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FRENCH MANDATE IN THE LEBANON, CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS, AND THE U.S. CONSULATE AT BEIRUT, 1919-1935



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1936, creation of a new mandate administration in Syria in 1939, the war clouds in Europe, and Palestinian views on Syrian independence.

Source Note: RG 84, Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State, Beirut, Confidential Correspondence, 1920-1935, Entry 148, All decimal numbers; RG 84, Records of the Foreign Service Posts of the Department of State, Beirut, Correspondence, 1936-1941, Entry 148A, Classes, 3, 6, 7, and 8. Source Library: U.S. National Archives.