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Subject: UAR and Nasser

- Recent demonstrations indicate there considerable unrest in UAR. This unrest apparently not yet focused and involves both radical and moderate elements. Nasser is making firm effort to keep control of situation and is appealing to both elements. Both Nasser and Haykel, Editor authoritative Al-Ahram, are talking of changes, although it not yet clear what changes are in offing. New cabinet shake-up predicted by press, but Nasser will probably retain premiership as well as presidency.
- Internal opposition to Nasser relates to general disillusionment arising from defeat of last June and from testimony in recent trials, to unhappiness of military at being saddled with responsibility for catastrophe, and to disenchantment with revolution on part of younger intellectuals and students. Nasser's ability to remain in power will depend

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