

GLUBB PASHA

Most dramatic arrival at London Airport for a long time was Lieutenant General Glubb. Well known as Glubb Pasha he had long commanded the famous Arab Legion in Jordan. His sudden dismissal by King Hussein was a world sensation, though the General said he had no complaint.

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built up a force of 20,000-strong. Under his tutelage for 26 years the Arab Legion became the finest fighting machine in the Arab world and maintained the prestige of the Hashemite kingdom of Jordan. Exclusive pictures of the Legion, here in wild border country, were filmed by Paramount Cameraman James Gemmell, by permission of the late King Abdulla. The Legion Camel Corps was formed for service under such conditions. But the main body was fully equipped for conventional warfare. All this was at a cost to Britain of £9,200,000 a year. Other subsidies raised the total to £75,000,000 since the war.

The Emir Abdulla (afterwards King Abdulla) was a friend and admirer of Glubb Pasha, whose dismissal in his lifetime would have been inconceivable. Abdulla, so tragically assassinated 5 years ago, fully understood his friend's true worth. But when Amman, the capitol, acclaimed the young King Hussein murmurs against Glubb became outspoken. His position couldn't have lasted indefinitely; it could have been terminated graciously. Hussein, though popular, ~~was not~~ had not the ^{same} authority ^{or experience} of Abdulla. Whatever his personal views he had to agree that Glubb Pasha must go.

Reputedly ~~being~~ a strong opponent of Glubb has always been President Nasser of Egypt, who, ~~say~~ some reports, urged his removal. When Foreign Minister Selwyn Lloyd called on Nasser he met a most determined man, ambitious to be leader of the vast, resurgent Arab world in the Middle East.

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