say President Nixon wants to make clear his displeasure with the New Delhi war policy.

The next step, according to U.S. officials, is entirely up to the United Nations.

## Bioengineers organize first campus group

A&M faculty and students have organized the nation's first university chapter of the National Association of Bioengineers.

Faculty advisor Dr. Art Sherwood said the organization is for bioengineers and people interested in bioengineering problems.

Bioengineering is the application of engineering to living systems, especially man. A new undergraduate bioengineering degree program was approved by the A&M System Board of Directors last month.

Dr. Sherwood said the society was founded as a professional and student group. It will provide a unified approach to bioengineering through inclusion of individuals from all related aspects of bioengineering, including electronics, mechanics, materials, environmental factors and life-health sciences.

Gordon McDaniel, graduate student in interdisciplinary engineering, is A&M Chapter president. Other officers are junior biomedical engineering majors Bill Weeks, vice president; Ruben Trono, secretary, and Jim Clark, treasurer.

The chapter plans technical programs and field trips, including a recent trip to the Texas Medical Center in Houston.

Dr. Sherwood emphasized the National Association of Bioengineers is open to students and staff. Interested individuals should contact any of the officers, Dr. Sherwood or the Bioengineering Program Office in Teague Building Room 226X.

## Decoration, floral show this Monday

Ideas for Christmas flower arrangements and decorations will be shown during an open house Monday, Dec. 13, at the floriculture greenhouses.

The 3 to 7 p.m. Christmas Open House will honor Prof. A. F. DeWerth. His 26 years with the university has been credited with revolutionizing the floral industry in Texas.

Faculty and students of the Floriculture Section of the Soil and Crop Sciences Department will participate in the program.

Many ideas on how to put a happy face on your home this Christmas will be shown. The open house includes displays, greenhouse tours, research programs of public interest and refreshments.

## Pet Engineering receives grant

A&M's Petroleum Engineering Department received a \$3,000 unrestricted grant from the Gulf Oil Foundation Nov. 17.

The check was presented to Prof. Robert L. Whiting, department head, by F. L. Carpenter of Houston, petroleum engineering advisor for Gulf Oil.

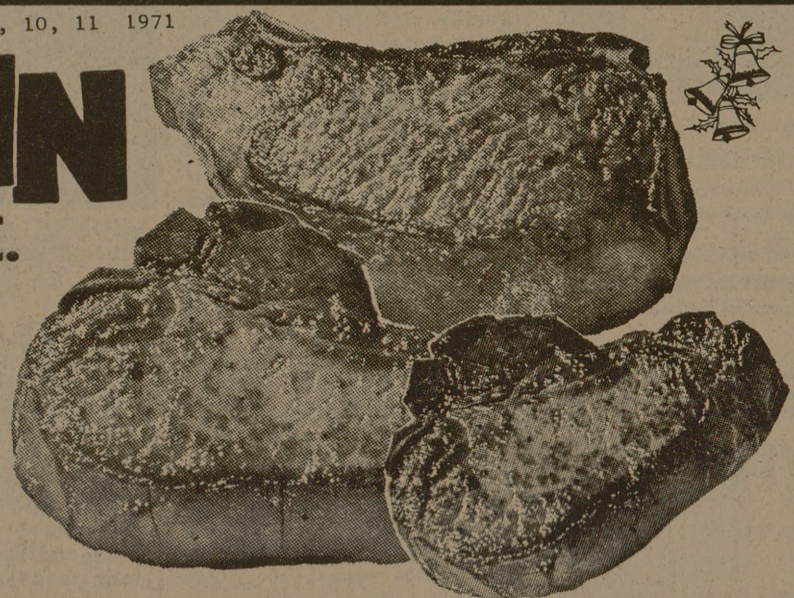
Carpenter said the foundation's Departmental Assistance Grants are aimed at providing for special projects at selected universities.

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