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political tutelage which may be justified under the circumstances but which can be only a transitory phase. The manner in which the junta applies this tutelage will provide the final test of its intentions.

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In an effort to stabilize his regime and broaden its base Premier Nasser of Egypt has issued a draft law for the creation of a National Assembly and has submitted it to public discussion for constructive suggestions and criticism. This step is intended to initiate a new era in Egypt and pave the way to political life based on "modern democratic principles." In so far as it represents recognition by the revolutionary military junta of its own limitations and the need of popular participation in government it should be welcomed.

But it is at best only a preliminary step which must be followed by others. For the proposed National Assembly is a far cry from the full parliamentary government promised by the junta two months ago. Under General Naguib as titular President and Lieut. Col. Nasser as Premier and real ruler, the junta remains in undisputed power, and the new Assembly will consist merely of the junta's own nominees and appointees, who will have only advisory functions.

In thus limiting the functions of the Assembly and keeping the real power in their own hands the young officers in the junta have sought to eradicate the evils of the former parliamentary regime, which under the old party system had indeed reached a deplorable degree of inefficiency and corruption. For the same reason they have eliminated the old parties, purged most former political leaders from public life, and based representation in the Assembly in the main on economic and social groups, such as landowners, industrialists, merchants, bankers, tenants, workers and local governmental bodies, rather than a political party of their own. What this means is that they have put the country under

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