

- I. After 21 February plebiscite electing Nasir head national assembly, a central cabinet and two "executive councils" will be named.
- A. Toughest personnel question will be military slots, especially Bizri's.
- II. Most important problem is to maintain psychological momentum through support from other Arab states.
- A. So far, Yemen is only one seeking to affiliate.
- B. But Saudi Arabia and Lebanon will recognize union.
- C. Ex-Grand Mufti has called a committee of former Palestinian Arab leaders to confer re entrance of Arab zone of Palestine ~~into~~ *into* UAR.
- III. Opposing efforts center in meeting of Hussayn and Faysal.
- A. Principal move is limited federation of Iraq and Jordan expected to be announced today.
1. Iraq is expected to remain in Baghdad Pact but Jordan is not expected to join it.
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- B. Popular opinion in Iraq and Jordan so favors union that governments cannot oppose it directly.
- C. Nuri Said, Iraq's "strong man," may become Prime Minister again.
- IV. Moscow still soft-peddling union, but will probably extend recognition after Nasir is inaugurated.
- V. Israelis apprehensive that, if Jordan joins, they will be surrounded by single Arab state. They standing very firm.