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## Premier Maher Says British Voice Readiness to Enter Into an Agreement

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CAIRO, Feb. 21 — Premier Aly Maher Pasha announced this evening that the Egyptian Ambassador in London, Abdel Fattah Amr Pasha, who returned here today after two conferences with British Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden, had brought a letter from the British but no proposals.

The Premier said the British had expressed their readiness to enter into an agreement with Egypt, adding that they saw that the situation needed understanding. He then added: "They know our demands."

The negotiations, the Premier declared, would be on the basis of the evacuation of the Suez Canal area and the unity of the Nile Valley, so far as Egypt is concerned.

It is now clear that proposals will come this time from the Egyptian side.

An Egyptian proposal in regard to the Middle East defense, which is the core of the expected negotiations, is not yet prepared. It was known that Mahmoud Fawzi Bey, Egypt's permanent representative at the United Nations, who is now here advising the Premier, is working on the proposal, together with various associates.

The Premier said that the matter as a whole was still in the preliminary stage and that when this stage ended "we will begin negotiations."

He added that he had not fixed a time to meet the British Ambassador and that on Monday he and his Foreign Ministry would be very busy as Sir Mohammed Zafrullah Khan, Foreign Minister of Pakistan, is arriving.

Pakistan has attempted to act as mediator in the British-Egyptian dispute. The Saudi Arabian Minister to London, Sheikh Hafiz Wahba, arrived today in Cairo. He said the British had not finally agreed on an Arab collective security pact as a basis for the Middle East defense agreement, but he expressed hope in regard to the situation in general.

Premier Maher Pasha said he had formed three committees to study the British-Egyptian problem, two political and one military.

Tonight the Premier issued an appeal to Egyptian youth to recognize the seriousness and delicacy of the situation.

He urged youth to concentrate on preparing for the future and expressed the hope that students would go in groups to the military training centers that have been set up in connection with three government universities.

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