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Subjects Proposed Law to Penalize Inducements or Accepting Inducement for Conversion

DATE: 18.11.77

JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (German-language)

CAPTION: "A LAW AGAINST CHRISTIAN MISSION IN ISRAEL?"

BYLINE : Schalom Ben-Chorin CHARACTER: Interpretive commentary in opposition to proposed law. (4 long columns) SIGNIFICANT REMARKS: THE CLAIM BY GIDEON HAUSNER THAT NORWAY FORBIDS "PROSELYTIZING" IS COMPLETELY UNFOUNDED; IN FACT, THERE IS A VERY ACTIVE EVANGEBICAL ACTIVITY IN SCANDANAVIA GENERALLY. THIS WHOLE ANTIMISSION CAMPAIGN IS A KIND OF "MASS HYSTERIA" IN NO PROPORTION TO... THE SITUATION OF MISSIONARY WORK IN ISRAEL." THE FACT THAT MISSIONS ARE APPROACHED (OR THREATS ARE MADE THAT THEY WILL BE APPROACHED) BY UNSCRUPULOUS OR DESPERATE PERSONS IN ORDER TO OBTAIN CONCESSIONS FROM JEWISH SOURCES IS IGNORED BY ABRAMOWITZ (AUTHOR OF BILL), OR THAT CHRISTIAN CLERGY KEEP THEIR DISTANCE FROM SUCH PERSONS. AND WHAT ABOUT THE EMIGRATION AID CHARGES? "WE KNOW OF INSTANCES IN WHICH REPRESENTATIVES OF CHRISTIAN BIBLE ENTERPRISES AND CHURCHES HAVE UNEQUIVOCALLY DECLARED: 'THIS IS A PLACE FOR SPIRITUAL HELP, NOT A TRAVEL AGENCY. " THERE IS NO INTEREST AMONG MISSIONARIES (CERTAINLY OF PROTESTANT BACKGROUND) AND EVEN LESS OF REBREW CHRISTIANS TO EMIGRATE. THIS IS EQUALLY TRUE OF ROMAN CATHOLICS WHOMMAVE INTRODUCED HEBREW MASSES. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO CRITICIZE THE FACTUAL AND MORAL BASE OF THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION IN RELATION TO ALLEGED PENETRATION OF MISSIONARIES TO THE IDF, CHRISTIAN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, ETC., AND APPEALS TO THE SURVIVAL OF JEWS AND JUDAISM UNDER THE MOST ADVERSE CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE DIASPORA AND UNDER FOREIGN RULE AS PROOF THAT THERE IS NO NEED FOR A SOVEREIGN JEWISH STATE TO ENACT SUCH LEGISLATION.

DATE: 28.11.77

JOURNAL: MAARIV (Hebrew-language)

CAPTION: THE SECULAR MOVEMENT PROTESTS AGAINST "PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS" BY STATE OF ISRAEL

BYLINE: Joshus Bitzur

CHARACTER: Straight news article (3 paragraphs)
EXTRACT: "THE ISRAELI SECULAR MOVEMENT, A BODY WHICH DECLARES ITSELF TO BE OPPOSED TO RELIGIOUS COERCION, YESTERDAY BORWARDED A MEMORANDUM TO THE KNESSET IN WHICH IT SHARPLY ATTACKED THE ENACTMENT OF ANY LAW DESIGNED TO PROHIBIT THE ACCEPTANCE OR RECEIPT OF MATERIAL BENEFITS WITH THE INTENTION OF ENTICING A MAN TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION2. (Follows a brief description of proposed law) THE ISRAELI SECULE MOVEMENT CLAIMS IN ITS MEMORANDUM THAT THIS IS A LAW WHICH INVOLVES THE PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN ISRAELS IN ITS PLACE THEY PROPOSE THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL PLACE HEAVY PENALTIES ON ANYONE WHO OFFERS OR PROMISES TO GIVE MONEY OR ANY OTHER BENEFIT IN ORDER TO ENTICE A PERSON TO LEAD A RELIGIOUS WAY OF LIFE. IN THEIR OPINION SUCH A LAW IS REQUIRED IN ORDER TO PUT AN END TO THE ACTIVITIES OF RELIGIOUS CIRCLES TRYING NOW TO WIN SOULS AMONG SECULAR JEWS IN ORDER TO PERSUADE THEM TO REPENT (ACCORDING TO THE CONCEPTS OF ORTHODOX JUDAISM). IN THEIR OPINION THERE IS NO BASIS FOR ENACTING A LAW DIRECTED AGAINST CHRISTIAN SECTS ALONE. "

