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Lebanon's New President

Gen. Fuad Chehab was the obvious and the most hopeful choice to succeed the incumbent Camille Chamoun as president of Lebanon.

He appears to have a wide popular following and is acceptable to the rebels who have kept Lebanon in turmoil since mid-May.

Only Chamoun's close supporters have reservations about him, because he did not lead the Lebanon army into vigorous counter-assault against the rebels. But even these men could see that he was the one man whose election might end the dangerous and enervating strife.

Cagily, Chehab has held silent during his country's ordeal. And his refusal to act to suppress the rebels undoubtedly added still further to his suitability as a compromise candidate. While it also perhaps prolonged the revolt, on the other hand it may have helped to curb its force.

Whether Chamoun can now be brought to resign before his term expires Sept. 23, as the rebels wish him to do, is a question. But certainly Chehab will need time to prepare for the formidable tasks which lie ahead of him.

Presumably the U.S. Marines will leave Lebanon when and if Chehab requests their departure. But that will be only a beginning.

Much of tiny Lebanon is in rebel hands. Chehab will have to seal the borders with Syria, disarm the several rebel groups and restore substantial areas to civil control.

While he is thus acting to pacify Lebanon internally, he will have the more complex assignment of adjusting his country's foreign policy in a way that will keep opposing Lebanese elements below the boiling point hereafter.

The big questions involve the matters of how far he may seek to detach Lebanon from the Eisenhower doctrine and how closely he may come to the kind of pan-Arabism represented by President Nasser of the United Arab Republic.

Chamoun's adherence to the Eisenhower doctrine is said to have been one of the principal factors touching off the current revolt.

On Chehab's military shoulders rests a heavy load. He must find a course for Lebanon that will not only assure it its independence in a turbulently changing Middle East, but will lessen the prospect of conflict between East and West over the area.

The world will not have too long to wait to learn whether Chehab will fulfill the hopes which now repose in him as the new Lebanese president.

Devouring The Books

East German Communists are complaining about their young folks reading too many western stories. Their writers are being urged to write socialist love stories to supplant the westerns. They want to switch the kids from a diet of corn to a diet of mush.

Barbs

If the average old crab could see himself as others see him, we'll bet he wouldn't believe it.

High prices have affected even men's styles—hip pockets being worn much flatter.

Side Glances

"I don't want to be too hard on Hanley. What's another word for 'fired'?"

Propaganda War In U.S. Backyard

By K. C. THALER

LONDON (UPI)— The Communist diplomatic offensive has been officially and formally extended from the Middle East to Latin America. The propaganda war is now officially on in America's "backyard."

The new move stems from a joint decision of the Kremlin and the Red Chinese regime in Peiping.

It was taken at the secret three-day talk last week in Peiping between Soviet Premier and Party Boss Nikita Khrushchev and Red Chinese Leader Mao Tse-Tsung.

What can be expected from it is an all-out propaganda assault on the Latin American nations, with the United States as the chief target of the attack.

Wihin 48 hours of the decision, Peiping in fact opened up its guns with a broadside attack on the United States' alleged "enslavement" policy on the Latin American continent.

The Red bloc's decision emerged from the joint Sino-Russian communique issued in Peiping Sunday at the conclusion of the Mao-Khrushchev secret talks.

Red China and the Soviet pledged themselves formally then and there to "give firm support to the just struggles of the peoples of 53 United Arab Republic, the Republic of Iraq, and the other Arab countries as well as the national independence movements of the peoples in Asia, Africa and Latin America," the communique announced.

The listing of Latin America in line with Arab nations left little doubt of what is in the minds of the Red leaders.

Soviet affairs experts have read into the blunt announcement a sort of declaration of a propaganda war by the United Reds in the "backyard" of the United States.

Soviet designs on this sphere have been increasingly evident for some time past; but nothing or little was said about it officially in Moscow.

Now, the word is out. Latin America has been formally and officially included in the "sphere of operation" of the Red propaganda machine, calling for "independence" from American "domination and exploitation."

Significantly, Red China has given its backing to the move just as it has become a prime backer of the "independence" campaign in the Middle East.

More people "demonstrated" in Peiping against the United States and Britain's intervention in Lebanon and Jordan than did in Moscow last month.

This tends to confirm the growing impression that Mao is taking over gradually the leadership of Communist ideology and its application from Moscow.

Latin America has for some time past been confined largely to more discreet behind-the-scenes infiltration tactics.

State Court Says Action Not Proper

SALEM (UPI)—The Oregon Supreme Court has declined to take original jurisdiction in a proceeding brought by Jackson County District Attorney Thomas J. Reeder to obtain judicial determination as to whether Robert G. Danielson or E. Roy Bashaw was nominated for the office of district judge for Jackson county at the May primary.

The court said that the controversy does not concern the right to hold or exercise a public office inasmuch as the office of district judge is now held by James Main, whose right is not in dispute. The court said that therefore the action was not a proper proceeding in "quo warranto."

