



GRANARIES LOOK LIKE LILY PADS

TRIPLETT Me. — These look like huge inverted lily pads or giant coolie hats but actually they are the tops of three metal farm granaries protruding from floodwaters covering farmland near Triplett in north central Maine. The Grand River fed by heavy rains, has spilled over thousands of acres in the area ruining crops and damaging farm buildings. (AP Wirephoto)

Beirut Rebel Leader Stays Home 75 Days

BEIRUT (AP)—In the Basta Moslem quarter of Beirut is a man who has not left his house for 75 days. He is Saeb Salam, leader of the Beirut rebels fighting to bring down President Camille Chamoun. Salam invited me to spend the night. To reach his house I had to leave my car three blocks away and walk past three sand-bagged barricades. At each point I was frisked under the eyes of guards holding machine guns. All streets leading into Basta are barricaded. No one goes in without rebel consent. I found Salam at the radio listening to Tuesday's speech by President Nasser in Cairo. From this house Salam presides over a miniature government of several committees. COLLECT MONEY One committee tours the area collecting contributions to keep the rebellion going. Salam sees an average of 200 persons a day. After Nasser's speech a whole crowd trooped into the long corridor and sat down for dinner. A bomb explosion shattered the night stillness but did not interrupt the table conversation. No one commented; explosions are not news in Basta. After dinner, a barber came to give Salam a haircut and Salam listened to radio reports on the United Nations discussions of Lebanon. "That Russian amendment couldn't possibly pass," Salam said, almost to himself. "They made it too strong by branding America an aggressor." I asked about the prospects of a settlement of the Lebanese crisis. MAIN ISSUE "The big issue here now is the evacuation of American troops, not the election of a new president," Salam said. "But I hope they will be withdrawn soon."

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Muncey Arsenault is visiting in Piusville. Mr. and Mrs. Lorraine Gallant and family and Firmin Perry spent Sunday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Gallant. Mrs. Angie Arsenault of Rumford and her uncle, Jim Gallant of New York, who are visiting on the Island were in Howlan on Monday, July 14. Mr. and Mrs. Archie Martin of Westbranch, Maine, are now visit-

Underlying Problems Getting Most Attention

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The underlying problems of the Middle East as projected by the latest crisis there are getting more attention at the United Nations than the red tape questions involving a UN summit conference inside the United Nations. With Soviet Premier Khrushchev's announcement that he is willing to come to UN headquarters Monday for a top-level meeting, the procedural worries over a framework for the meeting of heads of government become secondary. It is felt that no formal drawbacks to a gathering of world leaders would be allowed to delay it for one minute. At the same time, the Middle East situation as it stands now has given rise to privately spoken opinions among neutralist delegates which contrast sharply with the stated views in the official setting of the UN Security Council sessions of the last week. DAILY REPORTS These sessions now have been suspended to clear the way for summit talks, since the council meetings resulted in a formal division between Russia and the other 10 members of that peace-keeping organ which blocked further official authorization for the UN to extend its observer group in Lebanon. This block is not as serious as it appears from the negative voting position in the Security Council, however. Secretary-General Dag Hammarskjold is working outside the political arena to bolster the UN observers perhaps even to the extent of posting armed forces under the UN flag to take over from United States and British troops now in Lebanon and Jordan. The secretary-general thus is virtually ignoring the council deadlock and relying on the authority of his office to provide acceptable action which would give the American and British governments the opportunity to pull their forces out—their places to be taken by an international body—without appearing to retreat. STATES IN DECLINE The private opinions mentioned earlier generally follow the line that the U.S. and Britain acted reluctantly in bolstering the present Lebanese and Jordanian governments when neighboring Iraq's pro-Western regime was overthrown July 14 by an Arab nationalist revolutionary movement. The big Western powers had to make an overt step to reassure their friends in the Middle East. But the feeling is growing that the friends of the West in that boiling area are the representatives of a declining state of affairs. WEST SHOULD ACCEPT Since Egypt's President Nasser emerged in 1956 as the champion of a new wave of Islamic nationalism, there has been a waning of Western influence in the Middle East except in Israel—a state whose establishment after the Second World War was regarded as anathema by the Arabs. And Britain and the U.S. have

thus been accused of supporting regimes unacceptable to the masses of their own people which has given Russia its best propaganda plum in Moscow's efforts to spread the gospel of communism throughout the world. One view now expressed at the UN is that it is inevitable that the Jordan and Lebanese regimes will succumb to the nationalist pressure eventually, even though they now are backed by British and American bayonets. But why shouldn't the West accept this if Western interests are protected and there is no outbreak of atrocities such as occurred the outset of the Iraqi revolt resulting in the deaths of King Faisal and his prime minister, ask neutral sources. POOR FRIENDS Iraq now is in apparent stability and the new government has assured Britain and the U.S. that it will not interfere with the Western-owned oil establishments in that country. Jordan and Lebanon have virtually no oil and represent only a political Western field of influence. So, say the neutralists, let the U.S. and Britain step aside and let nationalism take its course. Russia hasn't taken any active steps beyond benevolent support for Nasser, so let the West move their armaments out and have the UN take over as a token force against disorder. Some kind of big-power agreement along this line is what a substantial body of opinion at the UN is hoping for as a result of the summit conference. POLICE FORCE QUILTS BEAVERTON, Ont. CP - Police Chief Jack Barker has resigned from the one-man police force in this village 25 miles southeast of Orillia. He gave no reason for the action.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kibby and family of Montreal, Boston, Mass. Harold Howard and Donald Dalton, Burton, motored to Keensington, Tuesday, on business. They visited Mr. Howard's nieces, Mrs. Gerald Murphy and Mr. Murphy, and Mrs. Allan Murphy and Mr. Murphy of Clermont. Misses Kathleen Collicutt and Heather Costain, Cape Wolfe, attended the 4-H, short course held during the past week in Charlottetown.

BURTON
Friends of Mr. Calvin Costain, Cape Wolfe, are pleased to learn he is making satisfactory progress following major surgery in Prince County Hospital, Summerside. Mr. and Mrs. Wilks Reilly and their children Paul and Mary, of Hamilton, Ont., are visiting at the home of Mr. Reilly's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Reilly, Cape Wolfe. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Collicutt who were spending holidays with relatives and friends in Burton and vicinity, have returned to their home in Waterville, Maine. Mr. and Mrs. Albert McKay and family of Toronto are spending holidays in Bloomfield with relatives and friends. Miss June Macgregor, Burton, has returned from a pleasant holiday trip spent with relatives and friends in Massachusetts. Mrs. Hudson Coughlin and son Gerald of Boston, Mass., are spending holidays at their summer home in Campbellton. Mrs. Myrtle Doyle, Campbellton, has returned from a pleasant holiday spent with her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Doyle, and family and her son-in-law and daughter.

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