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SOMALI AND ERITREAN REPRESENTATIVE,  
ADMINISTRATIVE, AND JUDICIAL PERSONNEL

[Information on graphics material is appended.]

COMPOSITION OF NEW SOMALI TERRITORIAL COUNCIL -- Mogadiscio, Il Corriere della Somalia, 2 Jan 53

Following is the list of the members of the Somali Territorial Council who will serve in 1953.

Regional Representatives

Abdi Bulle Aden, Abdullah Aden Fido, Abdurahman Ali Issa, Arshe Au Mussa, Duale Cahie, Hagi Abdulcadir Abubaker, Hagi Ahmed Alio, Hagi Dahir Set Giama, Hagi Mohamed Sheik Ahmed, Hagi Mussa Samantar, Hagi Osman Ibrahim, Hagi Said Farah Aden, Iko Hassan Baharo, Islao Omar Ali, Mahallim Omar Mohamed Hussein, Omar Bogor Osman, Sheik Ali Giuale Barale, Sheik Ali Sheik Mussa, Sheik Muktar Mohamed, Sherif Abdullah Sherif Abdurahman, and Shaffat Hussein.

Political Representatives

Abdi Nur Mohamed Hussein, Aden Abdullah Osman, Aden Shire Giama, Ahmed Tusuf Shaffi, Ali Mohallim Abiker, Alio Mohamed, Hagi Abdio Ibrau, Hagi Farah Ali Omar, Hagi Mussa Bogor, Hagi Salah Sheik Omar, Hussein Osman Hassan, Iman Osman Ali, Islao Mahadalle Mohamed, Issak Bashir Ibrahim, Mohamed Sheik Osman Haile, Mahamud Abdi Nur Giugio, Osman Mohamed Hussein, and Sheik Mohamud Mohamed Farah.

Economic Representatives

Ali Shido Abdi, Dr Ferdinando Bigi, Genesisio Ciccotti, Antonino Falcone, Hagi Nur Mahallim, Mohamed Issa Osman, Osman Ahmed, and Sherif Salah ben Omar.

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Sheik Faghi Sheik Mohamed.

Minorities Representatives

Attorney Francesco Bona, Ahmed Fadel Hasham, and Hagi Mohamed Obadi.

COMPOSITION OF NEW MOGADISCIO RESIDENCY COUNCIL -- Mogadiscio, 11 Corriere della Somalia, 4 Nov 52

The members of the Mogadiscio Residency Council, whose term of office is to run from 1 November 1952 to 31 October 1953 are listed below, with the tribal membership, political party affiliation, nationality, or country of origin of each given after his name.

Salaried Chiefs and Notables

Sheik Abdullah Sheik Mohamed, Beghedi; Sheik Abucar Sheik Mohiddin, Rer Faghi; Sheik Mohamed Osman Fufi, Shansha; Iman Mohamed Ahmed, Abgal Iacub; Hagi Mussa Bogor, Osman Mohamud; Sherif Eidiurus Ali, Asheraf; Mursal Mohamed, Iantar; Ugaz Tarambi Ugaz Mumin, Murusada Fol Ulus; Sheik Ahmed Giaule, Murusada Septi; Hagi Mohamed Abdi, Ogaden Auliahah; Beiene Derar, Eritrea; Mahadalle Iero, Murusada Fol Ulus; Hagi Mohamed Obadi, Toffe Arab; Islao Omar Culmie, Averghedir Soleiman, and Sheik Ali Zeno, Asheraf.

Also Hagi Ahmed Iusuf Ali, Osman Mohamud; Sheik Mohiddin Sheik Mohamed, Rer Faghi; Mahadi Mohamud Mohamed, Abgal Matan; Aves Ali Nur, Seddahghedi; Sheik Abicar Mahad, Dabaruen; Carsama Hagi Nur Ari, Rer Magno; Sheik Moheddin Sheik Hagi Aves, Tunni; Hagi Ali Mahadio, Morsho; Herzi Farah, Meheri; Calif Mohamed Aves Abdi, Calmashube; Abdi Beri Alasso, Harti Abgal; Hagi Ali Abdi, Bauadle; Hagi Said Abucar, Rer Magno; Hagi Ahmed Shihin, Osman Mohamud; Sheik Mohamed Soleman, Omani Arab; Mohamed Ali Iusuf, Osman Mohamud; Hilole Mohallim Mohamed, Ogaden; Maho Ibrahim, Elai; Abucar Hagi Ali, Dafet Erdo; Mohamed Mohamud Roro, Eli Omar; Eden Salad, Dafet Huber; and Abdullah Ahmed Mire, Abagibil.

