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<p>PERTINENT INFORMATION</p> <p>Fifty-five year-old Haj Amin el HWEETI lives in a luxurious garden villa near Heliopolis, northern Cairo suburb, with special Egyptian police guards outside the garden wall and his own private Palestinian guards armed with tommy guns patrolling inside.</p> <p>He seldom leaves this refuge but when he does he is accompanied by several armed body guards.</p> <p>Security precautions have been tightened up recently following the assassination, although he, himself, issued a statement disclaiming any connection.</p> <p>But the former HWEETI, who was kicked out of Palestine by British mandate authorities just before the last war—charged with inciting Arab-Jew riots resulting in many deaths—himself has many enemies.</p> <p>The core of his nationalism, anti-British following, spread thinly thru the Arab and Moslem world, is centered among Arab Palestinians—many of whom now are living in other Arab countries since Israel was created.</p> <p>But many Palestinians who hold him responsible for terroristic assassinations of their relatives in his ruthless struggle for power in Palestine in the mid-thirties are his bitter foes.</p> <p>American and British Middle East diplomats distrust him completely despite his claims that his only purpose is to obtain an independent Arab Palestine.</p> <p>He's looked on as a trouble maker and the allies have not forgotten his help to the Axis during the war after he fled to Germany from Palestine.</p> <p>There are rumors—unconfirmed—that the HWEETI is now playing footsie with Russia in an attempt to gain his power backing for his personal ambitions to become a great political power in the Moslem world.</p> <p>Yugoslavia is reported to be watching him closely, recalling that the Nazis used the HWEETI to stir up the Moslems in Eastern Yugoslavia, and fearful that the Soviet might try similar tactics.</p> <p>Captured in Germany at the end of the last war, the HWEETI escaped mysteriously from French custody in 1946 and was accepted by Egypt as a political exile. How he made his escape is still a closely guarded secret.</p> <p>Access was granted to the HWEETI directly by the Palace. For the last five years Haj Amin has been seen every now and then at palace receptions and has been regarded as a handy man to have on the Egyptian side to counter-balance King Abdullah's ambitions in Palestine.</p> <p>But lately there have been reports that the official view here is seeming to regard him as a hot potato and indications are that Egypt would be happy to see him go elsewhere.</p> <p>The HWEETI got a cold reception from al Ashab officials regard his selection as HWEETI in 1921 as unfortunate, saying he did not have the theological training essential for the position.</p>			
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