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London Offers Concession in Reply to Iraqi Mediation Move, Cairo Hears

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CAIRO, Feb. 4—Britain responded to Iraqi Premier Nuri es-Said's offer of mediation in the British-Egyptian dispute with a proposal to withdraw her Suez Canal garrison from its present base, leaving only a group of British experts to cooperate with a similar Egyptian contingent, it was reliably reported today.

The British proposal, according to the report, included an arrangement for British forces to return to the canal installations in the event of war. The date of withdrawal of the British troops would be set in negotiations between the British and Egyptian Governments.

Concerning the Sudan, the report said that a plebiscite free of both British and Egyptian influence had been proposed.

The Iraqi Minister, Najib al-Rawi Bey, called upon Premier Aly Maher Pasha, to whom he conveyed the contents of a message said to have been confidential. After the meeting Maher Pasha expressed his gratitude for Premier Nuri's efforts to help Britain and Egypt compose their differ-

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ences. The Saudi Arabian Minister also called on Maher Pasha, presumably in connection with King Ibn Saud's efforts at mediation.

It was understood that Maher Pasha was studying both proposals.

National Front in Peril

Meanwhile, Maher Pasha's national front, an advisory body that the Premier hopes will include all parties, seemed tonight to be in the first stages of dissolution after leaders of the Saadist and Liberal Constitutional parties had made known their conditions for participation.

After a meeting conducted by their chief, Ibrahim Abdul Hadi Pasha, the Saadists declared their support of the present Cabinet in so far as it would try to achieve the nation's aims of British evacuation of the canal zone and unity of the Nile Valley, including the Sudan.

Moreover, they asked for a purge of the Government machinery and an inquiry into any possible Government responsibility for the disorders of Jan. 26. They also favored new elections. They made no direct reference to the national front.

At a meeting of the Liberal Constitutional party, the line adopted was similar to that of the Saadists, but indicated boycott of the national front.

However, in speaking to the press tonight, Maher Pasha expressed himself as being optimistic on the basis that all parties were in agreement on foreign policy. He said he had no comment concerning their attitude toward internal matters.

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