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1. Following the settlement of the Sudan Railroad strike, the Sudanese Government, taking advantage of the temporary disorganization of the Workers' Affairs Association and the Sudan Graduates' Congress which came as a result of numerous arrests of suspected Communists, struck at these two organizations with unusual vigor. Among the leaders who received long prison sentences were Gasim Amin, Secretary of the WAA; Amin Hasan Riffali, Secretary of the Graduates' Congress Committee in Atbara; 'Abd-al-Qadir Salim, railroad foreman; and al-Nur Zayn Hayba, a clerk. Seventeen other members of the two organizations received similar sentences.

2. Each time that WAA leaders were removed from office to serve prison terms, new leaders, equally outspoken, came forward to take their places, asserting to the WAA membership that the solidarity of the workers had not been impaired after the persecution of their leaders, and charging that the government's policy was designed to destroy the unity of the workers. They assured the membership that behind their leaders stood a solid block of able-bodied men who would not depart from the policy of the WAA.

3. There were abortive strike movements in many localities in protest against the arrests and sentences. Two hundred Port Sudan railroad workers who staged a protest strike were summarily dismissed from work.

4. The Sudanese Government is pursuing its vigorous campaign to destroy the present leadership of the WAA and the Graduates' General Congress, in an effort to eradicate the Communist elements in the two organizations, which are considered to be the two most important potentially Communistic groups in the Sudan.

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