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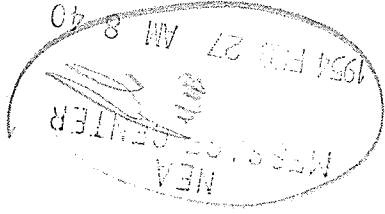
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Naguib removal hit Khartoum like bomb leaving Sudanese stunned and confused. Small demonstrations in which crowds shouted long live Naguib. Zulficar, ranking Egyptian, said last night he knew this coming for six months but surprised at timing. Claimed Naguib demanded veto power over RCC and used scheduled visit Sudan give ultimatum. Stated foreign powers who dealt with Naguib as individual will have recast policy but those who dealt Government of Egypt can expect continuity, would not elaborate. He realizes disappointment Sudanese who consider Naguib hero. Due state public opinion here he does not expect Salah Salem come for Parliament ceremony.

Five members Cabinet yesterday expressed surprise and disappointment and stated Naguib removal will hurt NUP. UMMA leaders say pro-independence movements strengthened because proof Egyptians not dependable. British administrators jubilant on basis "at last crooks quarreling among selves," but believe more difficult deal with Nasir than Naguib and expect "rash" actions. All opinion here believes Naguib was moderating influence.

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