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Weekly Political Summary. ✓

King Farouk resents semi-royal features of Nahas Pasha's tour in Kena and Assuan and may make an issue of it. Is endeavouring to ascertain facts of the tour. Muslim Brethren and Young Egypt have increased in strength owing to support of Government who hope to secure their votes in event of election, but it is believed neither would support Wafd if it came out of Power. Muslim Brethren have protested against Jewish National Home. Government have refused permission to Opposition to hold Congress on site of recent Wafd Congress. Relaxation of press censorship continues.

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Weekly appreciation.

Reports from Palace quarters, from Under-Secretary of State for the Interior and D.G.P.S. indicate that King Farouk presents alleged semi-royal features of Nahas's tour in Keva and Asswan and that he may make an issue out of this and out of other recent actions of the Government as regards army (see paragraph 4 of my telegram No. 661) and Azhar etc. I am endeavouring to ascertain the facts of the tour which so far are by no means clear to me.

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2. D.G.P.S. states that Muslim Brethren and Young Egypt have increased in strength owing to encouragement of Government which hopes that these societies will support the Wafd in the event of the latter's being turned out and of elections. D.G.P.S. thinks that both societies will not stir a hand for the Wafd once the latter is out of power. Muslim Brethren are at present making a feature of Palestine question and have sent letters to British Embassy and other authorities protesting against Jewish National Home.

3. Government have rejected application of opposition for permission to hold a Congress on the site on which recent Wafd Congress was held. This particular site no doubt was selected by the opposition in order to represent an unfair refusal which was expected.

4. Relaxation of press censorship continues.