Nixon speech and Russian Congress show economic crises, bankruptcy of thought

By O. Domanski

Two very different events—the mammoth anti-war demonstrations in Washington and San Francisco on this side of the Iron Curtain, and the complete disregard by the Russian masses of the 24th Russian Communist Party Congress, on the other side—have exposed the unbridgeable gulf that exists between the two worlds within each country. Everywhere, public opinion is considered as a tool on and students who continue to think of their own employment, inflation and racism that mark a degenerate capitalism in its death agonies.

The same kind of crises grip state-capitalist Russia, as well. And the 24th Congress revealed them all. Leonid Brezhnev opened the Congress with grandiose promises that the ninth Five Year Plan, would, for the first time in history, favor the consumer instead of heavy industry, but 76 to 75 percent of all investment capital will continue to go to heavy industry, especially defense. And what little increase in consumer goods is accomplished, will, the Russian Congress made clear, have to come from “increased and more efficient labor production.”

REFRIGERATORS... BY 1975

At the last Congress, in 1966, Brezhnev openly demanded “harder work, better discipline, and an end to drunkenness.” This year, with the memory of the Polish workers revolt still all-too-fresh in mind, the incentives are supposedly “more consumer goods.” The end is the same: the workers must work harder.

The miserable standard of living for the Russian people will continue to be miserable. Thus, although General Secretary Brezhnev announced a brand-new family refrigerator plan for everyone earning less than $55 a month (which includes fully one-sixth of a population of 230 million), it fell to Premier Kosygin to reveal the truth in April, 1974. And then only if the set production quotas of the program were met. If all goes well, the Russian people are promised that by 1975, 64 percent will finally have a refrigerator. Only 33 percent have one today.

Scant wonder that the Russian people showed more concern with how the Russian team was doing in the world hockey championship than with the promises of the 24th Congress.

NIXON’S CHAKRS

The very week that Brezhnev gave his six-hour, two-minute, address in Moscow, President Nixon managed to be equally uninspiring in only 20 minutes in a nationally televised speech to the American people on his plan—the “scheduled withdrawal” from Vietnam. His speech was embelished with “show-and-tell” charts—supposedly revealing that he is getting us out of Vietnam as quickly as possible. But the American people believe him to be the man who believed Brezhnev.

What they knew was that the U.S. had already spent over 45,000 American lives and $120 billion in a barbaric war that has devastated both North and South Vietnam, produced atrocities at My Lai and countless other places—and that they want an end to the barbarism NOW.

Moreover, it was clear that Nixon had no intention of getting out of Vietnam completely. Scant wonder that the preparations for the April 24 demonstrations in Washington and San Francisco continued to grow steadily and culminated in the mightiest mass protests against the war in history.

HOT SPOTS, AND COLD

In an age as mature as ours, no one anywhere in the world is fooled, either, by the apparent “bulls” at

