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## Nasser Cool as Envoy Urges Ban on Britain's Right to Re-enter Canal Zone

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CAIRO, July 14 — The Soviet Union has been rebuffed in a diplomatic attempt to discourage Egypt from granting Britain reentry rights in the Suez Canal Zone in case of a future war in the Middle East.

The effort was made in an hour-long meeting last Saturday between Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Premier, and Soviet Ambassador Daniil S. Solod in Alexandria.

This was only a few hours before Colonel Nasser received from the British a new offer to withdraw the 80,000-man British garrison from the canal zone provided agreement was reached on conditions for reactivation of the big military base in time of emergency, and on arrangements for maintaining it in the meantime.

Negotiations on this proposal are proceeding favorably despite some disagreements on details, and the Soviet intervention is unlikely to have any effect on Egypt's attitude, in the opinion of competent observers.

Colonel Nasser met the Soviet Ambassador under circumstances that are not yet clear, but in completely normal diplomatic fashion. Mr. Solod offered the hope that Egypt had succeeded this time in achieving her long-sought major objective of foreign policy, the ending of British armed occupation of Egyptian territory.

### Soviet Politely Snubbed

The Soviet diplomat then made clear to Colonel Nasser that his Government would not look with favor on any agreement that gave British and other Western forces the right to return to the Canal Zone in the event of an attack on a state in this area.

Colonel Nasser is reported to have replied that Egypt is pursuing her own interest in the canal zone negotiations. In the opinion of qualified observers, this constituted a polite reminder to Mr. Solod that he had no concern in the pending talks.

In the first meeting between Colonel Nasser and the British Ambassador, Sir Ralph Stevenson, and their aides Sunday night, the Egyptians raised objections to some aspects of the British proposal and asked clarification of certain other points. In some cases the British negotiators were able to supply satisfactory answers at once. In others they asked London to provide more information.

This information is believed to have been received and a second informal meeting is scheduled for tomorrow as a prelude to reopening official negotiations once an agreement on fundamentals is reached.

Britain has proposed that her last troops leave the zone within two years. This is six months longer than the time agreed upon during the ultimately unsuccessful negotiations last fall. An Egyptian Government source said tonight that Egypt could not agree to a longer period.

### Egypt Is Adamant

Britain had proposed originally that the base be made available to Western military forces in the event of an attack on any Arab state or Turkey or Iran. An Egyptian source in a position to know the situation precisely said tonight that Egypt preferred to limit the area to be protected by the base to Turkey and the Arab states and that he was confident the British would not insist too strenuously on including Iran.

United States Ambassador Jefferson Caffery, who had talked with Colonel Nasser yesterday, visited Sir Ralph this morning, continuing to exercise the role of "honest broker" in the negotiations. One of the principal advantages of settlement of the dispute, from the Egyptian point of view, would be the unfreezing of $20,000,000.

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