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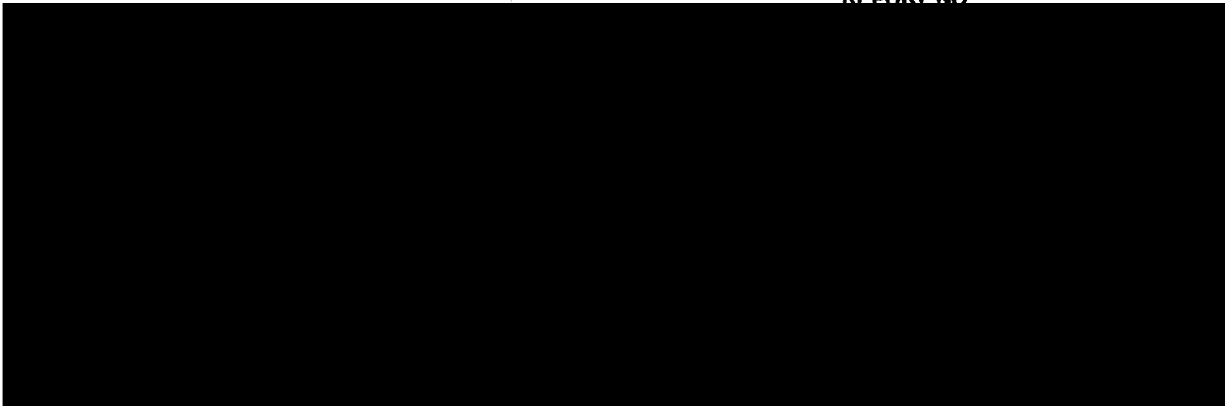
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25X1X6 1. The Communist Party set a deadline of 29 January for the release of Mustafa 'Aris, Hasib Hiri, and the other demonstrators. The Communists have followed up the flood of telegrams in protest of the arrests by efforts to organize demonstrations. On 26 January Qadri Qalaji, Ibrahim Ashqar and 'Abdullah Hiri went to Tripoli to contact Communist leaders there in regard to staging demonstrations. Communists in Beirut and its suburbs were also considering such activities, source states.

25X1X6 2. The Communist Party is using the Federation of Unions as its cover, and issues tracts in the name of the Federation, signed by George Furayyah. Source says that meetings of the Federation are not conducted according to Union procedure, but are restricted to personal contacts made by Sa'd-al-Din Huminah, who replaced 'Aris as Secretary General of the Federation. Huminah notifies members of the activities which the Federation proposes to undertake, and the Communist Party prints all tracts issued in the name of the Federation, using the al-Hajah printing press.

25X1X6 3. 25X1X6 It has been proved to him that the Communists are using the type of Sart al-Sha'b (which they moved to the offices of the al-Tariq review, near Tasuliyat al-Tawayni) to print their tracts and handbills. Some Communist meetings are held in the al-Tariq offices at night.

25X1X6 4. The Communists held a meeting, which was divided into two parts, at Antelias on the evening of 21 January 1949. The first took place at the house of Ilyas Shahin and, besides Shahin, was attended by the following:

Wadi' Haddad, a leading Communist from al-Ikruj village, near Dahr al-Binwayr

Hasib Hiri

Salim Abu-Karam

As'ad Ilyas Shahin

'Amir Salin

Hasri 'Azar, a leading Communist from Haifa

An unspecified Palestine Communist who is a cousin of Hasri 'Azar.

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These men discussed staging demonstrations and strikes in the various workshops, if 'Aris, Nasib Ibr, and their comrades were not released. At 10:00 o'clock the same evening they went on to the house of As'ad Hashin, where they were joined by more Communists, and continued their discussions. They decided to stage such demonstrations, and to take such measures to obstruct the activities of Hizb al-Qasbi al-Suri (PPS) as to prevent realization of the Greater Syria project.

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the easy sentences passed on 'Aris and his comrades on 4 February were probably the result of strong hidden pressure in his favor from some source in the government - probably Riyadh Sulh.

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