

LEBANON

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The U.S. Embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, has warned all Americans to stay indoors. This, as Lebanon plunges closer to chaos. Today mobs burned our Information Service in Beirut - with the enemies of President Camille Chamoun calling out a general strike. The situation so ^{serious} ~~bad~~ - Chamoun is ~~declaring~~ asking the Beirut Parliament to declare martial law.

Today, barricades in the streets of the capital city. Mobs, defending the barricades - with guns, clubs, and stones. Soldiers who charged with fixed bayonets - were driven back. They had to call for armored cars - which thundered through the narrow streets of Beirut, with sirens shrieking. The armored cars - charging into the barricades, with foot soldiers behind. That was ~~when~~ the rioters ran for cover.

Lebanon, involved in another anti-American outburst - just after apologizing for the one that erupted in ^{the nearby seaport of} Tripoli yesterday. Chamoun blames the trouble on a "foreign Arab power" - which means the United Arab Republic. All day today, the radios of Cairo and Damascus - have been beaming broadcasts into

Lebanon. Egyptian and Syrian ^{spokesmen -}~~broadcasters~~ calling on the Lebanese to overthrow American imperialism. The propaganda, so savage - the Lebanese government is jamming those broadcasts.

IRAQ

The Parliament of Iraq approves ^{the} ~~A~~ constitution - of the new Arab Union. Baghdad, voting overwhelmingly - for the federation of Iraq and Jordan. First the Chamber of Deputies put their okay on the constitution - unanimously. The Senate, going along - twenty-five to one. The single dissenting ^{Senator} / complaining ^{that} /- Iraq will have to pay eighty per cent of the federal budget - following the merger of the two Arab kingdoms.

The constitution now goes to King Feisal - senior monarch of the Arab Union. Since Jordan has already pushed the bill through its legislature - Feisal's signature will make the constitution official.

King Hussein of Jordan is due to fly to Baghdad tomorrow - for talks with ^{his cousin King} / Feisal. The chief result of those talks, expected to be - the naming of Iraqi Premier Nuri Es-Said - as first Premier of the Arab Union.

GREECE

Tonight Greece is under the control - of a strongly pro-western government. The democratic party, winning a hundred and seventy-three seats -- to ~~only~~ seventy-five for the extreme Left. This means that Constantin Karamanlis will stay in office as Prime Minister - with a bigger majority than ever. He's expected to continue his pro-western foreign policy - including membership in Nato, and American guided missile bases for Greece.

POLAND

Communist Poland - aboard the anti-Tito bandwagon.

The Soviet satellites have been lambasting Yugoslavia -

for taking its own path toward Communism. The only

exception - Gomulka's Poland. But today, Gomulka was in

Budapest - where he and Kadar signed a joint communique

denouncing "revisionism." That's Communist jargon for

not following the leadership of the Soviet Union. And

there's only one nation now guilty of "revisionism."

Tito's Yugoslavia.

CHINA

Here's a novel opinion - about atomic war. A world leader declaring that humanity would not necessarily be wiped out - shortly after hydrogen bombs began bursting.

This opinion comes from Chen Yi - Communist China's Foreign Minister - speaking to a West German newsman in Peking. Chen Yi, insisting that no weapon is decisive in war. The critical factor - the spirit on both sides. The nation with the stronger spirit - to win every time, according to this Chinese diplomat - even including atomic war.

Does that mean Red China isn't interested in atomic weapons? Not at all. Chen Yi says - his country is working on atomic energy now - and before long expects to have an atomic arsenal equal to those now possessed by Russia and America.

DULLES

Secretary of State Dulles went straight to the White House today - to report to the President about his ten day trip to Europe. Later Dulles told newsmen - he and Mr. Eisenhower gave most of their time to the Nato meeting. After that, they took up the latest Khrushchev note. Our Secretary of State describing himself as "cautiously optimistic" about that note. He thinks there's a little more hope - that Khrushchev will accept a workable ban on atomic tests.

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NIXON

Vice-President Nixon, in Colombia, touring Bogota - with big crowds lining the streets. Hundreds of school children, let out for the day - waving American flags - shouting:- "Viva Nixon" and "Viva U.S.A." Several times the Vice-President stopped his car - to talk with the people, shake hands, and sign autographs.

Part of his tour took him through the Santa Lucia district of Bogota - a working district, hard hit by an economic recession. Here he talked to the workers - visited factories and cafeterias, and was received everywhere - with acclaim.

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AID

The House, beginning its annual debate on foreign aid - with the outlook favorable to the Administration. President Eisenhower's proposed figure - was whittled down by three hundred million dollars- in the Foreign Affairs Committee. Not a ~~very~~ big cut - in a budget that calls for over three ~~and~~ ~~half~~ billion. Today Speaker Rayburn predicted ^{that} this modified bill will get through - without major changes. One reason for optimism - President Eisenhower's support for Republicans who go along with him. Our Chief Executive has pledged his personal backing - for members of the GOP who ^{vote for} ~~back~~ three of his programs - foreign aid, reciprocal trade, and defense reorganization.

TRADE

President Eisenhower is thinking about - dropping his foreign trade program. Dropping it, that is - for this year. we hear from So/~~revealed~~/by Assistant Secretary of Commerce, Henry Kerns - speaking with newsmen, just after he testified before a Congressional Committee, Kerns pointed out ^{that} -/some members of Congress want to reverse our policy of liberal trade - through low tariffs. These opponents of the Administration - pushing for higher tariffs. And rather than have them win in Congress - Mr. Eisenhower would prefer to drop his trade policy during this session of Congress. The President, to take it up again - next year, when the climate on Capitol Hill might be more favorable.

