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'ALI'S VISIT UNWELCOME--Senior employees of the aircraft industry are dissatisfied with the fact that the Kfir aircraft's production line became the focus of visits by high-level Egyptian personalities surrounded by official photographers who filmed every detail. Last week Egyptian Minister of Defense Kamal Hasan 'Ali visited the plane's production line as the guest of Defense Minister 'Ezer Weisman. The original schedule for the visit to the aircraft industry did not include a visit to the Kfir production line. However, the program was altered by an order from the top. While the Egyptian minister was being briefed on the production line, the official Egyptian photographer, who was accompanying him, filmed each and every detail. "It was so obvious that the man was filming in accordance with previous orders, and he did not even try to hide this. But nothing could be done," a defense establishment figure who was present said yesterday. "The Egyptians themselves must have been shocked at the fact that they were brought in, accompanied by journalists and cameramen, to the most secret places. It is true that there is peace with Egypt, but there is no need to go so far. To the best of my knowledge, the Egyptians have not yet shown us any of their military camps from the inside," the same source said. People in the aircraft industry were amazed by the details that the defense establishment heads disclosed about the Lavi, the air force plane of the future. These details, including the name Lavi, had been classified as top secret, and people in the aircraft industry were surprised to hear about them in the interviews over the communications media at the end of the week. [Arye Egos] [Text] [TA021134 Tel Aviv YEDI'OT AHARONOT in Hebrew 2 Mar 80 p 5 TA]

NEGEV WATER SUPPLY--Cairo--President al-Sadat's promise to divert the Nile waters to also irrigate the Negev, "and even Jerusalem," has been burst like a soap bubble. At a meeting with faculty of agriculture at the University of Alexandria, (Sayad Mara'i) (al-Sadat's relation by marriage and his close aide, who accepted the Nobel prize in his name) said that the Nile waters would only be used for developing Sinsi and not for any other purpose. He added that the channels now being dug in several places along the Suez Canal would bring the Nile water to Sinai. Al-Sadat's promise to divert the Nile water to Israel was never publicized in Egypt. It was mentioned in interviews with the U.S. press and also in his talks with Minister Ari'el Sharon. [Shmu'el Segev] [Text] [TA021104 Tel Aviv HA'ARIV in Hebrew 2 Mar 80 p 1 TA]