# U.S. Defense Department Sending Another Shipment of Military Goods to Saudi Arabia

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## **Jordan River** Pact Likely, Johnston Says

By WARREN ROGERS JR. WASHINGTON UN - Eric John agen said Wednesday the odds are 3-! that Israel and the Arab states will agree to joint development of the Jordan River within the next hree or four years.

"There is no substitute, as all to have studied the plan from the sides will tell you," he said

"I told the President the odds are a thousand to one against he recalled. "But now the sitution has so changed that I betwee the odds are 3-1 in favor of a Arabs and Israelis accepting r plan or something like it with the next three or four years."

joint development in the Jordan Valley. his last visit, during the past he was able to announce nical agreement. But political iderations —Israel and the still are officially at war-ed the Arabs to delay a final

riefly stated, the Johnston would arrest the wasteful of more than a billion cubic neters of precious Jorlan River fater each year through the arid overty-stricken Middle East. It ould bring some 250,000 acres ( three - crops - a - year land into

The three Arab states involved, plus the five others which fought Israel in 1948, still do not recoge Israel's existence. That means As Johnston sees it, the problem of borders and refugees plus the status of Jerusalem—an emotion-facked issue centuries old—are the three major political problems in the Arab - Israeli dispute. But water, as he sees it, is the biggest problem of all, and it is non-political.

### U.S. Army Orders New French Cars

PARIS &—The U.S. Army said Wednesday it has bought half a nillion dollars worth of French automobiles to replace the Amer-can sedans that have been in use by the next five vers. or the past five years.

The Army is also negotiating of the Renault firm to purchase

88 busses to replace Army busses now wearing out.

The automobile purchase marked the first time the U.S. Army has contracted in France for foreign made vehicles to replace American - made products.

The Army said it was also planting to use commercial Reposit re-

ising to use commercial Renault re-pair facilities which are available broughout France, rather than

ecial representative on the Mid-e East, said he was relucant in 53 to undertake what looked like

Johnston has made five trips the troubled Middle East, talk-g to both sides in an effort to

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illies Dellars
U.S.-backed idea called the
on Plan would cost about
illion dellars. The United

coduction.

It would also lead toward a silution of the troubled area's livery problem of what to do with hearly a million Arab refugees—by providing arable land for them is resettle on.

Small Engineering Problem

The engineering sounds quite imple: Two reservoirs, one in Issee's Sea 'df Galilee, and one on the Upper Yarmuk River, a Joran tributary, in Arab territory, we diversion dams, one on the redan north of the Sea of Galile in Lebanon to serve Israel d Syria, and one on the lower armuk for Jordan. It would take out five years. out five years.

can have no diplomatic deal-with Israel. Nor can they gree on the borders of a state whose existence they deny. And esettlement of the Arabs dis-laced when the U.N. created Israel would also strike some Arabs as tacit recognition of Israel. As Johnston sees it, the problem

The Army announcement, released through the U.S. Embassy, faid the Army had purchased 411 French Renault sedans.

The Army gave no price figures, since the transaction involved vari-ous interchanges of French francs ous interchanges of French francs and dollars, but the Remault sedan fetails at about \$1,500. With dis-counts and such the value of the wars involved is in the neighbor-boud of \$500,000.

Army-run maintenance shops.

The new cars will be delivered shout June first. The Army is now using Sedans manufactured in 1949

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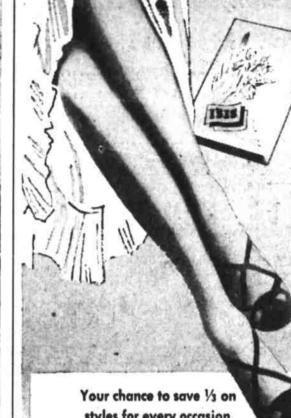
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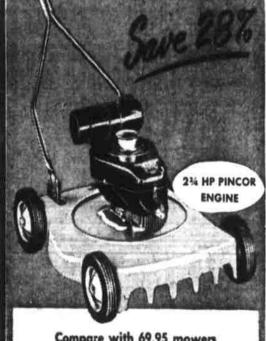
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