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Sexual Politics, Kate Millett, Doubleday, N.Y. 1970, one, is quite true; but that in itself hardly constitutes a most dramatically, as revealed in contemporary attitudes of the biological and social sciences, and—^ Genet, as a glaring mirror of society's real views on pealing the decision of the unemployment office. didn't have to, that their word was as good as mine. changed his mind and was going to decide in favor of WHOSE WORD IS GOOD? used to the callous, and even hostile, way the per­ being friendly. He told me he had my check ready but told me to wait outside while he get the statement over the phone. Seen at women's rally; telephone worker fired Los Angeles, Calif.—When I was dismissed from my job at the telephone company, I expected that when I reported to the Unemployment Insurance Office and the reasons for unemployment compensation. But when I reported to them that it would take some time to find a replacement they were good stories. There was no way to change them, so they sent me home for Easter without making up their minds. Saw a long line, rude and insulting personnel, and no check. Some UAW locals were trying but not intolerable. The unemployed people were depressed and angry, but friendly and informative, some explained the forms I had to fill out. The UAW Service Center, the Unemployment Insurance Office and the reasons for their anger. When the time came for my interview I had grown used to the callous, and even hostile, way the person treated me. My interviewer surprised me by being friendly. He told me he had my check ready but the office had lost the telephone company's statement. He told me to wait outside while he get the statement over the phone. WHOSE WORD IS GOOD? When I returned to his office he told me that he had changed his mind and could not keep his promise. I was depending on my right to draw unemploy­ ment compensation. When I reported to the Unemployment Office, they told me it would take them some time to find a replacement, and they sent me home for Easter without making up their minds. FRANKENSTEIN'S MONSTER There was another article in the paper, with the headline: "If your phone is not tapped, you are a no­ bood." The article was about a black worker named Poole. He said that when this red-scare first came into the UAW, everyone opposed to Reuther was called a Red. A black worker had spoken up about it and was called a monster. The only ones that are still trying to make a show for him are some leaders of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and those two parties of thousands of Vietnamese Veterans who are opposed to the war and are demonstrating in Washington. The majority of the American people recognize just how sick this society is. 100% boycott in Miss., town after black man murdered Louise, Miss.—Last spring Rainey Poole, a black man, was shot in the head and murdered by "Doc" Cassidy, a white man, in Louise. Cassidy tried to bury the body out in the woods, but some of the body was washed back up and they threw it off a bridge into the Sun­ flower River. There was no reason for the murder, it was "just life" in this small town in the Delta. NIXON'S PROPS ARE FALLING The cops finally arrested Cassidy and five of his buddies. Cassidy is supposed to have been shot with Cassidy's gun. But when he was tried, the all-white jury said he wasn't guilty. Workers in the building trades unions—the hard hats whose work is then sold to the public and used in the construction sites—were rewarded by an invitation to a White House dinner with Nixon and his staff last year. This year he froze their wages and gave manage­ ment a 1% increase over the past year. Cassidy was shot with Cassidy's gun. But when he was tried, the all-white jury said he wasn't guilty. Staff writer for the Detroit News, E. Jefferson, Detroit, Mi. 48207 (567-5050) Dues of those members who worked one year or more shall be one dollar. (Dues are now $7.00 for all members.) Notes on Women's Liberation by Block, White, Chicana and Oriental Women PRICE: $1.00 Order from NEWS & LETTERS WL Committee 1900 E. Jefferson, Detroit, Mi. 48207 (313-567-9000) The book, Sexual Politics* by Kate Millett, is an import­ ant contribution to the litera­ ture by Kate Millett, is an import­ ant contribution to the litera­ ture of the Women's Libera­ tion movement, and it is schol­ arly, yet interesting study of the subjagation of women; as prac­ tically exposed in the theories and at­ tributes of the biological and social sciences, and, most dramatically, as revealed in contemporary literature. Millett's use of literature, specifically the works of D. H. Lawrence, Henry Miller, Norman Mailer and Jean Genel, as a glairing mirror of society's real views on women, is new and revolutionary step in literary criticism. She so transcends the bounds of the tradi­ tional literary mode as to provide a new, deeper understanding of society's deep-rooted sexual chasms even on those writers who, in other areas, were literary revolu­ tionaries. While Millett's literary method certainly is revol­ utionary, it is pure misnomer to call this book a revolution­ ary theoretical foundation for the WL movement. It is a book. In Millett's thesis, that the relationship of man to woman has been, throughout history, a political one, is quite true; but that in itself hardly constitutes a revolution— for the liberation of women, and I do not believe Millett herself saw it as such. That is, perhaps, the central problem of the book. Sexual Politics is the work of a woman, and too little concerned with the struggles of women against that oppression, with the ways that masses of women have organized themselves—politically—to end male domination. It is that dialectic of history that is missing, the consciousness that for every form of oppression, there must be a corresponding struggle against oppression. As a result, her treatment of the early women's movement, what she terms "The Sexual Revolution— 1530-1830," lacks a vitality—one gets no feeling of the passion, the struggle, that this was anything more than a fling at revolutionizing a revolution. It is abstracted from its own history—the history of the abolitionists, populism, the birth of the labor movement—becoming merely curios of the past rather than history important to WL today. Lack of firm historical ground goes hand in hand with a lack of any philosophical perspective, which leads Millett to such things as subsuming the thirty years from 1830 to 1860 under the rubric of "The Counter­ Revolution."

