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Acheson Says Washington Is Pleased at Steps Taken to End Disorder in Egypt

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 30—Secretary of State Dean Acheson said today that the United States was pleased by the way King Farouk and the new Cairo Government had taken firm steps to end the disorder in Egypt.

The United States strongly hopes and believes, Mr. Acheson said in reply to a news conference question, that such episodes of violence, products of the bitter British-Egyptian hostility, will not recur.

That was as far as the Secretary was willing to go, however, in commenting on the new Government of Premier Aly Maher Pasha.

He restated the United States position toward the British dispute with Egypt over Cairo's abrogation of the Suez Canal and Sudan agreements when he was asked whether the Government had taken or intended to take "any more positive action than urging moderation" on both parties to the controversy.

Mr. Acheson recalled that the State Department had stated as clearly as it thought possible this Government's view that there was no basis for Cairo's unilateral denunciation of the Suez Canal and Sudan treaties.

At the same time, he went on, the United States thought that Britain and Egypt could work out their problems and, with that in mind, Washington had joined with Britain, France and Turkey in proposing a Middle East Defense Command that was believed to form a basis for a solution to the British-Egyptian problem.

Although regretting very much Egypt's rejection of the proposals without ever having discussed them with the sponsors, the United States repeated several times that the offer remained open for what Washington thought was a very sound avenue by which Egypt could join with other Middle Eastern countries for their mutual defense.

Questioned about the Soviet Union's latest protest against the Middle East Command proposal, the Secretary replied that his second-hand comment—he had not seen the note itself—was simply that the Russians were merely repeating what they had said on Nov. 24.

The charge that the proposal constituted aggressive interference in the affairs of the Middle Eastern countries was absolutely ludicrous, said Mr. Acheson. The proposal, he added, is directed at bringing about cooperation among those countries for their own defense against aggression.

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