

SUBJECT: PROPOSED ANTIMMISSION LAW

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HEADING: THE ISRAELI SECULAR MOVEMENT: THE LAW GIVES TEETH OF PREY TO THE JEWISH CHURCH IN ISRAEL.

EXTRACTS: "...BEFORE THIS LAW WAS DISCUSSED IN KNESSET SESSION, THE ISRAELI SECULAR MOVEMENT SUBMITTED MEMORANDA TO ALL PARTIES OF THE KNESSET, WHEREIN IT DETAILED ITS ARGUMENTS AGAINST LAW. WE AGAIN APPEAL TO WIDER PUBLIC IN THE FOLLOWING DEMAND..." "CONVERSION IN ISRAEL TAKES PLACE IN ONLY FEW INSTANCES AS A RESULT OF MATERIAL ENTICEMENTS, BUT IN MANY INSTANCES THERE ARE CONVERSIONS AS A RESULT OF PRESSURES. REFERENCE IS MADE TO MIXED MARRIAGES, WITH PRESSURES BEING APPLIED ON THEM TO CONVERT TO JUDAISM, AND THREATS MADE CONCERNING THEIR FUTURES IN ISRAEL IF THEY SHOULD REFUSE TO CONVERT TO JUDAISM. THE LAW REMAINS SILENT CONCERNING THESE PRESSURES & THREATS. WHEN CONVERSION FROM CHRISTIANITY TO JUDAISM IS AT ISSUE, THAT IS PERMISSIBLE... IN A MULTITUDE OF INSTANCES--LIKE A NATIONAL PLAGUE--MATERIAL ENTICEMENTS ARE OFFERED TO SECULAR PERSONS TO HAVE THEM CONVERT TO A RELIGIOUS WAY OF LIFE. THE LAW PASSES OVER IN SILENCE ABOUT SUCH ENTICEMENTS. IT HAS THE SMELL OF INQUISITION IN IT. THE LAW IS SO DEvised THAT IT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO INDICT EVERY CHRISTIAN PERSON WHO INNOCENTLY SPEAKS WITH A NONCHRISTIAN. THE LAW IS SO DEvised THAT IT CAN SERVE AS AN INTENTIONAL PROVOCATION, FALSE ACCUSATIONS AND PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL... THE LAW STRENGTHENS THE HANDS OF GROUPS OF JEWISH MISSIONARIES SUCH AS THE HABAD HASIDIM AND THE REST OF THE CONSTANTLY INCREASING 'BRINGERS TO REPENTANCE'... THIS IS A LAW WHICH IS DISCRIMINATORY AND GIVES TEETH OF PREY TO THE ORTHODOX JEWISH MISSIONARY CHURCH--AGAINST US, FREE (HAFSHI) ISRAELI CITIZENS.. "SIGNED: PROF UZI ORNAN CHAIRMAN OF THE SECULAR MOVEMENT.

DATE: 8.12.77 YEDIOT AKHRONOT "DANGER OF THE MISSION" BY: DR. Y. RAFAEL

VIOLENT ATTACK ON MISSIONS WITH CONSIDERABLE ELABORATION OF VARIOUS GROUPTS INCL UCCI JW EMMA BERGER BAPT, GK ORTH RC & MESS JEWS (HEB CHR)
 EXTRACTS: "...ONLY FEW INCIDENTS FILTER INTO KNOWLEDGE OF GENERAL PUBLIC SUCH AS THE SHOCKING EXAMPLE OF THE SHOKRON FAMILY RECENTLY PUBLISHED, WHEREAS HUNDREDS OF SIMILAR INCIDENTS ARE NOT EVEN HEARD OF. THE MISSIONARIES IN THEIR VARIOUS KINDS DO THEIR WORK IN STEALTH, TRAINED IN UNDERGROUND ACTIVITY AND THEY EVEN TRAIN THEIR VICTIMS IN SECRECY AND CONCEALMENT. NOT ONE OF US CAN ESTIMATE THE NO. CASUALTIES FALLEN IN THE HANDS OF THE MISSION IN THE 30 YEARS OF THE STATE, HOW MANY CHANGED THEIR RELIGION & LIVE AMONG US AS CHRISTIANS, AND HOW MANY HAVE EMIGRATED FROM ISRAEL ENCOURAGED BY THE MISSION... THEIR NO. DOUBTLESS REACHES THE THOUSANDS... THERE IS A LEGION OF CLOSE TO 5,000 (!) PROFESSIONAL MISSIONARIES WORKING THROUGHOUT THE BREADTH OF THE LAND, AIDED BY PRIESTS & MONKS AMONG THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF THE VARIOUS CHURCHES. THEY PERFORM THE MISSION OF ABOUT 35 OR MORE ECCLES. ORGANIZ. FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. EVERY IMPORTANT CHRIS. SECT SEES ITSELF OBLIGED TO CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING TO "SAVING" OF THE JEWS... EVERY ORGAN. WORKS INDEPENDENTLY, AND EVEN TRIES TO CONCEAL ITS ACTIVITIES FROM ITS NEIGHBOURS... THE MISSIONARIES ARE TRAINED ON AN HIERARCHIAL REGIME. EVERYONE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR A SPECIAL FUNCTION, TO THE TOPIC FOR WHICH HE IS APPOINTED IN THE PLACE WHERE HE IS PLANTED; AND ABOVE HIM IS A MAN OF THE AREA, A REGIONAL COORDINATOR. THE GUIDANCE & DIRECTIVES ARE ISSUED FROM THE NATL CENTRE, USUALLY JLM. NOT ALL THE MISS. ORGAN. OPERATE ON THE BASIS OF THE SAME SCHEME. THERE ARE DIFFERENCES & NUANCES AMONG THEM, THE OVERALL OBJECTIVE IS IDENTICAL--TO CONVERT JEWS TO CHRISTIANITY. THE EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE ARE THE "MESSIANIC JEWS," WHOSE ASPIRATION IS TO ESTABLISH A KIND OF SECT OF "HEBREW CHRISTIANS" WHO BELIEVE THAT THE REDEMPTION OF ISRAEL WILL COME BY JESUS THE MESSIAH.

