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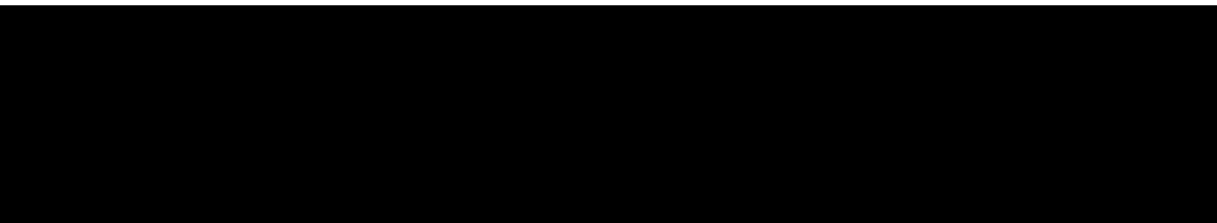
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COUNTRY	Lebanon	REPORT NO.	25X1A
SUBJECT	Ba'th Party, Communist Party, and WFTU Leaflets	DATE DISTR.	21 June 1955
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1. On the occasion of May Day 1955, a handbill in Arabic was published by the World Federation of Trade Unions. The leaflet was distributed in Beirut.
2. The following Ba'th Party leaflets, signed Al-Kawmion al-Arab al-Ahrar (The Free Arab Nationalists), were distributed in South Lebanon during the first two weeks of May:
 - a. A leaflet dated 15 May 1955 citing the Palestine situation, and attacking the Communists and capitalists, the policy of the Iraqi Government, and Israel.¹
 - b. An undated leaflet attacking the "imperialists" and their alliances and Israel, and stating that the USSR is no danger to the Arabs.¹
 - c. A leaflet dated 6 May 1955 citing the Arab martyrs and attacking Turkey.
 - d. An undated leaflet criticizing the Governments of Iraq, Jordan, Iran, and Egypt and stating that they assisted the "imperialists," and attacking Turkey.
3. An undated leaflet put out by the General Union of Students² in Lebanon, a communist group, was distributed in South Lebanon during the first two weeks of May. The leaflet cited Lebanon's support for Syria against Turkey.

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. Note that while the first leaflet condemns the Communists, the second leaflet supports the position of the "national conference," a party-line gathering. The tenor of the second leaflet vis-a-vis the USSR and the Communists is markedly different from the tenor of the first leaflet.

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2. 25X1A [redacted] Comment. See 25X1A [redacted]

Attachments available in CIA Library:

- 1 leaflet (1 page) in Arabic mentioned in Paragraph 1.
- 1 leaflet and translation (1 page each) mentioned in Paragraph 2a.
- 1 leaflet and translation (1 page each) mentioned in Paragraph 2b.
- 1 leaflet and translation (1 page each) mentioned in Paragraph 2c.
- 1 leaflet and translation (1 page each) mentioned in Paragraph 2d.
- 1 leaflet and translation (1 page each) mentioned in Paragraph 3.

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