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REPORT NO: VEC-137

DATE: 2 January 1947

SUBJECT: New Arab League Organized by
Grand Mufti

H. HAYAT, NAJ, AMIN

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EVALUATION: As Indicated

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**New Arab League Organized by
Grand Mufti**

1. (In the British Monthly Intelligence Review) for October 1946, mention was made of a new Palestine Arab committee to be organized by the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin al HUSAYNI, to include 10 members exiled from Palestine and 10 from within Palestine. This may have some connection with the National Arab League discussed late in November at the Arab Club on Malika Farida Square.

2. In mid-November 1946 AG 63 received the following information indirectly from the Jewish Agency. Its reliability is unknown and it was not possible to check it at the time.

At a meeting in the residence of the Grand Mufti, Haj Amin al HUSAYNI in Alexandria about the middle of September 1946 a new Arab organization is said to have been formed to be called the "League of Arab Nations". This organization is intended to be wider than the Arab League and to include representatives of Arab Nationalist groups in North Africa and elsewhere. The policy of this new organization is said to be more extreme than that of the Arab League toward the Palestine question and it is probably more anti-British. The following individuals are said to form the executive committee.

MAHMUD ALY ALUBA Pasha

Probably identical with MUHAMAD ALY ALUBA Pasha, former minister, senator and lawyer who lives at #4 Sh. Menes, Heliopolis. (Le Mondain Egyptien 1946)

MAHMUD AZMI, Dr.

Royal councilor, writer; born 1889 at Minyat al Kamh; studied Khedival school of Law and at Faculte de Droit de Paris; wife was Klara Rosovsky; residence 96 Avenue du Roi, Kubah Gardens. (Le Mondain Egyptien 1946) Wrote Russian propaganda for "Al Masri" in 1945 (C.I.C. AMET #318) Reported in November 1945 that he and his wife were in pay of Russians. Was Director of Internal Revenue, then Dean of the Press Institute of Fuad I University, then Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Finance; visited London in 7 Jan. 1946 sent by Wafd to confer with the Russian Ambassador to England; delegated Royal Councilor for press affairs in the Ministry of the Interior in March 1946.

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*Si. in. 'Abd. al. Qader
al. Masjidi*

IBRAHIM ABD AL KADR AL MAZNIS

Writes in Al Misr; may be identical with "Al Masni" who was reported by C.I.C. in July 1945 to be writer for "Al Balagh" and "Akhbar al Yom" and to be one of those on whom the British had placed the task of forming an anti-American propaganda agency in Egypt.

† HABIB GAMATI

SIME files list him as a member in 1939 of Egyptian Lebanese Society for anti-Jewish Propaganda. On 6 June 1946 subject was reported by Beirut as a British agent (GNX-358).

† SAMI SARAG

Possibly identical with SAMI SIRAG AL DIN; brother of FUAD SIRAG AL DIN; student at Fuad I University who took active part in demonstrations of October 1945; Wardist.

† GAMIL AL MADFA

Is JAMIL MADFAI reported in February 1945 to be member of Iraqi Senate who resigned before the termination of his post and became the hero of anti-British and Leftist groups. (SI, G-7108)

HABIB ABURUQAYBA

Variants of this name are HABIB BOURGEIBA HABIB ~~ABU-RUQAYBA~~. Leader of the Tunisian constitutional party and very highly respected by Tunisians. Active in anti-French propaganda, trusted friend of Ikhwan al Muslimin. Left Egypt 14 October 1946 to visit Geneva, America and England to plead the cause of Palestinian and Tunisian arabs. (VEC-5)

AL SHAZLI AL MAKI

No information.

ABD AL SATAR AL BASIL

Senator from Etsa (Fayyum) lives at 42 Sh. Abd al Monaym, Dokki (Le Mondain Egyptien 1946). Reported by C.I.C. AMET in Sept. 1944 to have attended meeting of tribal shaykhs in Syria with a view to Arab Unity. (CIC 189)

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AHMAD HUSAYN

Head of Misr al Fattat, now on way to U.S.
(VEC-121 and previous reports)

✓ FAWZI AL RAKR

Fawzi al-Bakri

Syrian

3. On 28 December 1946 it was reported by a reliable source that AHMAD HUSAYN was scheduled to leave Egypt for the United States by air on 6 January 1947 where he expects to remain until March 1947. (Evaluation of above B-2). While in America, HUSAYN expects to propagandize in favor of an Arab Union stronger than the present Arab League, which he is forming. He has already sent invitations to join it to various Arab nations. While in the United States he will contact Arab delegations and members of the Security Council. (Evaluation of above B-3) One of the individuals HUSAYN will probably contact is HABIB ABU RUQAYBA now in the United States and said to be attacking the French occupation of North Africa. (Evaluation of above B-2).

