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Nominees for Board of Gezira Club Are All Wealthy Men, One Being an American

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CAIRO, Feb. 23—The pashas instead of the people seem to have got hold of the sweep of parkland in the heart of Cairo—equivalent to Central Park in New York—that was nationalized last autumn as a patriotic and anti-British measure.

The Gezira Club, with its elegant race course, polo grounds, golf course, club house, swimming pool, tennis courts, gardens and playgrounds for the rich men's children had been established by the British in the days when Cairo had a British garrison and was the gathering place of a mixed foreign and wealthy Egyptian privileged caste.

The British and certain other foreigners had the traditional right to a certain number of places on the board of directors of the club.

The announcement by the previous Egyptian Government that the famous stronghold of the privileged was to become a park and a playground for the people was regarded as quite an event and evidence that things were changing in Egypt. The club grounds, worth several million pounds, were public property and had been rented to the club for a few pounds a year, since a nominal payment was a legal necessity.

It has now been announced that elections will be held next week for a new board of directors for the club which has acquired an Arabic name. The British members of the board had all resigned. The new nominees for the board are all wealthy or prominent Egyptians, with the exception of one who is an American.

At present the club's affairs are being managed by three vice presidents, all pashas. The diplomatic corps, which tends to be critical of the role that privilege plays in the Egyptian social system, showed remarkable solidarity with the aristocracy of capital and with the alarmed property owners in the adjoining exclusive Zamalek quarter who had protested that if the "poor, dirty people" had access to the Gezira Club grounds it would lower property values in Zamalek.

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