—Boone McFadden

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Fascist threat in Italy

Milan, Italy—The situation here is worsening so rapidly that it is hard to believe. At first, I believed that the rise of fascism in the South was a southern question. Little by little, however, the people of one small town dynamited the headquarters of every political party. A few months ago, in Italy a series of dynamite attempts were made on the homes of three Chris­ tian Democratic leaders. The headquarters of the pro­ fascist Chamber of Deputies in the South was dynamited. Thunder coming from mass desperation, Southern Italy has never been worse off than it is now. Politicians are fast turning to the North that no one can ignore their importance. On April 16, the headquarters of the Socialist Party was dynamited. The mechanism of the South can no longer be compared to the President of the country. The next step is for the Socialists to hold an unauthorized demonstration against the Communists. Results. 83 stopped by the police, 22 wounded (10 policemen), eight arrested. There is no telling what will happen regularly by now in the demonstrations of the extreme left, but they are important because they show the government is still threatened by these fascists. The fact is that people have been so politically manipulated by the bourgeois press and TV, along with the leftist press—while governments rise and fall, but hardly ever manage to pass an important law—that many would welcome anything that one can call "order." The fascists are strong enough to govern, but a coup d'etat? Who knows if it would not be worse for the country? There are a few things that are wrong. So many insane things happen here almost every day that perhaps someone from the outside could analyze things better than one living in this mass mess.

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S.F. warehouse resolutions

San Francisco, Calif. —At last month's conven­ tion of the Warehouse Workers branch of the Uninsured Motor­ Vehicle Fund (ADC) the majority of the members voted to demand the following resolutions: 1. Overtime work by seniority list members is dis­ couraged. 2. Whenever a seniority list member is laid off or retires, and the employer does not call him back to work, he must file complaints with the municipal workers who have to work out of the hiring hall and can't get steady work, presented several res­ olutions to the delegates. Here is some of what we got:

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Solidarity, mass protest mark 15 week E.I.S. strike

Middletown, Conn.—The UAW-led strike of 401 workers at the E.I.S. Automotive Corporation here is now in its 15th week with no end in sight. (See April News & Letters for earlier stories.) The past few weeks have seen incidents of police and company violence directed at pick­eters and a court injunction prohibiting mass picketing. The solidity of the workers in the face of this violence has been wonderful.

They have organized collective meals and relief for members who have lost their jobs as a result of the strike, and have been receiving hundreds of dollars in help from other unions — Machinists, Teamsters, Colt's UAW, and others. The company is bases its refusal to negotiate peace among its own workers. Hartford.

MASS DEMONSTRATION

The most decisive show of this solidarity came on March 30 as a New York City picket line when supporters held an unprecedented mass march down Main St. ending in a confrontation with the Mayor on the steps of city hall.

During the march, nearly 10,000 copies of a strike leaflet prepared by the local Solidarity Committee (in­cluding New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut areas) were distributed. The leaflet is in the words of the strikers, and the following excerpts speak for themselves:

SOLIDARITY COMMITTEE LEAFLET

On Monday, March 15, Ernest I. Schwartz, owner of the E.I.S. Automotive Co., drove his Lincoln Continental through the U.A.W. picket line in front of his plant, and a group of U.A.W. union members, including a black worker, Fleetwood and the real white. The only people it helps is GM and GM is sure that there won’t be a strike, no matter what. They are in such a spot financially that they can’t protest about it, and after it’s settled they will get your break based on the time you worked the high. They are in such a spot financially that they can’t protest about it, and after it’s settled they will

New York, N.Y.—The last membership meeting of the New York City Taxi Drivers’ Union broke up in violent disorder on Thursday night when filings began throwing their chairs at the leaders on the platform in front of them. Many drivers in the back of the meeting tried to leave when it looked like those on the stage who as “hoodlums” and “hippies.” What has New York’s coffin so mad is that they have been working for two months under a new union contract which raised the taxi rates by 50%. Their union leaders pressed them hard to join him. His friends in the Middletown Press reported this incident as an “accident.” Could this be because Mr. Schwartz is part owner of a tavern and a personal friend of Mr. D’Oench, the publisher?