The original jurisdiction conferred by the constitution on the Supreme Court does not extend to such a controversy, the Justices said.

However, the Court suggested that in the public interest an appropriate proceeding be immediately filed in Circuit court.

In another case, the Court affirmed a judgment of $3,000 obtained in Multnomah county against the Aluminum Lock Shingle Corporation for return of money which had been paid on account of a contract to purchase shingles.

Solon To Seek Action For Fishing Aid

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Sen. Leverett Saltonstall (R-Mass.) has promised to press for quick Senate action on a 30-million-dollar loan and subsidy program to aid the depressed American fishing industry.

Informed sources said there is little chance the bill will clear both Houses of Congress unless adjournment is delayed beyond the Aug. 1 target date. If Congress stays later, the bill's chances are better.

The measure, approved by the Senate Commerce Committee Tuesday, would provide a broad aid program for fisheries. It would be over and above an additional 10-million-dollar shot-in-the-arm already approved by the Senate in another bill and slated for consideration today by the House Merchant Marine and Fisheries Committee.

The 10-million-dollar bill sponsored by Sens. Frederick G. Payne (R-Maine) and Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), would increase to 20 million dollars the Interior Department's Fisheries Loan Fund.

Scientist Says Space Exploring Poses Problems

SAN DIEGO, Calif. (UPI) —Dr. Milton U. Clauser, vice president of Space Technology Laboratories in Los Angeles, says man is not as close to playing Buck Rogers as he likes to think.

"We are ready to put man into outer space," Clauser told 600 delegates to a two-day symposium on space exploration Tuesday. "But we just don't have the hardware to allow him to travel to Mars, land and explore, and then return to earth with his findings."

Satellite launchings have led the laymen, as well as members of the technical fraternity, to think that man is on the edge of exploring space but it just isn't so, the scientist said.

Clauser said there still are a great number of difficult problems to solve before space travel is possible. He called for a step up in research to answer the questions.

Dr. Morton Alperin, director of advanced studies for the Air Force Office of Scientific Research, told the assembled scientists and engineers the United States cannot afford to lose the lead in the scientific and technological race.

He said space travel is closely tied in with the military's duty of protecting the nation.

RESOURCES BOARD TO MEET

SALEM (UPI)—The State Water Resources Board will meet here Aug. 18 in the state capitol building, it was announced today.

Decision On SP Line Awaits Solons' Report

SALEM (UPI) — Public Utility Commissioner Howard Morgan said that his decision in the case seeking to compel Southern Pacific to restore railroad passenger service on its line between Portland and Ashland was being held up pending receipt of findings by State Sen. Philip B. Lowry, Medford.

Morgan reminded Lowry in a letter that after recent hearings concluding testimony and argument in the case, Lowry had requested additional time for proposed findings. The railroad filed its proposed findings early in July.

Action in the two-year-old case was filed jointly by Lowry and by former State Sens. Gene Brown, Josephine county, and Paul Geddes, Douglas county.

Morgan said he would continue to hold his findings in abeyance "for a reasonable time" to accommodate Lowry.

Baltimore Newsman Gets Bade Award

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — A Baltimore newspaperman has been named winner of the Wilbur F. Bade Award presented annually by the American Newspaper Guild.

Richard P. Davis, copyreader on the Baltimore Sun, received the award Tuesday night at a banquet session of the guild's annual convention.

He was honored for "revitalizing" the Baltimore local of the union, and for building up interest in organizing efforts.

Bade citations were presented to Fred Parry of Peoria, Ill., and John Finegan of St. Paul, Minn., for their work in recent strike situations.

Meanwhile, the 22 delegates scheduled more committee meetings this morning on such topics as collective bargaining, organizing and finances. A number of committee reports were scheduled for a general session in the afternoon.

SEEKS BARTER AGREEMENTS

KARACHI, Pakistan (UPI) — Pakistan, a member of the pro-Western Baghdad Pact and SEATO alliances, is negotiating with Russia, Red China, Poland and several other Communist countries to barter its surplus raw cotton and jute for machinery, coal, cement and rice, it was disclosed today.

Indiana Jury To Probe Gambling

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UPI)—An international gambling syndicate which authorities contend grossed $3,500,000 in 10 weeks on bets of $1,000 or more, mostly on football games, comes under the close scrutiny of a federal grand jury here next week.

More than 170 persons, most of them identified as patrons who could afford to make big bets to satisfy their gambling whims, were ordered to appear as witnesses.

Some of those subpenaed were well known, including Herbert (Zeppo) Marx of the famous brother comedy team in movies, and H. L. Hunt, one of the world's richest men and head of a fabulously huge oil firm in Dallas, Tex.

U.S. tax agents swarmed into a third-floor suite above a Terre Huate, Ind., restaurant last November and grabbed six persons, including known gamblers and a former Indianapolis sheriff, for failure to have $50 federal gambling tax stamps.

The agents found a roomful of telephones and evidence the syndicate scorned all except big bets and took them from all parts of this country and Canada, mostly on college and professional football games.

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