

# Arab Warrior

## Kaukji Has Spent His Adult Life Fighting the French and the British

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CAIRO, March 13—Fawzi Bey Al Kaukji, field commander of the Arab "People's Army to Save Palestine," has spent most of his adult life fighting the French and the British.

The veteran Arab warrior, son of a Turkish officer of Lebanese origin, was born in Tripoli, Syria, in 1896. He graduated from Istanbul Military College in 1917 and served as a commissioned officer in the Turkish army until the armistice in 1918 ended World War I.

Kaukji then joined the Arab army under King Feisal and served under the French mandatory power in Syria and Lebanon as a captain at Hana, but soon left the French army and joined the national organizations working for the independence of Syria and the Lebanon.

With French weapons and equipment which he took with him, Kaukji joined the Syrian revolt of 1925 under the Druze leader Sultan Pasha El Attrash and fought many guerrilla battles against the French in Northern Syria before the revolt ended in 1928.

### MILITARY ADVISOR

With a number of his companions, he was pursued by the French but escaped from Syria. He managed to reach Cairo and from there went to Saudi Arabia, where he served as military advisor and helped to organize the Saudi Arabian army. In 1933 he went to Iraq, where he accepted the post of cavalry trainer at Iraq's military school.

When the Arab revolt flared in Palestine in 1936, Kaukji joined the Arabs at the head of 500 volunteers from Syria and Iraq and for three years fought the British in the Holy Land. This time, it is reported, he did not use guerrilla tactics but regular army methods. The British used to call him the "triangle man" for his practice of lining up his troops in triangles when they entered a battle.

In 1939 the Arab rulers asked the Palestine rebels to stop fighting and the British White Paper was issued stopping legal Jewish immigration to Palestine.

Kaukji then left Palestine with his companions and their equipment, returning to Iraq, where he joined again in fighting the British in the Iraq rebellion of 1940. This rebellion was led by Rashid Ali Kilani, a senior army officer, now in Saudi Arabia, where he was given refuge by King Ibn Saud.

### NUMEROUS WOUNDS

Rashid Ali's movement was intended to drive the British out of Iraq. Kaukji led a band of Bedouin volunteers and suffered numerous bullet wounds. After the failure of this rebellion, he left Iraq and eventually reached Germany with Haj Amin El Hussein, the exiled Mufti of Jerusalem.

When World War II ended, Kaukji was released by the Russian occupation authorities after

mediation by the Lebanese government. He returned to the Lebanon in 1946 after 20 years' absence from his home.

Party clashes on the day of his arrival, however, persuaded him to move to Damascus, where he has since lived with his German wife, whom he married during his stay in Germany, his newly born son, and three daughters by his former Lebanese wife.

For the last few months Kaukji, with the help of former officers of the Iraqi and Trans-Jordan armies, he has been training volunteers in Syria and the Lebanon for the "People's Army" for which he has now established headquarters in Northern Palestine.

One of the best known and reputedly one of the ablest Arab soldiers, many Arabs swear by his name, saying: "By the head of Fawzi, I will do thus and so."

## Clay Denies Ending Decartelization

BERLIN, March 13 (UP)—General Lucius D. Clay today denied a report that the American military government had called off its decartelization program of dissolving German industrial combines.

Clay said there was no change in his policy with regard to dissolving companies which produced the German war machine. Plans already were approved, he said, for the complete dissolution of the I. G. Farben and coal distribution agencies.

A directive to smash the Bosch electric combine will be issued shortly, Clay said.

## Diamond Returned

TOKYO, March 13 (AP) — A 52-carat diamond looted from a bank in Java was returned to The Netherlands government today by Allied headquarters' civil property custodian. Officials said the gem was valued at \$7500.



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