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6. Source states that at the present time British prestige is on the upswing in Palestine because of their handling of the Syrian crisis. If, however, the Mufti receives severe punishment, even though legal and warranted, Arab feeling toward Britain will undergo rapid deterioration and the wrath of the Arab world will be incurred.*

*(Washington Note: The Mufti's prestige outside Palestine dwindled markedly in the last two years of the European War. Since V-E Day, however, his reputation in the Levant States and Iraq has again been on the upswing, a trend which has not taken place in Transjordan, Egypt, the Arabian peninsula, or North Africa.)

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