

south is mentioned. Sabri and Salem, in reply to direct question stated Egypt willing to go to breaking point over question of public mention of "south". They pointed out that Naguib feels he has already gone too far towards mtg Brit views and made it clear he wld not be unhappy if Sudan negots shld break down over Brit obstinacy re south Sudan, as such a turn of events wld strengthen his popular position in Egypt.

*Comment:* This is not first indication that mil are tempted to chuck up the difficult path of negot and revert to "natl struggle" as the more popular and appealing "solution" to Egypt's foreign affairs problems. The question of which way the tide will turn in Egypt, and consequently the whole Arab East, thus hinges in a very real sense on the use of a word.

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 No. 1050

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1227. Re Deptel 1171 to Cairo Dec 5 concerning proposed Anglo-Amer talks on Egypt Rep Brit Emb Dec 15 informed along fol lines:

"FonOff wld like start these talks as soon as possible after Christmas. Scope of talks (as Dept has suggested) wld be:

"1. Terms upon which Her Majesty's govt cld agree to withdraw from CZ, 2. collaboration of Arab states with MEDO, 3. mil aid to Egypt as part of gen settlement, 4. econ aid to Egypt.

"Mr. Eden wld greatly prefer them to take place in London, since the relevant info is all readily avail there and since it is after all the Brit who will be putting forward their ideas on the mil side at any rate."

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<sup>1</sup> Also sent to London as telegram 4050 and to Khartoum as telegram 16.