

IRAQ CRISIS

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An emergency meeting at the White House reflects world concern about events in the middle east, - the most recent - the sudden eruption in Iraq. As congressional leaders from both political parties arrive, they have heard of the assassination of Crown Prince Abdul Illah and confused reports of the whereabouts of Nouri as-Said and King Faisal. The United States calls for a meeting of the United Nations Security Council to consider world action for the protection of all nations.

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At 10 A.M. the next morning, - Tuesday, July 15th, the U.N. body meets. Ambassador Henry Cabot Lodge speaks...

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The council meets today to confront difficulties as serious as any in its history. The territorial integrity of Lebanon is increasingly threatened by insurrection stimulated and assisted from outside. Plots against the Kingdom of Jordan which have become evident over the past few months are another sign of serious instability in the relations between nations in the middle east. And now comes the overthrow in an exceptionally brutal and revolting manner of the legally established government of Iraq.

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The President of Lebanon has asked with the unanimous authorization of the Lebanese government for the help of friendly governments so as to preserve Lebanon's integrity and independence. The United States has responded positively and affirmatively to this request in the light of need for immediate action, and we wish the security council to be hereby officially advised of the fact. In addition the United States government has under active consideration economic assistance to help Lebanon revise its economy. Our purpose in coming to the assistance of Lebanon is perfectly clear. As President Eisenhower explained this morning our forces are not there to engage in hostilities of any kind, much less to fight a war. Their presence is designed for the sole purpose of helping the government of Lebanon at its request in its efforts to stabilize the situation brought on by the threats from outside until such time as the United Nations can take the steps necessary to protect the independence and political integrity of Lebanon. They will also afford security to the several thousand Americans who reside in that country. And that, Mr. President is the total scope and objective of the United States existence. Now I need scarcely say that we are the first to admit that the dispatch of United States forces to Lebanon is not an ideal way to solve present problems--and they will be withdrawn as soon as the United Nations can takeover.