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GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

Political affairs - took a drastic turn in Lebanon, today. The news beginning - with optimistic predictions that the rebellion would soon be over, with an arrangement for a settlement. But then, a stroke of brutal violence intervened.

This morning Lebanese Premier Saml Solh left his country house in the hills - to attend a meeting in Beirut. Which, it was expected, would bring about a compromise. The prospect being - to have army commander General Chehab, chosen as President on Thursday. The date - set for an election in the Lebanese Parliament.

General Chehab - regarded as acceptable to both sides, the government and the rebels. He announced - he'd be a candidate, if assured all-round support. The meeting in Beirut - a get to-gether of government and opposition leaders. For the purpose - of having both sides okay

General Chebab as President.

But, in the middle of this - a rebel scheme to assassinate Premier Sami Solh, as he drove by car to Beirut for the all-important meeting. First accounts of what happened were confused, but later dispatches gave the corrected version. Reports had been - a land mine to blow up the Premier's automobile. But here's the story:-

Along the road by which the Premier's car would proceed on the way to Lebanon, an old automobile was placed - crammed with dynamite. Wires - leading from the mass of explosive to rebels, hidden near the roadside. Their plan being - to touch off an explosion, as the Premier's car passed.

But fate intervened - in the form of another automobile, in which a Lebanese family was driving. The rebels - mistaking this, apparently, for the Premier. As the family car passed, they touched off the blast - which hurled it for two hundred yards, down an embankment. The

Lebanese family - killed except for a small child.

The Premier's automobile was following, close behind. The driver - stopping suddenly, as the blast erupted just ahead.

Then came a hail of bullets - at the Premier's automobile. Rebel snipers - opening fire. Sami Solh narrowly escaping. Ducking down - for shelter.

He was unharmed - and a party of soldiers drove the rebels from their ambushcade. Shereupon Premier Sami Solh - continued on his way to the meeting in Beirut.

The attempted assassination produced an immediate political reversal. The Premier and his fellow ministers announcing - they would have no dealings with opposition leaders, until the rebel terrorists were suppressed. Strange indeed - for the rebels to make an assassination attempt against the Premier, while he was going to negotiate.

At last report, indications were - the Presidential election on Thursday would be called off; unless army Commander General Chehab - goes all out with his military forces, to crush rebel violence. Which put the general, as a Presidential candidate, in a touch spot. If he fails to take action, he'll lose the support of the government. But if he does move decisively against the rebels, the opposition leaders will refuse to support him.

The Lebanese crisis, which seemed so near solution early today - in a state of chaos once again.

One important point is, of course - that a settlement in Lebanon would enable the United States to withdraw the Marines, gracefully and with dignity.

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SUMMIT

President Eisenhower, today, was in conference with Secretary of State John Foster Dulles - who has just returned from the London meeting under the Bagdad Pact. The President and Secretary - engaged in preparing an answer to the latest Khrushchev letter.

Word in Washington is that President Eisenhower will answer with a proposal that the summit conference be held within the security council around the middle of August. In this way - challenging the Khrushchev attempt, by implication, to eliminate the U N aspect of a top level parley.

A dispatch from London states that Prime Minister MacMillan, in his reply to Khrushchev - will ask the Soviet Premier bluntly whether or not he accepts the plan for a meeting of the chiefs of state as part of security council proceedings.

Today, the diplomatic wires between London and Paris - were buzzing. The British, with American support

- making efforts to get Premier DeGaulle into line. And argue him - out of his nation that there should be a private summit conference in Geneva, by passing the U N.

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FRENCH CONSTITUTION

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POLAND

In Poland - a threat of disruption between the Catholic church and the Communist regime; following - an outbreak of trouble at the Jasna Gora monastery. Communist police broke into the monastery - to search for illegally printed pamphlets. Several arrests made - although, we hear, no such pamphlets were found.

The invasion of the monastery by the Reds brought a swarm of Polish farmers - there was a clash. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Reinforcements of Communist police - having to be summoned before the disorder was quelled, the whole district - inflamed.

The Jasna Gora monastery is one of Poland's most venerable shrines. A place of pilgrimage - ever since the year 1656, when the monastery withstood a seige by an invading Swedish army.

Today's news dispatch from Warsaw states - that the local Bishop is urging the farm people to remain calm - and Cardinal Wyszynski, the primate of Poland, has gone

to the Jasna Gora Monastery to prevent further outbreaks.

All of which brings a crisis - in the difficult relations between church and state in Poland. A precarious arrangement between church authorities and the Reds - whereby Poland is a Communist country with freedom of religion.

CHINA

Two fighter planes of the Chinese Nationalists -
attacked and shot down by the Communists. So announced by
a spokesman on Formosa, who states - that the Nationalist
planes were on a routine flight over Formosa Strait.

