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Iraq-Jordan Union

Iraq will take a major step on 5 May toward implementing its union with Jordan when it holds new parliamentary elections. The ill-organized opposition to the Nuri Said regime has indicated it will boycott the contest, and more than 80 of the 145 seats have already been filled by unopposed candidates. In what is probably a typical case of the way this election is being run in rural Iraq, a local Kurdish notable informed the American consul in Mosul, whom he asked to favor his cause, that he hoped to run but was awaiting word from "Baghdad" before even putting up his deposit money. The elections are necessary before the Iraqi Parliament can approve the constitutional changes which will make way for the establishment of a union parliament.

In Jordan, new elections are not constitutionally

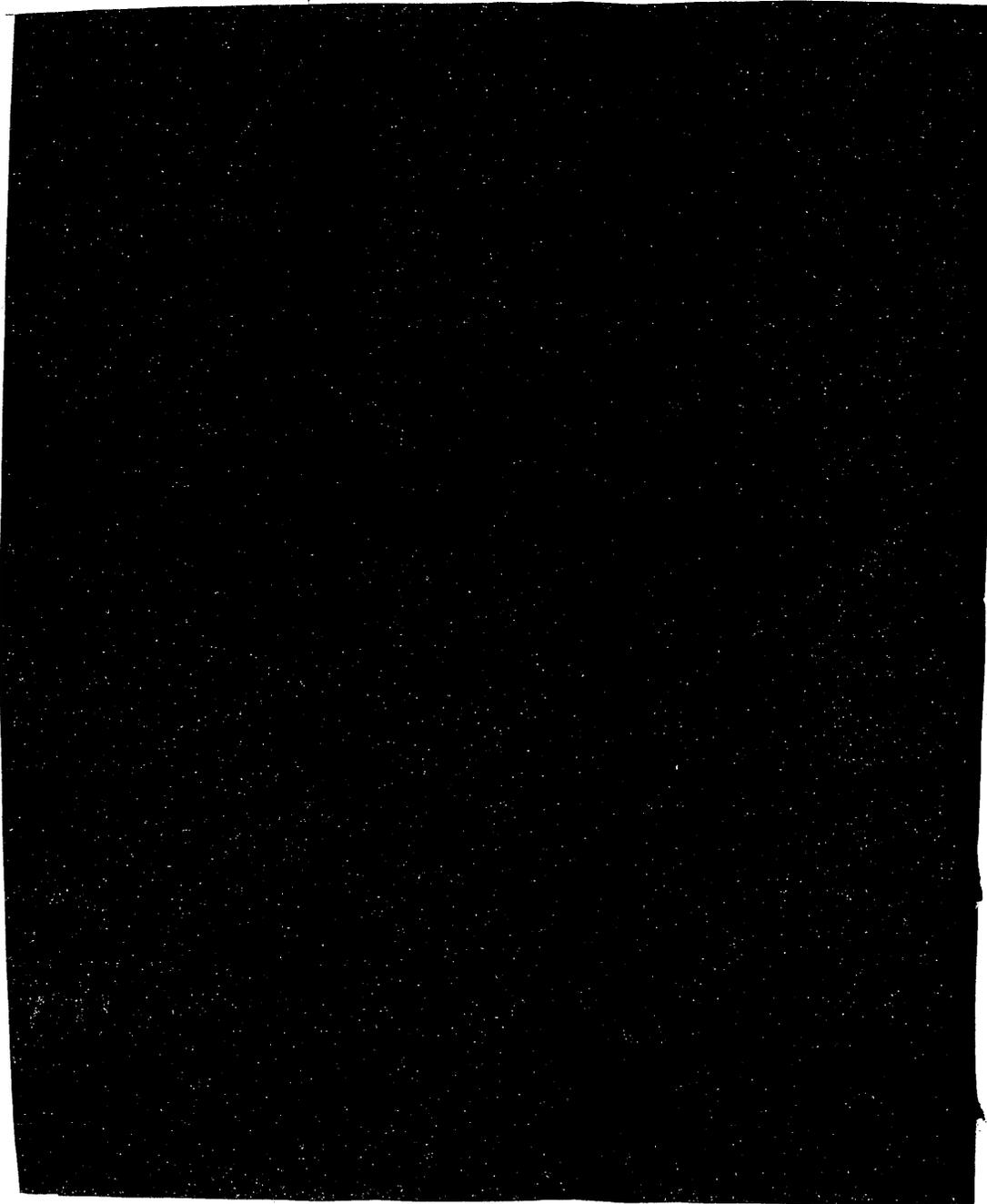
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