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Ridicules Timidity in Parley Toward Iraq's Proposed Treaty With Turkey

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CAIRO, Feb. 7—An Egyptian Minister ridiculed today the timidity and indecision of the leaders of the other Arab states in defining their attitude toward the proposed treaty between Iraq and non-Arab Turkey.

The sarcastic attack was delivered in the semi-official Egyptian morning newspaper Al Gomhouria by Maj. Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance (propaganda and Sudan affairs), and one of the principal architects of the Egyptian policy of opposition to Arab defense links outside the Arab League. His article was based on the failure of the conference of Arab Premiers and Foreign Ministers, called by Egypt to consider what she said was the defection of Iraq from the common Arab position in agreeing to an alliance with Turkey.

Major Salem wrote that the delegations from Syria, Lebanon, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Libya, Iraq and Egypt had been unable to agree even on whether to adjourn, postpone or terminate the conference or, at one point in last night's final meeting, whether to enter the conference room or continue lobbying in an antechamber.

When it came to substantive matters, the Minister continued, the conference was completely frustrated by the weathervane tactics of the Lebanese, Syrian and Jordanian delegations. All three at some time during the fifteen-day conference had agreed in principle to a resolution affirming Arab support of the Arab League, the United Nations and the Arab collective security pact and rejecting all other treaties, the Minister said.

They also agreed, he added, to posing satisfaction of Arab political demands and the grant of military and economic aid without strings as conditions for cooperation with the West. The Syrian Foreign Minister, Faydi al-Atassi, refused last night to put the agreement in writing, preferring to regard it as a mere exchange views, the Egyptian said.

"Into this situation jumped our dear brother, Alfred Bey Nacache, Lebanese Foreign Minister, saying: 'I also do not agree to a considerable part of these resolutions and our delegation does not have sufficient competence to approve them,'" Major Salem wrote. Next, the Jordanian Foreign Minister, Walid Salah, backtracked on his earlier approval.

"Thus," Major Salem said, "we returned to the point whence we had started fifteen days before and even the proposal that we open a formal meeting could not find unanimous agreement among the Arab delegates."

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