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CAIRO, Jan. 6—The leaders of Egypt's successful army revolution have ordered compensation paid to the heirs of an army colonel punished seventy-two years ago for leading an army uprising that failed.

The ruling Revolution Command Council at a recent meeting voted to distribute £20,000 Egyptian ($57,800) to the decendants of Col. Ahmed Orabi, luckless nineteenth century rebel against Turkish and European domination of Egypt.

Colonel Orabi, like Egypt's present Chief of State and Premier, Lieut. Col. Gamal Abdel Nasser, formed an army cabal and enforced reforms in the Government and military service in 1881.

It was to suppress the Orabi revolt that Britain in 1882 began an occupation that is only now being ended. Colonel Orabi was tried and sentenced to death but the sentence was commuted to exile in Ceylon.

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