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**WATER PROJECTS**--The governor of Homs said that a comprehensive survey is under way for the drinking water projects in the governorate which have not been fully utilized, including the springs of al-Masturah, Umm Makhtul, Hadidah, and Ma'yan which will provide drinking water for more than 60 villages. The goal is to allocate necessary funds for these projects and bring water to villages located near these springs. He said that technical personnel have been instructed to start these projects within a short period of time. He stressed that more than 25 villages will get clean drinking water from these projects this year. At Dar'a, the city has been connected to the new water source near al-Muzayrib Lake in order to provide it with enough water. It should be noted that Dar'a used to get its water from the al-Suwayda' project which is near the pumping stations in al-Muzayrib. The department of housing and public utilities in al-Suwayda' has begun work on the 'Ayn al-Za'rurah water project and has allocated 40,000 pounds for it. This project is scheduled for completion before the end of this year. [Text] [Damascus AL-BA'TH in Arabic 21 Jun 79 p 7] 8676

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