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CAIRO, May 11—King Farouk I, 28-year-old Egyptian monarch, declared today that he "cannot and will not tolerate a Zionist state in the Middle East, close to Egypt's borders."

Farouk, who has made repeated efforts to reach agreement with other Arab leaders on the Palestine problem, is expected to play a vital

role in the future of the Holy Land after the British mandate expires at 12:01 A. M. Saturday.

Here are the five questions submitted by this correspondent and the answers presented by Kareem Bey Thabet for Farouk:

(1). "Would His Majesty care briefly to define what Egypt's attitude toward Palestine will be after Britain lays down her mandate May 15?"

"His Majesty's Government has already made it clear on diverse occasions that Egypt intends to extend all the help that lies at her command to our brother Arabs in Palestine."

(2). "Would it be possible for His Majesty to enter into detail as to what this help will include?"

"His Majesty has said on more than one occasion that it will be of a military, economic and financial nature, and that no effort will be spared in these directions."

(3). "As His Majesty is the monarch of a country that has a very large Jewish population, could you let me have any indication of his general attitude toward Jews and Zionists?"

"His Majesty is pleased to see that you have made a distinction between Jews and Zionists. The Egyptians have no quarrel with the Jews. Zionism is quite another thing. His Majesty cannot and will not tolerate a Zionist state in the Middle East, close to Egypt's borders."

(4) "Does His Majesty have any suggestions or ideas as to what would be the best way to settle the strife now raging between the Arabs and the Jews in Palestine?"

"It is the general belief that force will be necessary to deal with the Zionists; this is the only method they understand."

(5) "Can I take it that the rights of minorities—in this case the Jews—would be properly safeguarded in an Arab state of Palestine?"

"Most definitely so."