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Nasser Signs Accord on Exit of British—Presidency Is Offered Aged Scholar

CAIRO, Nov. 20 (Reuters)—Egypt has ratified the Suez agreement providing for the withdrawal of 80,000 British troops from the strategic canal zone, Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi announced today.

Dr. Fawzi said the Cabinet, which has both legislative and executive powers, had ratified the agreement "in the name of the nation," and he added that it had been signed by the Premier, Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, acting as Chief of State.

Dr. Fawzi said that the two countries would exchange the instruments of ratification on Dec. 1, six days ahead of the Dec. 7 deadline set when the pact was signed last month.

The agreement covers the withdrawal of British troops from the Suez Canal zone within twenty months. Civilian technicians will maintain the base, and British troops can return in the event of an attack on certain Middle East countries, including Turkey.

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