Also Abdullah Hagi Abdi Nur, Shidle; Abdurahman Ahmed, Ogaden; Maddei Ali Ahmed, Bandabo; Sheik Abdallah Mohamed, Migiurtinie; Abdulhamid Salim, Yemenite Arab; Iman Mohamed Hussen, Gabauen; Hagi Herzi Gueri, Averghedir; Catib Abdurahman Abucar, Bandabo Gudmane; Sheik Nur Hussin, Eritrea; Auad Mohamed Dirshe, Dir; Mohamud Mohamed Harur, Abgal Cavalle; Hagi Ali Hilole, Abgal Uaesle; Ugaz Abdulle Ugaz Omar, Abgal Daud; Hilole Mohallim, Abgal Daud; Mohamud Mohamed Shilale, Averghedir Aer; Maie Osman, Hillivi; Dagane Ahmed, Seekal Loboghe; Maie Osman Mohamed Mumin, Scashiitti; Abdullsh Ali Ahmed, Bandab; and Osman Hagi Iusuf, Osman Mohamud.

Also Islao Omar Ali, Abgal Iacub; Musse Herzi Bogor, Osman Mohamud; Ali Iassin Ali Iusuf, Osman Mohamud; Hagi Osman Mohamed, Hillivi; Hagi Ahmed Cahie, Averghedir Aer; Ahmed Mohamed Giumale Finanza, Eli Omar; Ali Farah, Meheri; Islao Mohamed Apchei, Abgal Iacub; Osman Diblave Danshe, Murusada Septi; Ali Hassan Giumale, Murusada Fol Ulus; Sheik Nur Abdi Shacur, Sheik Mumin; Sheik Abucar Sheik Ahmed, Gheledi Gobron; Farah Ali Farah Olof, Omar Mohamud; Mussa Mohallim Mahat, Abdallah Galmah; Herzi Dorre, Marehan; Mohamud Addo Kelshe, Abdallah Galmah; Mohamud Herzi, Meheri; Iahia Sadick, Rer Faghi; Hagi Ali Sadick, Amudi; Hagi Mohamud Subric, Abgal Uaesle; Abdulkadir Nur Omar, Shidle; Mohamed Sheik Ahmed, Abgal Daud; Ibrahim Mohallim Ali Beghei, Abgal Matan; Mohamud Hussen Hilole, Abga' Iusuf; Mohamed Banto, Gaigial; Mohamed Nur Elmi, Shekal; and Mohamed Olol Dinle, Agiuran.

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Islao Mahadalle Mohamed and Hagi Mohamud Fodle, Conferenza della Somalia (Conference of Somalia); Hagi Abdurahman Olusso and Mohamud Nur Mohamed, Unione Nazionale Somala (Somali National Union); Mohamed Hagi Adnan and Mohamed Hassan Gurei, Unione Africani Somalia (Union of Africans in Somalia); Abdi Eno Mohamed and Hagi Abdullah Mursal, Hizbia Dighil Mirifle; Hagi Mohamud Siad Fodle and Sid Mohamed Ali, Lega Progressista Somala (Somali Progressive League); Mohiddin Mohallim and Abdi Uehelie, Associazione Gioventu Abgal (Abgal Youth Association); Hagi Mohamed Abucar and Omar Daud Mahdi, Hidalet Islam Shidle Mobilen; and Sherif Mohamed Hussein and Hagi Sufi Mohamed Dinle, Unione Giovani Benadir (Benadir Youth Union).

Also Mohamed Sheik Hussein Abrar and Sheik Said Salim Bafadal, Unione Difesa della Somalia (Somali Defense Union); Hagi Omar Giama and Mohamed Ossoble Uassughe, Lega Nazionale Somala (Somali National League); Hagi Mohamed Sahidi and Ali Zuber Ali, Unione Patriottica Bimalia (Bimal Patriotic Union); Mohamud Mohamed Omar Afgirib and Ievaro Omar, Comitato Progresso Somalo (Somali Progress Committee); Osman Alio and Abucar Omar Shego Danane, Unione Maniferro Somalia (Maniferro Union of Somalia); and Osman Ahmed Roble and Uarsama Hassan Egal, Lega dei Giovani Somali (Somali Youth League).

