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WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (UP)—Some United States officials took the view today that the Egyptian Government was primarily to blame for the Egyptian-British clashes. It was reported that little hope was held here that Cairo could control the rioters.

These officials said they were of the opinion that the bloody fighting and "insane" rioting by Egyptians could have been avoided if Egypt had not violated the Suez Canal Treaty and had approved plans for Egypt's participation in the proposed five-power Middle East command. Fear was voiced that the fighting meant that the last chance of negotiating a settlement of the primary issues had been lost.

However, on the basis of official reports from Cairo, the State Department saw no immediate need to consider evacuating some 1,700 Americans in Egypt, and said no such plans are contemplated. The crisis is being watched closely to determine whether protective measures should be taken.

The State Department estimated that about 1,000 of the 1,700 Americans are in Cairo.

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