"GENERALLY, THE MISSION ORGANIZATIONS AVOID POLITICAL INVOLVEMENT... HOWEVER, THERE IS CLEAR JEW HATRED THAT MOTIVATES CERTAIN STEPS. THE MOST EXTREME CATEGORY IS THE SECT JEWHOVA WITNESSES, WHOSE ACTIVITIES ARE MARKED BY OPPOSITION TO STATE INSTITUTIONS.

CERTAIN GROUPS COMBINE CHRISTIANITY WITH EASTERN MYSTICISM. THESE ARE MAINLY CONNECTED TO THE "INTERNATIONAL CULTURAL FUND" OPERATING AMONG STUDENTS...AMONG CHURCH INSTITUTIONS OF A TRADITIONAL CHARACTER THE MOST ACTIVE IS THE BAPTIST CONVENTION, WHICH DOES NOT SHRINK FROM TAKING A POSITION IN CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES AND DEMANDS SEPARATION OF RELIGION & STATE. THE PROTESTANTS OPERATE IN VARIOUS FRAMEWORKS, COORDINATED BY THE ROOF ORGANIZATION "THE COMMITTEE FOR UNITING THE PROTESTANTS." THE LUTH. CHURCH COORDINATES ITS ACTIVITIES BY MEANS OF THE NORWEGIAN & FINNISH CHURCHES, ESP. THE GERMAN LUTH. MISSION. IXXXX THE LATIN CATHOLIC & GK ORTH. CHURCHES OPERATE IN A LESS OBTRUSIVE WAY. (BOLAY) (THERE FOLLOWS LENGTHY DESCRIPTION OF CHRISTIAN PROPAGANDA WITH CITATION OF SEVERAL TRACTS REFERRED TO AS WELL AS PAMPHLETS, BOOKS, BIBLE DISTRIBUTION, EXPORT OF MISSIONARY MATERIAL FROM ISRAEL. THEN A BRIEF SURVEY OF YOUTH MISSIONS ALLEGEDLY INVOLV. YOGA GROUPS, THE LATTER CONNECTED WITH BULLETIN "TOR ZAHAV" (GOLDEN ERA) & REF. TO FESTIVAL OF JOY (LOGOS?) THEN A LONGER SURVEY OF GENERAL MISS. ACT. OF A MOST INTENSE & CONCENTRATED NETWORK, SOUNDS MUCH LIKE ESPIONAGE OPERATION. ARTICLE CONCLUDES WITH REFERENCE TO WRITERS BATTLE AGAINST "THE MISSIONARY FRENZY" AS MK & MIN. RELIG. AFF., ESP. EFFORTS TO LEGISLATE VS. MISS. FRUSTRATED BY "THE COALITION CRISIS WHICH REMOVED MATTER FROM AGENDA..."

DATE: 8.12.77 HAMODIYA "DANGER OF THE SPREAD OF MISSION ACTIVITIES" ATTACK ON EMMA BERGER GROUP & A NEW GROUP "BET ISACHAR" CITED IN KNESSET BY MK SHILANSKY (LIKUD): "I DO NOT KNOW ITS CHARACTER, BUT ALL WHO ARE ACTIVE IN THESE GROUPS ARE GERMAN." MK SHILANSKY

DATE: 8.12.77 HAMISHMAR "MISSION LAW" EDITORIAL "THERE IS NONE AMONG US WHO LOVES MISSIONARIES. EVEN IN THE EYES OF INTELLIGENT SECULAR JEWS...THE PHENOMENON OF PERSUASION TO CONVERT IS INVALID FROM EVERY PREMISE...NEVERTHELESS,...THIS VERY LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY IS INSTRUCTIVE PERHAPS OF THE LACK OF PERSONAL SECURITY OF THE ISRAELI ESTABLISHMENT, A LACK OF SECURITY OF THE JEWISH RELIGION TO DEFEND ITS FAITHFUL AGAINST (CHR. PREACHERS)..."

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