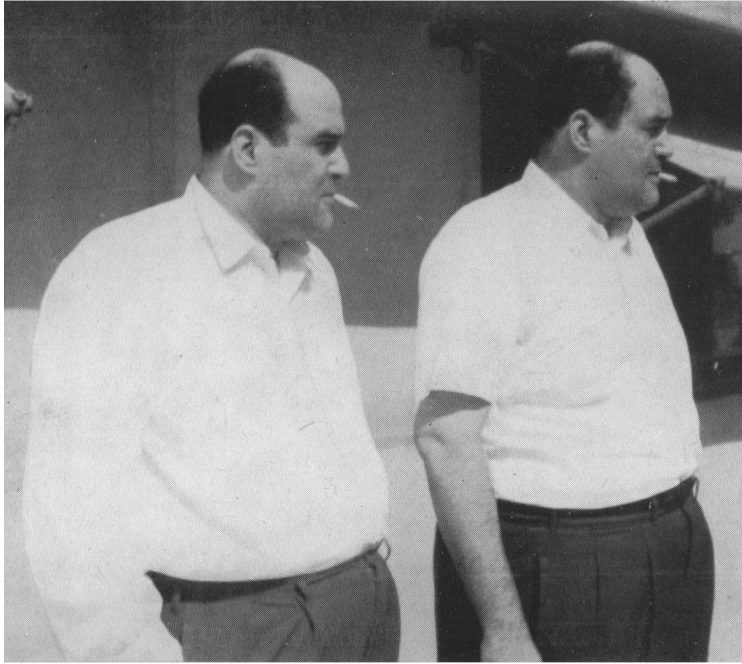


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A Famous Pair of Egyptian Twins

The Cairo newspaper Akbar El Yom (The Daily News) has a circulation of over 150,000; the largest of any newspaper in the Middle East. The coeditors and publishers are a pair of identical twins, Mustafa and Ali Amin.

They are unusually large and handsome men, both being 6'2" tall, and each weighing 260 pounds. Each is partially bald. Each of them had an attack of gout in 1949, they had childhood diseases at the same time, and they have had to have corresponding teeth removed.

They were born in 1914. They are grandsons of Zhoul Paska, who was leader of the Egyptian Revolution in 1918. Their father was Egyptian Ambassador to the United States from 1934 to 1938. Mustafa graduated from Georgetown University while his father was serving in Washington, whereas Ali received a degree in Engineering in England during this same period. On returning to Cairo they started out as newspaper reporters, and by 1944 they had accumulated sufficient resources to found Akbar El Yom. The same year they were elected to the Egyptian Parliament, one from north Cairo, and the other from south Cairo. They were the youngest members of Parliament and served until 1948.

They did not run for reelection, as they felt they did not have the time to spare from their publishing business. In addition to Akbar El Yom they publish three other papers with circulations of approximately 120,000; 100,000; and 80,000. They are fearless proponents of governmental and social reform, their slogan being "let us try democracy".

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