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# U.S. Is a Laughing Stock in Asia

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emerged from the Indianing stock of the Indian sub-Pakistani war as the laugh-The United States has NEW DELHI - (CDN) -

suffered a disastrous defeat and the loss of its eastern new nation of Bangla Desh, fell to victorious Indian troops yesterday, Pakistan When Dacca, capital of the

cause of its support of Pakidoomed from the start, suf-And the United States, be-

it is to the Indians. much a mystery to the

### Incredulity

In Indian eyes, Pakistan's conclusion. dispatching elements of the U.S. 7th Fleet to the Bay of Bengal at a time when the fall of East Pakistan, now Pakistani troops, it was Bangla Desh, was a foregone much too late, for the Pakishaps the most polite way to describe the reaction here to President Nixon's action in Stunned incredulity is per-

American Embassy here as opinion and provoke charges Indian-American tion chose this course is as all it accomplished was to of "gunboat diplomacy." further inflame Indian public

sential Americans were prestige was never higherthe answer is that all but esican civilians from Dacca, If it was to evacuate Amer-

Too Much Too Late

ways secondary to India's said a weary U.S. embassy political victory over the United States.

"It was all we needed," der anyway.

If it was to match growing as a master stroke, an Indian Russian naval strength in the spokesman said yesterday:

"We have repeatedly de-Why the Nixon Administra- the U.S. fleet movement was, ceeded in making Washing-clared that India has no terton look ridiculous. Even in the best of times,

Today American prestige was never lower. By the same token Russian

day. | mainly because of three- to be generous. | Soviet vetoes of U.S.- ''If the Indian

## Dismembered

In announcing the cease-

followed a precarious path. relations pointless in our view to consurrendered in Bangla Desh, Pakistani armed forces have and Bangla Desh is free, it is tinue the present conflict." ritorial ambitions. Now that

stan, the Indian could afford Having dismembered Paki-

tanis were about to surren- | fire on the western front, re- | they are going to be now." sponsored cease-fire resolu- ferable before," mused one longtime American resident of India, "you can imagine how much more insufferable "If the Indians were insuf-