

Field Marshal And Lady Vaging Hot Pakistan Election Battle

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CHITTAGONG, East Pakistan (AP) — The freedom special with hundreds of people sitting atop it and screaming through streets running alongside, rolled slowly into view. In the mass hysteria someone pulled the emergency cord and the train jammed to a halt.
Miss Fatima Jinnah, a frail, silver-haired woman of 71, walked wearily to the door of her coach to tell her excited "children" why they should replace the six-year-old regime of President Mohammed Ayub Khan. In his place, she argued they should elect her.
Scenes like this occurred frequently in recent months outside this seaport on the Bay of Bengal. The campaign was typical of the way things are happening in Pakistan these days. For Pakistan is in a state of flux — politically, economically and socially.

The outcome of the first full-scale national election in 17 years is of more than passing interest in Western capitals, because Pakistan occupies a strategic position.
Half of this divided nation of 100,000,000 people lies astride the eastern approaches to the vast Indian sub-continent. The other stands between Communist China and the oil-rich Middle East.
The unusual is becoming ordinary as Pakistan gropes for a future political path in the increasingly bitter contest between the field marshal and the lady.

hammed Ali Jinnah, the late "Quaid-e-Azam" (great leader), is heralded as an unshakable pillar of this Moslem land. Until recently women have been seldom seen and never heard. For years Pakistan has been the private political preserve of Field Marshal Ayub.
JOINT CANDIDATE
Miss Jinnah is the joint candidate of five opposition parties whose agreement on her was first in 1961.
But much popular feeling also remains for Field Marshal Ayub who took power in a bloodless coup in 1958, abolished parliamentary government and tossed out the last of a series of regimes that had kept the country in political turmoil almost since independence from Britain in 1947.
The former army chief ruled Pakistan under martial law until 1962, weeded out corrupt officials and set Pakistan on the road to what experts called respectable economic growth.
In 1962, Ayub ended martial law and gave Pakistan what he said was as much democracy as he thought it was ready for. He promulgated a constitution providing sweeping presidential powers, joined a political party and unannounced the opposition.
Since then doubt and disappointment have arisen amid talk of new corruption, Ayub's press controls and his jailing of many political opponents.
Miss Jinnah wants to restore parliamentary government, take a ceremonial role as president and let a prime minister wield power.
Ayub has a return to the parliamentary system would be a disaster, unleashing the quarrelling, splintered political parties and renewing the instability that plagued the succession of governments before his takeover.

130-Mile Section TCH Opened In Quebec Province

ST. HYACINTHE, Que. (CP) — Roads Minister Bernard Pinard said here the opening of a 130-mile section of the Trans-Canada Highway here to St. Nicholas, near Quebec City, will mean tangible economic progress for communities along the way.
With Public Works Minister René St. Pierre of Quebec and federal member Bernard Pilon of Chambly-Bowling, he officially opened the divided, limited-access four-lane route.
The ceremony took place where the Trans-Canada Highway meets Highway 12.
Mr. Pinard said the route will be completed from Ontario to the New Brunswick border in time for the 1967 Montreal world's fair. In some areas it would have six and even eight lanes.
It would be two lanes from the New Brunswick border to Rivière-du-Loup and four lanes from there to Boucherville, near Montreal.
Tenders will be called this winter to extend the highway as far as Montmagny, about 40 miles east of Quebec City, by this time next year.
Total cost of the 400-mile highway will be \$400,000,000.

\$50 Million Fund To Fight Rural Poverty

MONTREAL (CP) — The federal government has decided to set up a \$50,000,000 special fund to fight rural poverty under the ARDA plan. Forestry Minister Maurice Sauve has announced.
He made the announcement at the end of a two-day federal-provincial conference held to draw up agreements under ARDA, the Agricultural Rehabilitation and Development Act for the five-year period starting April 1, 1965.
The meeting was attended by all 10 provincial ministers responsible for ARDA and some 55 government experts.
Mr. Sauve said the \$50,000,000 fund would be "a special contribution of the government of Canada toward the elimination of rural poverty in Canada."
Money from the fund would be applied to designated low-income areas where plans to fight rural poverty have been drawn up. Provinces will decide which areas these will be.

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