

U.S. MARINES LAND IN LEBANON

In The Day's News

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Today's BIG news:
U.S. Marines have landed in tiny Lebanon.

The U.S. Sixth fleet—the most powerful single unit of military force in the world today—is assembling in the Eastern Mediterranean, directly off the shores of the explosive Middle East.

The landing of the Marines and the assembling of the fleet was ordered by President Eisenhower, who under our constitution is the commander-in-chief of the armed forces of the United States.

What does it mean?
Here is the official explanation: President Eisenhower says the action is in response to an urgent appeal from President Camille Chamoun of Lebanon. He says the step was taken to "protect American lives and . . . to encourage the Lebanese government in defense of Lebanese sovereignty."

So much for the OFFICIAL explanation.
Let's now probe beneath the surface.
What does it REALLY mean?
This, I think, is the best guess: We're handing RUSSIA a challenge.

We're presenting her with what the diplomats call a "fait accompli"—an accomplished fact) and are saying to her: WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT IT?
Why do we go that far?
Here's another guess:
We need to know what Russia has in mind. Is she READY for war now? The chances are some, what against it—at least enough against it to justify us in calling for what amounts to a showdown.

Competent authorities tell us we are NOW superior to Russia in military might—that our capacity for instant and massive retaliation if she starts anything is unquestioned.
Maybe it will be different LATER. Russia's modern (meaning nuclear) might is rising rapidly, the experts say.

And—
We know from past experience that the Russians respect NOTHING BUT FORCE.

So—
In menacing situations involving them, it's better to be firm than fuzzy.

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BATTLE READY AMERICAN LEATHERNECKS landed in battalion strength today on the beaches just south of Beirut in embattled Lebanon in the Middle East. The Marines promptly moved in to occupy the airfield on the outskirts of Beirut, and it was assumed that more men and supplies would be landed or are already being landed at this base. Landing of the Marines was touched off by the revolt inside neighboring Iraq which has menaced both Lebanon and Jordan. American officials indicated purpose of the landing was primarily to protect American citizens as well as to promote stability in this area of the beleaguered Middle East.

Troops Disembark To Guard Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States took the fateful step Tuesday of throwing American military force into the seething Middle East.
Five thousand Marines began moving ashore — by invitation — in embattled Lebanon.
Their mission: To protect American lives, bolster the pro-Western government of Camille Chamoun against what President Eisenhower called "indirect aggression," and try to stem any spill-over of the movement that threw out a friendly government Monday in Iraq.
The Iraq revolutionists are at least friendly to the Moscow-oriented United Arab Republic headed by Egypt's President Nasser, and Lebanon's Chamoun has charged that the U.A.R. is backing his own country's revolt.
The White House announced the landing of the Marines near Beirut in a statement by President Eisenhower which denied explicitly that they had been sent in "as any act of war."
The statement said the move was made in response to an urgent request from President Chamoun. It said the troops will be pulled out as soon as the United Nations has taken adequate action to protect the sovereignty and integrity of Lebanon.
This country will support any such U.N. action, Eisenhower continued. He declared the United States' own action was taken under the U.N. charter's provision for collective self-defense.
The move drew immediate backing from top Democrats at the Capitol.
Sen. Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas, Senate Democratic leader, said that in the judgment of the President the action was "necessary to preserve freedom in the Middle East." Johnson added: "Americans will certainly unite when the security of the Free World is imperiled."
Rep. John W. McCormack of Massachusetts, House Democratic leader, said that "under the circumstances there was no other course he (Eisenhower) could take. There was no other road but that of appeasement."
The Pentagon, which as late as Monday night had been insisting

