NEWS CLIPPINGS DIGEST UCCI

Copy for Menahem FROM 1 Feb 78 to 10 Feb 78 10 (also French article 19.1.78)

1. SUBJECT: NEW MISSIONIAW (TV DEBATE) DATE: 1.2.78 JOURNAL+ DAVAR LETTER TO EDITOR HEADING: "THE LAW AGAINST THE MISSION" SIGNED: HAYIM HATZORI, AYELET HASHAKHAR QUOTE: "FOLLOWING IS TO THE PRODUCERS OF THE PROGRAM "LEHEM HOKE"-MISSION LAW, ISRAELI TV 23.1.78 IN WELCH WAS DISCUSSED THE MISSION LAW OF KNESSET A MONTH AGO. IN THIS CONNECTION I WOULD REMARK ON SEVERAL POINTS: INASSUCH AS I SIDE WITH THE VIEWS OF MK ALONI IN THE MATTER OF INDIVIDUAL FREEDOM IN A DEMOCRATIC REGIME, IT ALSO APPEARS TO ME THAT THE LAW WHICH WAS PASSED IS A SERIOUS BLOW TO CIVIL LIBERTY SINCE ITS IMPLICATIONS MAY EXTEND FAR BEYOND THE MATTER OF FAITH, SUCH AS THE RIGHT OF EVERY CITIZEN TO THE IDEALS WHICH HE BELLEVES IN. RABBI ISRAELMIAU BASED HIS REANIZABINEEN THAT THERE ARE IN THE STATE MANY CITIZENS WHO ARE BAIT FOR MISSIONARIES-ILLITERATES AND CITIZENS LIVING IN DISTRESSED CONDITION. IN MY OPINION, WERE THE ESTEEMED RABBI TRULY A MAN OF MAITH HEART AND SOUL, AND NOT A MAN OF MARKA DOCHA. HE WOULD BE FIGHTING AGAINST SUCH MANIFESTATIONS. IT APPEARS THAT AS IF THE CHIEF RABBINATE AND ALL THE FANATICS WISH TO CREATE THE CONDITIONS OF A CHETTO IN OUR FREE STATE. IT IS NOT THE FEAR OF A FEW MISSIONARIES WHICH IS THE MOTIVE FOR THE LAW BUT THE DESIRE TO STRENGTHEN THE IR POSITION AND POWER IN THE STATE, AND TO CONVERT IT INTO AN AUTOCRATIC-CLERICALIST STATE AFTER THE EXAMPLE OF EUROPE BEFORE THE REMAISSANCE AND THE NAPOLEONIC ERA. "

DATE: 10.2.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (IND AM HEB) BRIEF NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "ORGANIZATION OF 'YAD L'AKHIM' ('A HAND TO BRETHREN') SUPPORTS DEMAND THAT AN INTERNATIONAL
INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE CLARIFY ECTIVITIES OF THE MISSION IN ISRAEL"

QUOTE: " THE ORGANIZATION OF YAD L'AKHIM WHICH STANDS AT THE HEAD OF THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE MISSION IN ISRAEL HAS EXPRESSED SUPPORT OF THE DEMAND OF THE UCCI (WHICH REPRESENTS THE CREANIZATIONS OF THE MISSION) THAT AN INTERNATIONAL COMMITTE BE SET UF TO INVESTIGATE THE MATTER OF CONVERSIONS IN ISRAEL. A SPOKESMAN FOR THE ORGANIZATION STATED THAT THE SIDING OF THE ORGANIZATION WITH THE PROPOSAL COMES BECAUSE IT HAS MUCH MATERIAL WHICH PROVES MAKE THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE MISSION ORGANIZATIONS IN ISRAEL TO CONVERT JEWS AWAY FROM THEIR KHKNGNXNY FAITH. THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED SURPRISE ABOUT THE PANIC WHICH HAS SEIZED THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MISSION UPON PASSAGE OF THE PRESENT LAW. WHICH IS NOT COMPREHENSIBLE IN VIEW OF THEIR STATED STAND THAT THEY DO NOT DEAL IN MATERIAL ENTICEMENTS FOR CONVERSION. IF THEREFORE THEY IN NOT DEAL IN ENTICEMENT THERE IS NO PLACE FOR APPREHENSION OVER THE LAW. THE SPOKESMAN ADDED THAT THE ORGANIZATION'S ACTIVISTS WILL INDEED EMPLOY ALL LEGAL MEANS IN ORDER TO PROVE THAT ENTICEMENT FOR CONVERSION IS ONE OF THE ACCEPTED MEANS OF THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MISSION IN NOT A FEW CASES. THE ORGANIZATION WILL ALSO CONTINUE ITS PUBLIC CAMPAIGN FOR THE ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION WHICH WILL TOTALLY FORBID MISSION ACTIVITIES, A LAW WHICH IS KENERA ACCEPTAB IN MANY ENLIGHTENED COUNTRIES. "THE CLAIMS HEARD BY ANKNYNXNXNXNXNX MISSION REPRESENTATIVES ABOUT PERSECUTION, AS IT WERE, OF CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL IS NOTHING BUR A SMOKESCREEN," THE SPOKESMAN REMARKE HE SAID THAT SOON THERE WOULD BE PUBLISHED. "SHOCKING MATERIAL" ABOUT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION IN THE PAST AND IN THE PRESENT. UNQUOTE

