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Egypt's Premier Asks Support as He Gives Parts of Royal Estates to 869 Families

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KAFR EL DAWAR, Egypt, April 19—Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Premier of Egypt, gave land to 869 peasant families today. He urged them to be vigilant in defense of the revolution that had raised them from the status of tenants.

Making his first public appearance since replacing President Mohammed Naguib in the Premiership, Colonel Nasser came to this agricultural center in Beheira Province, near Alexandria, to distribute land titles to landless peasants. The plots, averaging slightly more than four acres, had been carved out of estates confiscated from members of Egypt's former Royal Family. The new freeholders will pay the Government for thirty years to retire the bonds with which the regime compensated the former owners.

The 36-year-old Premier, organizer of the Army movement that ousted the monarchy, spoke to 2,000 turbaned and robed peasants. Recalling the exploitation of the peasantry by landowners in pre-revolutionary days and the record of the politicians who, he said, had served their interests, the Premier warned:

"We have seen what some have done to us in the name of the political parties, liberty and democracy. Beware of the sweet words of politicians!"

Gains Pledged to Workers

The Premier pledged his regime to work to establish decent living conditions for all workers and peasants, but he urged his listeners not to expect miraculous results.

The Egyptian masses were too weak to start revolutionary action to improve their lot, Premier Nasser said, adding: "So we, your brothers, started it for you, but you are the revolution."

His reception was cordial and the pauses in his address were filled with shouts. But Colonel Nasser distributing land failed to evoke anything like the hysterical response General Naguib stirred ten months ago at Tantah, another delta city, in the course of a routine speech explaining unpopular economic policies. The colonel lacks the qualities of an orator in a country that relishes oratory. He makes a youthful appearance in a country that reveres age.

Stand on 'Neutralism'

In response to press questions following the ceremony, Colonel Nasser shied away from the word "neutralism" to describe Egypt's stand in the "cold war." Egypt's position depends on the attitude of the West toward her demand that the British forces leave the Suez Canal zone, he added.

"It is not easy to cooperate with anyone who is occupying your country," he said. "It is not useful to speak of neutrality because it has no meaning, especially in wartime, unless a country is strong enough to maintain neutrality. But we are free to cooperate or not."

Asked to comment on the recent statement by Henry A. Byroade, Assistant Secretary of State for Near Eastern, South Asian and African affairs, calling on both Arabs and Israelis to change those attitudes blocking a Palestine peace setflement, Premier Nasser replied:

"No one can force the Arabs to cooperate with Israel. You know the bitterness that is in our hearts toward Israel. There is a truce, but Israel has to observe United Nations resolutions before there can be peace."

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