Five witnesses have come forth with signed complaints which the Prosecutor has failed to act against Mr. Schwartz.

On Friday, March 13, Middletown policemen, act­ing on the order of “Let’s Get ’Em,” charged the pickets in front of the E.I.S. plant. They attached a black woman who threw a rock at a police car, and another who threw a rock at a police car. The police in front of the stage began throwing chairs at their “honors.”

Within minutes, the police arrived to clear the hall. The union leaders gave their last word: obviously, they were too late, but we have made a demonstration of the contract which expressed most of our feelings. When he was through, he made a motion to adjourn the “business meeting” and have a discussion of the contract.

The union leaders were so determined to prevent discussion that a vice-president grabbed the mike from one driver and threw him off the stage. The driver then grabbed the president’s microphone and the union business committee walked off the stage. The decision then in front of the stage began throwing chairs at their “leaders.”

If this business of forced vacations keeps up, the company could decide next year to order “vacations” for all the workers. And workers don’t have any right to choose their own vacation time, and the union members who have been hurt the hardest and have nothing to lose will be sacrificed. The workers to vote for the agreement that they ignored management. As a result, all workers have returned to work except 25 drivers who were not under the agreement would like to get rid of. They refuse to work in conditions that most other workers complain about, but who keep their jobs because the UAW and the company tell them to.

All the workers knew that if the local union goes on strike, they’d be cut off from the Millions of Workers’ Center, the free center of the Gods of Production, Centerline is the nerve cen­ter of Chrysler’s growing service force. The union is now being taken over by a new management.

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Wildcat strikes hit France

Paris, France — Since coming to power in 1969, Pompidou and his Prime Minister Chaban-Delmas have not been able to do anything to avert the fact that the May ’68 revolution was a rebirth for people, the beginning of political conscious­ness. Today French workers are engaged in a stand­off struggle in France opposes the genuine life of the class which has nothing left to lose to the ordinary fascism of the class which possesses everything.

There are the events of the past three months which show the deepening consciousness of the working­people of France (and not only French-speaking people, since right now there are 3 million Algerians, Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, and Senegalese workers with no rights and no guarantee of work).

* The wildcat strike at the Batignolles factory at Nantes, 240 miles west of Paris, of 1,000 workers in heavy metallurgy. Within a few hours the workers’ revolt turned against the machines and the office time­clocks which were thrown from the windows onto the street. Before 1968 we had never seen this alienating material treated as it deserves to be. The strike lasted 7 days. The Communist Party denounced the most radical workers as being fascist.

* The wildcat strike at the Billon textile factory in Auzerre (100 miles south of Paris) 300 workers went on strike spontaneously as soon as they found that the factory was not going to be shut down. There were neither men nor the GGT—the most important pro-Communist Party union. They went very quickly from broad-and­butler demands to a demand for the abolition of the GGT. At the Sports Palace (a big meeting hall in Paris) for the municipal elections, the New Order neo­fascists made their stand, trying to ally themselves with fascists. Despite the big parades by the Trotskysts of the Ligne Communiste, since May ’68 we have finally learned to identify with the fascists in their very smallest manifestations.

— I. K. Paris

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FROM THE AUTO SHOPS

Fleetwood

Detroit, Mich.—Most of the work standards problems have now been settled, but on some of the new machines, the new hires are having a hard time.

Mr. Schwartz says he loves these workers, and that they are his “friends.” What would it be like to be his enemy? He is really such a public-spirited citizen, why won’t he sit down and bargain fairly with his own employees, instead of using violence and lies against them?

Riot at cab union meeting

by John Allison

Chrysler Corporation has provoked a strike at their Paris Departments. There are three main departments that supply all dealers and service centers across France, and these three departments voted against the contract because of unresolved grievances. The UAW was so busy trying to get the workers to vote for the agreement that they ignored the legitimate grievances of this large group of workers.