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NAME OF INFORMATION: See Below

EXPLANATION: A, P-4; B, B-3

STATUS: See Text

The following information is from a source with Jewish Agency contacts.

- A. 1. In mid-November 1946 it was learned indirectly from the Jewish Agency that a new Arab organization, called the "League of Arab Nations", was formed in September 1946 at a meeting at the residence of the Grand Mufti in Alexandria. This organization is intended to be wider than the Arab League and to include representatives of Arab nationalist groups in North Africa and elsewhere. In connection with the Palestine question, the policy of the new organization is said to be more extreme than that of the Arab League and it is probably more anti-British.

Washington Source: IS-1045 distributed on 23 October 1946, reported the formation by the Grand Mufti of a new Palestine Arab Committee.

2. The executive committee of the new organization is said to be composed of the following persons:

- (a) **Abd al-Hadi Amin** - Presumably identical with **Abd al-Hadi Amin**, former Egyptian cabinet minister, senator and lawyer.
- (b) **Dr. Ahmad Amin** - Egyptian writer who wrote Russian program for **Al-Balagh** in 1945. Formerly Director of Internal Security, then Dean of the Press Institute of Fard I University, later Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Finance. On 7 January 1946 he was sent to London by the Mufti to confer with the Russian Ambassador to England. He was designated Royal Councillor for Press Affairs in the Ministry of Interior in March 1946.

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- (c) Luqman 'Abd-al-Qadir al-Masri (or al-Masri) - He writes for ... He may be identical with al-Masri who, in 1945, was reported to be writing for al-Naba and Al-Naba al-Yamni.
- (d) Habib al-Dawud (or Abd al-Rahman or Bourdhan) - Leader of the Fundist Constitutional Party; active in anti-French propaganda.
- (e) Al-Shaykh al-Faki - No information available.
- (f) Abd-al-Qattar Bayli - Senator from Hama (Syria). It is reported that he attended a meeting of Arab scholars in September 1944 in Syria for a discussion of Arab unity.
- (g) Abd al-Hamid - Head of Nizar al-Futaha; is said to be on his way to the United States.
- (h) Fayzi al-Bakri - Syrian.

Washington Comments: Bakri is a Syrian Deputy and is said to be spreading propaganda for Abdallah.

- (i) Habib Gannabi - In 1939 he was reported to be a member of the Egyptian Lebanese Society for anti-Jewish propaganda.
- (j) Said Sirag - Possibly identical with Said Sirag al-Hajj; brother of Faiz Sirag al-Hajj; student at Fundist University; took active part in demonstrations of October 1945; Marxist.
- (k) Qasim al-Hadifi - Reported to be Jamil Hadifi who, in February 1945, was reported to be a member of the Iraqi Senate and was removed before the termination of his post; ex-Minister of Iraq.

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3. On 23 December 1946 it was reported by a reliable source that Ahmad Hassan was scheduled to leave Egypt for the United States by air in January 1947, where he was expected to remain until March 1947. While in the United States he expects to propagate in favor of an Arab Union which he is planning to be stronger than the present Arab League. He has already invited various Arab nations to join the Arab Union. While in the United States he will contact Arab delegates and members of the Executive Council, one of the individuals he will probably contact is Habib al-Khatib, who is now in the United States and is said to be attending the French occupation of North Africa.

4. The following information from British sources was obtained by an informant and reliable source in Algeria, during a conversation with Major KIBBI. KIBBI was one of the Grand Mufti's closest collaborators in handling Arab matters being arranged by the American Army of the Middle East.

1. KIBBI's detailed service plans of which he had been told in a letter which he said, he had received from Egypt.
2. These plans concerned the setting up of a new organization with branches in every Arab state, which would work under a central committee headed over by the Mufti. The organization would be called Jam'iyat al-Arab, and the central committee entitled Majlis al-Shura.
3. KIBBI said that he had been informed that the organization would be controlled by a strong Arab League party, whose policy would be to work to be in accord with Arab interests. KIBBI believed this power to be made.
4. KIBBI described the aims of the new organization as follows:
 - (a) To fight all foreign imperialism in Arab countries and eventually to unite all Arab states into one great state.

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- (b) To control and thwart the activities of the Arab League, which is considered to be controlled by Britain. Trained terrorist bands would take action against the governments of those Arab states that were considered to be carrying British policy.
- (c) To create an Arab National Army
- (d) To start by forming a secret armed force to go into action when ordered by the Mufti al-Husseini.

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