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1. In the confusion created by the political developments a new student body has emerged, adding to the disorders of 24-27 November 1946; it is the National Front of the Students of the Nile Valley (Al-Gibha al-Wataniyah Li-Talabat Wadi al-Nil), which has printed and distributed a "pact," signed by opposition elements. This pact, a translation of which follows in paragraph 6, made its appearance in Cairo streets on 15 November 1946, although it was prepared in October of 1946.
2. An investigation of the origin of this student body reveals that on 7 October 1946 a group of protesting young men belonging to many political parties, societies, and organizations met secretly at the YMCA and conceived the idea of a national pact. They were under the leadership of Kamal Ahmad Shubban, a student inspired with revolutionary doctrines.
3. The group met again on 9 October 1946, to check the pact for the last time and to approve its provisions. The police, suspicious of this gathering, interrupted the meeting and arrested Mustafa Mumayn, Hasan Sharawi, and Jamal al-Din Ghali, who are all active student agitators. The case was referred to the Parquet which released all of the accused for lack of conclusive evidence.
4. The group gathers Egyptian, Sudanese, Nubian, and Libyan students, among whom are:
 - (a) Abd-al-Rauf Abu Alara, Wafdist,
 - (b) Fuad Muhammad al-Sa'id, of Ali Mahir's Gibhat Misr,
 - (c) Sa'd Zaghlul Fu'ad, Misr al-Fatah,
 - (d) Muhammad Hasbu, Sudanese,
 - (e) Amin Muhammad Abd-al-Mumayn, Kutlah,
 - (f) Fu'ad Muhi al-Din,
 - (g) Muhammad Khairi,
 - (h) Jamal al-Din al-Sanhuri, Ikhwan.
5. Quite distinct from the nationalist teachings of opposition elements, the customary doctrines have infiltrated in the group. Kamal Ahmad Shabban and Jamal al-Din Ghali are the exponents of the communist thesis. Ghali was arrested in the big communist drive on 11 July 1946 and was released on 28 July. Later he traveled to Europe to participate in a student convention. With Miss Inga Ifflatyn he represented Egyptian students at this convention.

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6. The pact itself announces the formation of the National Front of Students, states its aims, and describes the means to achieve these aims. By its provocative wording it brought its contribution to the disorders that took place in Cairo on 24-27 November 1946. The pact reads as follows:

Pact of National Front for the Students of the Nile Valley

- I. Sixty-four years have passed, and the Nile Valley is still suffering under the tyranny of imperialism. Blood is shed everywhere to save the enslaved country which suffered all these long years from all sorts of persecution and exploitation. A flood of false promises were made and a series of failing negotiations took place which deprived the citizens of their independence and dignity. As the young men of the Valley have pledged God and Home to struggle for the freedom of the Valley and its independence, we, the undersigned of this pact, being the delegates and representatives of our groups, decided the following:
- First: To form a National Front by uniting the lines of the students in the aims and with the means given farther below. This National Front is formed from students of many groups in the Nile Valley, who accept the conditions of this National Pact and carry them out faithfully and sincerely.
- Second: The aims of the Front are:
- (a) The accomplishment of full independence of the Valley;
 - (b) To apply the real democratic rule in the Valley;
 - (c) To enforce the democratic rights of the students.
- Third: The means--
The Front decided to use the following means to realize the above mentioned aims:
- A. 1. To defeat any government that accepts bargaining or negotiation contrary to the principles of complete evacuation of the Nile Valley on land, on sea, and in the air. Also, the defeat of any government that tries to stifle the principal freedoms of the peoples which are guaranteed by the constitution. Accordingly, the present Parliament should dissolve and the Sidqi Cabinet should be dismissed. A democratic Cabinet should then be formed, composed of national elements, which carries out the desires of the people, including refusal to come into any form of alliance with Britain. This government will then designate people's delegates who will submit the Egyptian Cause to the Security Council and will hold free popular elections.
2. To proclaim the cancellation of the 1936 Treaty; terminate the present negotiations; submit the question of the Nile Valley to the Security Council without delay; and to go on with the popular struggle under a unified command.
3. To unite the struggle of the students with that of the laborers and farmers of the Nation.

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4. To establish contact with the democratic groups and the unions of students of other countries which oppose imperialism abroad, to induce them to propagandize for the cause of the Nile Valley.
- B.
1. To endeavor to form a democratic government based on free elections and a clear internal and external program.
 2. It is the opinion of the Front that this can be accomplished by:
 - (a) Demanding full evacuation of the Nile Valley on land, on sea and in the air, without entering into negotiations or bargaining with regard to this basic right;
 - (b) Refusing any military alliance or economic bonds which tie the fate of the country to imperialism;
 - (c) To cancel all laws contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and those which restrict the public freedoms; likewise the law for students, the law for the officials, the law for the press and the recent amendment of Article 174 of the Penal Code, as these laws prevent the struggle of the students and the other classes of the peoples to achieve the above mentioned aims;
 - (d) To endeavor to form a general union which will try to decide the democratic rights for them. Among its objectives will be:
 - (1) To demand the spreading of free education in all schools and institutions, inasmuch as it is a basic democratic right which we should possess, especially because the present Cabinet has used the inability of the majority of the students to pay the school fees as a weapon to prevent them from entering their institutions.
 - (2) To acknowledge the sacredness of the universities, institutions and the various schools to protect them from the assaults of the police and others.
 - (3) To resist all kinds of persecutions, including dismissals, exclusions from examinations for lack of payment, cancellation of free education, the arresting of students who struggle for their country and, to re-examine the students who are denied this right because they have failed to pay their school fees and because of political reasons relating to the National Movement.
- II. All groups signing this pact will respect, interpret and carry out its provisions. Whoever breaks any of its conditions, either secretly or openly, will be regarded as a menace to unity and a threat to the National Movement. He will be considered a conspirator with imperialism.

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III. Imperialism, which continued to thrive on the blood of the children of the Nile Valley for over half a century and which endeavors to tie the fate of our Country to its fate, and uses us as a weapon to fight the freedoms of the nations; this abhorred imperialism which lowers the standards of living of the Nation, exploits and punishes the worker and the farmer, destroys the economic freedom; this imperialism, therefore, must disappear and its treacherous supporters must be crushed.

(Signed by:)

The National Party (Watanist)
The Wafd Party
The Kutlah al-Wafdiah Party (Kutlah)
The Group of the Egyptian Students
Misr al-Fatah (Young Egypt)
Ikhwan al-Muslimin (Moslem Brothers)
Gabhat Misr (Egypt Front of Ali Mahir)
Group of Nubian Students
Group of Sudanese Students
Union of Secondary Schools
Union of Technical Schools
High Executive Committee of Students

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