DATE: 5.12.77

JOUHNAL: DAVAR (Hebrew)

CAPTION: MISSION LAW -- AN INVASION OF PRIVACY, FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE & RELIGION

BYLINE: Shulamit Aloni, Member of Knesset

CHARACTER: Feature sticle, commentary, sharply opposing proposed law. EXTRACT: M.K. Abramowitz, in recalling the traumatic history of Jewish suffering in Middle Ages has forgotten that in Israel the Jewish people are the majority, a democratic state, with f reedom of conscience and religion, and we don't have to defend adults against conversion by means of criminal law. STATISTICS: MIN. RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS INDICATES IN 1974 ONLY FOUR CONVERTS (FROM JUDALSM) TO CHRISTIANITY), IN 1975 NINE, IN 1976 FOUR. "NOTWITHSTANDING THE KNESSET IS A BOUT TO ENACT A LAW WHICH DETERMINES: (PROPOSED LAW QUOTED WITH RESPECT TO PENALTIES) AND NOTW THSTANDING EXISTING LAWS FOR PROT CTION OF MINORS IN RELATION TO CONVERSION. RECALLS ILLEGAL DEPORTATION OF SUSAN BAUM FOR HER JESUS CONNECTIONS AND CURRENT UNLAWFUL ACTION AGAINST AMERICAN JEWESS: "SHE RECEIVED HER TEUDAT OLAH, A JEWESS PROPER ACCORDING TO THEE HALAKHA WHO HAD TOLD SOMEONE IN HER INNOCENCE THAT SHE BELLEVES IN JESUS. BY CUNNING HER TEUDAT OLAH WAS TAKEN FROM HER AND THEY ARE NOT PERMITTING HER TO REMAIN IN ISRAEL." AN ATTACK ON THE CYNICISM OF SUPPORTERS OF BILL FOR COALITION HARMONY OR BECAUSE THEY BELIEVE IT TOTALLY INEFFECTIVE OR INOPERATIVE.

DATE: 6.12.77

JOURNAL: HAARETZ (Hebrew)a.m.
HEADING: APPROVED (FIRST READING) LA W AGAINST ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION

BYLINE: Y. Tira (In Knesset)

CHARACTER: Straight news report by Parliamentary Reporter

EXTRACT: TERMS OF PROPOSED LAW OUTLINED. SUPPORT OF COALITION PLUS GIDEON HAUSNER (ILP) & ABSTAINED: MAARACH (ALIGNMENT) OPPOSED: FEDER (MAPAM), DEMOCRATIC FRONT, SHELI, RATZ (CRM) & WERSHOVSKY (DMC). THE LAST NAMED DMC MK OPPOSED MAKING THE SITUATION A CRIMINAL MATTER NO MATTER HOW DISTASTEFUL THE PHENOMENON IS. NRP MK SHEINMAN APPEALED TO POPE AND CHRISTIAN LEADERS "TO FORBID THEIR BELIEVERS TO ENGAGE IN MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN ISRAEL." MK BENJ XXX HALEVY (DMC) RELATED IAW TO HANUKA: "IN THOSE DAYS AT THIS SEASON OUR ANCESTORS CALLED CONVERSION IN THE SIMPLE TELLING PHRASE "SHEMAD" (Apostasy or annihilation) THE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAS ALWAYS ASPIRED TO BRING JEWS TO CONVERSION, ONLY THE MEANS HAVE CHANGED FROM TIME TO TIME. "RECENTLY MISSIONARIES HAVE BEGUN TO PENETRATE THE UNIVERSITIES AND EVEN TO OPERATE AMONG SOLDIERS. THEIR KNAMENENER ACTIVITIES ARE SUBVERSIVE IN EVERY SENSE. "

DATE: 6.12.77

JOURNAL: MAARIVE (Hebrew) p.m.

