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<p>" (ii) Shukri Kuwatli continues to make strenuous attempts to persuade the MUFTI to abandon his selfish policy in favour of co-operating wholeheartedly with the Arab States. All dealings with the MUFTI have so far ended in disappointment, though Shukri is said to have promised the MUFTI that he would support even his claim to be head of an Arab State in Palestine if only he would abandon his present policy of sacrificing Palestine to his own personal ambitions. The MUFTI is reported to have replied that he could not believe that Shukri was in earnest, and even if he were he did not believe that he was in a position to fulfil such a promise.</p> <p><u>Arms from Egypt</u></p> <p>(iii) Out of 2,000 rifles set aside by the Egyptian Government for the Palestine movement 800 only have reached the Technical Committee in Damascus, the remainder having gone to the MUFTI, much to the annoyance of Shukri Kuwatli.</p> <p>(iv) Shaikh Abdul Hay Arfeh and Abdul Halim Jailani are reported to have left Cairo, with the MUFTI's permission, to purchase arms in Libya. Abdul Haq Atassi is said to be purchasing arms in Transjordan."</p>			
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