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ACTIVITY OF THE JEWS IN TUNIS

The Jews take advantage of every opportunity to grow rich; first by excluding the Arabs from economic life, and also by acting as intermediaries for the victors of the moment.

The reception that the Jews gave to the Allies was considerable; too considerable to have any happy repercussion in the country. In fact, all the Jews from the populous neighborhoods gathered together in front of the Residency and in the Avenue de Paris, thus swamping by their number the worthwhile French who were for us. They at once acted as if it were their own exclusive victory. Then from there they rushed down to the American Consulate and offered their services as interpreters, besieged all Anglo-American administrations e.g. town-hall, requisition-service, ravitaillement, Maafi, etc., in order to make themselves indispensable and earn money.

Meanwhile, the intellectual Jews overwhelm the English with invitations to dinner and drinks, to get acquainted. Gaston-Lévy besieges the economic services of Civil Affairs, obtains a post for his son-in-law Felix de Couet in the service of American requisition of labour, Jewish influence can be felt everywhere; this is how Monsieur Felix de Couet uses the German method (but in a contrary sense), against the Arabs, by arresting in a street 'raffle' all the natives, and taking them away by force to the yards where they are paid 25 frs a day.

All information services are helped by the Jews, who denounce only their pet-aversions, the Arabs. H. Lucien Smadja and his brother H. Henri Smadja with their aversion for the Arabs, make arrests with no discernment.

At the same time, they offer to the neighboring English Unit, houses belonging to high Arab families.

- (1) Abusive denunciations.
- (2) Requisition of Arab possessions.
- (3) Creation of general mistrust of the Arabs
- (4) Monopoly of economic profits.

Yet, under the German occupation, the Jews were helped enormously by the Arabs. They hid them, and allowed all sorts of combinations to save their possessions; of course these services were paid for more or less.

The Jews was also very useful to the Germans. He gave them all his hidden stocks and everything they needed. At the end of the occupation, the Germans showed their satisfaction of the Jews.

Again, it was known that many Jewish girls slept freely with the Germans.

- (1) Food for the Germans.
- (2) Complete aid for the Germans.
- (3) Even pleasure for the Germans.
- (4) Work for the Germans.

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Of course the Jews will say that they were obliged; but many cases can be quoted showing that the Jews really did business with the Germans. The Germans were so satisfied with the Jews that they willingly became anti-Arab at the end of the occupation, saying that the Jews were more useful to them. Some Jews still say that the Germans were very correct.

The Arabs know all this; they are disgusted with the present conduct of the Jews who want to monopolize everything; not to go to war but to send all the Arabs to the front. (It is insisted that General Giraud is going to mobilize all young Mussulmans without distinction, from which fact great emotion exists in Tunisian families who know that wherever they do, with the French, with De Gaulle or Giraud; they will be badly treated in their armies.)

All the agitation and vengeance created by the Jews has made a deplorable propaganda for the Allies, as it conforms the assertions of the Germans

#### FRENCH REACTION AND THE MUSSELMAN SITUATION

Taking advantage of the absence of General Mast, of the disorganization of the Police services, the Security Militaire reigns terror. Arrests on denunciations, abusive requisitions, vexations. The war seems ended, accounts are settled with the Arabs, their flocks confiscated for the benefit of French farmers (Djebel Rayoun).

What does the Arab say? He is terrified, and buries himself in his house. Those more courageous ones move around and try to see the American Consuls and ask them to save them. On the whole, he detests the French and also hates the English. He says that all the English are under the control of the Jews, that the English seek to play the game of the French. It is obvious they all look to the Americans; they have heard of their distribution of cotton goods and supplies. They say that Tunisia interests the Americans that they will not leave, on the contrary the law of 'Lend-lease' will permit America to stay in Tunisia for 99 years.

Also, the incident of 26th May has done much for American propaganda. Some Jews accompanied by English soldiers who request the Sidi Merdoum quarters went into the Arab neighbourhood and wanted to force their way into their houses. The Arabs defended themselves, helped by several Americans who were passing through. Several Jews were injured.

Another day, the French police raided the streets to pick up Arab workmen; an American commandant nearby took the part of the Arabs for he was horrified at the treatment of these poor fellows. All the Arabs cried out Vive America, Vive the Americans. Not a word for the French. These will take their revenge later.

Churchill said, speaking of Hitler, "The world is not ruled by tanks." The Arabs say about the French in Tunisia, "One cannot be governed by gendarmes."

The Arabs in Tunisia are expecting a declaration from America on their behalf. Soon they will make a move if they are waiting in vain. In any case a hatred is becoming stronger between the Arabs on one side and the French and the Jews on the other.

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