HEADING: "WHOEVER IS PREPARED TO ACCEPT MONEY IN EXCHANGE FOR CONVERSION-CAN

EXPECT THREE YEARS IMPRISONMENT" (ACCORDING TO PROPOSED LAW)

BYLINE: Joshua Bitzur (Knesset Reporter)

CHARACTER: News report by Parliamentary Reporter

EXTRACT: SUMMARY OF PROPOSED LAW & COMMENTS OF VARIOUS LEGISLATORS IN KNESSET AHARON YADLIN: WARNED AGAINST EXPLOITATION OF SOCIAL ILLS FOR INFLUENCING PERSONS IN RELIGIOUS BELIEFS, NEVERTHELESS COUNSELED CAUTION IN FINAL WORDING OF PROPOSED LAW SO THERE WILL BE NO BASIS FOR CLAIMS OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CHRISTIAN SECTS IN THE HOLY LAND. MK HALEVY "IN AN EMOTIONAL ADDRESS CONCERNING THE PERSECUTIONS AND FORCED CONVERSIONS AGAINST OUR PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE AGES. THERE IS NO BASIC DIFFERENCE BETWEEN DESTRUCTION (OR ANNIHILATION) BY MEANS OF CONVERSION THAN BY PHYSICAL ANNIHILATION. THE EFORE IT IS INCUMBENT UPON THE STATE OF ISRAEL TO PROTECT HER CITIZENS AGAINST MISSIONARY ACTIVITY. MK PEIL DECLARED THAT JUDAISM KNEEDS NO PROTECTION OF LAW TO CONFRONT IDEOLOGICALLY ANY OTHER RELIGION. MK ALONI CLAIMED THAT THE PROPOSED LAW IS NOTHING BUT AN ATTEMPT TO SETTLE ACCOUNTS OF GENERATIONS WITH CHRISTENDOM ... THE FEW ISOLATED INCIDENTS EACH YEAR OF CHNVERSION TO CHRIS LANITY DO NOT JUSTIFY IN HER OPINION SPECIAL LEGISLATION."

DATE: 6.12.77

JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH)

HEADING: KNESSET BILL OUTLAWS BRIBES TO ENTICE RELIGIOUS CONVERTS

BYLINE: Asher Wallfish (JPOST KNESSET REPORTER) CHARACTER: Straight news summary of Knesset debate

EXTRACT: Summary OF LAW & VOTE ON FIRST READING (AS A BOVE) FOLLOWED BY SUMMARY OF ELEVEN MK'S REMARKS FROM VARIOUS FACTIONS. RABBI YEHUDA MEIR ABRAMOWITZ (AGUDA) WHO INITIATED THIS BILL SAID, , , "HIS BILL WOULD NOT CORB THE FREEDOM OF THE MISSION-ARIES TO PROPAGAGE T HEIR IDEAS BUT ONLY PREVENT ENTICING CONVERTS BY GIVING MATERIAL BENEFITS ... ABRAMOWITZ SA ID THAT IF IT WERE A CRIME TO TRY TO TIED THE OUTCOME OF A SOCCER GAME BY VARIOUS FORMS OF PERSUASION, IT MUST SURELY BE REPREHENSIBLE TO PERSUADE A MAN TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION BY OFFERING HIM MONEY TO EMBRACE CHRISTIANITY & LEAVE THE C OUNTRY. PINHAS SHEINMAN (NRP) CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES ENTICE THEIR PREY BY PROMISING PARENTS FREE HIGH SCHOOL FOR THEIR CHILDREN, & EVEN MONEY TO PAY FOR EMMIGRATION & HAD MADE SERIOUS INROADS IN IDF & PERSMADED SOLDIERS TO READ THEIR PROPAGANDA2 MORDECAL/WIRSHUBSKY (DMC) PROSELYTIZING VILE BUT NO POINT IN DEFINING IT A CRIME

BENJ HALEVY (DMC) MISSIONS A CANCER IN THE BODY OF THE NATION. THE NEW LAW WAS FRAMED ' TO FIGHT CORRUPTION & WOULD NOT AFFECT GENUINE FREEDOM OF WORSHIP. SHULMIT ALONI (CRM) JEWS MUST CAST OFF TRAUMA OF MIDDLE AGES...HUNDREDS OF GENTILES ADOPT JUDAISM IN ISRAEL EVERY YEAR AS AGAINST 4 OR 5 JEWS CONVERTING TO CHRISTIANITY MEIR PEIL (SHELI) THE IAW SHOULD NOT BE HARNESSED TO PROTECT IDEAS. CHILDREN ARE

