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PALESTINIAN YOUTH ATTACK FORMER MUFTI

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(Text) Beirut--The Palestine Arab Youth, an organization composed of a group of Palestinian youth in Lebanon, has charged the Arab Higher Committee with obstructing a plan for the "organization of Palestine's existence." This accusation was made in a statement published in the press and released here today by the Palestine Arab Youth.

The statement says that Haj Amin al-Husayni, former Mufti of Jerusalem and chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, and the "All Palestine Government" have proved that they were against formation of a preparatory commission set up in Cairo at the invitation of the UAR Government last May to "draw up and organize Palestine's existence." The statement declares that in a memorandum sent to a meeting held in Cairo to discuss formation of the preparatory commission, al-Husayni emphasized that the Arab Higher Committee and the "All Palestine Government" are the only legitimate representatives of all of Palestine and all Palestinians, and that any new organization for Palestinians should emanate only from these two organizations.

In his memorandum, al-Husayni Amin had demanded that instead of attempting to create a new organization for Palestinians, endeavors should be made to expand the Arab Higher Committee and the "All Palestine Government" and to support them financially.

The Palestine Arab Youth statement adds that this attitude has "exposed the stand of the Arab Higher Committee and its intentions and attempts" to freeze the Palestine Arab struggle for personal interests, imaginary leadership, and glories prejudicial to plans for battle."

Higher Committee Meeting

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(Excerpt) Beirut--In a statement released after a meeting held yesterday attended by prominent Palestinian refugees, the Arab Higher Committee affirmed refugees' adherence to their right to repatriation and the restoration of Palestine, and their rejection of Hammarskjold's plan for absorbing them in the economy of the Near East.

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