that only "normal" precautionary military moves were being made in the Mediterranean area, announced the assignment of a special command under Adm. James L. Holloway to take charge of the landing operation.
Holloway was en route from London. He will take charge of what is called a "specified" command. That means his staff will include representatives of all the forces involved.
At a news conference Pentagon officials said about 1,700 men were in the landing force which went ashore Tuesday morning near Beirut. They said other units will be landing but "we do not wish to divulge the schedule" at this time. The overall figure of 5,000 was provided by James C. Hagerty, White House press secretary.
Rear Adm. C. C. Kirkpatrick, chief of Navy information, said that "so far as we know the landing was unopposed."
Kirkpatrick replied affirmatively when asked if the 6th Fleet ships in the Mediterranean have all their normal weapons.
In addition to the 2nd Battalion of the 2nd Division which went ashore, two other battalions—the 1st and 3rd — were on amphibious ships in the Mediterranean.
The fact that the other two battalions were scheduled to be landed presumably meant that any additional Marine reinforcements would have to come from other elements of the 2nd Marine Division whose base is Camp Lejeune, N.C.
One additional force, however, was held ready nearer at hand.
Kirkpatrick said the 1st Battalion of the 8th Marine Regiment, which had headed homeward from the Mediterranean on rotation relief is "no longer on the way home."
That battalion had been scheduled to return home last spring but had been held overtime because of the Lebanon situation.
The Navy said Holloway headed for a Mediterranean port en route to the command ship Taconic which will be his floating headquarters.
Vessels involved in Tuesday's landing were named by the Navy as the Taconic, the command ship

Monrovia and the transports Capricornus, Walworth County and Traverse County, escorted by the destroyers Wadleigh and Sullivan.
Authoritative officials said the Marines would shoot if necessary to carry out their assigned mission, but it was hoped this would not be necessary.
These officials said the role of the Marines would depend on developments in the strife-ridden land.
This was the first time since the 1950 Korean War outbreak that American military forces had been dispatched into such a danger area.
"These forces have not been sent as any act of war," Eisenhower stressed.
The President's military action left two major questions without answer. One was the United States intent toward the confused situation in Iraq where the extent of rule by pro-Nasser rebel leaders was unclear. The other concerned the possibility of support for young King Hussein of Jordan who, after his cousin Faisal's overthrow, asserted that he was leader of the Arab Federation of Iraq and Jordan.
Still a third and fundamental question of long range importance is the possibility of Soviet counter action.
The Soviet Union generally has backed U.A.R. President Nasser against the West at any point he sought to oppose Western power or influence.

Chiloquin Barkeep Shoots Berserk Knife Wielder, 26

A 26-year-old man went berserk with a pocket knife last night in a Chiloquin tavern and was shot twice by the bartender in apparent self defense.
Klamath Valley Hospital attendants said today the victim, Melvin Chiloquin, was in "fair condition" and is expected to recover from gunshot wounds in the chest and right thigh.
He was shot by Alfred F. Lesick, about 40, who tends bar in the city-owned tavern in Chiloquin.
District Attorney Arthur Beddoe, who arrived on the scene shortly after the shooting, said today no charges would be preferred until after a more detailed investigation is completed, probably this afternoon.
Beddoe gave this reconstruction of the shooting:
Chiloquin came into the bar at about 2 p.m. and got into an argument with Lesick, apparently over nothing.
When Lesick told the man to leave and refused to sell him more beer, Chiloquin took out his bone-handled pocket knife, opened the blade and leaped over the bar toward Lesick.
Beddoe said Lesick warned the angry Chiloquin to keep away from him, but to no avail.
The bartender was chased around behind the bar and grabbed a .38 caliber pistol which he had on hand for emergency purposes.
He fired one shot over Chiloquin's head and told him again to keep away, but Chiloquin still advanced.
Lesick managed to dodge the man and got out from behind the

bar. Then, to protect other patrons, the bartender ran out into the street with Chiloquin still after him.
When he could no longer avoid getting cut by Chiloquin's knife, Lesick began shooting. Beddoe said.
One shot entered Chiloquin's chest and came out of his upper right arm. The other passed through his right thigh. He fell to the ground.
Arriving on the scene to investigate with Beddoe were Sheriff J. M. (Red) Britton, Deputy Fred Calfee, Deputy Alvie Youngblood, Deputy Del Summers, state police and Chiloquin authorities.
Youngblood, who has the Chiloquin territory, said the would-be knife wielder has a long arrest record for being drunk and disorderly. He has also been arrested for arson, the deputy said.