Eminent Personalities

Sheik Abdullatif Sheik Omar, Hagi Mahamud Abdullah Dirir, Hagi Dirie Herzi, Gueld Mohamed Giama, Hagi Mahamud Farah, Mohamedali Jammohamed, Mohamud Agane Omar, Abdulkadir Tabit Galib, Giumale Barre Toho, Hussen Malak, Abucar Gassim, Mohamed Sheik Mussa, Harilal Hansraj Patavia, Gaid Mohamed Muradi, Ali Shiddo, Mohamed Mahamud Ghibin, Madina Mahamud Amir, Mumina Uehelie Hussin, Dahira Ibrahim Hamud, Habiba Osman Muddei, Asha Giama Bilbil, Sherif Omar Abo Imanchio, Ali Mohamed Binquer, Ahmed Mudhish Carbash, Ahmed Fadel Hashim, and Chimanbhai Ambalal Patel.

Also Abraha Ghebriet, Pitaurari Gheresgher Medin, Sheik Addo Sheik Mohamed Sheik Sui, Sherif Mohamud Abdurrahman, Hagi Mano Aves, Sheik Abdullah (Cadi), Iahia Hagi Abdullah, Shair Mohamed Ronei, Maccaran Addo, Ali Mohamed Halanle, Aden Shire Giama, Geilani Malak Osman, Hagi Saleh Sheik Omar, Mohamed Sheik Osman Edmondo, Abucar Hamud Socoro, Dilaho Giumale Gaal, Sheik Mohamed Abucar Afrah, Hussenbhoi A. H. Jevraji, Hagi Ahmed Barre, Insuf Egal, Ahmadei Mussa Hagi, Hagi Omar Shego, and Sheik Mohamed Aden Mussa (First Cadi).

SOMALI COURT ASSESSORS SWORN IN FOR 1953 -- Mogadiscio, Il Corriere della Somalia, 10 Jan 53

On 9 January 1953, the assessors of the appeals section of the Court of Assize and the assessors of the Court of Assize proper were sworn into office for 1953. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by the following officials: Dr Mario Canino, Secretary General of Somalia; Dr Ferdinando Cannavina, head of the Office of Judicial Affairs of the Italian Trusteeship Administration and Court of Appeals Counselor; Dr Carlo Gentilucci, judge; Col Walter Marciante, prosecutor of the appeals section of the Court of Assize; Dr Carlo Prisco; and Sheik Hagi Abuker Abdullah, caidal chief.

The Moslem assessors were sworn in by Sheik Hagi Abuker Abdullah and the Italian assessors, by Dr Carlo Gentilucci.

The assessors appointed to serve in the appeals section of the Court of Assize are as follows:

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Sheik Abdullah Sheik Mohamed; Sheik Abdullah Sheik Omar; Ahmed Alau Gherbi; Sheik Ahmed Giaule; Ahmed Mohamed Giumale; Hagi Ahmed Shilin; Sherif Ali Zeno; Veglio Bertani, land surveyor; Dr Sebastiano Caccetta; Carama Hagi Nur Afi; Genesis Giccotti, land surveyor; Lindo Ciurli, accountant; Dr Cesare Corno; Dr Camillo Decina; Elios Dussol, accountant; Domenico Deganello, accountant; Hagi Hersi Gurei; Dr Italo Gentilini; Marco Gioacchino, land surveyor; Prof Vincenzo Greco; Guido Guarino, accountant; Islao Mahadalle Mohamed; Islao Mohamed Afeheri; Islao Omar Ali; Enrico Lagorio, accountant; Dr Carmelo Lo Magro; Hagi Mohamed Abdi; Hagi Mohamed Abadi; Mohamed Sheik Osman; Mohamad Agane Omar; Mussa Erzi Bogor; Sherif Omar Abo Imanchio; Armando Pizzoglio, land surveyor; Prof Carlo Guido Raggi; Ugaz Tarambi Ugaz Mumin; Said Abucar; Dr Vito Rella; Pietro Sartori, accountant; Vincenzo Salsilli, accountant; and Dr Giuseppe Traina.

The assessors for the Court of Assize proper are as follows:

Sheik Abucar Sheik Ahmed, Abdulkadir Nur Omar, Abucar Hagi Alio, Aden Salad, Aden Shire Giama, Addo Alesso, Aues Ali Nur, Alfonso Avella, Francesco Bianchi, Carlo Biondi, Enrico Capone, Ugo Concari, Hagi Dere Boro, Franco Degli Eredi, Mario Della Nave, Elvezio Fabbri (accountant), Paride Ferraresi, Ottorino Gonella, Hilole Mohallim, Sheik Hussein Abdullah, Hussein Barcadle Mohamed, Giuseppe Limata, Angelo Uniberto Iacona, Iahia Sadik, Maie Osman Mohamed Mumin, Namo Ibrahim, Dante Miale, Sheik Mohamed Abucar Afrah, Mohamed Hussein Ilole, Mohamed Mohamad Chibin, Hagi Mohamed Mahamad Harir, Mohamed Mahamad Roro, Alessandro Pecchioli, Antonio Pintus, Osman Dibraue Daushe, Mario Spialtini, Sebastiano Sudano, Giacomo Teruzzi, Carlo Terzigni, Giovanni Valle, and Arturo Zucca.