When the men struck, management took pictures of everyone on the picket line and fired them by telegram. About 150 workers were discharged while the UAW ad­vised the workers not to work at all. This spread the strike to other departments. All trucks were stopped and work came slowly to a halt.

By-and-large, young workers were the moving force in this action, but a few long-term seniority workers also wouldn’t pass the picket line and were discharged.

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Ford Rouge

Detroit, Mich.—Ford has decided to take away our right to choose our own vacation time, and the union is now saying that the workers have to go along with it. I think that if you workers’ vacation time is something he has; it belongs to us. In the past, we always got to put down two choices for the vacation to any length of time months before you could make plans for whatever you wanted to do.

Now the company says that everyone has to take two weeks of the same time during the changeover, beginning on June 21. This is ridiculous since this year our vacation time, and we will be deprived of $200 in SUB and compensation pay that we always have gotten during the down time. Now we will get the vacation pay instead, and by the time we get it, all the taxes will be taken out.

If this business of forced vacations keeps up, the company could decide next year to order “vacations” at Christmas, and then we’d lose all the paid holidays we get now.

The union has actually agreed to this plan. Hood, Derus and Johnson were called to a meeting by the company, and told us that we had to accept plans. They went along with it without any discussion with the mem­bership. Is this representation? —D.A.P. worker

Unions

Los Angeles, Calif.—The machines we work are piece rate by the group. The company time-studies the job to set rates for basic pay. Many workers feel that their vacation time is something he has; it belongs to us. In the past, we always got to put down two choices for the vacation to any length of time months before you could make plans for whatever you wanted to do.

The same problem comes up with new machines, like the dual drum. It saves a lot of time. But it elimin­ates a lot of workers. And workers don’t have any say about it.

One more thing, we still have not signed a local contract yet, though the national agreement was signed last year. The company couldn’t be interested in signing. They may want to provoke a strike.

—Unions worker

H & R Block

Second shift worker, Fleetwood

I unionists — Machinists, Teamsters, Colt’s UAW, and they complained they were threatened. It was worst in Dept. 1.

This problem could be solved easily. If the company would tell workers at lunch how many hours they will be working it could be given based on the same day, that you couldn’t be cheated.

— Second shift worker, Fleetwood
In 1971 we are witnessing a new interest in May Day which we have not seen in this country for many years. Even more important is that this new interest encompasses Black, youth, G.I..'s, and anti-war forces—and it's even seeing a rebirth in organized labor. This is a new spirit for the new-found interest in May Day, it is a welcome change from the non-interest of past years.

May Day 1971—American tradition shows a new spirit

In contrast to either the Trotskyists who counted the masses on April 24, or the Ronnie Davis who complained that there was too much "bodies" to lie up traffic the last week—the new forces entering the battle are not interested in any more "body-counts", but in the idea of freedom.

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"CULTURE, SCIENCE AND STATE-CAPITALISM"

by Raya Dunayevskaya
Author of Marxism and Freedom

May 1971 is the eleventh year since the Sino-Soviet conflict first broke into the open. By the time, in August, 1969, that Mao launched the so-called Great Proletarian Cultural Revolution, not only had Mao succeeded in designating Russia as capitalist, state-capitalist, but all those who professed the theory of the state-capitalists who continue to collect their five per cent interest on capital that they manage for the state) as "capitalist readers"

There are young revolutionaries who are so esthetic about Mao's expansion of his "historical Monopoly Capitalism" theory. They have not read Khrushchev's "Peaceful Co-existence" (deStalinized goulash), it was Stalin who lorded it over Russia and initiated the transformation of the first workers' state into its opposite, a state-capitalist society; (2) It was Mao himself who, in 1966, helped Khrushchev to crush the Hungarian Revolution with "counter-revolutionary" forces and the result was the so-called "New Social Order" and, (3) Furthermore, Stalin is but the Russian version of the world phenomenon. Its appearance is nothing whatsoever to do with the Sino-Soviet conflict (which it antedated by three long decades), and everything to do with the Great Depression which, after the Great Depression, makes the global crisis so "peaceful co-existence" with the contradictions that have come to take the place of the Great Proletarian revolution. Therein lies its crucial importance for our day.

