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Premier Declares Nation Will Cooperate in a 'Remodeled' Set-Up in U. N. Framework

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CAIRO, Feb. 17—Premier Aly Maher Pasha, broadcasting to the United States, stated today that Egypt was prepared to cooperate fully and wholeheartedly in the maintenance of world peace through a strong and remodeled regional organization functioning within the framework of the United Nations Charter.

The term remodeled organization, it was assumed, referred to the four-power proposal for a Middle Eastern command alliance for the defense of the area or to an Arab collective security pact or possibly to both at once.

The Premier stated "much has been circulated about Egypt's willingness to join in proposals for the maintenance of international peace and security.

"I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm to the American people that we are prepared to cooperate fully and wholeheartedly in the maintenance of world peace through a strong and remodeled regional organization functioning within the framework of the United Nations Charter and to develop friendly relations with all countries."

The broadcast contained an appeal to Americans to look on Egypt's present conflict with the British from the standpoint of the American Revolutionary War. Egypt abrogated treaties with Britain permitting the stationing of British troops in the Suez Canal zone and providing for joint rule of the Sudan.

U. S. Struggle Recalled

The Premier said:

"Ever since the emancipation of America, Egypt has looked upon the United States of America as the champion of justice and freedom. The example set by the American people, who, through their history, fought for the cause of freedom, first of their own country and later in two world wars, for the freedom of all peoples is not wasted here in Egypt.

"The Egyptian people confidently expect that the people of America will not fail to recognize the justification of our struggle to achieve the same end, that end which the people of America themselves fought for and achieved not in 1952 but as far back as in 1776.

"Freedom and independence are no longer a monopoly of few and privileged nations. They are our right and our due, inasmuch as they are the right of all peoples of the world."

The Premier promised to promote reforms to raise the standard of living through an increase of national wealth by the development of agriculture, industry and commerce. He said that "Egypt has indefatigably sought to eliminate the sufferings of the agrarian and working classes of her population and to bring about essential reforms."

The Egyptian Ministry of Finance has worked out an approach to the problem of the Government's paying out too much and getting too little income.

The new Cabinet has undertaken to attack both the notorious tax avoidance and tax delinquency of Egypt's wealthy and powerful and the overburdened state payroll that the Premier stated had risen since 1941 from 40,000 civilian employes to 145,000 and from £8,000,000 Egyptian to £38,000,000.

The Finance Ministry's project calls for putting to work a considerable part of the army of useless and superfluous civil employes to trace tax delinquency and collecting back taxes. One estimate puts probable tax delinquency at the equivalent of two or three years of the Government's income.

The current Government deficit, according to the Premier, is running at around £25,000,000 Egyptian out of a total budget of £231,000,000. Total national income is estimated at £600,000,000.

Much of the Government's revenue comes from a variety of customs duties and indirect taxes, and the property owning and more prosperous classes do not pay their share.

The Minister of the Interior announced tonight the ringleaders of the campaign of arson and destruction in Cairo on Jan. 26 had all been apprehended. He referred to them as the men "who had planned the disorders." The Minister declined to disclose their names or number or the organizations they represented.

It was announced tonight that the universities would reopen on Feb. 26. The Minister said three camps would be ready for the training of students who volunteered.

The training camps, one for each university, will take the place of the training given originally by various parties and organizations, which set up the so-called liberation battalions. The Premier said undesirable elements had infiltrated among the students and made them doubt the policy of the Government.

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