MASSAUA PRICE CONTROL COMMISSION NAMED -- Asmara, Il Quotidiano Eritreo, 6 Dec 52

Jkebrehet Mebratu, SDO (Senior District Office) of Massaua, recently designated the following persons as members of the local price control commission: Capt Angelo Gherardi, Giulio Raguzzi, Ferdinando Fabbri, Saied Ahmed Hassan Haioti, Osman Saied Ramadam, Sheik Omar Abdu Abbasi, Hagg Ali Osman Hure, Sheik Ahmed Abdallah Neshuan, Bashai Abraha Chifle, and 1st Lt Alhadi Mohamed Nur

NEW ERITREAN JUDGES SWORN IN -- Asmara, Il Quotidiano Eritreo, 25 Sep 52

On 21 September 1952, John R. Rolo, President of the Eritrean Supreme Court, administered the oath of office to the following new judges: Federico Patroni and Sheik Ibrahim el Muktar Ahmed Omar (Mufti of Eritrea), for the Supreme Court; Giovanni d'Avossa, Dr Fier Carlo Bruna, Sheik Idris Hussein Suleman, and Blatta Melles Fre, for the High Court of Justice; Dr Gaetano Latilla, district court judge; Azmatch Seium Gabriel and Dedjatch Hagos Ghebre, for the District Court of Asmara and Hamasien; and Said Imnai for the District Court of Asmara [sic].

Rolo had already been sworn into office by [Cumming], the British Chief Administrator, at the time of the transfer of authority from the British Administration to the new Eritrean government.

[In the same issue, Il Quotidiano Eritreo gave the following information on Cumming's Proclamation 133 of 10 September 1952 concerning the Eritrean judicial system.]

Proclamation 133 provides for the establishment of a Supreme Court, a High Court, and 17 district courts, all of them with civil and criminal divisions.

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The High Court will have exclusive competence on commercial matters. District courts will apply the Eritrean customary laws, Islamic laws in force in Eritrea, and such statutory laws as are now applicable in Eritrea. The latter include, where necessary, the previous Italian civil and commercial codes and the legislation of the British administration.

The courts will apply the British code of procedure in criminal cases and the Italian code of procedure, subject to all modifications and court rulings, in civil cases.

Legislative powers have been conferred on a Comitato dei Regolamenti (Committee on Regulations), composed of judges and legal officials, for the eventual reform of the rules of procedure. The committee's rulings will require only the approval of the Eritrean chief executive. In effect, the Comitato dei Regolamenti is a legislative organ with limited powers.

ERITREAN MEMBERS OF IMPERIAL FEDERAL COUNCIL -- Asmara, Il Quotidiano Eritreo, 17 Dec 52

The following biographic information concerns the five Eritreans appointed to the Imperial Federal Council in Addis Ababa.

Sheik Adum Mohamed Agdubal was born 36 years ago at Cheren. Prior to his appointment to the Imperial Federal Council, he was treasurer of the SDO of Agordat.

Ato Ghebremedhin Assiel is a descendant of the Gheza Deghezmati princely family of Zazzega, where he was born on 15 March 1919. He was educated in Asmara. In 1936, he went to work in Massaua at the Commissariat of the Eastern Lowlands. In 1937, he was transferred to Asmara, where he served at the Directorate of Political Affairs until 1941.

In July 1941, he joined the Eritrean police force and became a sergeant a few months later. In July 1942, he rose to the rank of deputy inspector of police, and in December, to that of full inspector.

In December 1947, when the Four-Power Fact-Finding Commission visited Eritrea, he was one of the five signatories of the "Memorandum From the Police" submitted to the commission.

Before his appointment to the Imperial Federal Council, he was the lieutenant in command of the market-place police station of Asmara.