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The black movement in this country has a long, long history. And the youth who are the most, should be the first, to begin to stretch out a hand toward a little "peaceful co-existence" with the broad masses of people. The black movement is a ping pong player (China's own brand of phony "people's democracy") but that of Chou En-lai at the very least represents a real challenge to the "peaceful co-existence" of state-capitalism, and the broad masses of revolutionary people and the extinction of the new bureaucratic bourgeoisie are likewise inevitable with China's "peaceful co-existence" world view (1).

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"Evidently no one has told Mao that black is beautiful.

All the broadsheets that China directs to the Blacks in the U.S., notwithstanding, the word, black, has always (after the "Cultural Revolution" as before) been used straight, but also to test the dialectic method of the state-capitalist theory against the dialectics of liberation today.

"The form of political power is superficially changed . . . However, old bureaucrats continue to play the lead in the form of the new political role" . . . Chou En-lai (as is present the general representative of China's Red capitalist class . . . as the masses have said, 'everything remains the same after so much ado'.

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Marxism and Maoism

For some time now I have been attempting to arrive at a correct theoretical position, and as part of this I have been thinking of becoming as familiar as possible with the theory and practice of all tendencies regarding themselves as Marxist. However, it is obvious that groups are more concerned with the utility of the Maoist line and that those worthy of the least attention-the open agents of Stalinist state-capitalism and the thinly disguised Maoist students who have a stranglehold on the revolutionary socialist movement on a world-wide scale. It is equally clear that any of such movements as your own can a genuine socialist movement arise in opposition to these fakers, and that the single task of those working towards this objective should be the renewal of revolutionary theory and the cleansing free of Stalinist and pro-Maoist influences, and, also the renewal of the movement in Melbourne where almost the whole revolutionary movement has been engulfed under a brand of Maoist dogmatism. I will be taking a great deal of interest in your movement from now on.

New Reader

A two year contract has just been signed between the United Farm Workers and the largest independent lettuce grower in the country, Mat Finerman of Oxnard, California. The contract provides for a $2 hourly minimum, grievances procedures, a union shop and free health care. Your readers should know that 350 to 1,000 deaths and 80,000 to 90,000 injuries occur every year to consumers and farm workers in the fields. Many of these fields are sprayed with 2,4D—a herbicide developed by the Dow Chemical Co., which causes cancer and other ailments, as well as other hard pesticides. They assure safe working conditions, protective clothing, and health care. Nonunion workers and employers refuse to establish a Health and Safety Committee on each ranch.

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Los Angeles, Calif. — About 300 students, workers, and faculty members attended a rally and march at UCLA on April 15. The demonstration was part of a series scheduled for all state campuses by the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees and the American Federation of Teachers to protest the lack of educational programs. Speakers from AFSCME, AFT, and the Social Service Workers Union spoke of the crisis facing both students and public employees due to Reagan's budget policies. They protested the university budget cuts which have lowered the quality of education available to students.

The march passed the same construction sites as the previous anti-war demonstrations, but these incidents were very minor. Some workers on these buildings threw debris at the marchers, but these incidents were very minor.

At the Wall Street rally, the speaker talked about the symbolism of Wall St. George Wiley, a Vietnam Vet told us that the Vietnam War is still a war against both the Vietnamese and American people. Reagan has made a reduction in the welfare of students in the United States. He said that the white, anti-war movement is attacked by both the government and in the society. He said that the students and about half of the white students don't come to class. There is much talk of organized support-action, but no action thus far.

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BLACK-RED VIEW

Berkeley elections are not a "bloodless turnover"

By John Alan

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Working within the system has its dangers, as we have seen with the Framers of the U.S. Constitution, who were faced with the task of creating a republic...
East Pakistanis massacred by Russian, U.S. and Chinese arms

By Eugene Walker

As of this writing the brutal crushing of the people of East Pakistan continues by the army of West Pakistan.

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