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KARACHI, Pakistan, Feb. 22 —Egypt was reported today to have agreed to reconsider her opposition to the pending Turkish-Iraqi pact.

Emile Bustani, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Lebanese Parliament, said that the Egyptian Premier, Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, had accepted Lebanon's invitation to meet the Iraqi Premier, Gen. Nuri as-Said, in Beirut next week.

Mr. Bustani, special envoy of President Bechara el-Khoury, conferred here last night with the British Foreign Secretary, Sir Anthony Eden, and Pakistan's Prime Minister, Mohammed Ali.

At their meeting in the Lebanese capital, the Egyptian and Iraqi Premiers will discuss the following proposals, which were drawn up by Lebanon and de-

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livered to them a few days ago:

¶That the mutual-defense clause be dropped from the Turkish-Iraqi pact, leaving only the sections on friendship and cultural relations. In exchange for that concession, Egypt would be asked to reopen talks for a defense agreement that would include the Arab states and Turkey.

¶That the Turkish-Iraqi pact be discarded, after which Egypt and the other Arab League states would meet with the non-league countries of Iran, Turkey and Pakistan to consider a Middle Eastern defense plan.

¶That Egypt discontinue her opposition to the Turkish-Iraqi pact and open negotiations to replace the present ineffective Arab League collective security pact with a "working" agreement that would exclude Iraq.

The members of the Arab League are Egypt, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Libya and Yemen.

The disclosure of Lebanon's role as mediator between Egypt and Iraq came forty-eight hours after Pakistan and Turkey, which signed a defensive agreement last spring, had completed secret negotiations with Iran, Lebanon and Syria for a broad defensive alliance. The five countries evolved their plan during the last six months, according to a Pakistani official who participated in the negotiations.

After completing more than a week of almost round-the-clock conferences on relations with Pakistan's Moslem neighbors to the west, Prime Minister Mohammed Ali left this morning for Bangkok to attend the Southeast Asian Collective Defense Treaty meeting, which opens tomorrow.

Commenting on Middle Eastern relations, the Prime Minister said he had had "very successful talks" with Turkish President Celal Bayar, who arrived Friday for a ten-day state visit.

Asked to comment on press reports that Pakistan would not provide troops for the Manila Treaty set-up, the Prime Minister said the reports were "pure kite-flying" and that the composition of the forces would be discussed in Bangkok.

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