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Arrival of Shaikh Sabri Abdin.

(i) Shaikh Sabri Abdin arrived in Jerusalem from Cairo on 15th June, and said in the course of a private conversation that he had brought messages from the Mufti to the Arabs of Haifa, Jaffa, Gaza, Nablus and Jenin, urging that the leaders should unite their followers and prepare for action as soon as possible.

(ii) Shaikh Sabri said that the Mufti had convinced Arab people of neighbouring countries that they must assist the Palestine Arabs in their struggle, and he was hopeful that Palestine would be given aid in addition to the financial aid already assured.

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The Mufti's plans.

(iii) Shaikh Sabri added that the Mufti was eager to set in motion the proper training of the Youth Organisation. He thought that the real struggle would begin early next year when an Arab Government would be set up outside Palestine and the independence of the country declared.

Jamal Husaini and the Youth Organisation.

(iv) Jamal Husaini recently met prominent members of the Youth Organisation and informed them that after the U.N.C. Committee had completed its enquiry in Palestine he would call a conference which would adopt some important resolutions.

The Ikhwan el Muslimin.

(v) The Ikhwan el Muslimin recently sent a delegate to Cairo to convey to the Mufti the allegiance of the organisation and to promise that the members in Palestine would carry out all the decisions of the Arab Higher Executive and support Mahmud Labib, the supreme commander of the Arab Higher Organisation.

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(vi) The members of the Arab Higher Executive held several meetings in Cairo in early June to discuss arming the Palestine Arabs.

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1. It is reported that Sheikh Sabri Atidin arrived in Jerusalem from Cairo on 15 June and stated in a private conversation that he had brought messages from the Grand Mufti to the Arabs of Haifa, Jaffa, Gaza, Jerin and Nablus, urging the Arab leaders to unite their followers and prepare for action as soon as possible.
 2. Sabri stated that the Mufti had convinced the Arab people of the neighboring countries that they must aid the Palestine Arabs in their struggle and that the Mufti was hopeful that in addition to the financial aid already assured, other aid would be forthcoming.
 3. Sabri added that the Mufti is eager to start proper training of the Arab Youth Organization and that he thinks that the real struggle will begin early next year, when an Arab government would be set up and the independence of the country declared.
 4. Jamal Husayni is reported to have recently met prominent members of the Arab Youth Organization and told them that after UNSCOP had completed its inquiry in Palestine, he would call a conference to adopt important resolutions.
 5. The Ikhwan al-Muslamin recently sent a delegate to Cairo to convey to the Mufti the allegiance of the organization and also promised that its members in Palestine would carry out all decisions of the Arab Higher Executive and would support Mahmud Labib, the supreme commander of the Arab Youth Organization.
- Washington Comment:** Mahmud Labib, a former Libyan revolutionary soldier, arrived in Palestine in early June 1947 to assume command of the amalgamated Futuwah and Najjadiah. He had previously fought with Abd-al-Rahman 'Aszam Pasha against the Italian occupation of Tripolitania. Subsequently he became an officer in the Egyptian Army and later organized the "scouts" of the Ikhwan al-Muslamin in Egypt.
6. Members of the Arab Higher Executive are reported to have held several meetings in Cairo early in June to discuss arming the Palestine Arabs.

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