



# Agha Khan Yields on Constitution

**KARACHI, Pakistan (AP)**—President Agha Mohammad Yahya Khan yielded to political pressure Saturday and agreed to submit his new constitution to the National Assembly for approval.

Yahya Khan, who has ruled under martial law since March, 1969, had planned on simply proclaiming the constitution himself in November to begin transfer back to civilian rule.

After a day of meetings with politicians, however, Yahya Khan decided to delay implementation of the new civilian government until after the constitution had been approved.

He had disqualified 79 of the 169 National Assembly members from East Pakistan—all but two of whom belonged to the banned Awami League.

## Elections Planned

Now the vacant seats will be filled in by elections and the National Assembly at its full strength will review the constitution now being written by a committee of experts.

Before making his announcement, Yahya Khan met with Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, 44, head of the West Pakistan-based Pakistan People's Party and East Pakistan's Nurul Amin, 77, president of the Pakistani Democratic Party.

Bhutto's party won 85 of 144 seats from West Pakistan, and is the largest authorized political party in the country since Yahya Khan banned Sheik Mujibur Rahman's Awami League last March 26. Amin is the only East Pakistani elected to the assembly who is not committed to backing the Awami League leader.