

# Knowing Who Is Boss In Lebanon May Save Life

BEIRUT (AP) — You have to know who's boss where in Lebanon these days.

Many areas of the country's 4,000 square miles are held by rebel bands who have fought against the government for nearly seven weeks. When you enter those sections, you had better have the name of the local leader on the tip of your tongue. Otherwise you run a good risk of being shot.

Lebanese army units recently evacuated Halba, in the extreme north. This left all north Lebanon, from Tripoli on, in rebel hands. Most of north Lebanon is wild, mountainous country ideal for guerrillas. The mountains overlap into Syria, and the rebel guerrillas easily move back and forth across the frontier to elude pursuers or to get supplies and reinforcements.

In the areas nearest the port of Tripoli, the insurgent bands are loyal to Rashid Karami, former prime minister who now is a leader of the rebellion against President Camille Chamoun. To the east, in the Hermel region, rebels follow Druze chieftain Shibli Arjan.

In the fertile Bekaa Valley of eastern Lebanon, the northern region is held mainly by bands under former Speaker of Parliament Sabri Hamadeh. Farther south, in the mountains, is the region held by one of the most powerful rebel leaders, Socialist Kamal Jumblatt, a Druze and former minister of finance. He manages to keep a corridor open to Rachaya, on the Syrian frontier, and Syrian Druzes send him men and materiel.

South of Jumblatt and inland from the coast, the dominant leader is rebel Ahmed Assaad, another former speaker of Parliament. There has been little fighting in this region, and the line between government and rebel territory is indistinct. The government maintains gendarmerie posts in most towns and villages and has kept most of the roads open.

Government forces hold the main coastal road and the Beirut-Damascus highway as far as the Syrian frontier. The government also has hung onto the chief cities — Beirut, Sidon and Tripoli. But inside each of these cities, rebel gangs are holed up in certain sectors where they are supreme.

In Beirut, the gangs are loyal to former Prime Minister Saeb Salam. In Tripoli, they are Karami's men. In Sidon they are followers of Maarouf Saad, a member of Parliament.

The rebels' plan appears to be to consolidate their position in the north, then drive southward in the Bekaa to link up the northern bands with Jumblatt's forces. Jumblatt's men then would try to cut the Beirut-Sidon road and pin government forces into a box comprising Beirut, Kesrouan and Metn.

To thwart this strategy, the Lebanese army has nearly 9,000 men, reinforced by shipments of light tanks from America and a few Vampire jet fighters.

Rebel armed strength is estimated at 5,000-6,000, skilled chiefly in mountain warfare. They lack aircraft and heavy armament but are being reinforced steadily with mortars and field guns from Syria.

# Knight Accuses Leaders Of Shortchanging State

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Gov. Knight accused the federal government today of shortchanging California on its veterans population.

Addressing the opening session of the state American Legion convention, he said California has 10 per cent of the nation's veterans — but that Washington won't admit it.

The governor said California has 2,270,000 resident veterans, 200,000 more than the government concedes. "To be denied official federal recognition of this figure means that we are not getting our deserved share of those allocations which are based on veteran population," Knight said in a prepared speech.

**HELD IN SLASHING**  
HARIANNA, Fla. (UPI) — A pair of Negro teen-agers who escaped from the Florida School for Boys faced possible criminal charges today for slashing a white housewife with a kitchen knife. Police said the victim, Mrs. M. W. Cary, surprised the youths, aged 15 and 16, in her kitchen Wednesday. One of them cut her on the arms and hands.

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# Segregation To Stay In Dallas Schools For Year

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas school board, beset on two sides and bogged down in a legal morass, said last night its schools will remain segregated in the coming school year.

It pointed toward an apparent conflict between the U. S. Supreme Court's ruling against school segregation and Texas integration laws.

"The board is convinced that it would be a poor service to Dallas and to the large area of the Southwest which may follow the Dallas lead to undertake the activation of the Supreme Court decree until federal and state courts reach some legally acceptable unanimity of opinion," said the board's statement.

Edwin C. Washington Jr., who spoke at the school board meeting, was booed when he said he was a field representative of the Dallas branch of the NAACP. He said he was "disappointed in the board for its seeming delay in not making a prompt and reasonable start toward integration."

"It grieves me," he said, "that his two children will be denied their rights." The Rev. R. E. Davis, who said he was president of a local White Citizens Council, said if the board carries out integration it would be "aiding and abetting the Supreme Court in destroying every vestige

of constitutional law and order—shaking the very pillars of the Republic."