JOURNAL: DAVAR (LABOUR AM HEB) NEWS ARTICLE DATE: 10.2.78 HEADING: "YAD L'AKHIM JOINS IN ON DEMAND OF UCCI FOR INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE" QUOTE: THE UCCI REPRESENTING THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MISSION IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST THE LAW OF ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION RECEIVED SOME UNEXPECTED SUPPORT FOR THEIR DEMAND TO SET UP AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE THAT WOULD INVESTIGAT E THE MATTER OF CHANGE OF RELIGION IN ISRAEL-FROM THE ORGANIZATION "YAD L'AKHIM" WRICH STANDS AT THE HEAD OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THE MISSION. IN A STATEMENT BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION OF THE ACTIVISTS YAD L'AHIM IT WAS DECLARED THAT IT HAS JOINED IN THE PROPOSAL BECAUSE IT HAS VERY MUCH MATERIAL TO PROVE THE DECEITFUL AND CAMOUFLAS TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE ORGANIZATIONS OF THE MISSION IN ISRAEL IN ORDER TO CONVERT JEWS FROM TEC FAITH. THE SPOKESMAN EXPRESSED SURPRISE AT THE PANIC WHICH HAS SELZED THE MESSION ORGANIZATION THE PASSAGE OF THE PRESENT LAW WHICH IS INCOMPREHENSIBLE IN VIEW OF THE STATED STAND THAT THE ENGAGE IN MATERIAL ENTICEMENTS TO CONVERSION. THEIR CHARGE THAT THEY FEAR THAT HOSTYLE ELF TRY TO SUBVERT THEM BAITING THEM IN GROER TO TRAF THEM INTO VIOLATION OF THE LAW IS NOT A" COMPREHENSIBLE SINCE IF THEY DO NOT ENGAGE IN ENTIQUENT THEY CANNOT BE TRAPPED. THE ST THAT THE ACTIVISTS OF THE CREANIZATION WILL INDEED TAKE STEPS LEGALLY TO PROVE THAT PV MENT TO OBTAIN CONVERSIONS IS ONE OF THE MOST POPULAR MEANS AMONG NOT A FEW MISSION ' IN ADDITION THE ORGANIZATION WILL CONTINUE ITS PUBLIC STRUGGLE FOR EXACTMENT OF A

ENTIRELY ACTIVITIES OF THE MISSION, A LAW WHICH IS ACCEPTABLE IN MANY ENLIGHTENED COUNTRIES. THE CHARGES HEARD FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE MISSION ABOUT PERSECUTION OF CHRISTIANS, AS IT WERE, IN ISRAEL ARE NOTHING BUT A SMOKESCREEN TO COVER UP THEIR FLOT TO CONVERT AS MANY JEWS AS POSSIBLE IN THEIR OWN LAND, THE SPOKESMAN DECLARED, DISCLOSING THAT SOON THERE WOULD BE PUBLISHED "SHOCKING MATERIAL" ABOUT MISSION A CTIVITY IN THE PAST AND IN THE PRESENT."

