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## Assembly, to Be Elected in 3 Months, Will Begin Shift From Military Regime

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CAIRO, Saturday, March 6—Egypt will elect a civilian constituent assembly within three months to begin assumption of power from the revolutionary military regime.

This was announced late last night by Aly Maher, former Premier and the nation's "man of crisis," following a conference with Maj. Gen. Mohammed Naguib, Egypt's President, and Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, the Premier.

The ten days of crisis arising from dissension between General Naguib and Colonel Nasser that shook the grip of the military junta is believed to have hastened the decision to return to civilian control of the nation's affairs.

Mr. Maher said the constituent assembly would be elected directly in June and would convene in July to review a draft Constitution prepared by a committee, of which he is chairman, and to serve as a provisional Parliament until the Constitution is put into effect.

### Censorship to End at Once

Internal press censorship is to be lifted immediately except in matters pertaining to national defense, Mr. Maher said, presumably to permit the press to play a part in preparing public opinion for the elections. Sometime before the balloting, martial law is to be ended also, he said.

The eleven-man Revolution Command Council will continue to exercise supreme authority until the assembly convenes, the elder statesman declared. Thereafter, and until the regular Parliament is installed, the council will be responsible before the constituent assembly, he added.

Colonel Nasser and General Naguib went from Mr. Maher's home to Colonel Nasser's home in suburban Heliopolis shortly before midnight to confer with some of the ten other members of the Revolution Command Council that overthrew King Farouk and the parliamentary regime on July 23, 1952. At 1 A. M. Colonel Nasser met the press and confirmed Mr. Maher's announcement.

The constituent assembly would have 250 members and would convene about July 23, the second anniversary of the military coup, he said. He added that a communiqué would be published Monday defining the precise relationship that would exist between the Revolution Command Council, the President and the assembly.

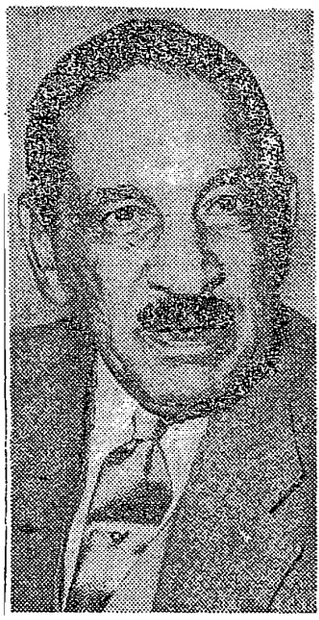
Meanwhile, press censorship was lifted as of today and martial law would end before the elections began, he said.

### No Political Parties Yet

Colonel Nasser said that no political parties would be permitted to exist until after the adoption of a Constitution that defines the principles governing them. All of the old parties were dissolved by the military regime shortly after it came to power.

Once a permanent Parliament was installed and the Revolution Command Council had no further function, its members would not return to military service, Colonel Nasser said, "because we want the Army to be divorced from politics."

This was interpreted as an indication that Colonel Nasser and the others planned to enter political life in a civilian capacity.



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**CALLS FOR ELECTION: Aly Maher, former Premier, who announced that Egypt would elect a civilian Assembly within three months to replace the military rule.**

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