Elatta Gheresghier Gherenchiel was born 41 years ago at Biet Gabriel (Serae District), son of the nobleman Endafeggan Adi Enchirti. In 1927, he joined the Post and Telegraph Service as a radiotelegraph operator. In 1935, he was transferred as a filing clerk to the Directorate of Personnel, later to the Directorate of Economic Affairs, and finally to the Directorate of Civil Affairs, where he served until 1941. At that time, he returned to the Post and Telegraph Service, where he remained until he was appointed to the Imperial Federal Council.

In 1946, he joined the Mahber Fekri Hagger [Unionist Party of Eritrea] and, in 1948, he founded and became chairman of the party's section at Adi Quala. He has also been chairman of the youth section of the Mahbi Fekri Hagger in Serae and president of the Associazione Impiegati Eritrei dell'Amministrazione (Association of Eritrean Employees of the Administration).

Blatta Mohamed Omar Cadi, an industrialist, was born at Massaua on 25 November 1909, of the family of the Bet Cadi of Zula. He took correspondence courses from a school in Rome. For some time, he was interested in the canning industry.

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He was one of the founders of the Mahber Fekri Hagger in Asmara. Later, he was converted to the ideas of independence for the Moslem League, and in 1949 founded the Independent Moslem League, of which he became president.

In 1948, he was appointed defense attorney at the Asmara Native Court. He has devoted much of his time to journalism, first as editor of L'Unita and then, of the trilingual weekly newspaper Unione e Progresso, which he founded.

In 1949 and 1950, he attended the sessions of the UN General Assembly as a representative of his party.

Ato Tzeggai Teferri, an attorney, was born in November 1914 at Addisc Addi (Acchele Guzai District). Immediately after completing his studies at Adi Ugri, he was employed at the regional commissariat in that locality, serving in the census bureau and the commerce section. In 1937, he was transferred to Asmara to the Directorate of General Affairs and Personnel.

In 1938, he resigned and devoted himself to commerce. In 1941, he opened a public scribe's office, remaining in this activity until 1943, when he was appointed defense counsel at the native court of Asmara. On 15 September 1952, he was admitted to the bar of the Supreme Court in Asmara.

He was one of the founders of the Mahber Fekri Hagger and is now a member of the party's central executive committee. In 1948, he was elected president of the Unionist Party's youth section of members from the Acchele Guzai area living in Asmara.

He was one of the representatives of the Abbashaul and Ghezza Brahanu districts at the consultations held by UN Commissioner Anze Matienzo and, as representative of the first ward of Asmara, expressed to Anze Matienzo the viewpoint of the ward concerning the draft constitution for Eritrea. He also was a spokesman for Eritrean attorneys.

During the bloody incidents of February 1950 [the Asmara riots between Copts and Moslems], he was a member of the peace committee, organized to seek an accord between the opposing groups.

As a representative of the Unionist Party, he was a member of the committee which, in December 1950, organized the Congress of Peace [not further explained]. He was also one of the founders of the ECWS (Eritrean Child Welfare Society).

He is a member of the executive council of the Associazione Sindacale Forense (Bar Association) and a member of the Istituto per gli Studi Etiopici, Sezione Giurisprudenza (Institute of Ethiopian Studies, Legal Section).

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1. Location: Eritrea, Asmara

Caption and Description: "Sheik Adum Mohamed Agdubal, 36-year-old native of Cheren, Eritrea; one of five Eritreans appointed to the Imperial Federal Council at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"

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2. Location: Eritrea, Asmara

Caption and Description: "Ato Ghebremedhin Assiel, 33-year-old native of Zazzega; former police lieutenant; one of five Eritreans appointed to the Imperial Federal Council at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"

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3. Location: Eritrea, Asmara

Caption and Description: "Blatta Gheresghier Gherenchiel, 41-year-old native of Biet Gabriel (Serae District); civil service union leader and section leader of the Mahber Fekri Hagger; one of five Eritreans appointed to the Imperial Federal Council at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"

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4. Location: Eritrea, Asmara

Caption and Description: "Blatta Mohamed Omar Cadi, 43-year-old native of Massaua; founder and president of the Independent Moslem League; founder of newspaper Unione e Progresso; one of five Eritreans appointed to the Imperial Federal Council at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"

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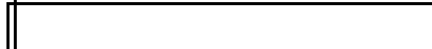
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5. Location: Eritrea, Asmara

Caption and Description: "Ato Tseggal Teferrri, 38-year-old native of Haddisc Addi (Acchele Guzai District); attorney, admitted to the Asmara Supreme Court bar in September 1952; member of the central executive committee of the Mahber Fekri Hagger; one of five Eritreans appointed to the Imperial Federal Council at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia"

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