DATE: 10.2.78 JOURNAL+ SHEARIM (AGUDA AM HEB) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "YAD L'AKHIM" JOINS IN ON DEMAND OF CHRISTIANS TO SET UP INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE"
QUOTE: (ARTICLE IDENTICAL VERBATIM AS FREVIOUS ARTICLE APPEARING IN "DAVAR" ABOVE)

DATE: 10.2.78 JOUHNAL: HATSOFE (NRP AM HEB) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "ORGANIZATION OF YAD L'AKHIM JOINS IN ON DEMAND OF UCCI FOR INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE"
QUOTE: (ARTICLE IDENTICAL VERBATIM AS PREVIOUS ARTICLES)

2. SUBJECT: JEWISH-CHRISTIAN GROUP ARRIVES FROM EGYPT

DATE: 3.2.78 JOURNAL: MAARIV (IND PM HEB) NEWS ARTICLE HEADING: "THE JEWISH-CHRISTIAN GROUP ARRIVES FROM CAIRO IN ISRAEL"

QUOTE: OFFICIAL SOURCES IN CAIRO TRIED TO INFLUENCE THE JEWISH-CHRISTIAN GROUP FROM THE USA WHO VISITED EGYPT THIS WEEK TO USE THEIR INFLUENCE ON THE AMERICAN GOV'T AND ON GOV'T LEADERS IN ISRAEL TO ACCEPT THE POSITIONS OF ANWAR SADAT AND HIS PRACE INITIATIVE. THIS WAS RELATED BY MEMBERS OF THE GROUP LAST NIGHT (WHO ARRIVED IN ISRAEL VIA ATRENS) AFTER A VISIT IN CAIRO WHERE THEY MET, AMONG OTHERS, WITH PRESIDENT SADAT. ACCORDING TO THEM, OFFICIAL SOURCES IN CAIRO STRESSED THE GREAT POWER AND INFLUENCE WHICH LIES IN THE HANDS OF MX JEWS IN THE USA. ON TUESDAY THE GROUP WHICH NUMBERS 36 MEN AND WOMEN MET WITH THE SADAT. THE LEADER OF THE GROUP, RABBI YOSEF AHARONKRANTZ, RELATED THAT "PRESIDENT SADAT ASKED US TO TELL THE WORLD THAT THE ROAD TO PEACE IS HARD." NEVERTHELESS, THE PRESIDENT ADDED OPTIMISTICALLY: "IN THE END WE SHALL ATRAIN TO PEACE. ONCE HAVING BEGUN ON THIS ROAD, THERE IS NO OTHER EXIT." THE GROUP WILL MEET WITH THE PRIME MINISTER MENAHEM BEGIN AND WITH OTHER PERSONS WHILE IN ISRAEL."

