CHANGE IN CABINET PUT OFF IN KARACHI

Pakistan Premier Extends Rest Cure—Reports of Disunity Are Termed a 'Fantasy'

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KARACHI, Pakistan, Nov. 24
Plans for an overhaul of the Cabinet to close a breach threatening the position of Prime Minister Mohammed Ali were put off today to early December. An announcement said Mr. Mohammed Ali had "extended his stay at a health resort by five days."

The Prime Minister left here Nov. 16 for a ten-day rest at an up-country retreat following a month's illness that began on the evening of Oct. 16, the second anniversary of the unsolved assassination of Liaquat Ali Khan, Pakistan's first Prime Minister. Earlier that day Mr. Mohammed Ali, in a public speech, told the nation the Government was determined to solve the mystery.

The offical announcement today of the Prime Minister's plan to extend his leave also denied as "fantasy" and "absurd" reports by authoritative sources Sunday of growing disharmony in the Central and provincial governments, of maneuvering by Cabinet ministers for control of the Premiership and of a "restive mood among military officers." The denial did not quote any Government official.

Premier to Drop One Post

One of three appointments to Cabinet posts, the announcements of which are expected within two weeks, will relieve Mr. Mohammed Ali of the Commerce portfolio, which he has held since becoming Prime Minister April 17. It is scheduled to go to Tafazzal Ali, provincial Revenue Minister in the Prime Minister's native East Bengal, In addition two Ministers of State, Ghyasuddin Pathan and

Murtaza Reza, are scheduled to be appointed from East Bengal.

With these appointments East Bengal will have a majority in the Cabinet. The Prime Minister will retain the Defense portfolio. A Bengali also holds the dual post of Labor and of Health and Works. The rest of the Cabinet posts, which also are dual, are held by three members from Punjab Province, two from the North-West Frontier Province, one from Sind and two who lived in the United Provinces, India, before the partition of India in 1947.

Growing public dissatisfaction with economic conditions and the failure of the Government to implement reforms, plus increased provincial jealousies and rivalries among officials in the Punjab and North-West Frontier governments, have given rise to rumors that a military coup is being planned. Denials have been issued by intelligence officials.

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