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Lebanon Is Not Far From Haw River

WITH tanks and troops on the move in Lebanon again, many will be inclined to paraphrase the late Sen. Kerr Scott's "Indochina" to tell Senators during the Dien Bien Phu crisis "is a long way from Haw River."

So is Lebanon. Its old cedars are not clearly apparent on our horizon. The fact that American marines have been in Lebanon since July 15 puts them there whether we like it or not. A cruel process of world map shrinkage has brought Beirut and Dien Bien Phu with other exotic places to the immediate scope of "Haw River."

They are there, unavoidably, and we had better make the most of it. In Lebanon, we have fallen far from making the most of it. The decision to send American troops in Lebanon in the first place was an ill-fated denial of American interests in the Arab world, as indeed is the whole irrelevant conception of the so-called "Eisenhower doctrine" under which they were sent to shore up President Chamoun's government.

Apparently the nationalist coup in Iraq in July had given us a bad case of the jitters. A feeling prevailed in Western capitals that President Chamoun and King Hussein of Jordan were part of the nationalist agenda of destruction. So while Mr. Dulles shouted of "indirect aggression" from Col. Nasser and the Soviets, marines went to Beirut and British troops went to Jordan.

Both moves were mistaken at the start. As time passes, they become more and more dangerous. The issue in the Middle East was and remains, not whether Lebanon and Jordan are to be "lost" to Arab nationalism. Rather, it was and is what kind of nationalism they are to be lost. To the militant variety led by Col. Nasser, which is almost a religion now in Egypt and Syria? Or to a more reasonable and accommodating kind of nationalism like that of Tunisia's Bourguiba, like that which appeared to have struck Iraq?

Both the Eisenhower Doctrine and Mr. Dulles' Baghdad Pact tried to tell the world that we could with guns and planes and troops simply conjure out of the way the understandable desire of ex-colonials to be left to develop for their own benefit, not for that of feudal royalty or Western oil companies alone. Iraq's King Faisal was for one an unfortunate victim of that delusion. So, soon may be King Hussein of Jordan.

In Lebanon, the issue of what kind of nationalism still exists under the pro-Nasser President Gen. Foad Chehab, it grows more acute as long as American marines — identified with President Chamoun — remain there shooting, kidnapping, the fact that his new cabinet appears to be controlled by pro-Nasser nationalists, all indicate that the pressure on him is intense.

Chehab is a compromise man, a middleman whom both the pro-Westerners and Christians behind Chamoun and the pro-Nasser Muslim rebels could support. But even the friendliest Lebanese are tired of marines, and the longer we leave them there the greater will be the chance that Lebanon will go by stupid default to Nasser's kind of nationalism.

Marines should be removed immediately. We are not in a shooting war. In the phrase of a group of CBS correspondents, we are in a "Ruble war" in which the issue of the future will be who — the West or the Russian — will promise most helpful to Arab aspirations to build their countries and bring them to enjoy the comforts and freedoms we have monopolized in Europe and America since the industrial revolution.

Nasser is dangerous only insofar as he is ready to deal with the best bargainer. Contrary to the great illusion Mr. Dulles has tried to foist on us, he is no more interested in Russian or Communist domination than he is in discredited European rule. He has ideals, he is not a greedy despot. But he has power and he knows how to use it ruthlessly if need be.

There are other sides to this complex problem of course. The future role of Israel and the necessity to our European allies that oil flow freely. But the signs are that in an age of Arab nationalism in full flower we will ensure our interests and our interests most securely with economic aid and sympathy for the new revolutionary tradition along the Nile.

It was a Recession In Language, Too. Some words are considered so holy they must be spoiled, word, such as the ancient Hebrew word for God.

WOULD the same restriction applied to the gobbledegook of contemporary economics. If the nation has survived the recent recession it has not survived the terminology used by the experts to describe it to us poor slob in the bleachers. The scars are too deep.

What it was a downturn, said some. "Not so," said others. "It was a rolling adjustment." "Nonsense," buffed a third group. "It was a sideways movement."

