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## Nasser, After Seeing Cheops' Ship, Says Finder's Name Will Go Down in History

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CAIRO, June 12 — Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser inspected the solar ship of Pharoah Cheops at Giza today and said its discoverer had "inscribed his name in history for all time."

Colonel Nasser was accompanied by his Minister of National Guidance, Maj. Salah Salem. The visit was regarded as a public demonstration of support for Kamal el-Malakh, who is engaged in a struggle with senior Egyptologists in the Department of Antiquities. The officials, all of whom were present for Colonel Nasser's visit, are seeking to oust the young architect and Egyptologist from participation in further investigation of his discovery.

The interior of the sealed subterranean chamber housing the funerary craft was lighted by a portable floodlight. Colonel Nasser, founder and chief of the revolutionary Army junta ruling Egypt, arrived in a motor caravan that swept into the narrow area between the south side of Cheops' Great Pyramid and the boat.

### 'Energy and Magic'

Dr. Mustafa Amer, head of the Antiquities Department, explained the situation of the boats, using drawings made by Mr. el-Malakh for The New York Times. The Premier then climbed down into the cutaway end of one of the fifteen-ton limestone blocks, laid over the boat chamber as a roof, and kneeled on the ledge to peer through the opening Mr. el-Malakh had cut to make his discovery. It was the eighth time since the boat was found May 26 in the chamber hollowed in the desert bedrock that the opening was unsealed.

The Premier said the sight of the boats had made him think of the "energy and magic" of Egypt's ancient period of greatness under Cheops, who ruled forty-seven centuries ago. He said he had not previously been interested in antiquities.

Major Salem was enthusiastic when he arose from the cut and declared that the boat was "the best propaganda for Egypt in our time."

A reporter asked Colonel Nasser if he knew of the complications facing Mr. el-Malakh in the Department of Antiquities and the Premier answered, "I know all about everything." Asked what would be done about it, he held up his hand with the fingers compressed at the tips in the Middle Eastern sign for "just wait awhile."

The rift between Mr. el-Malakh and senior antiquities officials was clearly evident. The officials remained in a small knot, talking among themselves and ignoring him. Mr. el-Malakh stood apart conversing with members of the large group of newspaper men and camera technicians gathered for the occasion.

In the group of officials, Dr. Mohammed Awad, Minister of Education, who has jurisdiction over the Antiquities Department, told Dr. Abdel Moneim Abu Bakr that he would have full authority over the boats and that he could choose any architect he desired to handle the engineering problems of removing the roof blocks and raising the boat from the chamber.

### Committee Head Named

Dr. Abu Bakr was named last week-end by Dr. Awad and Dr. Amer as chairman of a five-man committee formed to control the investigation of the boat and a sister craft assumed to lie sealed in the unopened western part of the chamber. Mr. el-Malakh was the lowest ranking member of the committee. The Minister's remark today seemed to presage a departmental attempt to remove him from the picture completely.

Major Salem announced to the group at large, however, that the Government would "facilitate everything for el-Malakh for the benefit of Egypt and the increase of tourism." Mr. el-Malakh's plan for sealing a restored boat in a huge glass display case in a museum built on the spot was expected to result in a great increase in badly needed tourist traffic.

Earlier this week Dr. Awad had signed an order forbidding Mr. el-Malakh to write on archaeology, including his own discovery, or to discuss it with newspaper men. When Colonel Nasser and Major Salem stood with Mr. el-Malakh for photographers, Dr. Awad and the others hastened to join the group.

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