HOUSING

The Administration today asked Congress for an extra four billion dollars. The money - to be used by the Federal Housing Authority. The F.H.A., receiving many more appeals - for mortgage insurance. This, an encouraging sign - because it means more Americans want to build homes. An encouraging sign from the Housing industry - that the recession is beginning to peter out.

EISENHOWER

In his speech today, President Eisenhower remarked - he never uses adjectives in addressing any group. Mr. Eisenhower adding, "We are all Americans."

The President, speaking before a meeting of Negro leaders - sponsored by the National Newspaper Publishers Association, ~~he~~ was applauded frequently during his speech - which was devoted mainly to the question of civil rights. Mr. Eisenhower saying - ^{that} ~~in~~ equality has to be achieved in every individual community. And that means - we need more education. The American people, to be taught just why - we should all obey the Supreme Court - when it makes a ruling on the law of the land. The President, still defending his policy - of relying on the states, more than on the federal government, in the campaign for civil rights. But he added - the federal government is always ready to do its part - to help all Americans receive equal treatment under the law.

MILITARY

Uncle Sam's men in uniform - are ~~going~~ to get that pay raise. The bill, passed by Congress today - the Senate and the House, both giving approval by a voice vote.

The bill provides more than half a million dollars in pay increases. The number of Service men involved - two and a half million. The bill is designed to keep in uniform - men with special skill - men who have been going into private industry.

The bill now goes to the White House - where President Eisenhower is expected to sign it without delay.

MOVIE

Hollywood, panned in Cannes. "The Brothers Karamazov" called the biggest failure of the festival now being held in the south of France. The movie version of Dostoevsky's novel - the first film to be booed during the festival. The noise, so loud - the end of the movie was drowned out. Fans, standing on their seats - waving their arms in the air, ^{shouting} There ~~were~~ shouts of "ridiculous", "absurb".

They even refused to applaud Clair Bloom and Yul Brynner - the stars of "The Brothers Karamazo". Why the criticism? Well, the Cannes critics complain - the color is ~~very~~ poor in this film, they don't like the complicated plot, and they're furious about the happy ending - which they call "typically Hollywood".

Meanwhile, the Cannes festival is having other trouble. An Argentine film is scheduled to be shown during the festival. In that film, there's a character called "the Turk", the villain of the piece. Well, you can guess what the trouble is. The Turks in Cannes, calling this a slur on their nation - demanding

that the movie be held up - until this character's name can be changed. The Turks, not caring what he's called - as long as it's not "the Turk."

ORCHESTRA

The Philadelphia orchestra, receiving a wild ovation - in London's royal festival hall. The American musicians, playing under the direction of Maestro Eugene Ormandy. Standing room only in the royal festival hall - when they began tuning up.

Conductor Ormandy, leading his orchestra through works by Beethoven, Brahms, and other classical composers. Then adding a new composition by Paul Creston - an American. The audience, cheering after each ^{number.} ~~composition~~ The Philadelphia orchestra, off to a good start - on an eight-week tour that will cover fourteen countries.

FUCHS

The conqueror of the Antarctic continent - looked like a commuter from the suburbs, when he arrived in England today. Dr. Vivian Fuchs, leading eighteen members of his team ashore at Southampton - after a voyage from New Zealand aboard the liner Raritonga. Fuchs, wearing a dark grey suit - carrying a newspaper tucked under his arm. Telling the crowd on the Southampton dock, "It's jolly good to be home."

Among the crowd - his son and his daughter - whom he hasn't seen in two years. Also, hundreds of school children - given the day off.

In his news conference,^{Dr.}/Fuchs declared that he and his men brought back a lot of scientific data - from their two thousand mile dash across the icecap at the South Pole. For example, there are great mountain ranges hidden under the ice. These ranges, discovered by the Fuchs party - when they took soundings.

Fuchs was asked - what about that difference of opinion between him and Sir Edmund Hilary? Fuchs replying,

the reports have been, in his words, "grossly exaggerated." The conqueror of Mt. Everest thought - the British expedition couldn't make it across the Antarctic. Sir Edmund Hilary, warning the Britons by phone - it was too late in the season. Dr. Fuchs, turning down ^{Hilary's} ~~the~~ advice to turn back. At today's news conference, Fuchs remarked, "Sir Edmund's vehicles were slower than mine - so I said I would go ahead." The leader of the British expedition adding, "That was the only difference of opinion."

From Southampton, he and his men traveled by special train to London. Receiving, another enthusiastic reception - at Waterloo Station. The Secretary of State for Commonwealth Relations - greeting them in behalf of Prime Minister Macmillan. Lord Home, pointing out ^{how} the spirit of adventure is still alive in the Twentieth Century - when men are willing to go through an ordeal like crossing the continent at the South Pole.

Dr. Vivian Fuchs has one special stop - during his visit to London. He'll go to Buckingham Palace, to be knighted

by his sovereign. He'll be Dr. Vivian Fuchs when he enters Buckingham Palace - Sir Vivian Fuchs when he comes out.

And now Don, welcome back from wherever you have been! It's jolly nice, old chap, to have you here again!

PIGS

In Hidalgo, Illinois, Mrs. Iva Carr has solved -
the case of the bobbed tail pigs.

Mrs. Carr keeps seventeen porkers in her meadow.
With them, a pony won by Mrs. Carr's granddaughter in a contest.
Shortly after the pony joined them, the herd began to lose
their tails. One after another, turning up - with its natural
appendage cut short. The owner, mystified - until she heard
loud squealing today. Mrs. Carr, rushing out into the pasture -
just in time to see the pony nipping off the tail - of an
indignant pig.

You'd think Mrs. Carr could transfer that pony -
and save the rest of her herd from the same treatment. Ah,
but it's too late. The pony, ^{having gone} ~~going~~ through the herd, leaving
seventeen bobbed-tail pigs.