But this was only the beginning. The nomenclature began to pile up. By August, the descriptions included "a breathless" a "semirecession," a "leisurely cyclical adjustment," a "healthy adjustment," a "slowdown," a "shake-down," a "downturn," a "downtrend," a "plateau," a "leveling off," a "period of hesitation," a "soft period," a "temporary cyclical swing in long-term growth" and even "a polka-dot prosperity with the spots getting bigger."

Last week in Washington, a document was being circulated in the Treasury offices "to clarify the cautious terminology

Prosperity: A Do-It-Yourself Invitation. CHARLOTTEANS on the lookout for new money-making opportunities won't want to miss a communication from the General Services Administration which just went out to thousands of business firms and individuals around the country.

Within the next 60 days, the government plans to sell presses currently being used to print currency and revenue stamps. This might be of interest to you and your organization.

The promised prosperity beyond our wildest dreams. And, we thought he was kidding.

From The Raleigh News & Observer. SING A SONG OF SCUPPERNONG. TODAY eastern North Carolinians sing no songs of sorption and no pocket bulges with rice. The reassuring or disarming chant of the tobacco auctioneer is all bound around with many hymns to scuppernon. And away back yonder, when Judge Jigsaw asked heaven to bless Carolina, he probably had in mind that future historians would include in the list the ethereal morsel found in Tyrrell County and named for the Scuppernon River.

No matter what old William Byrd thought of this land and its "lazy" folks, even he would concur that the distilled essence of Eden lies within the opulent scuppernon. And today Tar Heels are not too high and mighty to spurn the grape party. They ride several miles to help friends and neighbors under the sagging vines. And, if everything even bounties of heaven, have some suggestion

Communitas. When powder speaks in Lebanon look to the Chinese mainland and when guns talk in the Far East, look to the Near East for it is a wise man who knows where the Communist plotline. —DAILY OKLAHOMAN.



Negotiations At Warsaw Let's Not Be Taken To Ride

By WALTER LIPPMANN. AS THIS is written, the Warsaw talks are proceeding in private. But all concerned — Russia and the United States and the Formosa government — are loudly and noisily denouncing any basis for a compromise arrangement.

On the Communist side, there is an understanding about the future of Quemoy. And from Chiang, there are plain indications that he does not want any cease-fire because he is bent upon using the affair to entrap the United States in a full scale war against the Chinese mainland.

There is, it seems, a central and controlling fact on each side. On the Communist side, there is the fact that the blockade of Quemoy by artillery fire, though not absolutely tight, is quite tight enough to strangle the island with in a fairly short time. The blockade could not be broken except by an air offensive against the Chinese mainland, which would be an air, holding this military advantage, the Chinese have no need to agree to a cease-fire which would in fact lift the blockade of Quemoy. They might trade a cease-

fire for a substantial concession. But that is the most that can be expected of them. They know that President Eisenhower will think twice before ordering an attack on the artillery positions on the mainland.

On our side, the controlling fact is that, having allowed Chiang to exercise a veto on any political arrangement in the area, the Southern Republicans have no choice but to negotiate with the Communists. We cannot trade Quemoy and Matsuo for a cease-fire because it is Chiang, not Eisenhower and Dulles, who has the power to determine what may be offered in any negotiation. Mr. Bevin in Warsaw is controlled not by Washington but by Taipei.

For this country, the crucial fact at the moment is that the President and Mr. Dulles are not free agents, they are not in control of American foreign policy, they have mortgaged their diplomacy to Chiang.

Close Attention. We must pay close attention to Chiang. For it has become brutally plain that Chiang thinks he has the opportunity, and is determined to seize it, to entrap the United States in a war with the Chinese mainland. This has always been his ultimate purpose. For only in such a war could he conceivably realize his ambition to return to the mainland.

The device which he is employing to entrap us is to insist, which is true — that the blockade of Quemoy can be broken only by bombarding the mainland. But the snare for the quibble is to pretend that the Formosa Air Force can silence the shore batteries. For only in such a war could he allow Chiang to attack the mainland and that he can do the job.

