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Promises 'Severe Punishment' for Elements Responsible for Burnings of Jan. 26

CAIRO, Feb. 15 (UP)—The Government of Egypt announced tonight the arrest of "subversive elements" responsible for the riots in which central Cairo was burned out Jan. 26 and in which a score or more persons were killed.

"Severe punishment" was promised for those who "instigated and took part" in the disorders.

Later, Interior Minister Mortada Maraghy broadcast an appeal to the nation to ignore "alarmist rumors" like unconfirmed reports of violent outbreaks that had been circulating today in Cairo.

He said that the Government was fully in control of the situation, and charged that the rumors were being circulated by unidentified persons who wanted to "spread panic among the public."

The announcement of the arrests and the Government's intention to deal harshly with those responsible for the day of arson and murder followed presentation of an Egyptian note to Britain, denying implications of "official connivance" in the rioting.

The note replied to a British protest Feb. 2 against the British losses in life and property.

The Foreign Ministry said today that the Government "deplores the deaths and losses sustained in the course of that tragic day." It added: "It rejects all accusations of official connivance in the events."

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