

Who Killed the Egyptian Dream?

The two interviews excerpted here were published by *EIR*, Jan. 25, 1983. The first quote is from Maher Abaza, Egypt's then-Minister of Electricity, from an interview with *EIR*, conducted in Cairo, Dec. 17, 1982:

“At the end of the century, hydropower will be the source of 10-15% of energy; 10-15% will be gas-powered stations; 15% will be coal-powered stations; and 15% will be diesel-powered stations. The rest, which is 40%, we expect to be nuclear power stations. We do not want to have all our

eggs in one basket.”

Youssef Wali, Egypt's Agriculture Minister at the time, was asked about Egypt's plans for reclaiming the desert, and helping Sudan and all of Africa to develop agriculturally and into a “new Japan”:

“That's right. It is along the same lines that your magazine has written in its recent cover story: ‘Egypt's Fight To Become the Japan of the Middle East.’ I agree with that concept. It is a very smart approach to take. We have to fight, though, to become the new Japan. It is not an easy game. Our transformation into a new Japan will not be served to us on a golden platter. We will have to work hard; we must be organized; we will have to avoid mismanagement, to avoid corruption, to avoid miscommunication, to become the Japan of the Middle East. I agree 100% with your vision.”