

At the U.N., today, Soviet Russia denounced the landing of U.S. Marines in Lebanon as - "aggression against the Arab world." So that's the Russian reaction to President Eisenhower's intervention - for the security of the Lebanese republic and the protection of several thousand American citizens in that small Near Eastern country.

The Security Council met, this morning, and U.S. Delegate Henry Cabot Lodge made the announcement - of American action. Stating - that it was at the request of the Lebanese government. That it was taken - to stabilize the situation there, until the U.N. can take measures of its own to protect the political integrity of Lebanon. Which is threatened - by forces from the outside. Meaning - Syria and Egypt, Nasser's United Arab Republic.

Delegate Lodge told the Security Council that American intervention - was not an ideal way to solve the problem. But - the only way to move promptly. It is obvious, of course, that speed was needed - after the surprise revolution

which overthrew the government of Iraq yesterday. The United States wants the U.N. to take over in Lebanon, and Cabot Lodge gave assurance - that U.S. military forces will be withdrawn, as soon as the world organization moves in. If - it does.

The American position was promptly supported by British Ambassador Sir Pierson Dixon. Who stated in formal tones: "The announcement just made on behalf of the United States by Mr. Lodge has the full support of Her Majesty's government of the United Kingdom."

France, also, backed the U.S.

The Moscow reaction was only to be expected - and was stated in a diatribe given by Sobolev. Who said - the Lebanese rebels are fighting against, what he called, "the tyranny of the colonial yoke." Then ^{he} went on to applaud the revolution in Iraq. Calling the regime of King Feisal - "the domination of a criminal gang."

He demanded that the Security Council take action - ordering the U.S. Marines out of Lebanon.

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U.N. - PROCEEDINGS

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Then, at length, Henry Cabot Lodge was able - to make the fateful announcement. Which, however, produced little dramatic effect on the delegates. Because the news wires at the U.N. had already carried copies of the document. Which the delegates had read - on the teletype.

So that was how the historic proceedings were launched at the U.N., today.

LEBANON - EISENHOWER

President Eisenhower says - more American troops will be sent into Lebanon. "As required", ^{were} ~~the~~ the words of the President.

He made the statement in a special message to Congress, this evening - in which he gave a further explanation of the landing of the Marines, today. Saying, he realized - that risks are involved. That American intervention may have - "serious consequences." But he deems the measure necessary - to protect American lives and aid the government of Lebanon, in the preservation of its independence.

The presidential message makes a strong assertion - that the rebellion in the Lebanon has the support of Nasser's United Arab Republic, which fomented the trouble - with blasts of propaganda. And - supported the insurrection - in, what the President called, "sizeable amounts of arms, ammunition and money, and by personnel infiltrated from Syria."

~~At the White House, the word is,~~ ^{The} President Eisenhower ~~will~~ read a similar message - ^{which was} ~~regarding~~ recorded by

radio and television, for a broadcast to the entire nation. In it he repeated his explanation - with the statement that more U.S. troops will be sent to Lebanon "as required."

All of which is followed by news of naval and air preparation, which may signify - reinforcements for the five thousand Marines landed today.

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LEBANON

Let's take a look at events in Lebanon, today - as if we were in Beirut. Suppose we were in the Lebanese capital, this morning - what would we have noted?

First, an order - bidding all American citizens, more than two thousand, to stay off the streets. We might have been puzzled - not knowing the Marines were coming. The order - a precaution against possible hostile action by rebels against American citizens.

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Speedy landing operation - with warplanes from a U.S. carrier circling overhead, like an aerial guard. ~~All, quiet and peaceful - in strict military discipline.~~

Crowds of Lebanese gathering - and cheering the Marines. One fellow shouting - "I've got a cousin in New York!"

Friendly scenes, as the Marines marched along the highway to the airport. The leathernecks - joking and laughing with the crowds.

At the airport, where the American civilians were assembled, the Marines got busy - organizing a ^(cantonment,) ~~base~~ their headquarters for the beginning of this U.S. intervention in Lebanon. The airport - which had previously been threatened by the ~~re~~ rebels.

LEBANON - BACKGROUND

The Marines, tonight, are in a country ^{that is} something of a religious paradox. In the Arab world - a land with a Christian majority. Nearly fifty-three per cent of the population - Christians. The remainder of the people - Moslems. The Constitution of the republic of Lebanon - arranged on religious lines. Providing - that the president should always be a Christian. The premier - a Moslem.

Most of the Christians - of the Maronite sect, which goes back to the days of antiquity. A Christian community - that survived the sweep of Islam. ~~xxxx~~ Retaining its identity in the mountains of Lebanon - while most of the population in those regions accepted the doctrine of the Prophet Mohammed.

