

IRAQ

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(Hottel)

The fighting in Baghdad - seems to be over tonight. Premier Ahmed Bakr and his government have apparently been able to - squash that attempted coup d' état. || The fighting began when rebel elements of the Iraqi airforce attacked the presidential palace - with jets. At the same time ground fighting broke out round the palace - and the Ministry of Defense.

Baghdad radio, still in government control, has been ordering workers to go back to their jobs - especially electricity, postal and telegraph and water department workers.

And control of the radio, say observers, is essential - if an uprising is to succeed. So all indications point to - a rent for the rebels.

Tonight - a curfew in Baghdad. So far - no estimate of casualties.

COUP FOLLOW IRAQ

The trouble in Iraq is generally supposed, by Middle East experts, to be internal - and more a matter of personalities than issues. Its immediate cause - a reshuffle in Premier Ahmed Hassan Baker's government. The ruling moderate wing of the Baath party, which he heads, has just ousted Deputy Premier Saleh El Saadi who is Iraq's strong man - and who heads the extremists. The moderates under Premier Bakr - favor a broadbased leadership, including representation by opposition parties. The extremists want a single party - with no opposing voices allowed in the government. But both moderates and ~~extremists~~ extremists are dedicated to - socialism and Arab unity. So the main difference in opinion is - how to go about achieving this.

For the moment anyway - the moderates appear to have the upper hand.

DUKE FOLLOW COUP

An unofficial American "Ambassador" in Bagdad is at the scene of the uprising. And will have a chance to - see for himself what is going on.

Duke Ellington "Ambassador of Jazz" - in Bagdad tonight. His performance - a sell out. A hot time - in the old town tonight. One of the oldest towns in the world - Bagdad.

BAGHOORN

The United States sent an angry note to the Kremlin today - protesting the "unwarranted arrest" of Professor Frederick Barghoorn of Yale. And requesting his release - forthwith. Ambassador Foy Kohler - delivered the message himself. And demanded immediate access - to Professor Barghoorn. The Ambassador denied emphatically - that the Professor is a spy. And strongly protested the unjustifiable length of time which he has been held - incommunicado. Professor Barghoorn was last seen - on October thirty-first. And was apparently arrested then.

Our Embassy has still been unable to find out any details of the arrest, the specific charges against him - or even where he is being held.

Communist diplomats in Washington appear to be minimizing the incident - suggesting that Barghoorn will be released and that the Soviets will

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expel some American diplomats to bolster their story of espionage. But the State Department and the academic community are taking the incident seriously - and it may affect the Soviet American cultural exchange.

MOROCCO

The Cabinet reshuffle announced today by King Hassan the Second of Morocco - is important for the West.

The King, saying that he is replacing - his neutralist-minded Foreign Minister. Successor - Ahmed Reda Guedira, who is well-known for his pro-Western sympathies. And is the most powerful man in the Moroccan government - after Hassan.

King Hassan has also appointed a premier - for the first time since his father dissolved the cabinet in nineteen-sixty - and took over the premiership himself. The new premier is Justice Minister Ahmed Bahnini.

These changes in Rabat seem to bring Morocco - closer to the West. And - for obvious reasons. During the border fighting between Morocco and Algeria - the Communist nations supported Algeria. So did - the

United ~~XXX~~ Arab Republic. And as a result, King Hassan ~~is~~ turning to - the democracies of Europe and America.

APPEARS TO BE

U. N.

At the U. N. today Ambassador Adlai Stevenson speaking for the United States, warmly supported the proposal by ten Latin- American states - to denuclearize Latin America.

Mr. Stevenson pointed out that the decision - must be made by the states themselves. And that to be effective the zone - must have "adequate provision for verification".

With Cuba very obviously in his mind the Ambassador added that - all states in the area would have to be included. That the refusal of any one state to co-operate - could jeopardise the whole arrangement.

No one could miss the reference - to the missile crisis of last year. Castro allowing the Russians to place their rockets on his island. From which he was forced to withdraw them - by the American guarantee.

The U.N. General Assembly struck another blow at South Africa - for the way it is administering its old League of Nations Mandate in Southwest Africa. Most nations want South Africa to start moving that pre-world war I German colony toward self administration and political independence. Today they urged all member states to clamp on oil embargo on South Africa. The United States and five others voted against this move - urging that it would only stiffen South Africa's resistance.

PERSHING

Early next year the Defense Department is going to replace its liquid fueled Redstone missiles in Europe - with solid-fueled Pershing rockets.

The Redstones - becoming obsolete. The Army replacing them - as part of its modernization program.

The Pershing is a ten thousand pound missile - which will have a nuclear warhead. It can be transported by truck or helicopter - much more easily than the Redstone. And it has a range of up to - four hundred miles. The Redstone's range is only about - one hundred and seventy-five miles.

The Pershing - called a "shoot-and-scoot" missile - because of its mobility. The crew, moving quickly - from one firing position to another.

EXPLOSION

That blast which shook Medina Airforce base -and even San Antonio ten miles away - sent a huge burst of smoke roaring one thousand feet into the air. Causing some understandably anxious moments - to people in the area.

But it was - more noisy than dangerous, it seems. Only three men received-superficial injuries.

The Atomic Energy Commission at the base (which houses nuclear explosives but no atomic reactor) says tonight that - the explosion was caused by a "chemical high explosive." In other words - no radiation or contamination problems. Everything - under control.

PEACE CORPS

*A resounding victory for President Kennedy =
in the House today. The lawmakers passing a bill to
give him - one hundred and two million dollars. Money
which will be spent - to send Americans abroad to help
other people. A vote of confidence - for the Peace
Corps.*

MOSCOW SCANDAL

The worst thing about those orgies in Moscow - from the point of view of the Soviet Communist Party - is that the girls are members of the Young Communist League. On which the proper comment would seem to be - that even the Party can't change human nature. The villain of the piece - a Soviet engineer named Boris Yudkin. The goings-on in Yudkin's Moscow apartment - have blossomed into the choicest scandal that Moscow has had in a long time.

Or should I say - that the comrades have finally decided to talk frankly about scandals in the worker's paradise?

TRAVEL

There's more news tonight about the reasons for that travel ban - which was slapped on satellite diplomats yesterday.

Assistant Secretary of Defense Arthur Sylvester, answering questions about it today - gave some cogent reasons why.

To his knowledge, he said, secret information about a United States military installation had been gathered - by a touring foreign diplomat, early this year.

Mr. Sylvester pointed out that this country has an intelligence problem because of "high visibility" of military bases. Examples: The ICBM bases scattered in underground silos - around the nation. In one case two Hungarian officials were seen photographing Maelstrom Air Force Base - a missile installation in Montana - the travelling legally on a highway.