3. SUBJECT: MOUNT ZION CONTROVERSY

DATE: 3.2.78 JOURNAE: JERUSALEM POST (IND AM ENGL) BENGTHY NEWS ARTICLE HEADING: "YESHIVA GIVES UP MOUNT ZION ROOMS (PHOTO INSET: "A FRANCISCAN FRIAR MAKES AN INVENTORY IN BYLINE: DAVID LANDAU, JP REPORTER. 'THE ROOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'") EXTRACTS: THE DIASPORA YESHIVA ONMY ZION LAST NIGHT ANNOUNCED THAT IT WAS GIVING UP ALL CLAIMS TO THE DISFUTED 'ROMS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT,' WELCH WERE FORCIBLY BROKEN INTO TWO WEEKS AGO. THE ANNOUNCE-MENT CARE IN THE COURSE OF A JERUSALEM POST INVESTIGATION IN THE INCIDENT WHICH HAS CAUSED A FURORE AMONG THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OCCUPYING ADJACANT SECTIONS OF THE MOUNT. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES ACCUSE THE YESHIVA OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE BREAK IN. SOME YESHIVA OFFICIALS DENY THIS, BUT OTHERS PREFER NOT TO MAKE DIRECT COMMENTS. THE YESHIVA'S ANNOUNCEMENT LAST NIGHT, MADE BY ITS DIRECTOR, RABBI ELLIOT SHERMAN. SAID THE YESHIVA WOULD HENCEFORTH REMOVE ITSELF "PHYSICALLY AND LEGALLY" FROM THE ROOMS IN QUINSTION. THIS MEANS, SHERMAN TOLD THE POST, THAT THE YESHIVA WILL NOW WANT THE TWO ROOMS TO BE OMITTED FROM A LEASE WHICH IT IS IN THE PROCESS OF SIGNING WITH THE ISRAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION IN THE LEASE AS PRESENTLY DRAFTED THE TWO ROOMS COME WITHIN THE YESHIVA'S DOMAIN --- A PROSPECT THAT HAS RAISED BITTER OBJECTIONS FROM THE MAJOR CHURCHES. (THERE FOLLOWS A REVIEW OF THE HIS TORY OF THE DISPUTE BETWEEN FRANCISCANS AND S.Z. KAHANE, HEAD OF AN ASSOCIATION WHICH ADMINISTERS JEWISH SHRINES ON MT ZION, AND DIASPORA YESHIVA, WHO WAS TERMED "THEIR MAIN PATRON & PROTECTOR ... DEFENDING THEM THRO! VARIOUS ALTERCATIONS WITH CERISTIAN AND JEWISH BEIGHBOURS, " BUT IS NOW RETIRED, ALTEO FIGHTING COURT CASES ON BEHALF OF HIS ASSOCIATION AGAINST CHURCHES & ISBAEL LANDS ADMINISTRATION.) THE FRAN-CISCAN CUSTOS... WROTE IN HIS LETTER TO THE MINISTER (RELIG AFFAIRS): IT IS CLEAR THAT THE YESHIVA BY VIOLATING THE RIGHTS OF OTHERS WHETHER ATTRE COENACULUM OR AT OTHER PROPERTIES ON MT ZION, WILL NOT OBTAIN SYMPATHY & UNDERSTANDING. CUSTOS RORELLIO ZAKI VOICED HIS 'APPREHENSION & ALARM', TOO AT HAV-ING READ IN THE POST THAT THE YESHIVA WAS ABOUT TO SIGN A CONTRACT WITH THE LANDS ADMINISTRATION. THO PROBLEM OF THE HOLY PLACES WHOULD BE LEFT TO THE ARBITRARY DECISION OF A PARTICULAR ORGANIZATION ... THE ONLY COMPETENT AUTHORITY IS THE MIN FOR HELIC AFFAIRS, " THE CUSTOS WROTE. THE MINISTRY PLAINING SHARESTELS VIEW & HAS BEEN MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS IN RECENT DAYS TO FOIL OR AT LEAST DELAY SIGNING OF THE CONTRACT. MINISTRY DIREC-GEN YISRAEL LIPPEL SAYS HE WAS ONLY INFORMED OF THE CONTRACT AT TH VERY LAST STAGES OF NEGOTIATION. THRO' HIS REFORTS BOTH THE FOR MINISTRY & THE INTERIOR MIN HAVE

MOVED INTO THE PICTURE. FM MOSHE DAYAN'S CHIEF OF BUREAU WHOTE TO INT MIN YOSEF BURG AS CHAIRMAN OF THE MINISTERIAL COMMITTEE ON JERUSALEM URGING A FULL SCALE DISCUSSION IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE BREAKING TO THE TWO DESPUTED ROOMS AND ITS POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES ... PROMOTED BY THE MINISTRE'S CONCERN FOR THE SENSITIVE RELATIONS BETWEEN ISRAEL & THE VARIOUS CHRISTIAN DEMOMINATIONS. THE RELIG AFFAIRS MINISTRI IT APPEARS IS NOT ENTIRELY RECONCILED TO THE YESHIVA WINNING THE CONTRACT FROM THE LANDS ALMIN. BUT II IT CARNOT PREVENT THE CONTRACT ULTIMATRLY BEING SIGNED, IT PROPOSES TO INSIST THAT IRONCLAD CLAUSES BE WRITTEN IN GUARANTERING FREE ACCESS TO ALL RELIGIONS TO HOLY SITES ON THE MOUNT WITH ITSELF AS SUPERVISOR & ENFORCER OF THESE ARRANGEMENTS. THE CONTRACT AS DRAFTED ... GIVES INTOLERABLY WIDE POWERS TO THE YESHIVA OVER DAVID'S TOMB AND ACCESS ROUTES ON THE MOUNT, A HIGH MINISTRY SOURCE SAID. AND TH YESHIVA'S RECORD OF BELLIGERENCE MAKES THIS QUITE UNACCEPTABLE, HE SAID. BUT AGRIC MIN ARIK SHARON, APPARENTLY IN RESSED BY THE YESHIVA'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN WINNING YOUNG PROPIE AWAY FROM DRUGS AND TOWARD THE RELIGIOUS LIFE, IS REPORTEDLY URGING HIS OFFICIALS AT THE LANDS AIMIN TO COMPLETE THE CONTRACT WITH THE YESHIVA. THE ARMENIAN PARRIANCE IN ANOTHER LETTER TO THE RELIG AFFAIRS MINISTER HAS COMPLAIN OF THE "FANATICAL BENAVIOUR OF THE DIASPORA YESHIVA... A SOURCE OF CONCERN TO THE GUARDIANS OF THE HOL SITES ON MT ZION." ... CLEARLY AWARE THAT THIS SENTIMENT IS WIDESPREAD AMONG THE LEADING CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AND SERING IT AS A THREAT TO THEIR ENTIRE CONTRACT WITH THE LANDS ADMIN, THE YESHIVA HEADS DECIDED YASTERDAY, AFTER MUCH DEBATE, TO RENOUNCE ALL CLAIMS TO THE SENSITIVE ROOMS. "WE WANT MT ZION TO BE A FLACE WHERE JEWS, CHRISTIANS & MOSLEMS LIVE IN HARMINY, " YESHIV DIRECTOR SHERMAN SAID.

