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INVESTMENTS IN REAL ESTATE PROPERTY--Last year's investments in real estate totaled 750 million dinars. Only 25 million dinars were paid in fees to the state Treasury. A study which has been prepared in this regard stated that the region of Amman got 80 percent [of these investments] while the remaining regions got only 20 percent. Immigrants investments comprised the greater portion of these purchases with money orders to the central bank totaled 280 million dinars. Double that amount was received other than in money orders. It also pointed out that there have been an increase in real estate prices within the district of Amman from 30 percent to 60 percent. This resulted in a lower demand for developed property. [Text] [Amman AL-DUSTUR 11 Mar 82 p 3] 9770

X BRITISH FINANCE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS--The signing and exchanging of a memorandum of agreement between Jordan and Britain will be held in Amman next Sunday. According to the agreement, Britain will grant a loan of 8 million sterling pounds to finance several Jordanian development projects. Dr Hannah Audeh, chairman of the national council for planning, will sign the treaty on behalf of Jordan and the British ambassador in Amman will sign it on behalf of Britain. It is worth noting that loans granted by Britain to Jordan in years past were used for the purposes of financing several projects including the 'Aqaba water project Qa' al-Daysiy; the electricity project for the Irbid region; a marketing center for the authority of the Jordan Valley and a manufacturing facility for the natural resources authority. [Text] [Amman AL-DUSTUR 11 Mar 82 p 3] 9770

OIL SHALE PRODUCTION--Sources from the Ministry of Industry and Trade stated that in the near future production of oil shale will reach a level of 50,000 barrels per day while the estimated reserves in the al-Lajjun region approximate only 1,200 million tons. Noted here is the fact that several foreign companies are currently working under contract for the production of oil. [Text] [Amman AL-DUSTUR 11 Mar 82 p 3] 9770

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