

CHANGING U.S. POLICY

Mr. CHURCH. Mr. President, how can we change the present course? The lessons learned here are obvious or should be. First, we should admit that to take a truly "neutral position" in the civil conflict, we must stop favoring West Pakistan over the east with military weapons and economic aid. This process can begin by altering our arms arrangement as the Case-Mondale resolution proposes. We should stop pretending that Pakistan must be treated as an "ally" because of its SEATO and CENTO membership; Pakistan's participation over the last 10 years has been no more than ritualistic. The fact of the matter is that, diplomatically Pakistan has clasped hands with Peking. The Chinese currently are providing Islamabad with millions of dollars of arms including AK-47 automatic rifles and MIG-17 aircraft, and have promised \$20 million in grant aid.

Second, we should reject the Pakistani military governments contention that the slaughter of elected leaders and repression of the majority of its population in the east is not a proper matter of concern for the international community. Close to 3 million refugees are now in India. As the killing or threat of violence continues, there will be more. Victims of the fighting still in East Pakistan plus refugees need care; the food crisis worsens; disease and epidemics spread, even across borders into India. International action is essential in rehabilitating and reconstructing the devastated area of Bengal one of the most densely populated regions of the world. Senator Edward M. Kennedy, Chairman of the Senate Subcommittee on refugees has spoken on this subject, and I ask unanimous consent that his testimony before the House Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific be printed at this point in the Record.