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"THE MISSION EXPLOITS MENTAL DISTRESS
EDITORIAL

"HARSH WORDS WERE UTTERED THIS WEEK IN THE KNESSET ABOUT THE PROBLEM OF DRUGS & THEIR DISTRIB. AMONG ISRAELI YOUTH WHEN MK YITZHAK YITZHAKI OF LIKUD PROPOSED A DISCUSSION OF THE PROBLEM IN A PLENUM SESSION OF KNESSET. MR. YITZHAKI REVEALED SHOCKING DETAILS OF THE EXTENT OF THE EXPLOITATION OF THIS PROBLEM BY MISSIONARIES. REFERENCE WAS MADE TO A MISS. INST. BY NAME OF "JEWS FOR THAT MAN" WHO HAVE SET UP AN INST. FOR DRUG WITHDRAWAL. THE INST. IS INJLM AND ALTHO THE POLICE CLAIM THEY HAVE RECD NO COMPLAINTS MK YITZHAKI NEVERTHELESS CLAIMS THAT HE HAS INFO. THAT THIS INST. HAS EVEN ENGAGED IN SMUGGLING YOUNG PEOPLE IN ITS CARE TO OUTSIDE ISRAEL. THESE THINGS ARE ~~APPALLING~~ APPALLING, AND THE PLICE ARE OBLIGED TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER EVEN WITHOUT AN OFFICIAL COMPLAINT. (THERE FOLLOWS AN ATTACK ON THOSE JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE CHARGED THAT RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS ENGAGE IN SMUGGLING CHILDREN FROM ISRAEL TO PLACES OUTSIDE ISRAEL FOR PURPOSES OF ORTHODOX EDUCATION, EVEN THO THESE INSTITUTIONS ABROAD DEAL WITH YOUNG PEOPLE FROM TROUBLED HOMES.) "WHERE THOSE ALERT JOURNALISTS IN THIS (missionary) SITUATION?" (THERE FOLLOWS PLEA TO TRANSMIT YITZHAKI'S ACCUSATION TO COMM. DEALING WITH ABRAWITZ ANTIMISSION LAW TO STRENGTHEN VALIDITY OF LAW AND ALSO "TO CHECK WHETHER THIS POINT (i.e. the mission and drug withdrawal treatment) HAS BEEN TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION IN THE WORDING OF THE LAW."

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"ENTICEMENT LAW FOR CHANGE OF RELIGION APPROVED IN KNESSET BY LARGE
NEWS REPORT MAJORITY

"BY A LARGE MAJORITY THE KNESSET APPROVED LAST NIGHT THE FINAL READING OF THE STATUTORY "MK'S MEIR PEIL & S. ALONI, WITH A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF SUPPORT FROM WIRSHUVSKY (DMC) FOUGHT AGAINST THE LAW WHICH AC TO THEM IS A 'DISGRACE' TO ISRAEL... FIRST MRS. ALONI DEMANDED POSTPONEMENT OF THE DEBATE TO "ANOTHER TIME" UNTIL THE P.M. MIGHT GIVE HIS OPINION ON THE 'SERIOUSNESS' OF THE LAW FOR CHRISTIANS. THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE DR. BENJ HALEVI NOTED THAT THE LAW WAS FIRST PROPOSED BY RABBI A. EXPLAINING THAT MOST OF THE PEOPLE VIEW THE GIVING OR RECEIVING ANY MATERIAL BENEFIT TO INDUCE CONVERSION AS IMMORAL & AN OFFENCE. HE EXPLAINED THAT MATTERS HAVE REACHED SUCH A PASS THAT PER SONS OF WEAK CHARACTER AND EMBITTERED ARE THREATENING SOCIAL WORKERS & CIVIL SERVANTS THAT IF THEY DON'T OBTAIN PAYMENTS OF ONE OR ANOTHER KIND, THEY WILL TURN TO THE MISSION & OBTAIN SAME... ALONI CALLED OUT THAT THERE IS AN ELEMENT OF PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANITY & CHRISTIANS IN THE LAW, AND IT IS HUXPA FOR THREE MILLION JEWS HERE TO PERSECUTE MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS, AND THAT EMIGRATION FROM ISRAEL WAS CAUSED MORE BY THE SOKHNUT PEOPLE THAN BY ALL THE MISSIONS.... HALEVI COMPLETELY REJECTED THE CHARGES OF PEIL & ALONI, AND HER REMARKS ABOUT "PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS" & THE LIKE, CHARACTERIZING IT AS 'PERVERSE & SLANDEROUS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LAND.' THE RESERVATIONS OF THE A/M MK'S (TO WHOM WERE JOINED AMAR OF MAPAM) WERE REJECTED BY A LARGE MAJORITY (7 for & 34 vs.) Z. SHUVAL EXPLAINED HIS ABSTENTION BECAUSE OF OBJECTION TO PARA. 2 OF THE LAW."