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## The Government, Ruling With Party's Aid, Is Opposed on Riot Damage Grants

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CAIRO, Feb. 18—The parliamentary majority, made up of the Wafd party of former Premier Mustafa Nahas Pasha, whose cabinet fell after the Cairo riots of Jan. 26, put up today, for the first time, definite opposition to a Government measure for a £5,000,000 Egyptian ($14,400,000) grant for the reconstruction business establishments burned out in the riots.

One speaker opposed the measure on the ground that £2,000,000 was sufficient. Another, from Ismailia, which had been the scene of heavy fighting the day before the riots, said there had been as much destruction there and that Ismailia deserved aid as much as Cairo.

Finally, the Financial Committee of the House of Deputies, with its Wafdist majority, amended the Government measure to provide for loans instead of aid. The Government draft had provided that in case damages were granted later to the victims of the rioting the money given now for reconstruction should be deducted as part of the compensation and otherwise should be treated as a non-interest bearing loan repayable in five years. The grant-in-aid bill was returned to committee.

In the Senate the Wafdist majority opposed the civil service salaries bill, and discussion was postponed until next Monday.

These developments pose the issue of whether the Government's chances of continuing to work together with the present Wafd majority are dwindling. The Government is dependent on the Wafdist majority.

This situation could be changed only by elections.

Today's developments may have been incidents without any fundamental significance as far as present compromise by which the Wafd majority supports a non-Wafdist Government is concerned or it may be indicative of a trend that could result in a rupture.

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