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Nasser Maps a Defense Unit Minus Outside Ties if Iraqi-Turk Accord Is Signed

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CAIRO, Feb. 2—Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser threatened today to pull Egypt out of the Arab collective security pact. He would also sponsor a new grouping of states pledged to remain aloof from all outside alliances.

This action was promised by the Premier and acting Chief of State in the event that Iraq persisted in her intent to sign a defensive alliance with Turkey outside the Arab League and its collective security pact.

In such an event, Premier Nasser said, Egypt would invite like-minded Arab states to form a new defense organization, the members of which would not be permitted to join any other pact "under any circumstances."

Some observers saw more than coincidence in the fact that Premier Nasser made his statement tending toward a neutralist point of view immediately after an hour-and-a-half-long discussion with the Indian Ambassador, Nawab Ali Jawar Jung. The announced subject of the talk was preparation for the visit by Jawaharlal Nehru, the Indian Prime Minister, to Cairo en route home from the London conference of Commonwealth Prime Ministers.

Indian diplomats throughout Asia and Africa have been busy recruiting adherents to the neutralist formula, of which Mr. Nehru is the principal advocate.

Others saw in the Nasser statement an attempt to hint to a nervous Jordan and an apprehensive Syria the possibility that

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Egypt might conclude a separate peace with Israel if these Levant states should waver in their support of Egypt in her dispute with Iraq.

The present collective security pact commits the member states to go to war in defense of any one of them that is subject to attack. The withdrawal of Egypt, theoretically, would end her obligation to aid Jordan in the event of an Israeli attack.

Premier Nasser said that Saudi Arabia, Jordan and Yemen gave Egypt full support in opposition to the proposed Iraqi-Turkish alliance during the recent meeting of Arab Premiers in Cairo. Lebanon, he said, had originally planned to accept an invitation from Turkey to conclude a bilateral treaty similar to that with Iraq but that during the meeting had changed her position.

Syria, he said, through Premier Faris el-Khouri, had expressed the view that it was the right of every Arab Government to re-examine the value of the Arab collective security pact and of any alternative proposed by Egypt and to define its attitude toward outside alliances. This appeared to sanction Iraq's right to conclude the Turkish link.

The Egyptian Cabinet met tonight and approved the policy outlined earlier by the Premier.

Meanwhile reports from Baghdad, where a four-man delegation from the Cairo Premiers' conference went to seek a formula for the maintenance of Arab unity, indicated that Iraq is holding firm to her intention to conclude the defense pact with Turkey.

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