ENTICED TO ATTEND ORTHODOX JEWISH SCHOOLS BY MATERIAL BENEFITS. IA W WOULD CAST SHADOW ON ISRAEL'S IMAGE AS FREE COUNTRY. GIDEON HAUSNER (ILP) MANY EN LIGHTENED COUNTRIES HAVE LAWS AGAINST PROSELYTIZING. SHLOMO GROSS (AGUDA) JEWRY DID NOT SEEK CONVERTS &

DID NOT WANT OTHER FAITHS TO MAKE INROADS INTO ITS OWN RANKS. YADLIN (ALIGNMENT)
FEARED THE WORLD WOULDEMISUNDERSTAND ISRAEL'S TRUE INTENTIONS. CHARLIE BITON (DFPE)
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DATE: 6.12.77

JOURNAL: DAVAR (Hebrew) Histadrut Organ

HEADING: PROPOSED LAW AGAINST ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION IN ISRAEL APPROVED

BYLINE: Davar Correspondent in Knesset CHARACTER: Brief 6-paragraph news article

SUMPARY: REPORT OF KNESSET ACTION & DISCUSSION AS ABOVE WITH SEVERAL QUOTATIONS (OR SUMMARIES) OF REMARKS MADE BY VARIOUS MK'S (INCL. SPONSOR, NRP REPRESENTATIVE, DMC REF. & SHULAMIT ALONI)

DATE: 6.12.77

JOURNAL: HATSOFE (Hebrew) NRP organ

HEADING: 1st despatch-TO FORBID ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION (Yesterday in Knesset)

BYLINE: Yona Cohen (BETWEEN THE GAVEL & THE PODIUM)

CHARACTER: One-column news report as above

SUMMARY: REPORT OF KNESSET ACTION & DISCUSSION AS ABOVE WITH QUOTATIONS OF DMC ILP, SHELI, CRM, DFPE (BITON), ALIGNMENT, LIKUD, AGUDA (RELATIVELY BALANCED REPORT)

HEADING: 2nd DESPATCH (HATSOFE) BRIEF ONE-PARAGRAPH REPORT ON PASSAGE "BY LARGE MAJORITY" OF PROPOSED LAW ON FIRST READING & SENT TO COMMITTEE.

HEADING: 3RD DESPATCH (HATSOFE) SEVEN-PARAGRAPH REPORT FROM KNESSET REGARDING APPEAL BY NRP MK PINHAS SHEINMAN: QUOTE FROM THE PODIUM OF THE KNESSET WHICH SYMBOLIZES THE INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL I APPEAL IN A SEPARATE CALL TO HIS MOST EXCELLENTY THE POPE AND TO THE REST OF THE LEADERS OF CHRISTIAN SECTS TO INSTRUCT THEIR FAITHFUL TO CEASE FROM MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL UNQUOTE FURTHER EXTRACT: ME SHEINMAN SAID... THERE WAS REASON TO ENACT A LAW AGAINST MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN ALL ITS ASPECTS. HOWEVER TAKING INTO A CCOUNT EXISTING FEELINGS IN THE WORLD, THE HOUR IS NOT YET SUITABLE FOR SUCH (ACTION) ... FOLLOWED BY REPORT OF OTHER ASPECTS OF HIS ADDRESS TO THE KNESSET IN SUPPORT OF LAW (AS ABOVE)

DATE: 6.12.77

JOURNAL: HAMISHMAR (Hebrew) Mapan HEADING: LAW AGAINST CONVERSION BYLINE: Yitzhak Shur (IN THE KNESSET)

CHARACTER: SEVEN PARAGRAPH REPORT ON KNESSET ACTIVITY & DISCUSSION OF LAW PROPOSED EXTX SUMMARY: BASICALLY AS OTHER REPORTS PLUS REPARK OF PEIL (SHELI) "HE WARNED AGAINST ACTIONS DIRECTED ONLY AGAINST MISSIONS. ONE MUST CRY OUT AGAINST ENTICEMENTS TO DEAN ATTRACT CHILDREN IN LARGE FAMILIES TO ORTHODOX JEWISH RELIGIOUS INSITUTIONS, AGAINST ENTICEMENTS TO EMIGRATE IN THE NAME OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION ABROAD, AND AGAINST ENTICEMENTS FOR ARABS TO EMIGRATE. "

