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BRITISH EMBASSY,

CAIRO.

31st May, 1952.

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Dear Department,

La Bourse Egyptienne of the 27th May gave considerable prominence to an interview which was given by Abdel-Khalek Hassouna Pasha, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, to the correspondent of the American Daily News, in which he made a strong appeal for American support in realising Egypt's national aspirations.

2. The Foreign Minister is reported as saying that - "It is in the interests of the whole world that Egypt should have close and cordial relations with all foreign powers and that she should obtain the strength for which she wishes and which will permit her to safeguard her sovereignty and defend her existence. If the United States desire to follow a wise line of conduct in their policy with regard to the Middle East, they should act in such a manner as to realise these objectives".

3. He added - "That the United States can strengthen the bonds of friendship with Egypt in supporting the solution which would result in the withdrawal of the British Forces from the Canal Zone and from the Sudan. It is indispensable that the national sovereignty of Egypt should first of all be realised. Later the other questions, such as the defence of the Middle East, will be examined. I am certain that the other questions will be solved more readily as soon as Great Britain has approved the principle of evacuation". The Minister continued - "If the British approve the principle of a peaceful withdrawal of their forces from Egypt and the Sudan, the Government would be ready to negotiate the question of the necessary delay for evacuation".

4. This appeal to American public opinion, though perhaps not of great importance in itself, illustrates the continued hope of the Egyptian Government that the United States Government will apply pressure on Her Majesty's Government to accept Egyptian demands in the interests of Middle East defence and their relations with the Middle East in general.

5. We are sending a copy of this letter to the Chancery, Washington.

Yours ever,

CHANCERY. *JM*

African Department,
Foreign Office,
London, S.W.1.

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Draft letter
Mr. Creswell,
Alexandria.

Elizabeth Monroe of The Economist has ~~told~~
~~recently met~~
~~us of an interesting conversation with Harold~~
 Hoskins of the State Department, ~~whom she has~~
 known, she says, for many years. ~~A letter~~ ^{she had received} from
 some angry Englishman attacking the U.S. attitude
 on the Sudan had got under his skin, and ~~he gave~~
~~this~~ ^{provoked him into giving the following} sidelight ~~as a result of~~ his own visit to
 Khartoum. He said he had gone to the Sudan
 convinced by the Caffery line that (to put it
 in Miss Monroe's probably exaggerated terms)
 nothing stood between the Sudanese and agreement
 on the royal title but ^{the} obstinacy of Sir James
 Robertson. He had come away - as the Ambassador
 reported to us at the time - with a very
 different picture, and had told Mr. Caffery so.
 There had been some hard words between them, in
 the course of which Mr. Caffery had said something
 like, "if what you are trying to persuade me is
 true, then my policy is all wrong".

Barrows
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I am sending a copy of this note to Paris
~~and~~ Washington.

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Mr. Allen

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You may think it worth sending the attached story to Mr. Cresswell. The moral drawn by Mr. Caffery appears to be that his policy is not wrong.

Mr. Wendell Smith confirms what I suspected - that Mr. Mattison of the U.S. Embassy is on leave and that Mr. Caffery is therefore taking advice from Mr. Sparkes, who has distinguished himself since he arrived in Cairo a year or so ago for the waverlets of his approach to Egyptian politics. He was also frequently reported as talked being "anti-British" - though I think this was chiefly due to the terrible habit of trying to please any company he is in.

W. Morris
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Mr. Allen.

Yes. Sparkes has been much more amiable, but I doubt if he cuts much ice in the S.D.
R.A. 9/7