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an Egyptian armored division entered the Holy Land this morning; that the Egyptian Air Force had taken over Lydda airport near Tel Aviv; that Egyptian naval craft already were blockading the Jews in Haifa, or that April 30 had been set as "D Day" for the opening of a southern front by Egypt's forces.

[A Trans-Jordan government spokesman also denied that King Abdullah had declared war on the Jews in Palestine or that the Trans-Jordan Arab Legion had invaded Palestine and occupied Jericho.]

Some persons in close contact with government quarters said, despite these denials, that some Egyptians began a movement across the southern Palestine frontier today. They said these forces probably were "volunteers."

At Al Arish, Sinai coastal military center that would be a base for Egyptian operations, both volunteers and regulars now are quartered.

Beginning Saturday the Egyptian Navy will prohibit all civilian shipping from coastal waters between Al Arish and Palestine.

A report from Damascus said King Abdullah's Arab Legion had already occupied Jericho north of

the Dead Sea and was moving into the Dead Sea Valley that joins Trans-Jordan on the east.

This was discounted by British military authorities. The British said that units of the Legion have been in Jericho for several months as security forces on loan to the British. The Legion is supplied and trained by the British, under terms of a British-Trans-Jordan treaty.

A British spokesman said that one company of the Legion had entered Jericho under specific British orders to keep the Trans-Jordan road open, but would be withdrawn when its duties are completed.

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CAIRO, Egypt, April 27 (AP)—

Arab League sources appeared confident that a full-scale invasion of Palestine would take place soon, but Egyptian officials strongly denied that the Egyptian Army already had crossed into the southern desert today.

The officials asserted that there was "not one word of truth" in the reports from Jerusalem Arabs and Cairo newspapers that troops of