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Pox and Proximities: Disease, Diplomacy, and the Medical Profession in Modern Iraq, 1948-1962

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The 1958 violent overthrow of the Hashemite Monarchy of Iraq created a vacuum wherein various powers competed to dictate the country's future all while medical diplomatic missions continued to operate along broader Arab nationalist sentiments. While the succeeding regime proved receptive to Soviet medical aid, it simultaneously reinforced Arab cooperation, and American dominance over the pharmaceutical industry in Iraq. In relying on the Iraqi Medical Archive, a depository rarely consulted by scholars, medical articles authored by Iraqi, Russian, American, Armenian and British doctors, Iraqi newspapers and memoirs, oral interviews, WHO records, the National Archives at College Park, the National Archives at Kew Gardens, and the State Archive of the Russian Federation (GARF), this paper narrates the Iraqi chapter of a global history of medical diplomacy during the Cold War.



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