DATE: 7.12.77

JOURNAL: HAARETZ (Heb. Independent) a.m. HEADING: A HARMEUL AND UNNECESSARY LAW

BYLINE: Editor

CHARACTER: EDITORIAL OF FIVE PARAGRAPHS

EXTR SUMMARY: REPORT OF ITS PASSAGE FIRST READING AND BACKGROUND WITH COMMENTS ABOUT MOTIVES EXPRESSED IN EXPLANATORY REMARKS ACCOMPANYING PROPOSED LAW OF MK ABRAMOWITZ FOLLOWED BY EDITORIAL COMMENTS: QUOTE THE SUBJECT OF MISSIO S REACHES THE HEADLINES OF NEWSPAPERS AS A RESULT OF THREATS OF ISOLATED INDIVIDUALS THAT THEY WILL TURN TO CHRISTIANITY IF THEIR ECONOMIC SITUATION IS NOT IMPROVED AND ALSO AS A RESULT OF THE ASSAULTS OF EXTREMIST ORTHODOX CIRCLES ON MISSIONARY INSTITUTIONS IN ISRAEL. THERE IS THEREFORE NO OBJECTIVE REASON FOR THE LEGISIA TURE TO INTERVENE IN SO SENSITIVE & DELICATE A MATTER AS CONVERSION ... IN PRINCIPLE NEITHER IS THERE ANY JUSTIFICATION TO IMPOSE CRIMINAL PUNISHMENT ON SOMEONE WHO CONVERTS EVEN IF IT IS CLAIMED HE HAS DONE SO AS A RESULT OF MATERIAL INDUCEMENT. THE MATTER OF A MAN'S RELIGION SHOULD REMAIN HIS PRIVATE DOMAIN AND ONLY HE IS/TO DECIDE WHAT FAITH HE SHOULD MAINTAIN AND WOR WHATEVER REASONS. UNQUOTE THERE FOLLOWS A REFERENCE TO JEWISH HISTORY AND THE SURVIVAL OF JUDAISM WITHOUT ANY SUPPORT FROM SECULAR BODIES OR CRIMINAL LAW. "THE VERY REQUIREMENT FOR LEGISLATION IS A SORROWFUL DEVIATION FROM THIS PROUD TRADITION OF OUR PEOPLE."

DATE: 7.12.77

JOURNAL: HAMODIA (Aguda) a.m. HEADING: THE MISSION OUTLAWED BYLINE: "Echo of the Day"

CHARACTER: EDITORIAL OF SIX FARAGRAPHS

SUMPARY: A SENSE OF TRIUMPH AT LARGE MAJORITY FOR PASSAGE WITH REGRETS THA T SO LONG A TIME HAD TO PASS UNTIL IT WAS RECOGNIZED THAT "PRESENT SITUATION IS INTOLERABLE AND THAT NO ISRAELI INTEREST WILL BE HURT AS A RESULT (BY PASSAGE). WARNING THAT WORK IS ONLY HALF DONE AS LONG AS ANY MISSIONARY WORK IS PERMITTED QUOTE THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT IN A JEWISH STATE IT WAS TO BE ANTICIPATED THAT THE LA W WOULD FORBID ALL BREACHING TO CONVERSION AMONG JEWS. . . AND LET US HOPE THAT THE NEXT STEP WILL NOT BE LONG IN COMING...IT IS REASONABLE TO ASSUME THE THE CHRISTIAN WORLD WILL ACCEPT THIS LEGAL RESTRICTION WITH A GREAT MEASURE OF UN DERSTANDING... UNQUOTE

DATE 7.12.77

JOURNAL: HATSOFE (Hebrew) NRP a.m.

HEADING: PROCURERS OF SHEMAD (APOSTASY)

BBLINE: Editor

CHARACTER: Editorial 7 paragraphs

SUMPARY: XNXMUNKUWEKKENXKENTUKEKENEENTHADABABAHANKENTHADABAHANKUMEKENKUKEKENKUKEKEN MUKNIXMADIRANK EXPRESSION OF GREAT SATISFACTION AND FULL BLAST AT MISSIONS AND HISTORIC CHRISTENDOM (INQUISITION) "IN THEIR ARROGRANCE THE MISSIONARIES LA BOUR OPENLY AND SECRETLY IN THE JEWISH STATE, AS THEY APPEAR IN VARIOUS MASKS WITH ONE OBJECT: APOSTASY....LET US HOPE THAT THE LAW WILL BE ENACTED FINALLY. UNQUOTE.

