

Syria And Lebanon Ask Withdrawal Of Troops From The Levant; Russia Tries To Use Veto In Greek Dispute

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

LONDON, Feb. 5 (AP)—Syria and Lebanon handed the United Nations Security Council a new explosive issue today, asking withdrawal of all British and French troops from the Levant, while the council still sought to unravel the tangle resulting from a Russian attempt to use the veto power in the Soviet-British disagreement over Greece.

The veto issue, raised for the first time before the council, blocked action on the Greek question. It also required the council to decide whether Britain and Russia could vote on the question of whether British troops in Greece were endangering world peace, as charged by Russia. The British have demanded complete exoneration of their actions in Greece.

Syria and Lebanon, former French mandates in the strategic Middle East, based their case on the claim that British and French troops have remained in their territories "many months" after the end of the war with Germany and Japan and that some of these troops have been a constant menace to the peace and security in this region.

French authorities estimate about 5000 French troops and 20,000 British troops are in the Levant.

Note Dispatched

The Syrian-Lebanese note was dispatched to the office of Secretary-General Trygve Lie last night. Faris Bey El Khoury, head of the Syrian delegation to the general assembly and Hamid Bey Frangie, chief of the Lebanese delegation, conferred personally with Lie today.

The presence of these troops, which constitutes a grave infringement of the sovereignty of the two states, members of the United Nations, may give rise to serious disputes," Syria and Lebanon declared.

A meeting of representatives of the five major powers—Britain, Russia, France, China and the United States—was called at the British foreign office today specifically to discuss the world food situation and possible United Nations action on it.

But some officials speculated that the meeting might afford a chance for the key nations on the Security Council to have a private talk about ways out of the threatened impasse.

Shaken by disagreement, the council scheduled another meeting for 8:30 p. m. (12:30 p. m. PST) tonight to decide formally whether Russia can invoke her veto power.

The veto issue was raised by Andrei Vishinsky, Soviet vice commissioner of foreign affairs, after members of the 11-nation security council said last night in a heated debate that Russia's charges against Great Britain were unfounded.

This was the first time that any of the five permanent members of the council had sought to use the veto power given them

at San Francisco after a long debate over whether the big nations should have such power.

Decision Pending

The question in the present case was a technical one involving a clause in the United Nations charter which says that nations must refrain from voting if they are a party to a dispute. A decision must be reached as to whether the Greek controversy technically constitutes a dispute between Britain and Russia.

Council Chairman Norman J. O. Makin of Australia pointed out that the case had not been referred to as a "dispute" by any of the council members up to the time the veto question was raised.

Should the Security Council rule that the Greek affair is a "dispute" both Britain and Russia would be entitled to vote. The charter provides that council decisions must have a majority of seven votes, including the five permanent members. Thus a negative vote or an abstention by either Britain or Russia would have the effect of a veto.

Self Defense Ruled By Jury

PENDLETON, Ore., Feb. 5 (AP)—A coroner's jury ruled yesterday that Emory Bronson, 22, shot in self-defense when he killed his stepfather at their Wildhorse ranch home Sunday.

Bronson was freed from the county jail where he was held on an open charge pending the inquest into the shooting of Charles Irwin Harris. Bronson had voluntarily reported to Sheriff Robert Goad after the killing.

Sheriff Goad reported Bronson said he had returned to the family home after taking his mother and several brothers and sisters to Pendleton. Bronson said Harris had threatened to kill his wife and children in an argument Sunday.

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Detective Lt. C. R. Crisp reported Ramirez and Edward Lloyd Howe were involved in a brawl in a cafe Friday night and Howe later was found in a dazed condition and jailed on a drunk charge. He died Saturday in a hospital.

Lt. Crisp said Howe's empty wallet was found in the cafe wash room.

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By Diana Stuart

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A call from an anxious San Diego parent last night sent them to a Brighton street house for a missing son. An aunt provided the address.

The officers, finding no such address, whisked back to the aunt's house to tell her so. "Why, that must be the right address," she said confidently. "I got it from my Ouija board." The son voluntarily reappeared.

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Construction Work Planned

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Feb. 5 (AP)—Surveys by H. W. Peyeritz, editor of Daily Construction Service, round out a total of nineteen billion dollars in engineering construction for the 11 western states, which means more work than ever before for the far west's construction industry.

Peyeritz commented that the heavy work so far planned would keep the industry working at a rate never approached in peacetime, and near the wartime record rate. Manpower problems are likewise diminishing, he said.

Included in the January contracts were more than 124 million dollars worth of street and

road work, and 214 million in dam construction.

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Death Claims Noted Lawyer

PALM BEACH, Fla., Feb. 5 (AP)—A heart ailment proved fatal yesterday to 79-year-old Silas Hardy Strawn, noted Chicago attorney and former president of the American Bar association and the chamber of commerce of the United States.

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en. He is survived by his widow, the former Margaret Stewart, and two daughters, Mrs. James A. Cathcart and Mrs. Wesley M. Dixon, both of Lake Forest, Ill. He arrived here with his wife by automobile last Friday.

A member of the Chicago law firm of Winston, Strawn and Shaw, Strawn headed the Citizens' committee which raised funds to bring the democratic and republican national conventions to Chicago in 1944.

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