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1. ~~Nasir KAMAL~~, a follower of Hajj Amin al-HUSAYNI, and Ishaq al-DARWISH, the Mifti's nephew, are traveling between Aleppo, Hama, Hama, Damascus and Beirut spreading propaganda against King ABDALLAH. Early in June they held a meeting in Hama at the house of Fidi al-ATASI. The meeting was attended by a large number of notables including Rafiq al-HISAMI, Muhammad IBARA, Abd-al-Mun'im al-KASAB and Hani al-SIBA'I. They discussed the Greater Syria project and agreed to combat it to save the independence of present Syria from British imperialism.

Kamal and Darwish arrived in Beirut on June 6 and continued their contacts with a number of Moslem personalities. They then met SOLOD at the house of Ra'if KHURI. Their meeting with the Soviet Minister was attended by Umar Agha SHAMDI, the Damascus Kurdish leader.

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2. Some of the Mifti's followers, residing temporarily in Beirut, such as, Mahmud al-ABRUSHI, Ahmad al-HUSAYNI, Abd-al-Qadir DAJANI, Mahmud DARWISH, ~~Nasir KAMAL~~ are traveling around in Tyre, Sidon, Beirut and Tripoli carrying on propaganda against King ABDALLAH. A few days ago they met in the house of Muhammad Ali BAYHUMI with Muhyi-al-Din BARGUTH, ~~Qadir al-IMAK~~, Sheikh Ahmad al-SALID, Sulayman SHA'AR, Abu-Umayr SARRUF, Jasin al-JANI and others. During the meeting ABDALLAH was strongly criticized and a cable was sent to King Ibn Sa'ud in which it was indicated that this group expect Palestine to be saved from the Jews by King FARUK, the Grand Mifti and King Ibn Sa'ud and not by ABDALLAH's forces. Source states however that the cable got no further than the cable office here when it went to the Prime Minister who prohibited its transmission.

(Para. 2: [ ] 3 June 1948; B-3)

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