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Hope Is Linked to Reported Early Return of Egyptian Envoy as Prelude to Talks

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LONDON, Feb. 2—Reports from Cairo that Abdul Fattah Amr Pasha might soon be returning to his post as Ambassador here encouraged hopes that a solution of the difficulties with Egypt over the British garrison in the Suez Canal zone might not be so far distant as had been feared.

Recently the Egyptian Government seems to have adopted a less truculent, if not a more conciliatory, attitude. There have been talks between Egyptian Government officials and Sir Ralph Stevenson, the British Ambassador, who is expected soon to submit a report to the Foreign Office on the outlook for direct negotiations or possible mediation through the good offices of some other power.

Britain's right to maintain forces in the Suez Canal zone derives from a treaty with Egypt, recently denounced unilaterally by Egypt. The chief obstacle to a settlement with Egypt, it is believed, will in the long run arise over the Sudan, where the Egyptian Government insists on proclaiming Farouk king but where the British are determined to observe their obligations to the Sudanese until they are ready to determine their own future and government.

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