JOUINAL: HAMISHMAR (MAPAM AM HEB) NEWS ARTICLE HEADING: "SULHA (RECORCILIA TION) EXPECTED ON MT ZION BECAUSE OF PRESSURE EXERTED ON DIASPORA YESHIVA DATE: 5.2.78 BYLINE: CABRIEL STERN, MISHMAR CORRESPONDENT QUOTE: THE DIASPORA YESHIVA ON MY ZION HAS DECLARED TTS READINESS TO REMOVE ITS BAGGAGE FROM THE ROOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT ADJACENT TO THE HALL OF THE LAST SUPPER, ONE OF THE MOST HOLY SITES OF CHRISTENDON, WHICH IS BUILT ABOVE THE TRADITIONAL SEPULCERE OF DAVID, IT WAS LEASNED THIS WEEK. THIS STEP COMES AS A RESULT OF THE HEAVY PRESSURE EXERTED ON THE YESHIVA HEADS BY SENIOR COVERNMENTAL AND PUBLIC SCURCES, AMONG THEM THE MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS, FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY, WHO VETOED A CONTRACT BETWEEN THE YESHIVA AND THE ISRAEL LANDS ALMIN, WHICH WOULD CONVEY TO THE YESHIVA IN EFFECT OWNERSHIP OF THE RELIGIOUS AND PUBLIC PROPERTIES ON MT ZION, WHICH WERE TO INCLUDE ALSO THE SUBJECT SITE. RELIABLE SOURCES EXPRESSED SATISFACTION AT THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE YESHIVA, BUT NEVERTHELESS EXPRESSED DOUBT IN VIEW OF PAST EXPERIENCES WHETHER IT WOULD LONG HONOR ITS COMMITMENT AS A MATTER OF FACT. IT WILL BE RECALLED THAT "ANONYMOUS PERSONS" BROKE IN TO THE SAME ROOM BY A WALL AND SET UP BEDS IN ORDER TO CREATE A PAIT ACCOMPLI. AFTER THE FRANCISCAN ORDER, WHICH IS THE ANCIENT CUSTODIAN OF THE SITE, MADE THE STHONGEST PROTESTS TO THE RELEVANT INSTITUTIONS, REPRESENT-ATIVES OF THE YESHIVA VISITED TWO CHIEFS OF THE ORDER, FATHERS TROFILI GURI & IGNACIO MANCINI, AND ASKED THEM NOT TO ACCUSE THE YESHIVA OF THE DEED. THE REPLY WAS THAT THE ORDER ACCUSES AND CONDEMNS THE BREAK-IN BUT NO SPECIFIC PERSON OR INSTITUTION, THAT BEING THE TASK OF THE POLICE. YESHIVA LEADERS HAVE DECLARED THAT THEY DESIRE THAT MT ZION BE A PLACE WHERE CHRISTIANS AND MOSLEMS MAY LIVE AS GOOD NEIGHBOURS. ACCORDING TO THE ANCIENT STATUS QUO FROM THE TURKISH PERIOD, THE SITE (FROM WHICH THE FRANCISCANS WERE EXPELLED ABOUT 400 YEARS AGO) IS A MOSQUE WHEREIN CHRISTIANS HAVE THE RIGHT TO PRAY AT SPECIAL TIMES. THE DIASPORA YESHIVA WITH ITS NATIONALISTIC CHARACTER WHICH BOASTS OF WEARING YOUNG PROPLE AWAY FROM DRUGS HA S GURING RECENT YEARS SYSTEMATICALLY TAKEN OVER THE ENTIRE SURROUNDINGS, AT TIMES IN VIOLENT MANNER, AND HAS BECOME INVOLVED IN COURT CASES WITH THE GREEKS AND WITH THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOLY LAND STUDIES HEADED BY DR DOUGLAS YOUNG, A STRONGLY FRO-IS RAEL CLERGYMAN. THE ARMENIAN PARRIARCHATE WHICH IS NOW BUILDING A LARGE CHURCH IN THE WEIGH-BOURHOOD HAS ALSO EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT VANDALISM WHICH HAS BEEN POISONING THE ATMOSPHERE."

