

that if the situation ever got beyond his control he would let Stevenson know.

Mr. Eden thought that it was not likely that the situation would get out of control and Sir Ralph Stevenson agreed, adding that he thought that January 26th had taught the Egyptians a lesson.

It was decided to adjourn the meeting and to take up Egypt at the beginning of the afternoon session.

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Present

*United Kingdom*

Mr. Eden

Sir William Strang

Ambassador Stevenson

Sir Oliver Franks

Sir Robert Howe

Sir James Bowker

Sir Pierson Dixon

Mr. Roger Allen

*United States*

Secretary Acheson

Ambassador Gifford

Ambassador Jessup

Mr. Perkins

Mr. Nitze

Mr. Battle

Miss Kirkpatrick

Mr. Palmer

Mr. Eden reverted to Mr. Nitze's question in the morning session asking what decision the British would like to see emerge from the Sudan Assembly. He felt that when the Assembly met, it should express its opinion regarding the relationship of the Sudan to the Crown of Egypt. The answer which emerged might not be the answer the British want, but at least they would know where they stood.

Sir Ralph Stevenson was doubtful that the Egyptians would agree to putting the title to the Assembly but felt they should be encouraged to cooperate.

Mr. Eden said that he felt that it was necessary to throw the question into the Assembly and to encourage the Sudanese to give as close an approximation as possible of what the Egyptians want.

Mr. Acheson said that our interest in the problem derived from its effect on the peace and stability of the Middle East. We have no mission except to help the UK bring about a settlement. We are