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CAIRO, Aug. 19—Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, Egyptian Premier, said today that mutual defense pacts between the Arab world and the Western powers would have to wait until the Arabs had overcome their residual suspicion of Western imperialist intentions.

Colonel Nasser, who two years ago ended 5,000 years of monarchial rule in Egypt and who, three weeks ago, negotiated an agreement ending Britain's seventy-two year occupation of Egyptian territory, spoke in an interview on the domestic and international effects of the Suez agreement.

"After the Suez settlement there is nothing standing in the way of our good relations with the West," the 36-year-old

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Premier said, "but this hammering, hammering, hammering for pacts will only keep alive the old suspicions in the minds of the people — and the Communists know well how to exploit these suspicions."

Colonel Nasser explained that throughout the Middle East's modern history treaties and defensive alliances had always been to the advantage of the Western European contracting parties and that as a result they had come to mean "domination" to the mass of Middle Easterners.

"It is a matter of group psychology with deep roots," he continued, "and until the Arabs realize that there is no longer any hidden domination or control in pacts of that sort, any pressure to obtain them will be dangerously premature.

"Agitation for pacts at present will be used by the Communists and ultra-Nationalists to stir up hatred and violence against the West."

For the immediate future the peoples of the Middle East must depend on themselves for defense, the Premier said, but they need, and will accept, material and arms aid from the West. He said the Arab countries had ample manpower to raise ten or twelve divisions in the defense of the region, but needed equipment that the West could supply.

Regarding Israel's recently expressed fears that the British evacuation of the Suez base would endanger her, Colonel Nasser said there was no prospect of an Arab attack on Israel.

He said there was no possibility of any change in Egypt's attitude toward Israel until she implemented the United Nations resolutions on refugees and partition.

Colonel Nasser carefully distinguished between the Zionist organization in Egypt and the non-Zionist Jewish community of about 85,000 persons when he discussed recent terrorist actions here.

The Premier stated that the burning of the United States Information Service libraries here and in Alexandria had been committed by the Zionist group acting under orders from Israel.

This was the first official charge that intelligence department arrests and investigations had uncovered a link between the arsonists and the Israeli Government.

The Premier charged that the same organization had placed bombs in six American-owned movie theatres, three here and three in Alexandria.

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