DATE: 3.2.78 JOURNAL: HAMISHMAR (MAPAM AM HEB) NEWS ARTICL

HEADING: "CHRISTIAN CONGRESS DEPAONSTRATES FOR UNITED JERUSALEM"

BYLINE: GABRIEL STERN. MISHMAR CORRESPONDENT

QUOTE: "HUNDREDS OF PARTICIPA MTS OF THE WORLD CONCRESS FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM (NUMBERED AMONG THE CONSERVATIVE PRO-ZIONIST STREAM OF PROTESTANTS) GATHERED YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IN THE WESTERN WALL PLAZA, WHERE THE CONGRESS SPONSOR, DR MOUGLAS YOUNG, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOLY LAND STUDIES ON MT ZION, AND YAKIR YERUSEALAYIM (HONOURED CITIZEN OF JERUSALEM), ALONG WITH OTHER SPEAKERS STRESSED THA T THEY HAD COME TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR SUPPORT FOR A UNITED JERUSALEM AS CAPITAL OF ISPAEL, WHICH MANY STATES, AND PRIMARILY THE USA, ARE NOT YET WILLING TO RECOGNIZE. AT THE CLOSING SESSION OF THE CONGRESS, A DECISION WAS CEREMONIOUSLY TAKEN TO OBTAIN SIGNATORIES TO A SCROLL TODAY AT MASSADA WHICH WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE GOVT OF ISRAEL AND WHICH CALLS FOR PRAYER FOR THE SUCCESS OF EGYPTIAN PRESIDENT'S ADAT'S PEACE INITIATIVE ALONG WITH PM M BEGIN, IN ORDER THAT THEY MAY WORK TOGETHER "LIKE PHARACH AND JOSEPH" IN THE TIME OF THE FAMINE. WITH ALL DUE RESPECT TO THE NEEDS OF ALL PEOPLES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WE REVERTHELESS RETAIN OUR FAITH THAT THE LAND WAS PROMISED TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE AND THIS PROMISE WAS NEVER ANNULED, THE RESOLUTION STATES. YESTERDAY AFTER PM MEMAHEM BEGIN WAS HR ESENTED WITH GIFTS FOLLOWING HIS ADDRESS (A RUG WITH A DOVE OF PEACE ON IT BY THE AMERICANS, AND A CRYSTAL MAP OF NORWAY BY HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OF THAT LAND), CHUCK SMITH REMARKED WITH A SMILE THAT HE HOPES THE MATTER WILL NOT BE INTERPRETED AS BRIBERY TO DRAW THE PRIME MINISTER INTO THE CHURCH, HINTING OF COURSE ABOUT THE NEW LA W AGAINST THE MISSION. (CHUCK SMITH IS ONE OF THE CONGRESS LEADERS.) PM BEGIN JOINED IN IN THE GENERAL LAUGHTER, NEVERTEELESS THE TOPIC WAS OF CONCEEN TO MANY OF THE CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS, AND THEY HEARD A DETAILED EXPLANATION FROM THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS ISRAEL LIPPEL, WHO REPEATED AND STRESSED IN THE FIRST OFFICIAL GOVERN-MENTAL APPEARANCE ON THIS SUBJECT THAT ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE PRINCIPLES OF FREE-DOM OF HELIGION, CONSCIENCE AND SPEECH WHICH ARE ANCHORED IN THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF ISRAEL AND THAT THE LAW IS NOT DIRECTED AGAINST MISSIONARY ACTIVITY PER SE, BUT AGAINST BRIBERY TO CONVERT, AND THAT IT AFFECTS ALL FAITHS AND NOT JUST CHRISTIANITY WHICH I S NOT EVENT MENTIONED IN THE LAW. NEVERTHELESS, IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE KNESSET PASSED THE LAW WITHOUT CONSULTATION WITH THE MIN OF REELG AFFAIRS OR THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND IN GREAT HASTE, ALTHO' THESE ARE NOW COMPELLED TO DEFEND THE LAW. AT ONE OF THE SESSIONS THE COMMANDER OF THE CHRISTIA N FORCES OF SOUNTHERN LEBANON APPEARED UNEXPECTEDLY, SAID HADDAD, AND APPEALED TO THE CONGRESS TO CONCERN ITSELF NOT ONLY WITH THE PEACE OF JEHUSALEM BUT ALSO FOR THE SAVING OF THE CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON, CONCERNING WHOM MOST OF THE CHRISTIAN WORLD HAS REVEALED ITS INDIFFERENCE." UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 5: "PRO_CHRISTIAN RADIO SHOW"

JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (IND AM ENGL) LETTER TO THE EDITOR DATE: 6.2.78 COMMITTEE HEADING: "NEW WAVE OF INTOLERANCE" SIGNED: PROF. R.J. ZWI WERBLOWSKY, CHAIRMAN, ISRAEL INTERPAITH/ QUOTE: "THE ACCOUNT OF YOUR KNESSET REPORTER ("HAMMER PROMISES TO CHECK PROCHRISTIAN RADIO SHOW-JANUARY 26) MUST HAVE SHOCKED AND APPALLED MANY YOUR READERS. IT SEEMS TO CONFIRM THE WORST FEARS OF THOSE WHO FELT THAT THE LAW RECENTLY PASSED AGAINST "THE MISSIONARIES" --- A PSEUDO-EUPHEMISM MEANING THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES BUT DECEIVING NOBODY-WAS MERCLY THE FIRST RIPPLE OF A NEW (OR NOT SO NEW?) WAVE OF INTOLERANCE. A RADIO PROGRAMME IN DECRMBER IN WHICH JEWISH ISRAELI CHILDREN ASK QUESTIONS FROM TWO UNIVERSITY LECTURERS (ONE AN OBSERVANT JEW, THE OTHER A CHRISTIAN MONK) ON THE SUBJECT OF CHRISTMAS. IS CONSIDERED A MOST "SERIOUS INCIDENT". IN FACT, SO SERIOUS THAT THE MIN OF EDUCATION HAS TO PROMISE TO LOOK INTO THE MATTER WITH A VIEW TO POSSIBLE FUTURE INTERVENTION (IN THE EXERCISE OF HIS EDUCATIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES). THE GRAVITY OF THE INCIDENT, SO IT APPEARS, WAS INE TO THE FACT THAT THE PROGRAMME "SHOWED SYMPATHY TO CHRISTIANITY." JEWS IN WESTERN COUNTRIES TAKE LEGITIMATE PRIDE IN THE FACT THAT RADIO & TV STATIONS DEVOTE PROGRAMMES TO JEWISH FESTIVALS AND CUSTOMS, SHOWING JUDAISM IN A POSITIVE LIGHT. IF IN THE FUTURE PROGRAMMES IN THE WESTERN WORLD EVINCING "SYMPATHY TO JUDAISM" WILL DECREASE --OR WHAT IS WORSE-LOSE THEIR CREDIBILITY, IT WILL NOT BE THE ANTISEMITES BUT THE HONORABLE MED BERS OF ISRAEL'S KNESSET WHO WILL HAVE TO ANSWER FOR I T. " UNQUOTE

6. SUBJECT: MISSIGNARY ACTIVITIES AMONG JEWS IN USA

DATE: 7.2.78 JOURNAL: DAVAR (LABOUR AM HEB) LONG FEATURE ARTICLE FROM US CORRESPONDENT HEADING: "MYSTERICUS RITES & MISSIONARIES—A DANGER TO USA JUDAISM: RELIGIOUS SECTS FLOURISHING AMONG JEWISH YOUTH DETACHED FROM JEWISH CULTURE"