Cuban Rebels Still Holding Servicemen

GUANTANAMO, Cuba (AP) — Cuban rebels still held 29 U.S. sailors and Marines today but there was some hope the scheduled start of their release yesterday had only been delayed by rain.
Helicopters were scheduled to take off from the U.S. Navy base at Guantanamo Bay today for the assembly point in the east Cuban mountains to which the rebels were supposed to bring the servicemen they kidnapped nearly three weeks ago.
U.S. Consul Park Wollam, who has been negotiating with the rebels for release of the men, sent word he was confident some would be freed today and possibly all would be back at their base by tomorrow.
Fidel Castro's men had promised Wollam the men would start coming out yesterday afternoon. A Navy helicopter waited several hours at the delivery area but none of the prisoners showed up.
A Navy spokesman said had weather apparently prevented the rebels from assembling the captives from the mountain camps in which they are scattered.

2 American Businessmen Slain By Mob

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two American businessmen have been reported killed by mob action in Baghdad, capital of Iraq, the State Department said Tuesday.
It reported some Western Europeans possibly also were killed in the outbreak of violence Monday in the revolt-torn capital.
State Department press officer Lincoln White declined to give names of the Americans reported killed, saying the reports were unconfirmed. But generally the information was accepted by the State Department as being true.
White said a third American escaped after being beaten.
White told a news conference that communications between the State Department and the Embassy at Baghdad had been interrupted since Monday. He said the interruption was temporary and he hoped contact would soon be restored.
"We're doing what we can," White said, "to get what information we can from sources available to us. We have no detail on King Faisal, Prime Minister Nuri Said, or whether the fighting has spread over the country."
White added:
"Our people (Ambassador Waldemar J. Gallman and his staff) are pretty much confined to quarters by the curfew."

U.N. Told Troops Sent To Fend Off Aggression

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. (AP) — The United States told the U.N. Tuesday American forces were thrown into the Middle East to save tiny Lebanon and other pro-Western governments from ruthless aggression.
The Soviet Union declared the U.S. action could "plunge the world into the abyss of a new world war."
Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge made it clear to the 11-nation Security Council that the U.S. action was aimed at President Nasser's United Arab Republic. He insisted the United States wanted urgent U.N. action to make possible the withdrawal of the newly landed American forces.
Soviet Ambassador Arkady A. Sobolev reacted quickly with a charge that the U.S. move was a threat to peace and a mockery to the principles of the United Nations.
He submitted a formal proposal calling on the Council to demand the immediate withdrawal of the American forces.
Sobolev said armed intervention by the Western powers in the Middle East could lead to the "most serious consequences."
The council recessed after Sobolev's speech until 2 p.m. EST.
Lodge told the Council the critical situation in Lebanon, Iraq and other pro-Western countries was being stimulated and aided by powerful outside forces, which were resorting to indirect aggression to overthrow legitimate governments.
He did not identify these forces except to repeat U.S. charges that President Nasser's United Arab Republic had been aiding Lebanese rebels.
Lodge declared he hoped the landing of U.S. forces "will bring stability and that United States forces now being sent into Lebanon can promptly be withdrawn."
Lodge took the floor after the Soviet Union had tried unsuccessfully to oust the representative of

British Chief Pledges Full U.S. Support

LONDON (AP) — Britain announced full support Tuesday for American military action in Lebanon. But British troops are not taking part, Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd said.
Lloyd told a tense session of the House of Commons that British forces in the region — presumably the East Mediterranean — have been alerted in case of emergency.
The foreign secretary said the United States informed Britain in advance of her decision to intervene "to preserve the independence and integrity" of Lebanon.
The American decision "has the full support of Her Majesty's government," Lloyd said.
British opposition Laborites greeted his statement with jeers and cries of "Another Suez."
The socialist lawmakers, who had vigorously opposed the British French attack on Egypt in 1956, drowned parts of Lloyd's speech with shouts of "Shame" — specifically when Lloyd announced that American forces at that moment were landing at Beirut.
In Paris U.S. Delegate Randolph Barges informed his colleagues on the NATO permanent council of the American decision just minutes before the Marines waded ashore.
Premier Charles de Gaulle immediately summoned an emergency Cabinet meeting.
At Supreme Headquarters, Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE), Gen. Lauris Norstad and top Allied commanders were kept in formed of Middle East developments.
The statement of the foreign secretary created the impression among legislators that the British may await the outcome of United Nations action before deciding to intervene themselves.

