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Prime Minister's audience of King Farouk on 26th February
Records audience of King Farouk at which Sir Miles Lampson accompanied the Egyptian Prime Minister. The latter emphasised strongly the need for improved social conditions and expressed the view that for taking a lead in such work His Majesty could not be charged with mixing in local politics or intrigues. Reference was made to Egypt's attitude to the war. The conversation throughout was of friendly and informal character.

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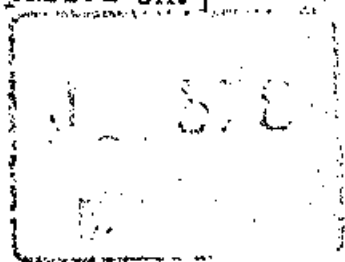
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On the afternoon of February 2nd the Prime Minister called on King Farouk at Abdin Palace. I accompanied him.

2. The Prime Minister once again emphasised strongly the crying need for improved sanitation, housing and living conditions etc., of the Egyptian people. For taking a lead in such humanitarian and social work no one would be able to charge His Majesty with mixing in local politics or intrigues. On the other hand His Majesty would be endearing himself for good reason with his subjects.

3. The only other point of interest was the expression of gratitude by His Majesty for references by the Prime Minister in his press conference the day before to the attitude of Egypt during the war. The Prime Minister confirmed that such were his feelings: indeed whilst nominally so, Egypt's attitude might be described as not quite neutral; on which His Majesty remarked that he supposed that Egypt's attitude was "unique" - which drew the rejoinder "perhaps so - or anomalous".

4. The conversation throughout was of the most friendly and informal character; and it was obvious that His Majesty was greatly pleased that the Prime Minister pressed as he was, had been able to find time to visit him.

O.T.P.

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