People Seem Pleased By Iraq Revolt, Says Scribe

By STAN CARTER

BAGHDAD (AP) — It took a group of army officers just two hours to overthrow the monarchy and establish a republic in Iraq.

The army dissidents appear to have been in complete control of the country from the start on July 14. There may be some hidden opposition to the new regime, but it is not apparent to a visit just arrived.

This was not an uprising by the people, but they seem pleased by the result.

Although the officers of the new regime and the average Iraqi don't like the U.S. intervention in Lebanon and the British landing in Jordan, the chief concern appears to be for their own affairs coupled with a desire to be accepted by the West as the legitimate government of this oil-rich Middle East country.

There is great adulation of the United Arab Republic's President Nasser, but there does not seem to be any great desire to join the U.A.R.

The revolution was a military operation carried out like clockwork.

At 5 a.m. on July 14, one company of infantry, supported by a tank and several antitank guns mounted on jeeps, surrounded the royal palace where 23-year-old King Faisal and Crown Prince Abdul Ilah were preparing to leave for a Baghdad Pact meeting in Istanbul.

At the same time other army units surrounded the home of Prime Minister Nuri Said, long the country's political strong man, and the residences of government ministers. Centurion tanks rumbled to strategic places throughout Baghdad. Gen. Rafiq Aref, commander of the army, was arrested.

The army says this is what happened at the palace:

A captain demanded that the King come out and surrender. Instead the King, the crown prince and the King's aide de camp began firing from the second floor windows. A soldier was wounded in the army.

The army then brought up an antitank gun and began shelling the stucco-covered brick mansion, setting the interior afire.

The royal family fled by a back door to get to a car and escape. What prevented them from reaching a car is not clear, but instead they walked up a gravel path toward the front of the house and the troops.

Nor is there any explanation of why the troops started firing, but the family was shot down on the lawn about 20 feet from a front corner of the palace.

Those killed were the King, the crown prince, the crown prince's mother and two sisters, a woman servant and the King's aide. The crown prince's wife was wounded and is reported recovering in a hospital.

The crown prince's body was "given to the people" and mutilated. The other royal dead were reported buried in unmarked graves.

Nuri Said escaped from his house on the Tigris River front as it was being surrounded from three sides. The army believes he crossed to the other side of the river in a boat and took refuge in the home of a friend.

A servant was paid a reward of 10,000 dinars ($28,000) for telling the army the next day Nuri was hiding in the home of his master.

All sources report he was dressed as a woman, with a pistol hidden in the folds of the garment. Some say he opened fire and killed two persons when he was arrested, others that he did not try to shoot.

There is no firm figure on the number killed in the revolution. One official source said "not more than 30," another said "about 14." All but Nuri are reported to have died on Monday. The dead included three Americans, a Briton and a German who were killed by a mob after the revolution had been won. The Americans and the German were taken from the leading hotel by troops, then abandoned to the mob.

Officer Fears Headlines Saying Marines Under Fire

By JACK V. FOX

BEIRUT (UPI) — "I only hope that people back home are getting it straight and that there isn't a lot of arm-waving and breast-beating about our boys under fire."

The speaker was a young Marine lieutenant from Tarrytown, N. Y. He is a Princeton graduate who now commands one of the Marine companies stationed in the dock area of downtown Beirut.

His company has been subjected to firing from rebel snipers for the past five days.

"For pete's sake, don't use my name or I'll get my head chopped off," he said. "But I think it's vital that our people get things straight.

"This sniping, for example. I can see the headlines, 'Leathernecks under fire for five straight days.' The facts are that not one of us has been hit, and the bullets are going high overhead.

"I am convinced they are not trying to hit us. They just like to shoot guns, I think. I saw one guy up on a roof raise his rifle and fire into the air in three different directions.

"Of course, it's not very pleasant to think they could hit you if they wanted, but it sure could be a lot worse."

The fact is, the main enemy of American troops in Lebanon now is boredom. Marines on the beach long ago dug their defenses, and since then about the only break has been a daily dip in the Mediterranean, a few yards away.

Pvt. Donald Knock of Camden, N. J., said, "That water sure is salty, a lot more than the Atlantic, but it feels awful good after sitting out there in the sun."

Next to him was Sgt. James Cabbagestalk, of Pittsburgh. He waived expansively at the blue sea stretching off from the beach. "Room with a view," he said.

Education Board Names R. Dewey

YREKA—At the meeting of the Siskiyou County Board of Education held on Thursday evening, July 17, Robert Dewey of Dunsmuir was elected as president to replace Tom Mott Jr., of Hornbrook.

