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Shadow of Auschwitz

Even these activities, his supporters say, can be excused by his passionate anti-Zionist views. Only despair about the rights of the Palestine Arabs led him to take refuge with Hitler. But there is even more in the story. At Nuremberg, on March 5, 1946, one of the imprisoned S.S. witnesses, Hauptsturmfuehrer Dieter Wisliczeny, affirmed in a signed affidavit that Haj Amin had been a close associate of the infamous S.S. Obersturmbannfuehrer Adolf Eichmann, Himmler's chief executive agent in the mass murders of some three million European Jews at Auschwitz and other death camps.

The Mufti remained in France. For various reasons not revealed, the charge was not taken up. Yet neither has it been disposed of. Nor is there any doubt that less than two years ago, the ex-Mufti was an honoured figure in high S.S. circles, among the men who had committed every conceivable crime in every occupied country on the Continent. A highly disturbing rumour has been put out by several newspapers, equating the Mufti with the recently interned leaders of the Jewish Agency, and suggesting that under a new policy of "benevolence" both should be invited to the proposed London Conference. Where Palestine is concerned, anything seems possible these days. But such rumours are highly dangerous. If Mr. George Hall wishes the coming Palestine Conference to be taken seriously, we suggest that he should immediately make it crystal-clear where the Government stands in relation to this enemy of the United Nations.