



GLEN MINUTH, pool director for the Dunsmuir swimming pool, is shown in the foreground as he and his crew are cleaning the pool in preparation for the opening day, June 7, the day after school is out. Pool use is primarily for those living in the Dunsmuir recreation district, Mrs. Thelma Bender, recreation commission secretary, said. Family memberships will be available again this year. — Walsh Photo, Dunsmuir

Lebanon Violence Best Described As Explosion

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BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — The violence in Lebanon can best be described as a political explosion basically rooted in domestic politics. The odds want to be in.

Ten years ago, the world would have paid little attention. Today, because of her geography, Lebanon's troubles have deep meaning for a world involved in cold war. The quarrel was internal. But intruding upon this tiny stage were the Soviets and the Americans, the Communists and the anti-Communists, the pro-Nasser forces and the anti-Nasser element, the Christians and the Moslems.

Because the government of President Camille Chamoun has a reputation for being pro-Western, the West labeled all the opposition anti-Western. This was not so. Many in the opposition resented the implication. The West fell into this trap out of its old habit of attempting to define all events with handy labels. In the Middle East, Western labels seldom apply.

Outside pressures nagging at this strategically situated nation of 1½ million Christians and Moslems helped turn a domestic political fight into a fever of violence such as Lebanon has not known since she became independent in 1943.

Army Chief of Staff Fuad Shihab decided against a frontal assault on the armed opposition, obviously in fear of spreading the conflict or spilling it over into war between Christians and Moslems. Iron controls were clamped on the main sources of violence. Shihab's aim was to contain the trouble and smother it with a minimum loss of life.

But at least 200 lost their lives, some of them innocent bystanders.

Where did the violence come from? Everybody disclaims it. But bombs went off, and gun battles became commonplace in some areas. In the North, the army battled forces at Tripoli under opposition leader Rashid Karami, a pro-Syrian who posed a threat of seeking armed Syrian interference.

South of Beirut, the quarrel engulfed the Druze people. Half of them sided with the opposition and rallied to Kamal Jumblatt, a Druze politician. The other half sided with the government and followed the dashing figure of the Emir Mejid Aarsalan.

The Druzes themselves finally agreed to stop fighting one another, but Jumblatt's forces continued to battle the government. Aarsalan's men just went back to work.

Inside Beirut another opposition leader, former Prime Minister Saeb Salam, holed up behind stone barricades in a yellow building, an eagle's nest in the heart of Beirut's Moslem quarter. Tough young men with tommyguns protected him.

Salam denies he is anti-Western but complained Washington was forcing him into anti-Western attitudes by supporting Chamoun and Foreign Minister Charles

Malik. He would welcome U.S. economic aid, he said, if Chamoun were out of office. But he claimed U.S. aid was entrenching the President.

Salam's rock-bottom demand for ending the resistance was the immediate resignation of Chamoun, whose constitutional six-year term ends in September. The opposition fears the President's big majority in Parliament will amend the constitution so he can get another term.

Much of the opposition favors President Gamal Abdel Nasser of the United Arab Republic, but it cannot be called pro-Soviet. While it leans toward the U.A.R.'s foreign policy, the opposition for the most part insists Lebanon remain sovereign and neutral between blocs.

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