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1. [REDACTED] we had tea with [REDACTED] spoke with eager interest of Deir ezzer, a fanatical Moslem city in the northeastern part of Syria which is closely bordered on one side by Turkey and on the other by Iraq. That interest of the Turks is one of the chief concerns of Syria. With war with Palestine on one side and fear of Turkish acquisition on the other - little Syria with its 3,000,000 inhabitants is a tense, political pot, boiling.
2. "Communism is an active force in every land we visited. It becomes, sooner or later, the topic of every conversation. One is told it cannot win in a Moslem country, as we were told in Iran. Yet we discovered that the three Communist-controlled newspapers in Iran have the largest circulation. The Christian mission too often attempts to deny the force of Communism and endeavors to avoid dealing with it. It cannot do either. It must develop a strategy of approach to this new religion as it has to the people of older religions. This is an urgent imperative."

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