Foose Cited For Murder

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — Bearded prospector Norman A. Foose is charged with two counts of murder in the fatal shooting of two children.
The former mental patient is charged with the murder of 14-year-old Eddie Cebada and his aunt Arlene Cebada, 12. They were shot to death in Cuba, N.M., Thursday.
Dist. Atty. Paul Robinson said Foose, 47, probably would be tried at the next term of District Court, scheduled to start Aug. 25.
Foose has shown no remorse for the killings he said were part of a move to "depopulate the world." He is in a hospital with a bullet-shattered foot suffered before he was captured.

Army Secretary Leaves Reunion

COLUMBUS, Ohio (UPI) — Army Secretary Wilber M. Brucker left an annual reunion of the 42nd Rainbow Infantry Division abruptly Monday night to return to Washington.
Brucker had planned to remain until today but he told fellow veterans at the reunion he had to "leave in a hurry" following a call from Washington.

Men Have Nose To The Ground; Means Nothing

EVERETT, Pa. (AP) — If you're ever in this southwestern Pennsylvania community of 2,500 and you observe a handful of distinguished men walking around peering at the sidewalks, think nothing of it.
They're members of six-man Borough Council who periodically inspect the borough's three miles of paved walks.
Councilman Carl Eichelberger said "We take notes as we go along. When improvements are needed, the property owner gets a letter from us telling him what to do. If he fails to make the repairs in the prescribed time, the borough does the work and bills him for it."

Ford Holds Strike Vote

DETROIT (AP) — The United Auto Workers' big local at Ford's River Rouge plant begins voting today on whether it is willing to authorize strike action if necessary in the union's labor contract talks.
Hints of strike action came from UAW leaders as bargaining talks were resumed with the Big Three car makers after a 12-day recess.
UAW Vice President Leonard Woodcock, who heads the union bargaining team at GM, said no progress has been made in negotiations that started late in March.
"Obviously we are not going to drift along without a deadline forever," Woodcock said. He said, however, the union had no definite date in mind.
Ken Bannon, the union's chief negotiator with Ford, hinted the union was getting ready for a strike if necessary when the companies start production of new models in August or September.
"We're taking a real look at the 1959 model changeover," Bannon said.
Bannon reported that Ford workers so far have voted 97 percent in favor of authorizing strike action. The balloting at the Rouge Plant virtually will complete the strike poll among Ford workers.
The UAW reported that the strike vote so far among General Motors workers has been 92 percent in favor and among Chrysler workers 95 percent.
Company negotiators reported they saw no prospect of an early settlement of new contracts.

Weather

FORECAST — Klamath Falls and vicinity: Fair through Wednesday, except for variable cloudiness; lightning in mountains at night. Low Tuesday night 50-58; high Wednesday 80-85.
High yesterday 80
Low last night 57
Precip. last 24 hours 19.83
Same period last year 15.85
Normal for period 12.50

THAT'S NO MOUSE

JULIAETTA, Idaho (AP) — Gene Groseclose's cat, a mighty mouser, hauls mice and rats in, showing off her prize in return for an extra rub behind the ear.
The other night, Groseclose got up to put jess in, then went back to bed.
Up came puss on the bed. Out went Groseclose like a shot.
Wiggling in the jaws of the mighty mouser was a two-foot-long rattlesnake.

PARIS (AP) — American and NATO sources said Tuesday the United States has no plans to send troops anywhere in the Middle East except Lebanon.

These sources specifically denied Cairo reports that American and Turkish airborne forces were landing in Jordan.