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JOURNAL: ILLUSTRIERTE NEUE WELT (WIEN AUSTRIA) German lanugage

BATE: August/September 1977

HEADING: THE UNITED CHRISTIAN COUNCIL IN ISRAEL (PART OF A NEWS FEATURE OF HOLY LAND EVENTS)

SUMMARY: A BRIEF ONE-PARAGRAPH REPORT ON THE ANNUAL CONFERENCE WITH NAMES OF SOME OF THE MEMBER BODIES AND ARAB AND JEWISE PARTICIPANTS.

3. SUBJECT: STOLEN ICONS

JOURNAL: JEHUSALEM FOST 4.12.77

SUMMARY: GREEK CATHOLIC ICONS IN JAFFA RECOVERED.

4. SUBJECT: HEBREW CHRISTIANS IN USA

DATE: 4.12.77

JOURNAL: MAARIV (Hebrew) p.m.

HEADING: "HEBREW CHRISTIANS" ENGAGE IN HUNTING: 28 DIFFERENT GROUPS IN MISSION ACTIVITY

SMMMARX BYLINE: Shimon Baker, NYC

SUMMARY: Gist of report issued by U.S. Rabbi about Hebrew Christian activities in USA allegedly involving 28 groups and 685,000 men and women connected with missions to Jews. "MOST ACTIVE ARE JEWS FOR JESUS AND HEBREW CHRISTIANS." RABBI JAMES RODIN OF AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, ASST MANAGER OF INTERRELIGIOUS DIVISION, ALLEGES THAT HEBREW CHRISTIANS OPERATE IN FORTY STATES OF USA WITH ABOUT SIXTY GROUPS IN NEWYORK AREA ... "BIG BUSINESS" ... EXPERTS ALLEGE THIS SECT MORE DANGEROUS TO JUDALSM THAN OTHER MISSIONARY MOVEMENTS ... HEBREW CHRISTIANS PREACH AMONG JEWS T AT YOU CAN BELIEVE IN JESUS AS MESSIAH AND REMAIN JEWS. " UNQUOTE

5. SUBJECT: KNAMANANANANANANANANANA THE TRIAL OF JESUS

DATE: 2.12.77 JOURNAL: DAVAR (Hebrew) HISTADRUT

HEADING: NAKE PAST & PRESENT TRIALS

BYLINE: Aharon Meged

CHARACTER: FEATURE ARTICLE REPORTING BBC PRESENTATION OF TRIAL OF JESUS ANALYZED IN LIGHT OF HISTORY FROM PERSPECTIVE OF HAYIM COHEN'S THE TOURS TO STATE TO STATE OF THE STATE O SUMMARY: EMOTIONAL SUBJE CTIVE CRITICISM (POSITIVELY) OF BBC PRESENTATION OF THE PROBLEM OF "WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT IS COUNTERFEIT IN THE NEW TESTAMENT". AN ALLEGEDLY PROOF POSITIVE OF THE DISTORTIONS OF THE REAL FACTS IN THE JESUS AFFAIR FOR PURPOSES OF THE CHURCH TO INGRATIATE ITSELF WITH ROMAN GENTILES NAME BY "TRANSFERRING GUILT FOR MURBER OF JESTS FROM THE ROMANS TO THE JEWS. "

SUBJECT: MISSIONARY ACTIVITY AMONG SOVIET JEWS

DATE: 1.12.77 JOURNAL: SHEARIN (Hebrew)

HEADING: TENS OF JEWS CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY FROM USSR SETTING UP MISSIONARY A CTIVITY IN JERUSALEM: PROF. Y. BRANOVER (STATES) ABOUT TWO THOUSAND JEWISH CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY GO REGULARLY TO CHURCH IN MOSCOW."

