

# U.S. Waits to OK New Syrian Regime

WASHINGTON (P) — The U.S. government took a go-slow approach yesterday toward any formal recognition of the new Syrian revolutionary regime.

Instead, official Washington hewed to a strict hands-off policy while watching for the next developments in the unpredictable Middle East situation.

## French Troops Agree to Leave Bizerte City

BIZERTE Tunisia (AP) — France signed an agreement with Tunisia last night providing for a return to conditions that prevailed in the Bizerte area before bloody fighting broke out between forces of the two nations last July.

The agreement stipulates that French soldiers will be pulled back from sectors they have been occupying in Bizerte City and the surrounding countryside. French officials emphasized that France will retain full access to roads linking the big French military base with the city.

The preliminary agreement opens the way for renewal of diplomatic relations between the two countries. This would permit negotiations on a timetable for evacuation of the Bizerte naval base by the French.

French President Charles de Gaulle has said France cannot give up the base immediately in view of the tense international situation. Tunisian President Habib Bourguiba has in turn said he will not insist on immediate evacuation as long as the world situation is dangerous.

After French troops return to the base, both sides will consider that the situation has returned to that which existed before the fighting erupted July 19, the agreement said.

Violence flared when Tunisia sought to set up roadblocks along the road from Bizerte to the base.

# Sudden Explosion Hits Old Delhi—Nehru Escapes

BULLETIN

NEW DELHI, India, (P) — Street lights suddenly went off and an explosion rang out in a congested quarter of Old Delhi last night just after Prime Minister Nehru motored by, police reported. Five bystanders and a policeman were reported hurt by what police described as a firecracker.

A policeman standing nearby said the explosion occurred about a minute after Nehru passed, en route home to adjoining New Delhi from a Gandhi birthday ceremony.

Police sources said it would be difficult to guess a motive for an attack on Nehru but openly wondered if the explosion had anything to do with agitation for a separate Sikh state in the Punjab.

Nehru had appealed to the aged Sikh leader Master Tara Singh to end the hunger strike he started 46 days ago at Amritsar to dramatize the campaign for a state for the militant, bearded Sikh religious community. Nehru also appealed to Hindu ascetic Surya Dev to end his counterfast against establishment of a Sikh state.

Nehru made his twin appeals while inaugurating the Gandhi birthday week celebrations here.

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There was divided opinion among U. S. experts on whether emergence of Syria as a separate state would be beneficial.

One line of thought recalled Syria's left-leaning tendencies under Nasser brought the country into the United Arab Republic in 1958. Nasser took strong action against local Communists and has been on improving terms with the United States.

On the other hand, some saw the emerging Syrian rulers as basically friendly to the United States and the revolt as a puncturing of some excessive Nasser ambitions for domination beyond his own borders.

U.S. sources noted that any too-speedy recognition could seriously embarrass the United States if Syrian control changed overnight again.

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