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Calls Egypt Victim of British-French-Israeli Aggression —Hopes for U. N. Action

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PARIS, Nov. 2 — Tunisia, France's former protectorate, today placed herself on the side of Egypt and against the British-French military intervention.

The action was seen as putting a further strain on the already tense relationship that exists between France and Tunisia as a result of the French seizure on Oct. 22 of five Algerian rebel leaders on their way to a conference in Tunis.

A Government communiqué, following a special Cabinet meeting presided over by the Tunisian Premier, Habib Bourguiba, said that "Egypt is the victim of an aggression on the part of three members of the United Nations, in flagrant violation of the purposes and principes of the Charter of the United Nations."

It declared further that Tunisia "ranges itself resolutely on the side of the nations desirous of peace and advances the hope that the strong action of the General Assembly of the United Nations will quickly remedy the situation" in the Middle East.

In an accompanying radio address to the Tunisian people Premier Bourguiba said he had informed France that the "position of Tunisia is on the side of Egypt, the side of the attacked country."

"The true purpose of the operations in which the French are participating, and which shows in certain official declarations and in certain press articles, is to deliver a mortal blow to the Arabs in general and to the Arabs of North Africa in particular," he said.

"It is thought thus to weaken the positions of Morocco and Tunisia and to reduce Algeria, which is struggling for its liberty. It is believed also designed to raise the prestige of France," Premier Bourguiba said.

The Tunisian leader urged the people to be calm. After the seizure of the Algerian rebel leaders Tunisia and Morocco erupted into anti-French rioting and killing. Mr. Bourguiba said he hoped that France, Britain and Israel would obey the United Nations resolution to stop hostilities in the Middle East.

While the rioting has stopped, diplomatic and political relations between France and the newly sovereign nations of Tunisia and Morocco continue at their lowest point since the two countries won their independence early this year.

Bourguiba Denounces Move

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TUNIS, Tunisia, Nov. 2—The Tunisian Cabinet resolved at an extraordinary meeting today to give its full moral support to embattled Egypt. A resolution described Egypt as the victim of an armed aggression and pledged Tunisia to the support of any measure taken by the United Nations to put an end to this aggression and to free Egypt from the foreign troops engaged there.

Later, in a radio address, Premier Habib Bourguiba denounced France and Britain for their action against Egypt.

With regard to Tunisia he said: "Our possibilities are limited. We are oppressed and assaulted ourselves. We can help Egypt best by struggling on our own soil to snatch from the same adversary the last attribute of our independence.

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