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Rebuff Bid of Egypt, Telling Region It Must Work With West to Build Defense

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ANKARA, Turkey, Dec. 27—Turkey told the Arab states today they must collaborate closely with the rest of the free world if a viable defense system was to be created in the Middle East.

In an unusual policy statement, Premier Adnan Menderes in effect rejected Egypt's efforts to persuade Turkey to join a regional alliance based on the Arab League and the Arab collective security pact of 1950. Mr. Menderes served notice he would urge Iraq to join the Turkish-Pakistani pact or some other Western-oriented security system when he and Fuat Koprulu, the Foreign Minister, paid an official visit to Baghdad on Jan. 6.

"In the face of realities in the world today," the Premier declared, "we must say that, until relations between this region and the rest of the free world reach a stage of close collaboration, one cannot pretend that security measures designed to protect the region are sufficient or serious.

"If today the region enjoys relative security, it owes it to the existence of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization security system, of which Turkey is also a member."

League Considered Moribund

Mr. Menderes' remarks were interpreted as a reply to recent statements by Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser and Maj. Salah Salem, Egyptian Minister of National Guidance, rejecting the idea of alliance with the West and insisting that the Arab League play the principal role in regional defense. The Turks have never concealed their belief that the Arab League is a moribund organization dedicated almost exclusively to sterile opposition to Israel.

Ankara is disturbed lest the Arabs believe their recent manifestations of friendship for Turkey may win them United States military and economic aid without their committing themselves to effective collaboration with the West. In a clear demand for realism, Mr. Menderes said tonight:

"Reinforcement of friendship between Turkey and the Arab countries constitutes the first means of defense against the great common danger that threatens us all. But this is by no means sufficient. Turkey will continue to work to overcome temporary difficulties and assure rapid development of the friendship fraternity [with Arabs]."

Although they welcome Premier Nasser's drive to crush the Moslem Brotherhood and the anti-Western reaction it symbolizes, the Turks are determined to obtain a precise defense commitment from Egypt, Iraq and as many other Arab states as possible. Turkey is strongly supported in this campaign by the United States, which has told the Arabs the military aid they receive will depend on the extent of their participation in an effective regional defense system.

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