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Cairo Hears of Beheadings in Public—Two of Imam's Brothers Facing Trial

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CAIRO, April 11—Six leaders of the abortive coup against Imam Seif el-Islam Ahmad of Yemen are reported to have been condemned and publicly beheaded.

Two of the Imam's brothers, Emir Seif el-Islam Abdullah, who seized the throne for five days, and Emir Seif el-Islam Abbas, are expected to be tried.

Egypt's Minister of Social Affairs, Lieut. Col. Hussein el-Shafei, who returned last night from Yemen, told of these events in an interview. His report is the only first-hand account of recent happenings in Yemen to reach the outside world so far.

The Imam was said to have been ordered by Premier Emir Seif el-Islam Hassan, another brother, to remain abroad. He maintained contact by wireless with Abdullah and Abbas during the coup and is suspected by the Imam of having sympathized with them. The Premier has been in Cairo since January.

Two of those reported executed were Lieut. Col. Ahmed Thalayee, actual leader of the revolt who was chief army instructor in Taez, and Kadi el-Sayyali, a Moslem religious judge and leader of the Taez ulema, the religious leaders, who received an ostensible abdication document from the Imam April 1.

The condemned reportedly were tried by a panel headed by the Imam, and were beheaded by the sword in the square before the Elurdhi fortress in Taez where the Imam was besieged and shelled by the insurgents. The executions were attended by thousands of armed tribesmen and troops who cheered the Imam, the Egyptian leader said.

Abdullah, who was Foreign Minister, and Abbas were said to have been moved yesterday to the prison fortress at Hajja. They will also be judged by the Imam himself, Colonel el-Shafei continued. Hajja is the stronghold of the Imam's eldest son, Emir Seif el-Islam el-Badr Mohammed.

As a measure to dampen any ambitions remaining among the Emirs, the Imam on Saturday formally named Badr as the Crown Prince, the Egyptian added. It was Badr who rallied the tribes and restored the Imam to his throne.

Another member of the Egyptian mission to Yemen estimated that twenty to thirty persons had been imprisoned in addition to the Emirs Abdullah and Abbas. Among them, he said, are two nephews of the Imam, the Emirs Yehia Ibn el-Hussein and Hassan Ibn Ali.

Colonel el-Shafei confirmed with slight modifications the account of the coup's origin given by the Premier.

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