

LEAD L.T. - Seleco. Mon. July 14 - '58.

President Eisenhower, this evening, called for an emergency meeting of the Security Council of the United Nations - to consider the revolt in Iraq. The President - asking the Security Council to convene ^{tomorrow morning.} as early as possible - tomorrow morning! Which indicates how serious the White House considers - the new Mid-Eastern crisis.

MIDDLE EAST

The land of Iraq - sealed off, tonight. ^a stoppage of ~~all~~ communication with Baghdad - hiding the course of events. Following - the sudden revolution that broke out early this morning.

All we know - is that there was a military coup d'etat. The Baghdad Radio - seized by rebels. Announcing - the overthrow of the pro-Western government of King Feisal. A new ~~reg~~ regime in power - headed by General Abdul Kerim Kassem, ~~An~~ obscure officer - known to be of Left Wing tendencies. The revolution in Baghdad - pro-Nasser. Proclaiming its allegiance - to the Egyptian dictator, who is President of the United Arab League.

The Baghdad Radio told of the murder of Crown Prince Abdul Illah, uncle of King Feisal. Slain atrociously - by a pro-Nasser mob. Abdul Illah's body - dragged through the streets of Baghdad. ^P First reports indicated that the Premier, Nuri Es Said, had also been murdered. The elder statesman of Iraq, who had been a powerful supporter of a pro-Western policy. But later accounts do not confirm - the fate of Nuri Es Said.

~~But~~ What about King Feisal, the young monarch - who backed the West against the machinations of Nasser? With information cut off, tonight - there's no news about Feisal.

In one respect, the Baghdad revolution had a striking turn of the dramatic.

Today, a conference was to have been held in Turkey - a meeting of leaders under the Baghdad Pact, the pro-Western line-up. King Feisal and Premier Nuri Es Said were to have attended, arriving in Turkey today. But they never got there. The Baghdad Pact meeting called off - when news came of the insurrection in Iraq.

The general impression is that the Left Wing insurgents are in control. Although there are rumors - that shooting continued in Baghdad during the day. Fighting - around the royal palace, *which is the heart of the city, This may* ~~indicate~~ indicate that King Feisal and his royal bodyguard - might be holding out in the palace.

In the neighboring land of Jordan, King Hussein, cousin of Feisal - proclaimed himself head of the anti-Nasser

alliance that had been formed between the two countries. With the fate of Feisal unknown, Hussein named a new commander of the army of Iraq. Yet the general belief is - that, if the pro-Nasser insurrection has succeeded in Iraq-then Jordan will go the same way. In fact, the Cairo Radio announces - that the rebellion already is spreading into Jordan.

Throughout the day, one question was dominant - would the rest of the Iraq army accept the coup d'etat staged by the Baghdad garrison and its Left wing officers? A dispatch from Jordan states that military forces loyal to King Feisal are, tonight, marching on Baghdad - to smash the rebellion. Suppositions are that the army of Jordan might intervene in Iraq. Jordan having one highly effective military unit, the Arab Legion - or it was under the famous Glubb Pasha who was dumped by the Jordanian Government.

This morning, announcement of the overthrow in Baghdad was hailed with wild enthusiasm in Syria and Egypt - ruled by Nasser. In the Western capitals - consternation. Emergency meetings - held by President Eisenhower in Washington, and Prime Minister Macmillan in London.

Everywhere - the fear that Nasser has won his greatest triumph. Which would mean - the end of the Eisenhower Doctrine and the Baghdad Alliance against the spread of Communism in the Middle East. A thing - Soviet Russia has wanted all along.

The Middle East - with its vast wealth of oil. Iraq - a great oil producer. And, greatest of all - Saudi Arabia, which might well be next on the Nasser list.

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Then there's Israel - always threatened by the possible rise of a united Arabian power. And you can think of a number of angles - bringing about the peril of

a general war in the Middle East.

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The view in Washington is - that not much opinion can be formed, while information from Iraq is cut off.

