

GEORGE VI GETS PLEA FOR MOYNE ASSASSINS

CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 22 (AP)—A mercy petition addressed to King George VI and Prime Minister Churchill today remained the last hope of life for two young Jewish Nationalists sentenced to die for the assassination of Lord Moyne, British Resident Minister in the Middle East.

The pair—Eliahu Bet-Tsouri and Eliahu Hakim—were informed this morning that their petitions for clemency had been denied by the Grand Mufti.

CAIRO, Jan. 22 (U.P.)—The Egyptian Higher Military Court today formally pronounced sentences of

death by hanging on Eliahu Bet-Tsouri and Eliahu Hakim, confessed slayers of Lord Moyne.

The court's decision will be sent to Premier Ahmed Maher Pasha, who also is Military Governor General, for approval.

Police took severe precautions this morning, with plainclothes detectives inside the prisoners' dock increased from four to ten. After the session, the two prisoners were taken from court in an open truck packed with twenty armed officers.

It was learned reliably that the Grand Mufti received a letter warning him of death if he approved the death sentence.

Defense counsel plans to send the Governor a petition that the sentences be ameliorated, but legal quarters consider the plea an ineffective formality.

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