The Maronites - an oriental sect of Christianity. But, in the Eighteenth Century, they entered communion with Rome, Accepting the supremacy of the Roman Pontiff - but retaining their own oriental religion and customs. A married clergy - and, the use of Arabic as the church language.

LEBANON - BACKGROUND - 2

9 This religious angle - making Lebanon an exceptional country in the Arab world. ^{With} ~~But~~ its Christian majority - always inclined to sympathy with the West.

IRAQ

The news from Iraq? It's vague, fragmentary, much of it uncertain. Conditions in Iraq - still hidden by the stoppage of communications. Leaving major questions - unanswered.

What happened to King Feisal? No definite answer. One report - that the young King was killed, yesterday, murdered by a mob in Baghdad. However, another report indicates - that he got away, and is now with loyal troops marching against the rebels.

But it seems definite that the elder statesman of Iraq, Nuri Es Said, so long a supporter of the West - was killed.

The story is that Nuri Es Said escaped - in the first outbreak of the rebellion, yesterday morning. The rebels - ordering a search for him, putting a price on his head. Nuri Es Said - trying to get away disguised as a woman. But was recognized - and shot. That's the story.

If true, a dramatic finale for Nuri who had known what it is to live a life of violence. He had known since he was one of the world's first military airmen - way back in 1912 - when he dropped the first bomb ever dropped from an airplane - in the 2nd Balkan War.

Jordan reports - a large force, loyal to King Feisal, marching on Baghdad. Troops of the Iraq army - stationed in the northern part of the country. Soldiers - based on military centers like Mosul, one hundred and fifty miles north of Baghdad. A dispatch from Jordan saying - it will take them about a day to reach the city, for a battle with soldiers of the new regime.

Advices continue - that the overthrow of the government was the doing of the Baghdad garrison. Unsupported - by the rest of the army. The new government - in shaky control.

In Jordan the revolution is called - "coup by radio." The Baghdad rebels - grabbing radio stations and announcing a new government. Which has little ~~xxxxx~~ authority - outside the capital city.

However, all this, emanating from Jordan, is unconfirmed. Iraq - still shrouded by a news blackout. And we still don't know what has happened to young King Feisal and his able 70 year old premier, General Nuri.

GOLDFINE

Not much exciting, today - on the Goldfine front.

The Boston financier appeared before the Congressional Sub-committee. Once again - refusing to answer questions about his financial affairs. In spite of a threat - of prosecution for contempt of Congress.

Goldfine countering - with a demand of his own. That the Sub-committee halt the hearings - until ~~the~~^a federal court can give a ruling. Whether or not - the questions are to the point, relevant. Goldfine contending - that he is being asked a lot of things that are of no business to the Committee.

This demand was rejected. The committee - then going into a secret session. Goldfine asked - some more questions.

~~(We don't know what they were, but there's a report - that the investigators are looking into a possible connection between Presidential Assistant Sherman Adams and a government contract, once held by Goldfine. A contract - with the Defense Department.~~

Then there's also the matter of Goldfine's tax returns.

~~The news reporting Goldfine failures to file returns with the
Income Tax Collector.~~

During the day, however, the Boston textile mogul
livened things up a bit in a chat with newsmen. Telling them
of visits at the White House. Goldfine invited - several times
by Sherman Adams.

He said that on one occasion he had lunch with
White House aides. President Eisenhower - at a nearby table.
Sherman Adams taking Goldfine over to the President. To say -
"hello".

This "hello" didn't seem of any great importance -
but it was a bit livelier than most of the Goldfine proceedings,
today.

NEW ORLEANS

If any of you folks should want the red carpet treatment - don't go to New Orleans; long noted for one of the longest and reddist carpets in the world.

But, it's wearing out. The New Orleans Civic red carpet - ragged around the edges, threadbare down the middle. After having been walked on - by so many dignitaries. Ranging - from royalty to movie stars.

Now, please, don't ask why doesn't New Orleans get a new red carpet? The city fathers announcing - they haven't the money. No funds.

So Don, the New Orleans red carpet, shabby, tattered - lies rolled up at the local airport. Dignitaries must now land on asphalt!

JAPAN

On this program, from time to time - we hail the hardihood of mountaineers, who climb lofty summits. Like Sir Edmund Hillary - conqueror of Mt. Everest. So, what about a man - who has climbed one mountain sixteen hundred times?

There's only one country in the world where that could happen - Japan. Only one mountain - Fujiyama, the sacred summit. The climbing of which - is a sort of religious rite. The news telling - that Fusakichi Kaji has toiled up the twelve thousand foot peak - for the sixteen hundredth time.

Fusakichi Kaji says - he started in at the age of sixteen. Climbing Fujiyama - on an average of every couple of weeks. He's now fifty-nine, and the arithmetic makes him - the mountain climbing champion of the world. *That is* In terms *of* doing the same thing, over and over.