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"We are unimportant in our own country."

Under the above heading, Rose El Yussuf, the pro-government weekly writes: "Some countries still think that Egypt of to-day is the same as Egypt of a century ago. They seem to think that they can still use the excuse of protecting the minorities in order to interfere in our internal affairs. They imagine that they can threaten us everytime one of their nationals gets a sun-stroke or a scratch.

They think that their Ambassadors can still go to the Prime Minister of Egypt and shake their fists in his face, and that Egypt will then cry out for forgiveness. These countries forget that Egypt is the only country in the world where religious and minority problems do not exist, while minorities suffer persecution everywhere else. In civilized America, the author of the four freedoms, negroes are hanged and the Red Indians are persecuted on such a scale that their race has nearly become distinct. The Ku-Klux-Klan murder Jews in America openly. In England, some Britishers attacked and murdered two negroes at Liverpool last week. Egypt is the only country where Jews, Copts, and Moslems live peacefully together. Egypt has always been bled dry by the foreigners. She was to the foreigners like a cow with plenty of milk. But the cow now wishes to distribute her milk fairly so that its own young may get some of it. Yet some countries do not seem to appreciate Egypt's kindness. They have protested recently against individual incidents in which one or two of their nationals were hurt. They protested although they knew that Egypt was at war and that she had every right to consider all the nationals of those countries to be enemies of the state who should be interned or even hanged if they are proved guilty of collaborating with the enemy. They protested even though they knew that Egypt did not intern foreigners except when it was absolutely necessary to do so. We put the snakes under surveillance instead of killing them and be rid of them".

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 Palestine.

Under the headline: "Preparing for war", Rose El Yussuf writes: "It is certain that no matter what solutions may be put forward by Count Bernadotte or be imposed on the Arabs by the United Nations, the Arab countries will not

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retreat and the victorious Arab armies will not leave the places they occupied until they are assured of the safety of the Arab inhabitants of those places. Egypt has heard a new opinion put forward by the fifth column to the effect that there is no danger if the Jewish State is established seeing that the Arab countries will blockade it and suffocate it economically. This viewpoint was professed before the war started but rejected by the Arab countries which rightly maintain that an economic blockade may kill the Jewish state after a thousand years but not after a year or two. The Jewish state must have taken into account Arab economic boycott before the war started. The Arab armies will therefore not quit Palestine until the Jews in that country are defeated."

Under the headline "A scandal", Rosa El Yussuf writes: "The Egypt-Europe League succeeded in collecting LE 3000 from its members as contribution for the welfare of the Egyptian army in Palestine. The Egyptian members contributed only LE 400 while the European members contributed LE 2600.

Hoikal Pasha will head Egyptian team to U.N.O.

The Arabic press reports that President of the Egyptian Senate Hoikal Pasha will head the Egyptian delegation to the United Nations at its coming session.

Israel promises military bases to Russia.

Al Ahram writes: "We learned that Mr Trygvio Lie had sent a personal letter to Count Bernadotte when the latter was in Jerusalem in which he told him that the United Nations stood by the partition decision which it had taken some months ago. It is also said that Shertock has promised both Russia and the U.S.A. to grant them military bases when Israel is established. America was annoyed when she heard the news".

Al Ahram then goes on to say that Israel has sent Gilda Meyerson, head of the political section of the Jewish agency, to Russia in order to assure the Russians that Israel would grant Russia military bases once she was definitely established, and in order to ask for a financial loan from Soviet Russia. England, however, has promised some Arab countries that under no circumstance would she let Russia secure a military base in Israel as such a thing would directly threaten her position in the Middle East.

Al Ahram also reports that Fares Al Khoury Bey may be recommended by the Arab countries and by some friendly foreign states to become member of the International Court of Justice.

"Yo Arabs wake up".