BYLINE: Yitzhak Hiddesheimer

CHARACTER: SHORT THREE PARAGRAPH ARTICLE IN RELIGIOUS DAILY EXPOSING MISSIONS
SUMMARY: PROFESSOR BRANOVER, LEADER IN SHAMIR (ASSOCIATION FOR RELIGIOUS PROFESSIONALS)
CHARGES THAT MANY CONVERTS IN USER LEAD BY A CONVERT BY NAME OF ALEXANDER MAN AND THAT
SOME HAVE COME TO ISRAEL AND ESTABLISHING GROUPS IN JEHUSALEM HOMES, ALSO IN TIBERIAS,
"AND IT IS KNOWN THAT THAY THEY HAVE HAD A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUCCESS INFLUENCING A
NOT INSIGNIFICANT NUMBER OF JEWS IN ISRAEL TO JOIN THEM. THEIR THEORY IS TO UNITE
AS IT WERE JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY AND THEY HOPE TO BRING FINALLY RABBIS IN SYNAGOGUES
TO SPEAK ABOUT THAT MAN. RECENTLY A SOVIET JEWISH CONVERT IMMIGRANT JOINED THEM
(WHO FIRST HAD TRIED HIS LUCK IN THEUSA) AND HE IS TRYING TO PURCHASE A PLOT APPARENTLY
IN BETHLEHEM IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A CHURCH FOR THE CHRISTIAN CONVERTS. HIS NAME
IS MEIRSON AXINOV. PROF BRANOVER TOLD US YESTERDAY THAT HE HOPES THAT AS A RESULT
OF PUBLICITY (WHICH HE ALSO CONVEYED TO THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE BROADCAST OF VOICE OF
ISRAEL THAT THERE WILL COME A SUITABLE PUBLIC ACTION TO LIQUIDATE THIS DANGEROUS PLAGUE?"

SUBJECT: MISSION SCHOOL IN JAFFA

DATE: 24.11.77 JOURNAL: HAMODIA (HEBREW ORTHODOX)

HEADING: 280 JEWISH CHILDREN IN THE MISSION SCHOOL IN JAFFA

BYLINE: NONE

CHARACTER: EXPOSE

SUMMARY: ALLEGED ENTICEMENT OF FRENCH CATHOLIC SCHOOL IN JAFFA TO OBTAIN JEWISH STUDENTS. REPORT BASED ON INFORMATION OF "YAD LEAKHIM" ANTIMISSION SOCIETY.

A MRS1 BUDEAU FLORENCE OF FRANCE HAD HER CHILD RESCUED FROM THE MISSION SCHOOL.

SUBJECT: CONVERSION ACCORDING TO HALAKHA

DATE: 1.12.77 JOURNAL: SHEARIM (HEBREW...ORTHODOX)

HEADING: THE COMMITTED FOR THE INTEGRITY OF THE PROPLE CRIES OUT BITTERLY

BY: Editor

CHARACTER: Editorial

SUMMARY: AF EAL TO AMEND THE LAW OF RETURN TO FORBID RECOGNITION OF ANY CONVERSION (E.G. REFORM OR CONSERVATIVE) TO JUDAISM EXCEPT ACCORDING TO HAIAKHA (ORTHODOX).

COMPLAINT ABOUT DELAY OF GOVT IN FULFILING COALITION PLEDGE.

SUBJECT: MESSIANISM IN ISRAEL OR JEWISH THOUGHT (IN CONNECTION WITH GERSHON SCHOLEM)
DATE: 7.12.77 (TWO ITEMS)

JOUHNAL: HAARETZ (HEBREW INDEPENDENT)

HEADING: MESSIANISM IN ISRAEL ACCORDING TO GERSHOM SCHOLEM

BUMMARY: REPORT ON SCHOLARLY FORUM ABOUT MESSIANIC BELIEF IN JEWISH HISTORY & THOUGHT (NO SPECIFIC MENTION IN ARTICLE ABOUT NEW TESTAMENT MESSIANISM AROUND JESUS) BUT A RATIONALISTIC SLANT GIVEN TO THE IDEA, AS REPORTED, TO CAPACITY AUDIENCE (INCL PROF YADIN, AUERBACH, AND MANY STUDENTS OF PROF. SCHOLEM AS WELL AS THE MASTER.)

DATE 7.12.77 JOURNAL: HAMISHMAR (HEBREW MAPAM) BY GABRIEL STERN HEADING: A DAY OF DELIBERATION ON THE MESSIANIC IDEA IN HONOR OF PROF G SCHOLEM SUMMARY: BRIEF REPORT OF DAY LONG SEMINAR.

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