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SUBJECT: Communist Propaganda in the Sudan

From time to time Communist inspired pamphlets have been circulated in the Sudan. During the past few days one of the longest circulars ever put out here has been distributed among the local population. Printed in Arabic under the title, "Down with the Despot's Government," it has been distributed by unnamed persons who claim to represent the "Sudanese Movement for National Liberation." A translation of this circular has been provided this office by Mohammed Khalil JUBARA, Educational Director of the National Unionist Party, and is attached as Enclosure No. 1 UNCLASSIFIED. This circular is an attack upon alleged American policy and a denunciation of the NAGUIB regime in Egypt. It is difficult to estimate the strength of the Communist movement in the Sudan. According to Mohammed Khalil Jubara, it is well known that this circular was financed by funds sent by the Russian Embassy in Cairo, although he admitted that it would be impossible to prove this in a court of law. There is no one who publicly claims to be the leader of the Sudanese Movement for National Liberation, although the Sudanese know that the people who distribute these circulars are sympathetic toward the Communist cause; and they are aware that although these people have no known source of income or employment, yet they appear well dressed by local standards and appear to have an inexhaustible supply of money.

Our informant, who is the headmaster of a nationalist school in Omdurman, claims that the real strength of the Communist party in the Sudan is among secondary school students. He claims that a conservative estimate would place the number of Communist adherents in the secondary schools in the Sudan at one-third of the total enrollment. His explanation of this development is that the youths have very little to do with their leisure time and are preyed upon by Communist agitators. He and his party, the National Unionists, have attempted to start a Youth Guide movement to counter the Communist influence, but up to the present time have met with little success because of lack of financial support. He intimated that the Egyptian Government, or sources close to the Egyptian Government, would now make available funds to start a Guide movement, and he plans to visit Cairo soon to obtain information about this youth movement.

Mohammed Khalil Jubara claims that the Communists in the Sudan are not strong enough to initiate a full scale civil disturbance. They could, however, conduct scattered protest meetings and, in the event of widespread civil disturbance in

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the Sudan, they could intensify a chaotic situation far out of proportion to their normal strength in the country. It seems obvious to us from this circular that the Communists are attempting to stir up anti-American feeling and that they are critical of the Egyptian Government because they feel that a settlement of the Sudan problem may result from the present Egyptian Government's attitude. The Communists, needless to say, do not desire a genuine settlement of the Sudan problem but would prefer discord and trouble here.

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✓ Translation from the Arabic of "Down with the Despot's Government."

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Sudanese Movement for National LiberationFor All Countrymen:

The Egyptians are passing - these days - through a very critical and dark stage in the history of the country. They have recently experienced very violent movements, hard and bad times. Yet, they have not seen so dark a term of severity and despotism as the term they are experiencing now.

Those who have control over the Government, these days, are nothing but dictators. They are just ignorant soldiers who are but following American political policy--depending fundamentally on force and absolute cruelty. They rule Egypt without a constitution. All political parties have been dissolved and newspapers have been stopped. They are using prison wards and courts martial as their buffer in this absurd policy.

They smile at the erstwhile companions of Farouk and laugh with the representatives of British and American colonization, while the greatest enemies of Farouk and the enemies of British and American colonization are thrown in dark jails just as Farouk and his insolent companions used to do.

We can neither forget what Farouk and his insolent companions did, nor can we forget what Mohammed Naguib is doing today. We cannot forget what he did on the eleventh of June 1946 when SIDKI was preparing to bring out the Sidki-Bevin scheme. We cannot forget how he imprisoned the free patriots, the enemies of the colonizers and how he stopped publication of newspapers, justifying his act by stating that these publications worked toward spreading dangerous Communism and intended to alter the government.

We cannot forget how NAGRASHI proclaimed Martial Law to defend the Palestine plot against the plans of the Communists, how he abolished newspapers, sent tens of citizens to prison, and how he maneuvered against the Sudanese by the Khashaba-Campbell scheme.

We cannot forget how Farouk burned Cairo and pretended that the Communists did the burning in order to give himself a valid motive for declaring Martial Law, to imprison the patriots, to abolish the fighting parties and hand their heroes to the colonizers. We cannot forget how he dissolved Parliament and started negotiations with the British.

We cannot forget how Mohammed Naguib claimed to suspect a scheme for changing the Government and to find Communists were behind it in order to give himself reason to liquidate the political parties, imprison the same patriots who had previously been caught by Sidki, Nagrashi, and Hillabi; and finally to declare himself an absolute despot for three years' time under a Military Government.

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Nor can we forget how Mohammed Naguib tried to force himself upon the Egyptians by using imprisonment, undeserved courts martial, and by suppressing and exterminating freedom of assembly and by dissolving the Constitution so as to have complete power over the Sudan and Egypt similar to Farouk and his adherents. Not only this, he also established military alliances that assure the continuation of foreign colonization of the Nile Valley.

A government that plots against the people and neglects their right to freedom always fears the people's opposition, the Constitution, the liberties, the honest newspapers, and the true, faithful patriots.

Here, in the Sudan, we have experienced the oppression of Governments of Egypt against our rights and privileges. The Governments of Egypt wanted to make agreements with the colonizers to crush us and crush our sister Egypt. Sidki wanted to force the Sidki-Bevin scheme and the symbolic crown upon us while Nagrashi wanted to obligate us with the Khashaba-Campbell scheme! Hillabi also wanted to make us accept the symbolic crown and the oppressive Mediterranean Pact.

These are facts that have been made clear by the history of these insolent traitors. Yet today Mohammed Naguib wants to give us symbolic self-government so as to bring us into the Mediterranean Pact and open our country to the prospect of American colonization.

The Government that denies her people their right of freedom will never defend the freedom of other oppressed peoples. This is an undisputed fact.

Countrymen:

The leaders of the Egyptian Army have said before that they will end Martial Law, restore parliamentary government, respect the Constitution, and close the prisons that had been opened by Farouk. But they continued to do the same things. Today they say they are going to defend the Sudanese and reject the Mediterranean Pact. We cannot believe them so long as they continue to be slaves of the American Ambassador, and so long as they do not fulfill their previous promises to the people. We cannot believe them when they are crushing the freedom of the Egyptians. We cannot believe what they say, for it is they who really run the negotiations with the British and collaborate with them against us. We can never believe them because they are of the same stamp as Farouk, Sidki, Nagrashi, and Hillabi.

Countrymen:

Because of the strong historical ties that bind us to Egypt and the Egyptians, because of our expected future collaboration in the struggle for retaining the freedom of the Egyptians, for combatting the Cairo Treaty and the Mediterranean Pact, for gaining our freedom and that of the Egyptians, let us struggle mightily to put down Naguib's Government and restore the Egyptian Constitutional Government. Let us show how we dislike the barbarian and fierce leadership of the Egyptian Army.

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Let us ask the Egyptian people to declare that they resent and deplore the events of January 16, 1953.

Let us ask the "National Unionist Party" to abandon the poor policy that was followed in Farouk's reign.

Let us send letters, telegrams, and selected delegates to carry our protest to the Commander of the Egyptian Army in Khartoum.

Hail the struggle of the Egyptians!

Hail the shared struggle with the Egyptians!

Hail the struggle for freedom!

Down with colonization and despotism!

Down with unjust martial despotism!

Down with the Government of Naguib!

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