

EGYPT DISSOLVES 11 CULTURE GROUPS

**'Subversive' Ideas Are Charged
to Social, Science Bodies—
Some Millionaires Seized**

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—By a decree announced today the Egyptian Cabinet has dissolved eleven educational, cultural, scientific, social and labor organizations that it suspects of propagating "subversive" ideas and has ordered their premises closed. Branches of the Labor Union Congress all over Egypt are included in the ban.

The organizations were dissolved in the course of a campaign against "communism" that the Government started on Wednesday. The roundup has produced a very mixed bag indeed for it includes several men who cannot be called anything but capitalists and even some millionaires.

Those arrested include political opponents of the present Government, several Yugoslavs and Poles who are accused of acting as Communist agents, and some anti-royalist Greeks, implicated in the mutiny of Greek forces in Egypt during the war, who are reputed to maintain connections with Greek Leftists.

Communist Ties Charged

Many of these people would not by any known definition in Western countries be considered other than Liberals or Socialists. However, the pro-Government weekly newspaper Akhbar el Yom, which has the largest circulation in the Middle East, published a long article today purporting to show how the suspected individuals are linked to the Communist movement.

The newspaper declared that a very rich Jew, Henri Curiel, 35 years of age, is one of the chiefs of the Communist movement in Egypt and that the bookstore he owns sells Communist literature.

Dr. Mohammed Mandour, editor of the Wafdist newspaper Al Wafd Al Misri, is described by Akbar el Yom as an agent of the Third International. Al Wafd Al Misri recently published a series of articles entitled "Our Millionaire Pashas," which was devoted to the business

connections of members of the present Government and which resulted in police action against the newspaper. The daily has now been suppressed and the police have been authorized to prevent its appearance under any other name.

Akhbar el Yom added that Dr. Mandour had been seeking a rapprochement between the Wafd and the Third International.

The center of Communist activity in the Middle East, Akhbar el Yom continued, is the newspaper called the Voice of the People, in Beirut, Lebanon, and it added that the Egyptian authorities intercepted dispatches to the newspaper containing information upon which the police were able to act.

That there may have been more to the police campaign than the mere suppression of communism, however, was suggested by Akhbar el Yom when it said that among the Communist activities were attempts to cause a breakdown of the Anglo-Egyptian treaty negotiations, to incite to a revolution by causing friction between the Moslems and Copts to cause agitation in the working classes and the civil service, to deprecate the Government's efforts against poverty, ignorance and disease, and to fight against the Arab League.

Those arrested included Greek anti-Royalists and wealthy Greeks who are charged by their political opponents with making contributions to Leftist and Republican organizations in Greece.

Rumors of arrests mention names that are among the best known in the Greek community of Egypt, which numbers more than 200,000. Among those reported arrested in Alexandria are a paper manufacturer, a soap and oil manufacturer, a prosperous baker, a film producer and a rich landowner.

The organizations closed today by the Egyptian Cabinet include some that are representative of the best-educated classes of Egypt, such as the clubs of men and women graduates of the Egyptian universities.

Also closed were the Scientific Research Association and the National University, the latter being a night school.

Grenades Wound 5 Britons

ALEXANDRIA, July 13 (Reuter)—Five British soldiers were wounded by three hand-grenades that exploded outside a police station here late tonight.