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CAIRO, Jan. 28 (UP)—Maher Pasha told the Chamber of Deputies that Parliament would not be dissolved, as many quarters had expected, unless it opposed the Government's policy.

The spokesman for the Wafdists, Abdel Meguid Abdel Hak, pledged their support on condition that Maher Pasha continue the policies of achieving Egypt's national aspirations — evacuation of British troops from the Suez Canal zone and unity with the Sudan.

"I assure you," the Premier told Parliament after the Wafd spokesman had sat down, "that these aspirations are not born in 1952 but in 1919 since Egypt united in demanding them.

"This is not a new policy but the people's policy, and that of all governments that preceded me."

He added that he hoped Egypt's aspirations would be realized.

Parliament met as strong Army forces patrolled Cairo in trucks and guarded key points throughout the city, where anti-British mobs ran riot Saturday.

Maher Pasha, who spoke first to the Senate and then to the Chamber of Deputies, called for the complete unity of parties to deal with the critical period through which Egypt was going.

He told newsmen before Parliament met that he hoped to form a political committee on which all parties would be represented, to cooperate with the Independent Cabinet. The aim of the committee, he said, would be the ouster of the British from the canal zone and unity with the Sudan.

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