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BEIRUT, Lebanon, June 17--(REUTERS)--Eight American Globemaster transport planes last night delivered a consignment of 75-millimeter ammunition to Lebanese security forces, American sources said here today.

The ammunition was understood to be for jeep-mounted recoilless rifles of a type delivered to the Lebanon under the Eisenhower Doctrine last year.

The rifles can be used as an anti-tank weapon or in an infantry role.

The American planes landed after dark and left again before daybreak.

An explosion rocked the Beirut airport during the night but the extent of damage was not immediately known. Lebanese police carefully checked every traveller arriving or leaving Beirut airport today.

Three bombs exploded in Beirut last night and this morning as the rebellion against the administration of President Camille Chamoun moved through its sixth week. No street fighting was reported but many store owners continued their five-week strike in the capital.

Another group of United Nations observers arrived today to join a team assigned to guard against infiltration of arms into the country.

The observers awaited the arrival of United Nations Secretary General Dag Hammarskjold, due here for talks tomorrow.

Although Government spokesmen claim to have subdued rebels in Beirut after heavy weekend fighting, independent observers say the situation remains as it was on Friday—an uneasy co-existence between both sides.

Some Beirut observers forecast that the rebels will make Hammarskjold's arrival the occasion of a show of strength.

Opposition leader Saeb Salam said Hammarskjold would be welcome if he wanted to meet the leaders of the rebellion, but that he did not want to see "the internationalisation of a national situation."

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CAIRO, June 17--(REUTERS)--The Egyptian newspaper Al Ahram claimed today that American Ambassador Raymond Hare had asked United Arab Republic President Gamal Abdel Nasser to intervene in an attempt to end the Lebanese revolt.

Nasser turned down the request, the newspaper said.

Al Ahram said Hare had made the appeal after Lebanese President Camille Chamoun announced he had no intention of extending the constitution and running for a second six-year term of office, as his opponents claimed.

The newspaper said Nasser told Hare this announcement would have removed the cause of the Lebanese dispute if it had been made months ago but that now "new elements are involved."

The newspaper said Nasser emphasized he was not talking on behalf of the Lebanese opposition.

At the meeting with Hare, which took place May 30, Nasser said a joint American-United Arab Republic effort to stop the Lebanese crisis should remain secret. "I can imagine you have countries in the area which are loyal to you and may think your undertaking joint action with me means you have abandoned them," the newspaper quoted Nasser as telling the Ambassador.

It said that at a further meeting June 7 Nasser told Hare that the United States wanted "to act as a mediator between me and Chamoun when I am not a party to the dispute with him."

The newspaper said that the unfruitful Nasser-Hare meetings were followed on June 15 by Hare's visit to the Foreign Ministry where he handed over a message from Washington expressing the annoyance of the American Government at press attacks on it from Cairo and Damascus.

7.59 a.m.