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EGYPTIAN COUP D'ETAT

From Cairo come these first authentic pictures of the bloodless coup by which the Army took over control of Egypt. It was the end of the King's attempt to maintain power. Troops in the street were the first indication of the change to most people, until, with the broadcasting station seized, it was announced that General Neguib, the Commander-in-Chief (whom Farouk refused as War Minister) had taken control; and the army were ordered to guard strategic points. The declared aim was to stop corruption. They struck at the top and General Neguib shows the abdication papers signed by King Farouk in favour of his 7-months-old son. At the Ras el Tin Palace, the leader of the coup is with Ali Maher (the New Premier) who secured Farouk's signature. Meantime, from Alexandria the Royal yacht "Mahroussa" sails with the ex-King and the infant-King for Capri. To the ordinary Egyptian the change is welcome and it seems that Mohamed Neguib is assured of support at home. What the change will mean to the rest of the world we have yet to see.

In the meantime, in the lovely isle of Capri, the ex-King nurses the new King Fuad II as Queen Harriman watches.

With the royal family are Farouk's three daughters by his former marriage; Fawsia, Ferian and Fadia. An ex-King dreams of former glories.