Under the above heading, Al Ikhwan Al Muslimoun writes: "Fire! Fire! Danger! Danger! Yo Arabs wake up! Ben Gorion, the chief of the gang of thieves, has unmasked himself and declared in the Zionist magazine "Time" two days

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ago that the Jews did not enter the war in order to get their small state, but in order to expand outside Palestine and make room for ten million Jewish immigrants. Let this be a warning to the Arabs. Unless we destroy the scorpions in Palestine, the Arab countries will be over-run by them and it may then be difficult to destroy them. Yo Arabs! Defend Egypt in Palestine. Defend Iraq in Palestine, Defend Mecca in Palestine. You heard what Ben Gorion said. You now have no choice. Either kill the scorpions or be killed".

Al Ikhwan attacks Bernadotte.

Under the headline: "Send them back to their homes"; Al Ikhwan writes: "The sensitive and honourable Count Bernadotte says that he is very concerned about the Arab refugees and that he is trying to procure tents for them to protect them from the sun and rain. Yo Count! Those people for whom you are trying to get tents have homes. What is the good of you or of your mediation if you do not succeed in sending them back to their homes? We believe that you should stay in your country and do not return to the Middle East until the Arab refugees are returned to their homes".

Syria cancels National celebrations because of Palestine.

Al Assas reports that the Syrian government has decided not to celebrate Constitution Day this year because of the Palestinian situation. The Syrian Legation will not therefore hold the usual party which it used to hold on August 17th each year.

Al Assas also publishes an editorial under the headline "The necessary propaganda for the Arab cause", in which it says that the Arabs should publicize the Arab cause abroad. The article is not particularly interesting and need not be translated in this Review.

Al Misri comments on Akhbar El Yom's article of August 14th.

Akhbar El Yom published an interesting editorial on August 14th under the headline "Egyptian leaders believe that a unified Palestine is more dangerous than a Jewish state" which was duly translated in the Review (See the Review of August 14th, page 4). Al Misri comments on the editorial by saying: "Pro-Zionist propaganda is not always made by the Zionists themselves, but sometimes Arab newspapers publish articles (Sometimes in good faith) which can only benefit the Zionists because they lead to confusion. The chief Arab aim is to prevent the partition of Palestine and prevent the establishment of a Jewish state. To say that partition is less harmful than a federal union in Palestine is a form of Zionist propaganda which harms the Arab cause. Such articles may be published in good faith but they are very harmful to the Arab cause."

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The Egyptian army after the disappearance of British influence.

Under the above heading, Al Assas, Nokrashi Pasha's mouthpiece, writes: "British history is black. The blackest page of their history concerns the things Britain did to our army. Even after Egypt became independent, the British continued to control the Egyptian army completely. They made sure that the Egyptian army was useful only for parading at funerals or national celebrations.

"In 1936, a treaty was concluded between Egypt and Britain. In one of its articles, it was stipulated that a British military mission be appointed to train the Egyptian army and that the weapons used by the Egyptian army should be of the same type as the weapons used by the British army in order to make cooperation between the two armies easy. But Egypt received hardly any weapons. The guns Britain gave us were obsolete and dated as far back as 1908. Few airplanes were given to Egypt but without spare parts. We wanted to build arm factories and although the parliament approved the credit for the building of four such factories, the British would not let us build them. We have, however, rid ourselves of the British military mission. We no longer care about the displeasure of the British Embassy. We managed to fight the war in Palestine without help of any description from Britain. Other countries gave us the arms we needed and we succeeded in defeating the Zionists. We do not therefore doubt the statement of the Minister of defence when he declares that Egypt will soon have her own arm factories. The government which could perform such miracles in Palestine can surely have arm factories built in Egypt".

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The Companies Law.

Al Ahram reports that Under-Secretary for Commerce Abdullah Fikry Abdza Bey has made a statement to the effect that the government persisted in its viewpoint concerning the application of the Companies law in the case of the Suez Canal Company, and that unless the government received from the company the information it asked for by a certain date, the government would prosecute.

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The Egyptians boycott Hindustani party.

Rose El Yussuf reports that the party held by the Hindustan Embassy on August 15th on the occasion of Hindustan's first anniversary was boycotted by the Egyptians because of Hindustan's attitude towards Hyderabad. It is interesting to note that while the press gave wide publicity to the party held by the Pakistan Embassy and while very friendly articles about Pakistan were published by the Arabic press, little attention was paid to the anniversary of Hindustan.