Also the board named three replacements of trustees to local school boards. The new trustees appointed were Douglas Whitaker, to replace Robert Fremd on the Hilt Board; Margaret Watson, replacing Ralph Turk on the Happy Camp Board; and Glenn Whipple to replace Orel Lewis on the Etna Union High School board.

Other business included the apportioning of forest funds in the amount of $10,000 to the Etna Elementary, Callahan Junction, Sawyers Bar and Grenada schools for capital improvements.

Art Students Select Star

SAN FRANCISCO (UPI) — French actress Brigitte Bardot headed a list of the world's 10 best undressed women drawn up today by a group of art students.

The students, who attend the San Francisco Academy of Art, chose Miss Bardot head and er—shoulders above the others on the list because of her "graceful symmetry."

The other winners were Janet Leigh, Mitzi Gaynor, Gina Lollobrigida, Esther Williams, Marilyn Monroe, Elizabeth Taylor, Debbie Reynolds, Jeanne Crain and Anita Ekberg.

The 150 students and 20 faculty members hastened to explain they were not privileged to view the winners in the altogether. What they did was to use their "trained eyes" and artistic imagination.

The list was limited to motion picture actresses because they are known all over the world. However, they pointed out there are several models at the school "who could easily qualify."

REAPPOINTED

MONTAGUE — The reappointment of Cline Soule of Montague to the Siskiyou County Advisory Committee of the Farmer's Home Administration was recently disclosed by the organization. Soule, who is a rancher and cattleman in Little Shasta Valley, has served on the committee since January, 1957, when he was appointed upon the resigning of Ralph Leavers. Other members of the committee are C. L. Churchill, Montague, and Neal Giger, Grenada.

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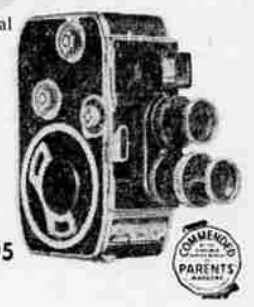

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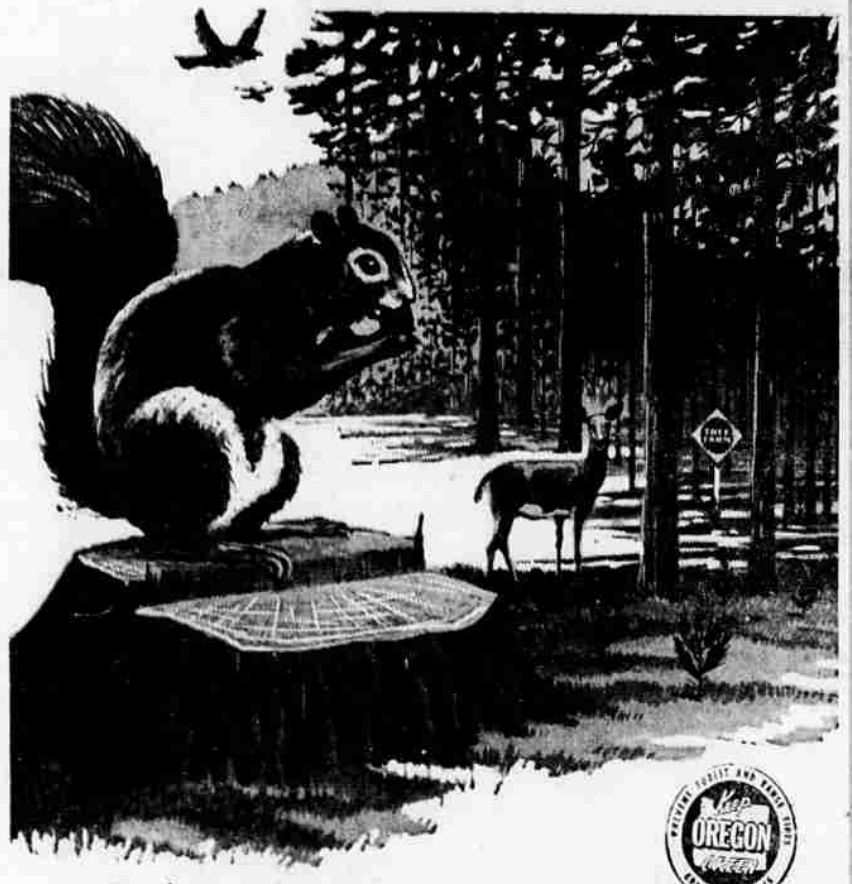

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