

Cairo Launches Campaign Against Zionists; Seizes 'Subversive' Suspects, Plans Census

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CAIRO, Egypt, Jan. 10—What appears to be a concerted campaign against the Zionists in Egypt was launched last night when the police searched fifty houses and hotels in Cairo and arrested a number of persons suspected of subversive activities. Among them were three young girls who were raising funds for the Zionist cause.

The number arrested was not announced, but one of them was a 38-year-old Jew who was operating three radio transmitters in his home without a license. He said he was an amateur and had no connection with Zionism.

The Arab press asserted today that the Government was planning a census of all foreign Jews to determine their political leanings and also to determine whether they had entered the country illegally. This, however, was not confirmed.

As another part of the campaign, which seems to be an outgrowth of the recent Arab League meetings here, Parliament next week is going to reconsider an

anti-Zionist bill that had been shelved. It is vague in outline but it would condemn to life imprisonment anyone who established a Zionist organization, or participated in one. It defines Zionism as any attempt to transfer Jewish immigrants to Palestine or to establish a Jewish state.

The Arab press has been clamoring for action against Zionists for weeks. Al Ikhwan ran a story this week alleging that the Jewish Agency for Palestine had opened branches in Cairo and Suez and that the Zionists were contemplating a criminal conspiracy.

"The main task of the Cairo branch of the Jewish Agency is to commit terrible crimes that would damp the enthusiasm of the Arabs in the fight against the Jews," the newspaper said.

Stories such as this have been common of late. Up to now there has been no noticeable anti-Semitism in Egypt, as most Jews do not appear politically inclined and seem to have no active interest in Zionism.