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3. Syria

**a. Premier Azm's frail govern-
ment is rocking in the wake of the
Iraqi revolt**



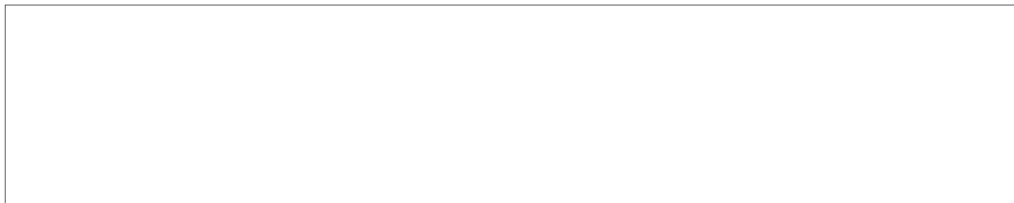
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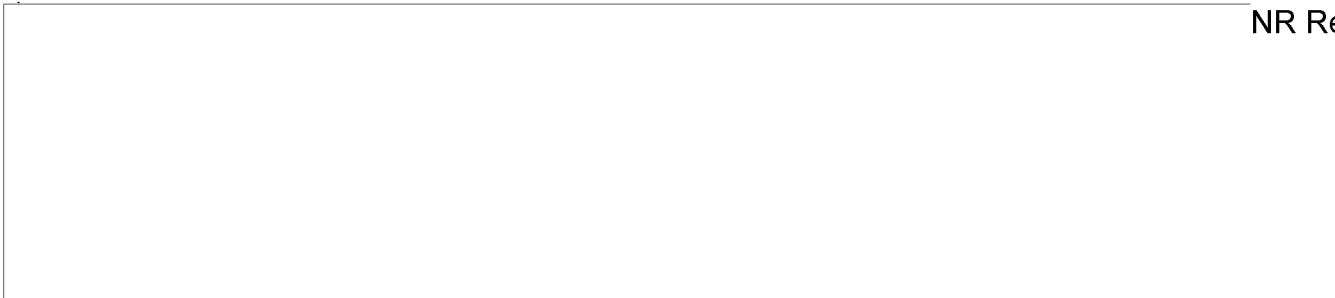


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c. Ambassador Knight describes a meeting he had with the Syrian foreign minister Mahasin on Monday. He was struck by Mahasin's great eagerness to profess his and his government's anti-Communism and desire for friendship with the US. "As a matter of fact," said Mahasin, "should I ever need diplomatic asylum it is to you that I would come."

d. The foreign minister acknowledged that with Azm ill and the cabinet a shambles there is really no Syrian government.

e. The Baath party's founder and head was preparing to leave Beirut yesterday, going first to Damascus and then to Baghdad.



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