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Stars and Stripes in Cairo

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CAIRO — Authorities handed out thousands of American flags and workmen gave Cairo a last-minute face-lifting today in an all-out effort to give President Nixon the largest Egyptian welcome in modern time.

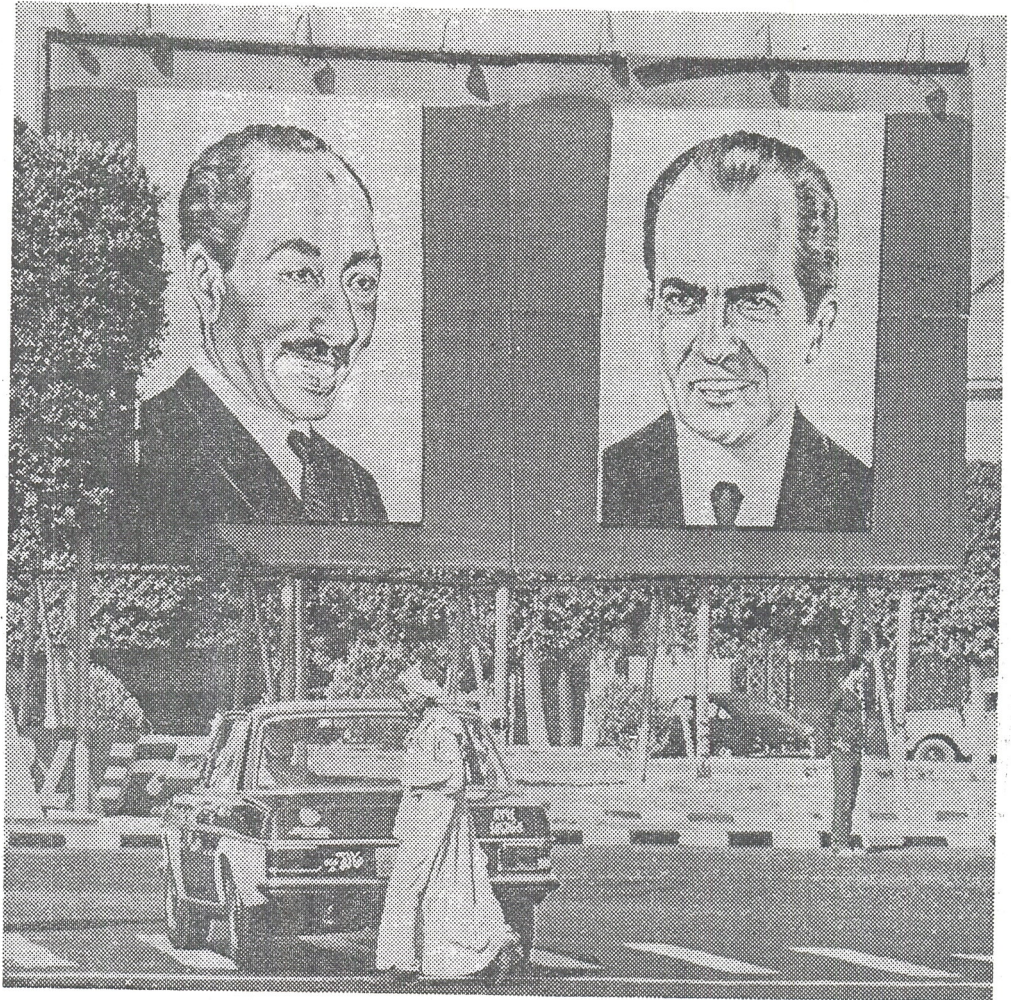
Government officials said the fanfare over Nixon's three-day visit beginning tomorrow will outstrip even the mob scene that greeted Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev in 1964.

The enormous welcome ceremonies were planned in part to thank Nixon for the United States' crucial role in bringing about a troop pull-back agreement between Egypt and Israel.

Authorities mustered more than 30,000 bodyguards from security forces and ordered 100,000 cheerleaders from the Arab Socialist Union to whip up enthusiasm for Nixon with bands, banners, flags and street applause.

Lance-carrying horsemen in blue and white were readied to escort Nixon and his wife on the trip from Cairo airport to the 400-room Koubbeh Palace.

American flags, including 3,000 the size of small blankets, fluttered in Cairo and Alexandria for the first time since 1967, when Cairo broke relations with the United



HUGE PORTRAITS ALONG ROUTE OF THE PRESIDENT IN CAIRO
Pictures of Sadat and Nixon look down on avenue leading from airport

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States.

Workmen painted every rusty lamppost in the traff-

ic-clogged capital of 5 million and along the nine-mile route out to the pyramids

and the sphinx, although Nixon is only to whirl over the highway in a helicopter.