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took over the largely ceremonial functions of President on Wednesday.

Neither the removal of General Naguib nor the assumption of his duties by Premier Nasser has made a substantial change in the internal structure of political power.

Mr. Lufti el-Sayed's acceptance of the Presidency would not change the picture either. Never an important political figure, the octogenarian scholar could not be expected to exercise any power or influence in his own right.

The Presidential nominee was once Minister of Education and he held the Foreign Affairs portfolio in 1946. Never identified with any political party, he has devoted most of his life to Arabic scholarship and has written philosophical treatises.

Meanwhile the trial of Mahmoud Abdel Latif, the 32-year-old Cairo tinsmith and member of the Moslem Brotherhood who fired eight pistol shots at Premier Nasser on Oct. 26, ended today.

The People's Court panel of three members of the ruling army junta established to try the case announced that the verdict would be postponed and that the trial of Hassan el-Hodeiby, Supreme Guide of the brotherhood, would begin Monday.

In his summation, the defense counsel continued the strategy of placing the responsibility for the assassination attempt on Latif's superiors in the brotherhood.

This strategy aided the prosecution's efforts to prove conspiracy by the Moslem Brotherhood's leadership and its inner terrorist section.

Allegations that the conspirators were in league with General Naguib led to the general's ouster from the Presidency.

A Foreign Office spokesman said today that King Saud of Saudi Arabia had informed Egypt that he "was not interested in the Moslem Brotherhood question" and that he had turned down a request by brotherhood partisans that he mediate in their conflict with the Egyptian Government.

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CAIRO, Nov. 20—Egypt's military rulers have offered the post of President to Ahmad Lutfi el-Sayed, 84-year-old scholar and former Foreign Minister, according to an announcement made late tonight by Maj. Salah Salem, Minister of National Guidance.

The Presidency has been vacant since Maj. Gen. Mohammed Naguib was ousted last Sunday for alleged ties with a conspiracy by Moslem Brotherhood terrorists to overthrow the ruling junta by assassinations.

Premier Gamal Abdel Nasser

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