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U.S. Envoy Wins Recognition for Major Role in Ending Cairo-London Disputes

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CAIRO, Jan. 9—Jefferson Caffery, retiring United States Ambassador, received official recognition tonight for the major role he has played in improving relations among Egypt, the United States and its allies.

The 68-year-old Ambassador, senior career diplomat in the United States Foreign Service, has been instrumental since 1949 in promoting settlement of disputes over the future of the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan and the Suez Canal Zone that had embittered relations between Egypt and Britain and hence with most of the Atlantic Alliance powers.

On the eve of his departure, the Ambassador and his wife were honored at a dinner given by Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser, attended by most members of the Cabinet and the ruling Revolution Command Council.

Mrs. Caffery was awarded the Order of Perfection, the highest Egyptian decoration granted to women. The Ambassador, unable to accept a foreign decoration while still a United States official, received from the Premier a bronze statuette of the Egyptian sun god Ra dating from the Twenty-sixth Dynasty, about the Seventh Century B. C., found at the village of Hehiya in lower Egypt.

Mr. Caffery, an enthusiastic amateur archaeologist, spent much of his last day in Egypt's capital taking a last look at recent major discoveries. In the afternoon he drove to Gizeh to inspect the newly-revealed stern of the funerary bark of the Pharoah Cheops.

Mr. Caffery, a native of Louisiana, entered diplomatic service in 1910, served in fourteen capitals in the Far East, Europe and Latin America and has been chief of mission for twenty-nine years, probably longer than any other United States diplomat. He was Ambassador to France from the end of World War II until he went to Cairo.

Ambassador and Mrs. Caffery will go to Alexandria tomorrow for further official receptions, then will board ship Tuesday for Italy.

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