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## Lebanon, Jordan and Syria in State of Emergency— British, French Accused

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BEIRUT, Lebanon, Oct. 31—Lebanon, Jordan and Syria were all in a "state of emergency" tonight in fear of general war in the Middle East and perhaps outside it.

The danger of an anti-Western explosion hung over the Middle East as a result of the British-French action against Egypt. In addition, all states bordering on Israel appeared to be afraid that they also might be invaded.

Even newspapers that are most friendly to the West assumed today that the Israeli move into Egypt had been executed with the support of the British and French to give them a pretext for invading the Suez Canal zone.

The state of emergency declared in Lebanon, Jordan and Syria is not martial law in the sense of a curfew with troops patrolling the streets. But it does suspend the normal process of law. All cases go to military courts, and "preventive" arrests are permitted.

In general, the public here had not heard tonight of the announcement by the British Broadcasting Corporation that British and French forces had begun bombing military objectives in Egypt.

One prominent Arab professor at the American University here said he expected serious trouble with Arab students as soon as the news spread. Already this morning, extra guards were posted at Western embassies, banks and other institutions.

### Flights to Be Rerouted

Some American companies are calling their representatives home. There has been no move by the United States Embassy to advise Americans to leave. In fact, more than 300 American citizens from Jordan and Syria have arrived here and are getting all possible assistance from the Embassy in finding rooms.

In fear of a possible sneak raid by Israelis, those countries had decided to bar all flying. Foreign airlines are trying to reroute their flights by way of Turkey and Iran.

A conspicuous feature of the situation is the almost total lack of information in Beirut on what is happening in Egypt. The same situation appears to prevail in Amman.

An urgent telephone call from Beirut to Amman took nine hours to get through today, and the caller was told he would be cut off after three minutes. He was.

In that talk, a newspaper correspondent in Amman said that reporters there were unable to find out what was happening and unable to file anything they might learn because of Jordan's "blind" censorship. Under such an arrangement, the writer is not allowed to know how much of what he writes is actually sent abroad.

Censorship of the press has not been officially declared here, although it is allowed under the state of emergency.

Censorship has been officially imposed in Syria.

### Arab Parley is Urged

BEIRUT, Oct. 31 (AP)—Lebanon's President Camille Chamoun tonight invited all Arab heads of state to an urgent meeting to discuss the Israeli attack on Egypt.

In his message the President asked the other leaders to suggest the time and place.

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