The board also authorized its attorney to start action in state courts to solve the legal problems.

This drew criticism from Lloyd S. Riddle, who said he was a White Citizens Council member. He objected to what he called the board's attack on state laws and declared, "The only thing I can say for the board is that the schools are still segregated." The U. S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals July 23, 1957, ordered the Dallas school district, which has roughly 115,000 pupils, integrated. But it did not set a deadline.

The Dallas school board contends it cannot comply with the decree without violating a law passed by the 1956 Texas Legislature.

The state law says a school district cannot integrate without approval in a local option election. If it does, it shall lose state funds and accreditation and authorities shall be fined. No such election has been called by Dallas voters. Both a federal district court and the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals threw out the school board's request for a ruling whether to follow the federal court decrees or state law. The federal courts said they had no jurisdiction.

# ICC Slates Timber Action

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Interstate Commerce Commission said today it plans to act promptly in proceedings involving a proposal by western railroads to reduce rates on lumber shipments from Oregon and California to California and Arizona.

Rep. Charles O. Porter (D-Ore) said he was advised by Howard G. Freas, acting ICC chairman, that the commission plans to rule promptly on the railroads' request that the commission reverse its order suspending the rate cut pending an investigation.

Should the suspension be reversed, Freas said, the cut would become effective immediately.

"If, on the other hand, the petition is denied, the proceeding will be assigned for early hearing, probably in San Francisco," he said.

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# Porch Collapses Killing Woman

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — For months Mrs. Irene House aired scatter rugs by hanging them on a sun porch railing at the rear of her second-floor duplex apartment.

As she started to drape a rug over the railing yesterday, the wooden structure collapsed.

The 31-year-old mother of four children plunged 18 feet to the ground, striking a metal pipe. She died soon after arrival at a hospital.

Police took custody of the children — ages 6 months to 7 years — until their father, who was working in berry fields in western Oregon, arrives home.

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# Retail Sales Take Big Dip In California Says Board

SACRAMENTO (AP) — Californians bought more books, flowers, photo equipment and sporting goods than usual during the first three months of 1958, but retail sales generally took their biggest drop in three years.

The Board of Equalization reported yesterday that first quarter taxable transactions dipped to \$4,250,067,000—a drop of 7.3 per cent from first quarter sales last year and the lowest level since the first three months of 1955.

The board called the drop in automobile sales "precipitous." New car sales in the state fell off 24.1 per cent while used car sales dipped 22.3 per cent. Dollar value sales of farm implements dropped 19.5 per cent.

All told, 23 of 39 classes of retail business declined. The board

noted that despite rising prices and a steadily growing population the recession lag in production and employment showed up in the lessened sales volume.

Most specialty dealers, however — florists, sporting goods dealers, book and stationery stores and photo equipment and supply stores — did better than usual.

Food and drink dealers, retail food stores, women's apparel, drugs and shoe stores showed increases, as did automobile parts, trailer, boat, motorcycle and airplane dealers.

Taxable transactions of contractors and building materials dealers and manufacturers, wholesalers and miscellaneous outlets dropped to their lowest level since the third quarter of 1956.

Taxable business by service stations also declined. Others that failed to equal their winter quarter, 1957, volume included:

Household appliances, household and home furnishings, family and men's apparel, gift, art goods and novelty stores, musical instrument dealers, jewelry stores and eating and drinking places selling all kinds of liquor.

# Credit Curbs May Return

WASHINGTON (AP) — Rising concern over inflation has led some key administration officials to consider a revival of standby consumer credit controls.

Secretary of the Treasury Anderson, it was learned today, is among those who feel it might be advisable to ask Congress for power to regulate down payments and installment terms on autos and appliances.

Anderson and others were described as fearful that the big federal deficits looming ahead — perhaps 10 billion dollars in the year starting July 1 — will help fuel the flames for inflation unless the government is alerted and equipped for fire fighting.

The standby credit authority idea looks to the period after the recession. Until then, informants emphasized, the government will continue to foster business recovery by every means at hand, including "easy money" — cheap and ample credit.

Officials want no recurrence of the pattern which followed the 1953-54 recession. The 1954 upturn blossomed into 1955's credit-buying binge. That was followed by a two-year rise in living costs — which hasn't stopped yet — and a sudden business slump.

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