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The Abul Fath Brothers Face Trial by Regime's Tribunal on Charges of Frauds

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CAIRO, April 24—Two members of Egypt's most prominent publishing family were indicted today by the Revolutionary Tribunal on charges that they had committed acts against the interests of the nation and sought to corrupt the Government's machinery.

The defendants are the brothers Mahmoud Abul Fath, 62 years old, and Hussein Abul Fath, 53. They are associated in the ownership and publication of Al Misri, major morning newspaper of the former Wafd party, and of two English-language and three French-language dailies here and in Alexandria.

The charges represented a continuation of the purge of the press, undertaken by the ruling Revolution Command Council, following its victory late in March over the forces seeking the return of civilian parliamentary rule.

Mahmoud Abul Fath is accused of having made contacts and fostered propaganda abroad "against the present regime with the aim of disrupting the national action." Also, he is charged with having illegally persuaded a civil servant to take part in a commercial transaction to serve the Abul Fath interests.

The charge against Hussein Abul Fath covers an alleged illegal attempt to obtain an arms contract from the Ministry of War and Marine in his "own interest and disregarding the interests of the country."

The accusations were served on Hussein Abul Fath and he was placed under house arrest. His brother is living abroad. According to the announcement by the Prosecutor's Office of the Revolutionary Tribunal, Mahmoud Abul Fath was informed of the charges through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The trial of the two men is scheduled to begin here Wednesday.

Hussein Abul Fath, who was president of the Press Syndicate recently purged by the regime, was listed as getting £5,000 Egyptian (about $1,445) of "secret funds" disbursed by former governments to publishers and journalists. Neither Mahmoud Abul Fath nor a third brother, Ahmed Abul Fath, the editor of Al Misri, nor the paper itself was accused in this matter.

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