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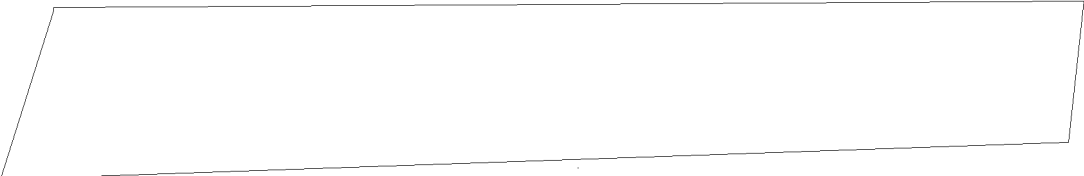
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1. JORDAN: Abdullah forced to recall "anti-treaty" Cabinet--
 US Minister Drew in Amman has been informed that King Abdullah has been forced to prevail upon Tawfiq Pasha to withdraw his resignation as Prime Minister (recently submitted in protest against Abdullah's proposed settlement with Israel). Drew comments that although an eventual resumption of the Israeli negotiations is not precluded, this development represents a major setback for the King and will probably make further attempts on his part to obtain a settlement much more difficult. Drew's informant expressed the view that the Cabinet's opposition to the King's proposed settlement resulted from unwillingness to offend the other Arab League states, whose press and radio had already begun violent attacks on Jordan. Drew's informant attributed Abdullah's current difficulties to the King's insistence on speed in the negotiations, and suggested that the Cabinet might have found an acceptable formula if given more time to study the matter.

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