The Communists claim - the two Nationalist fighters
were over the Port Of Swatow, when attacked.

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HAITI

A revolt in Haiti - suppressed by the government of President Duvalier. The rebels - defeated, after early successes this morning, so say the authorities at Port Au Prince.

A small force attacked a military barracks as dawn was breaking. Killing the sentries - and seizing the building. The government forces - rallying quickly, however. Recapturing the barracks - and killing seven rebels.

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but backed out. The sheriff at Miami thinks - that one of those who went was killed. Perhaps - another.

Late word from Port Au Prince indicates - that the government is in full control. Partisans of President Duvalier - swarming through the streets. The president driving by car through the crowds in a triumphal procession.

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CRASH

An air disaster in Maine - where a giant stratofortress bomber fell in a potato field. Killing - eight crew members. One survivor - the pilot.

The huge eight million dollar bomber was on a routine training flight and came to disaster - while trying to land. An eye witness on the ground says - he thought he saw the right wing of the plane on fire, just before - the bomber plunged.

GOLDFINE

A congressional committee, today, recommended - that Bernard Goldfine be cited for contempt of Congress. Because of the way the Boston millionaire wouldn't answer questions during appearances before the House Committee investigating improper influences. Goldfine talked freely about gifts he gave Presidential assistant Sherman Adams, but refused replies - to questions concerning his financial affairs. Saying - these were none of the Committee's business.

If convicted of contempt of Congress, Goldfine would face a possible sentence - of a year in jail.

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PRISONER

It's an old story, how a criminal promises - he will reform. Amend his ways - and go straight. Which, only too often, is just a lot of talk - to persuade the judge to be lenient. Not so, however - in Jackson, Mississippi.

Paul Edwards - convicted on a forgery charge. Penalty - two years in prison. But judge Leon Hendrick was ready to suspend the sentence. Putting Paul Edward - on parole. Because he had no criminal record - so far as was known.

The Judge asked - if the defendant had been in trouble with the law, any time before. And Paul Edwards had only to say - no. Saving himself - a couple of years in jail.

But he didn't say - no. Instead, he told the judge - he was on probation, on a forgery charge, in another city.

His reason for this? Well, he addressed the judge

and everybody else in the courtroom.

Saying, "I'm not going to lie. I want all you people to know - that I'm going to live right, hereafter."

His promise to reform - certainly sounding genuine.

Made at the expense - of two years in prison.

JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

In New York - an astonishing religious rally.

With crowds huge enough - to require two baseball parks.

The Yankee Stadium and the Polo Grounds - both jammed with one-hundred-and-eighty-thousand Jehovah's witnesses.

Members of the sect - arriving from all over the world.

From one-hundred-and-twenty-three different countries; attending - what they call the "Divine Will International Assembly."

Fred Franz, Vice President of the Jehovah's Witnesses, explains: "We believe that the final battle between good and evil, Armageddon- is near. According to world conditions - and bible prophecy."

So they gathered at the Yankee Stadium and the Polo grounds. Expecting - Armageddon.

ROME-OLIVE

In the ancient city of Rome, there are few things more venerable - than a long stairway, called - the Spanish Steps. So what did the astonished Romans behold? An American student - pushing an olive with his nose. Down the one-hundred-and-thirty-two steps - of that historic stairway. Jim Harpstreith, of the University of Nebraska, hailed - as the olive nose-pushing champion of the world.

In the eternal city, a group of American college students - amid scenes of antiquity - Roman ruins - recalling the days of the Caesars, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance? What an opportunity for study. So they got into a discussion - made the more lively, no doubt, by bottles of Roman wine. and, somehow, the idea suggested itself - of somebody pushing an olive down the Spanish stairway with his nose - so now Jim Harpstreith, of the University of Nebraska, wins - five dollars; also a dinner, and a bottle of wine. He also won the applause -

of a crowd of Romans. Of course he also has - a sore, bruised nose. After scuffling his proboscis down those hundred-and-thirty-two Spanish steps.

Now Don, you're on!

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then immediately went back to the house - to rent a

room. Hearing - part of the loot.

He confessed - after Mrs. Sappoport called the

police.

ROBBER

We've been hearing from time to time - of mistakes made by robbers. Here's another.

At Trenton, New Jersey, the Rappaport family had a room to rent. A man came - inquiring about it. Mrs. Rappaport - looking him over was she amazed? The prospective roomer - wearing a pair of her husband's trousers.

Recently, the Rappaport home had been robbed. Among various articles taken away by the burglar - that pair of pants.

It seems that Frederick Maggio robbed the place - then absentmindedly went back to the house - to rent a room. Wearing - part of the loot.

He confessed - after Mrs. Rappaport called the police.