

Heavy Pakistan Fighting Reported

By Associated Press

Indian troops occupy positions at three places inside East Pakistan and heavy fighting was under way Friday, Pakistan's eastern command headquarters in Dacca reported.

India said earlier Friday that its troops crossed into East Pakistan about 200 miles north of Calcutta, inflicted about 80 casualties and destroyed a tank. It said the raid followed a Pakistani artillery attack on Indian territory.

The Pakistan eastern command said at least 10 Indian divisions totaling between 180,000 and 200,000 men were engaged.

Brig. G.M.D. Siddiqui, the Army chief of staff, said Pakistani forces had knocked out 20 Indian tanks since the start of the fighting last week.

Siddiqui said the heaviest fighting was at the Belonia Bulge, a salient in the India-Pakistan border 70 miles northwest of the East Pakistan port of Chittagong.

In other developments:

—Pakistan's president, Agha Mohammad Yahya

Khan, banned the National Awami Party, charging that factions of the West Pakistani organization were working with the enemy. Yahya Khan banned the unrelated Awami League in East Pakistan last March when he cracked down on a move for autonomy there.

—In the U.N. General Assembly China and Pakistan accused the Soviet Union of encouraging Indian aggression against Pakistan. India denied there was any aggression.

In his news briefing in Dacca, Brig. Siddiqui said Indian forces penetrated eight miles into the Belonia Bulge last Saturday night.

"They still hold the bulge, but we are counterattacking," he said.

Another Indian attack

was launched at Chaugachhat, 65 miles northeast of Calcutta, Siddiqui said. "We hit seven tanks on the first day and they withdrew. On the second day they lost six tanks and they lost two more last night."

He said the Indians had launched five major attacks, including one toward Hilli on the northwest border.

Siddiqui said the Pakistan army also was trying to dislodge Indian forces from the Zakiganj salient on the border with India's Assam state.

Pakistan has accused India of aiding East Pakistani rebels in their fight for independence from West Pakistan. The two wings of Pakistan are separated by 1,000 miles of Indian territory.