The prospects depending - on how the violent events are developing over there on the banks of the Euphrates.

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There's a report in Washington that the U. S. might send soldiers into Jordan. But - not to fight.

One wonders - if not to fight, what else?

MIDDLE EAST - BACKGROUND

Back of all this turmoil lies - a strange page of history. Originating, in large degree - with a small, blonde Englishman, who is now a legend. Lawrence of Arabia - who did so much to found the dynasty, now overthrown.

It was one of the dominating events of my own life that I knew Lawrence of Arabia, back in those days - the only observer with the Arab army of that day, when Lawrence was leading the Revolt of the Desert - in the First World War, and helping to shape the future of the Middle East.

Lawrence of Arabia backed the cause of a princely family at Mecca - descendants of the Prophet Mohammed. Four of whom were made kings - after the First World War. One - becoming the sovereign at Mecca, the holy city. But he, King Hussein and then his eldest son King Ali, were overthrown by the up and coming power of Saudi Arabia.

Another member of the Hashemite family, Feisal,

was given the throne of Syria. But he lost our there - and the British transferred him to Iraq, where he became king. Grandfather - of the young King Feisal, who is in the calamitous news today. Still another King Abdullah - was given a kingdom in the land of Jordan. Where he founded one of the dynasties - that figures in these troubles. Father of the present young King Hussein of Jordan.

All - a complication of Arabian kings and kingdoms. Steming back, so largely to the young Oxford scholar, Lawrence of Arabia - and to Allenby's Near Eastern campaign. Dynastic affairs - that now come to an explosive climax.

PARIS

Today, France had its greatest Bastille Day celebration - in years. A triumphal ovation - for DeGaulle. Also - for the Algerian leaders and soldiers, who ~~have~~ put him in power.

In Paris, Premier DeGaulle reviewed a huge military parade. On the stand with him - General Salan, Army Commander in Algeria. And - General Massu, the paratroop officer who played the number one spectacular part in the Algerian revolt, when the Algerian slogan was - DeGaulle to power!

In the marching columns of soldiers, were units of General Massu's paratroops. Also - four thousand Moslem soldiers from the French Algerian Army.

Half a million people hailed the Premier, the generals, and the Army. Cheering and chanting - "Algeria is French, Algeria is French!"

At the time of the rebellion, raising DeGaulle to power, General Salan made a prophecy: ~~In Algeria, he declared:~~ *he shouted.*
"We shall march up the Champs d'Elysee together!" ~~The~~

prophecy - coming true, today.

The military parade, with units from Algeria, Massu's paratroops, and the Moslem soldiers - marched up the Champs d'Elysee.

This huge celebration of Bastille Day in Paris was repeated in smaller ways - in cities, towns and villages across France. In some places, the Leftists objected - but their shouts were downed by cheers for DeGaulle.

CYPRUS

The British have decreed - a curfew extending all over Cyprus. The first time - such a restriction has been placed ~~upon~~^{over} the entire island. Which follows a weekend of bloodshed and arson - bringing Cyprus to the verge of anarchy and civil war. Twenty lives lost - in the last twenty-four hours.

But, in spite of the curfew - the killings and arson continue. At the port of Limassol - a Greek Cypriot shot down. A Turk - assassinated in a field near Nicosia. Two other murders reported by the police.

In the town of Lefka, buildings evacuated by Greek Cypriots during the rioting - were set on fire. In another place, houses evacuated by Turks - were burned.

All tending to confirm opinion expressed in dispatches from Cyprus, today. That the situation on the island is - "completely out of control."

CUBA

At the Guantanamo naval base, in Cuba, another disappointment. The announcement had been - that the release of twenty-nine American servicemen would begin this afternoon. Guantanamo - ready to receive them. But the deadline passed - with no sign of returning prisoners. No word from the Cuban rebels. Another one of those exasperating delays - which is not explained.

