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: LONDON, Wednesday, Jan. 30 (AP)—The London News Chronicle today quoted Egypt's new Premier, Aly Maher Pasha, as saying he was prepared to discuss the formation of the Middle East defense command proposed by the United States, Britain, France and Turkey.

Maher Pasha's predecessor, Mustafa Nahas Pasha, whom King Farouk ousted on Sunday, had rejected the Western proposals for the command.

The News Chronicle said its correspondent in Cairo, in an exclusive interview with the new Premier, asked him:

"Do you have any long-range view on collective security in the Middle East?

The correspondent said Maher Pasha replied:

"Yes. Since 1946 I have always pleaded for a regional organization inside the United Nations Charter. I accept collective security on that basis. I am ready to discuss the Middle East Command with the four powers. The question of a military base for this is the key factor. I am prepared for a full discussion of conditions. The important thing is that it should be on the basis of the United Nations Charter."

Maher Pasha also promised protection for all Britons residing in Egypt and called for a gesture of friendship from Britain, the newspaper said.

The Western powers had proposed that Egypt join the Middle East Command as a full partner, and that an international force to be controlled by the command would take over the defense of the Suez Canal from the British.

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