EGYPT FARES BADLY AT ARAB CONFERENCE

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CAIRO, Jan. 24—Egyptian efforts to build a solid Arab opposition to the projected defense pact between Iraq and Turkey have fared badly here.

This was clearly indicated today by well authenticated reports from the current meetings of the Premiers of five Arab states and by new criticism in the Egyptian press of Iraq and alleged wavering by other Arab leaders.

Diplomatic observers believe renewed press outcries against Gen. Nuri as-Said, Iraqi Premier, are dictated by fear of the Egyptians that the Premier, who first declined to attend the meeting here on the ground he was ill, might now exert his forceful personality into the conference to tip the scales in favor of extending the alliance with Turkey to other Arab states.

The consensus in diplomatic circles here was that summoning of Arab premiers to meet here by Egypt within forty-eight hours after the announcement of the projected Iraqi-Turkish pact had proved a tactical error by Egypt. It would have been wiser, according to this view, if Cairo had first sought the views of other partners in the Arab collective security pact before staging a full dress meeting, unattended by Iraq, the state most directly concerned.

Such procedure would have spared Egypt some surprises during the first three meetings with the Premiers of Lebanon, Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

In the first meeting Saturday, for example, Lebanon proposed that the conference consider the Iraqi-Turkish pact in a "positive" rather than "negative" spirit, according to a reliable source. In view of the recent visit of the Turkish Premier, Adnan Menderes to Beirut to propose a similar bilateral agreement with Lebanon, this was interpreted as an indication Lebanon looked favorably on the proposal.

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