EXPLOSION

A disaster of explosion and fire - at Streator, Illinois. At least four lives lost in a blast - that shattered a hardware store. So violent - that two automobiles, parked outside - were ripped apart.

The cause - sewer gas. Brought about - by heavy rains. Which flooded basements. Causing inflammable gas - to seep into the furniture store.

Illinois and Ohio drenched - by rainstorms. At Streator, four inches fell in less than nine ~~hour~~ hours.

PRINCESS MARGARET

Princess Margaret - in Victoria, British Columbia.

Having arrived Saturday - for the beginning of her Canadian tour, lasting for a month. Word is that on this coming Friday, Her Royal Highness will visit Kelowna, British Columbia, where she'll spend - five days. Kelowna - having a special fascination for her, because of reasons of romance. Or, so we are told.

The Toronto Telegram prints a dispatch stating - that when Margaret arrived in British Columbia, Saturday, she received a trans-Atlantic telephone call. ~~More than trans-Atlantic, in fact - the phone call all the way from Europe, and across the North American continent.~~ From whom?

You guessed it - Group Captain Peter Townsend. The Toronto newspaper also states that the Princess got a letter - from the wartime flyer of the RAF, with whom - she broke off ~~that~~ romance, for reasons of royal duty.

According to the story, Townsend advised Margaret - recommending sights for her to see on her Canadian tour. Telling her - of the most beautiful place that he saw in Canada.

Kelowna - on Ikanagan Lake.

Well, a couple of years ago the news told - how, when the romance was broken, Peter Townsend went off on a long trip around the world. Trying to forget - it was reported. Could it be that this lonely journey was the time - when he saw Kelowna on Ikanagan Lake? Gazing at the beauty of the shining waters and rugged shore - and thinking of the Princess back in London. Now - recommending the beauty of the scene to her.

Anyway, Princess Margaret's Canadian schedule calls - for five days at Kelowna on Ikanagan Lake.

MISS ITALY

"Miss Italy" is on her way to California - hoping to win the title of "Miss Universe". Clara Coppola, twenty years old, who has with her - a chaperon and a basket of eggs.

After winning the beauty contest in Rome, Clara found herself in the middle of a panic. A scramble - to get her passport in a hurry. Plenty of red tape - to be cut. But the most anxious matter of all - was the chaperon.

Clara comes from Naples - where mothers can be mighty strict about their daughters. Clara's mother - refusing to let her go to the "Miss Universe" contest in California, unless Clara was ^{properly} chaperoned, ~~by an argus eye companion, to be depended on to keep a vigilant watch on the young beauty. Mama, herself, would have been just the type - but family concerns kept her from going.~~

~~So~~ ^{She} mama rejected one chaperon after another. The kind, for example - that might ^{in turn} need a chaperon. But then, at length, after much agitation - mama found a suitable guardian, a censor and monitor for Clara.

All of which resulted - in the basket of eggs. Clara having lost weight - in the worry and excitement about the passport and the chaperon. So mama said she must eat eggs. A whole basketful - which Clara carried, as she boarded the airliner.

Let's hope - she doesn't throw the eggs at the chaperon.

JUPITER

Now, if you believe things are bad in this world of ours - take a look at the Planet Jupiter. The giant member of the solar system - which seems to be having a catastrophe worse than anything we've had thus far.

At the Yerkes Observatory, Williams Bay, Wisconsin Professor of Astronomy Gerard Kuiper says - that Jupiter is now being swept by tremendous atmospheric disturbances. Storms, typhoons and hurricanes - on a gigantic scale.

The telescope reveals - a string of dark spots across the planet's equatorial belt. Some of the spots - up to seven thousand miles across. Which, the astronomer believes - are a series of volcanic eruptions. The internal heat of the greatest of planets - causing huge explosions. Which will turn the atmosphere of Jupiter - into a whirl of incredible violence.

Well, we are having political explosions. But nothing so shattering as the eruptions on Jupiter!