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Foreign Minister Links Stand to Reaction to Democracies' Attitude on Palestine

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CAIRO, Egypt, July 16—Egypt is so disappointed with the attitude of the western democracies on the Palestine question that she wishes to avoid entanglement with any big power bloc and would seek to remain entirely neutral in the event of any clash between the Anglo-American and Soviet coalitions.

This view was expressed today in the course of an interview by Ahmed Mohammed Khashaba Pasha, Egyptian Foreign Minister and former Minister of Justice.

"Because of our traditions, our religion and our customs, we could never become Communist nor align ourselves with the Soviet Union," Khashaba Pasha said. "On the other hand, we are bitterly disappointed with the western democracies."

Asked whether Egypt would look with favor upon the extension of the Marshall Plan to encompass Middle Eastern countries, the Foreign Minister replied:

"The Near East is self-sufficient and we wish to continue so. We have met with so much opposition on the subject of Palestine from the Marshall Plan founders that we have no reason to anticipate or desire its extension to embrace us."

"I think the best thing would be if the western democracies were to leave us alone. Naturally, I am speaking in terms of the present unhappy situation.

"We see almost all the western powers in a coalition today against Egypt and the other Arab countries on this unfortunate Palestine question. The West will have to do much before it can ever re-establish confidence among us and re-establish a just atmosphere."

The Foreign Minister, turning to other subjects, said that Egypt had absolutely no claims on Cyrenaica and insisted only that all of Libya should be established as an independent state.

He said that the problem of the Sudan still existed, as well as the problem of negotiating a modification of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty but that these were currently overshadowed by Palestine.

When asked whether Egypt intended to denounce the Anglo-Egyptian treaty, he replied: "I cannot answer that question."

The Foreign Minister said that no actual bilateral treaties linked members of the Arab League, nor was such a project contemplated at present. He added: "Our joint action is tacitly understood."

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