

Heykal Said to Attribute

Ouster to Rift on Nixon

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Mohammed Hassanein Heykal says he was dismissed as editor of Egypt's most prestigious newspaper because of his expressed doubts about President Nixon's influence in the Middle East, according to Time magazine.

Mr. Heykal, who was removed last week as editor of Al Ahram by President Anwar el-Sadat, said that he had begun to differ with Mr. Sadat because he felt that Mr. Nixon was too busy defending himself over Watergate to have any influence in the Middle East, according to Time.

"I doubt that he has the strength to force Israel to give up enough for an acceptable peace settlement," Time quoted Mr. Heykal as saying.

Mr. Heykal said that he differed with Mr. Sadat about the "pace with which we were putting all our trust in Nixon."

He said that he had not been surprised by his dismissal.