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IBN SAUD REJECTS POLISH RAIL EXPERTS BECAUSE OF JEWISH ORIGIN.

SOURCE BERLIN: Jewish affairs reporter.

DATE OF OBSERVATION: Mid-March 1956.

CORRESPONDENT'S COMMENT: "Neues Deutschland" of March 29 1956 appears to contradict this report. Our stringer says his source is absolutely reliable and assumes that it must have been a second group of railway experts, who are the subject of this report.

EVALUATION COMMENT: The "Neues Deutschland" article mentioned by the Correspondent refers to 30 Polish engineers working in five groups on the route AMMAN-MEDINA. The name of Boleslaw STERN is new to us. So is the reported protest of the WARSAW Regime over the visa incident.

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The Polish Government protested to King IBN SAUD of Saudi Arabia against the rejection of a Polish delegation of railway engineers on the grounds that a Polish Jew, Boleslaw STERN, was a member of the delegation.

The delegation was originally invited by Saudi Arabia in order to examine the possibilities for a railroad line from Jordan to MEDINA. But when King IBN SAUD learned that a Jew belonged to the invited delegation, he suddenly refused to issue entry visas.

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