

period which the Royal Government has just traversed would have been, on the part of the Government, a defiance launched against these hundreds of thousands of compatriots who do not want any more deputies (of the old pattern). That is why the present Electoral Cabinet considers this an immense popular movement against the legislative elections and that this is a case of force majeure creating an obstacle to the elections announced for 17th April next. A certain delay appears to be indispensable to make the compatriots understand the reasons for which the Sovereign and his Government have decided to reconsider the promised referendum.

On the other hand, the coming to the throne of the new sovereigns, the celebration of their crowning which should take place next June, occupy the attention of the Royal Government as much as the elections of the deputies.

That is why during its meeting of Monday 14th March, 1955, the Council of the Cabinet has decided to postpone the date of the legislative elections to Sunday 11th September, 1955, the opening of the electoral campaign being due to take place on 4th July of the same year.

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