NOT WHAT CHIANG MEANS. But this is not what Chiang means, and we must not allow ourselves to be deceived. What he means is that we allow him to begin to begin the attack with our planes will then have to take on what he has begun.

Let us not be taken for a ride. The situation is not what it looks like and it looks very much as if it cannot be resolved without mediation from several of the less entangled powers.

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Southern Style Races For Congress

By CONGRESSIONAL QUARTERLY. WASHINGTON. BARRING another Little Rock before election day, the Republican party has excellent prospects of holding its own in this year's Southern voting.

The GOP is defending 10 House seats in the Dixie region from Virginia to Oklahoma. Republican incumbents face hard fights in four or five districts, but in this moment, at least, not one of them can be called an underdog.

In the larger picture, the South remains overwhelmingly Democratic. Democrats are certain to retain the seven Congressmans and the six Senate seats that are up this year.

Eighty-four Southern Democratic representatives will be elected without opposition. If the Republican challenger ousts the Democratic incumbent in any one of the 25 contested districts, it will be a tremendous upset.

Despite President Eisenhower's record of carrying seven of the 13 Southern seats, the Republicans have fewer Congressional candidates this year than they did two years ago.

Rep. (D) more securely entrenched than Alger, turned back another such effort in 1956 by 20,000 votes.

Also in Virginia, Rep. William C. Brody (R), who always gets conservative Democratic votes, is favored over a liberal Democratic contender in the Washington, D.C., suburbs that make up the 10th District.

In Louisville, Ky., the Democratic race is three-term Rep. John M. Robison Jr. (R). Robison was almost beaten in the last off-year election, 1954, but this seat has stayed Republican since 1946.

EDGE. An edge is given the only Florida Republican, Rep. William C. Cramer (R), in the Tampa-St. Petersburg district. He is favored against the man he beat two years ago by 23,000 votes.

The coastal influence will be working against Rep. Page Heisterkamp, the only Oklahoma Republican, this year. Democrats have a winning gubernatorial candidate from Belcher's own district, but they are not optimistic about the possibility of a top-to-bottom sweep that would endange Heisterkamp.

In the newly-created Houston, Tex. district, however, Democrats do feel they have the upper hand. County Judge Bob Casey is leading Attorney T. Everett Kennedy in the 22nd District, carved out of Houston to replace Texas' now-absentiate-at-large House seat.

COULD BE SHAKEN. This GOP candidate could be badly shaken if the school desegregation fight forces another showdown between Federal and state authority before Nov. 4. But at the moment there are not too many districts worrying the Republicans.

The toughest fight, perhaps, is taking place in Dallas, where Democrats are going all-out behind colorful State Rep. Barclay Sanders (D) to end Rep. Brewster Alger's two-term tenancy as the only Texas Republican in Congress. But Alger is a conservative Democrat.

TOUCHE? "A man of good sense is almost always one who shares our views." — Constantine Fitzgibbon.

"One of the pleasures of age is looking back at the people one finds 'lost'." — Jenny Thorne.

"I don't go to tennis matches unless I've been let down that the weather treatment they once get from White House Max Rabl.

"Morning In Delhi. GANDHI AND MAN IN INDIA. THE countryside, on the roads, men lie on their bare beds half naked and tired after the sore day's labor. A few men still walk on the otherwise deserted roads, hand in hand, talking, and some have jasmine garlands in their hands. The small form of the flowers accents, a few yards of air around them, and dies smoothly by the wayside, so a crowd sniffing the gutters in search of food and cats link off of narrow bylanes, from the top of the plank, nudging out shops, and lift the earthen cups out of which men have drunk milk and thrown them away.

Dear exiles from the walls and the earth, and the gutters give out a damp stink which comes in Fabius when the governor first ran for election, got a jury reward as athletic commissioner. Karam has been a lot of things to a lot of men — strike-breaker, football coach at Little Rock Junior College until a financial deficit turned liquor-store operator, member of the Urban League, which champions the Negro, then at the Little Rock school crisis last year the opponent of the Negro.

It was Karam who was supposed of inciting the crowds which President Eisenhower publicly charged had been encouraged by the "state" to flood the streets of a Federal court.

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