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CITIZENSHIP REQUIREMENTS--The following brothers and sisters Siham 'Ulyan, Rif' at al-Bahriy, 'Abla Mahyar and Arwa al-Dusuqi have sent in letters inquiring about citizenship requirements for Arabs and foreigners. Mr Muhammad al-Qudat, director of visas, replied that those who are of Arab descent and have had official residence permits for 15 consecutive years, have the right to be granted the Jordanian citizenship provided there are no legal barriers. Non-Arabs must have lived in Jordan for 4 consecutive years in addition to possessing the knowledge of reading and writing in Arabic, must be of good conduct, sound mind, have no record of conviction and must earn income as legal means for subsistence. The council of ministers reserves the option to grant or deny the naturalization request. [Text] [Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic 9 Mar 82 p 8] 9770

X WATER PROJECT--The drinking water company has completed the Northern Badiya water project. Engineer Sa'id Baynu, director general of the company, mentioned that the aim of the project is to provide water to the towns of Um al-Qittayn, al-Mukayfitah, Abu al-Ghara, Qasim, Southern Rufa'iyat, Northern Rufa'iyat, Northwest Rufa'iyat, Jubbiyah, Dayr al-Kahf, al-Munaysah, Tal al-Ramah, Dayr al-Kinn, (Muthanat Rajil), Jad'ah, al-Suwaylimat, al-Mansur, Khasha'at al-Kinn, Manshiyat al-Qinu, Zubay'at, Surah, Rujm Um Husayn, Khasha' al-Sulaytayn and al-Dafynah, and to improve the water networks for the villages of Subha, Subhiyah, 'Amra and ('Umayrah). Mr Baynu pointed out that an estimated 600 cubic meters of drinking water is necessary for these villages and it will all be provided by the project. He also said the project consists of pumping stations containing two electric generators at 120 kilowatts, four propelling pumps, four reservoirs in each of Dayr al-Kahf, al-Rufa'iyat and Dayr al-Kinn with a capacity of 1,700 cubic meters. He also said that the company designed and supervised the completion of the project which cost a total of 1,177,497 million dinars. Engineer Muhammad 'Awad, chief of the control section at the company pointed out that water will be pumped from the al-Azraq station into the kilometer 134 station, where the water is contained in a reservoir with a capacity of 550 cubic meters. It will then be pumped into the reservoirs at al-Rufa'iyat and al-Kinn where it will be distributed to the aforementioned towns. Sources at the company mentioned that the opening of the project is scheduled for the near future. [Text] [Amman AL-RA'Y in Arabic 3 Mar 82 p 2] 9770