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Around the World

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DAKKA—Air Vice Marshal Mohammed Gholam Tawab, chief of the Bangladesh air force and one of the country's three deputy chief martial law administrators, has resigned, an official announcement said yesterday.

Air Commodore Mohammed Khademul Bashar was named to replace him as air force chief of staff.

Tawab was in charge of the ministries of aviation and tourism, posts and telephones, petroleum, health, family planning and food.

Egypt-U.S. Pact

CAIRO—Egypt agreed to return \$10 million to Americans whose investments were nationalized by former President Gamal Abdel Nasser, Middle East News Agency reported.

The agreement was signed by Assistant Secretary of State for Economic Affairs

Charles Robinson and Egyptian Finance Minister Ahmed Ismail.

Italian Politics

ROME—Italian President Giovanni Leone dissolved Parliament one year before the regularly scheduled end of the current legislative term and announced that early general elections will be held later this spring. A definite date for the vote, probably June 20, is to be set Monday after a special Cabinet meeting.

The Christian Democratic minority government headed by Premier Aldo Moro resigned Friday. It was Moro's fifth cabinet.

The announcement of new national elections is expected to set off a bitter political campaign pitting rightists and leftists against each other. According to many public-opinion polls, the powerful Italian Com-

munists could do well enough in a new vote to demand a formal role in a future Italian government.

Turkey Drug Aid

ISTANBUL—The United Nations granted Turkey \$3.7 million to help fight illicit drug traffic to Europe and the United States.

Turkey banned poppy farming in 1971 under pressure from the United States but reversed the decision in 1973 under pressure from poppy farmers. Strict controls were imposed on production.

West German Shot

BONN—East German border guards shot and killed a 32-year-old West German Michael Gartenschlaeger, who was caught trying to dismantle automatic shotguns installed by the East Germans to foil escape at-

tempts, a West German official reported here.

Lockheed Contract

OTTAWA—Canada has signed a \$1.1 billion order for 18 Lockheed Orion aircraft in the first major deal for the company since the scandal over alleged bribery and kickbacks broke last year. Canadian officials said the contract for the anti-submarine, long-range patrol plane is contingent upon Lockheed's getting a \$300 million loan by May 17 to begin production.

Rights Unit Scored

UNITED NATIONS—The United States and Britain have attacked the U.N. Human Rights Commission, which is dominated by the Soviet bloc and Third World countries, for acting exclusively on complaints against Israel, South Africa and

Chile while ignoring repressive practices by other authoritarian regimes.

Panagoulis Killed

ATHENS—Alexander Panagoulis, a member of the Greek Parliament once charged with trying to assassinate ex-dictator George Papadopoulos, was killed in an automobile accident, police said.

First reports said Panagoulis' car was hit from behind, but later this was changed to say that Panagoulis, 37, was forced to brake when a car swung into his path, causing him to skid and crash.

Panagoulis was an army private in August 1968 when he was accused of trying to kill Papadopoulos by planting a bomb on a road where Papadopoulos was scheduled to pass.

For the Record

•Ugandan President Idi Amin has ordered the arrest of a British-born Ugandan citizen, Bob Astles, for "rumor-mongering" in his position of being in charge of stamping out corruption in government.

•Burmese troops, backed by air and artillery support, killed nine rebels in eastern Burma, the Burmese news agency reported.

•Peruvian President Francisco Morales Bermudez promised full freedom for political prisoners and said exiles will soon be allowed to return to Peru.

•A force of 300 Communists attacked a police post in southern Thailand four times and was thrown back each time, reliable sources reported. There were no reports on casualties.

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Communist leader Enrico Berlinguer leaves Rome talks