BYLINE: BEN FRANK, DAVAR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK

EXTRACTS: "THE MISSIONARIES AND THE STRANGE RITES-THESE ARE TWO DANGERS THREATENING THE EXISTENCE OF THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IN AMERICA. THESE ARE ALSO THE CONSTANT THOUBLESOME BROBLEMS WHICH UNLIKE OTHER "FASHIONS" DON'T VANISH WITH THE FASSAGE OF TIME. ABOUT THE DANGER OF THE MISSIONARIES IT IS SAID:
"THEK AREN'T ANY LONGER THOSE ECCENTRIC CLOWNS STANDING AT STREETCORNERS AND FOURING FORTH FIRE AND
BRIMSTONE ON "SINNERS", BUT/WELL ORGANIZED GROUP'N CONDUCTING PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS LIKE PROFESSIONALS EXPLOITING MODERN MEDIA AND ALL THE STRATEGEMS OF PUBLIC RELATIONSMIN. AT THEIR DISPOSAL ARE ABUNDAN FUNDS AND A LARGE STAFF OF WORKERS OF EFATING ESPECIALLY IN THE CENTRES OF GREAT METROPOLITAN AREAS, THEIR PRESENCE FELT WHEREVER THERE IS A LARGE CONCENTRATION OF JEWS. " THESE ARE THE WORDS OF MAL-COLM HENLEIN, CHIEF OF THE PUBLIC RELATIONS SECTION OF THE NEW YORK (JEWISH) COMMUNITY. IN AN INTER-VIEW HENLEIN TOLD ME THAT IN THE USA THERE ARE NOW SOME 5,000 TO 10,000 "HEBREW CHRISTIANS", that is, Jewish apostates ("Meshumadin"); these apostates continue to visit synagogues, take part in the HRAYERS AND EVEN DISTRIBUTE "SIDDURIN" PREE TO WORSHIPPERS ... AND ALL OF THIS TO BASE THEIR WORK AMONG CONCENTRATED JEWISH GROUPS. IN BROCKLYN THE MISSIONARIES EVEN ATTEMPTED TO ORGANIZE A CIRCLE OF OLD FOLKS. WHILE THE VARIOUS SECTS SUCH AS "THE UNITED CHURCH OF HARE KRISHNA" SEEK NEW BELIEVERS AMONG YOUTH DEDISCRIMINATELY, THAT IS ARONG CHRISTIANS AND JEWS ALIKE, THE ACTIVISTS OF "JEWS FOR JESUS" TRY TO TRAP "SOULS" OF YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN AMONG JEWS ONLY. THE COMMUNITY IS ALERT TO THE DANGER FROM MISSIONARIES AND APOSTATES AND HAS EVEN SEEN THE NEED TO PUBLISH A DECLARATION WARNING JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS AND SCHOOLS AGAINST THE RENETRATION OF PROPAGANDA AND "EXPLANATORY" MATERIAL OF THESE MISSIONARIES "WHO PERVERT JUDAISM AND ARE DESIGNED TO DEFLECT JEWS FROM THEIR FAITH." THE DECLARATION WHOSE HEADING IS: "THIS IS NOT JEWISH LITERATURE" POINTS OUT THE VARIOUS PAMPHLETS DISTRIBUTED AMONG JEWISH YOUTH SUCH AS: "JESUS PADE ME KOSHER" "A DAY WITHOUT ATCNEMENT" "THE TORA AND THE PROPHETS". THE MISSIONARIES ALSO DISTRIBUTE LITERATURE ABOUT JUDAISM AND THE HOLOCAUST, BUT ALL THE SAME IN THE SPIRIT OF THE MISSION ACCORDING TO HENLEIN, THERE ARE WORKING IN NEW YORK ALONE ABOUT FIFTY MISSIONARY GROUPS. THEIR RELATIVE SUCCESS IS TO BE ATTRIBUTED TO THE FLOURISHING WAVE OF "FUNDAMENTALISM" WHICH IS FLOODING THE USA AND WHICH IS WINNING SCULS AMONG PROTESTANT CHRISTIANS. THIS IS AN "EVANGELICAL" WAVE WHICH CALLS FOR "RETURN TO THE SOURCES". IT IS WORTHWHILE NOTING THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IDENTIFY WITH THE EVANGELISMS (i.e. evangelicals probably) IN WHICH THEY SEE "TRUE CHRISTIANITY" "UNDISTORTED". ON THIS CREST JEWISH MISSIONARIES ARE ALSO RIDING AND WITH NO LITTLE SUCCESS. THIS IS THEREFORE THE NEW AMERICAN "FASHION" WHICH RECEIVED CONSIDERABLE WERENESN IMPETUS WITH THE ELECTION OF JIMMY CARTER TO THE PRESIDENCY, WHO IS KNOWN AS A FOLLOWER OF "THE EVANGELISM", OR AS THEY ARE CALLED "CHRISTIANS BORN AGAIN". THIS IS NOW THE SECT WHICH IS IPREADING AND GROWING AMONG AMERICAN PROTESTANT CHRISTIANS AND THE "FASHION" HAS CAUGHT ON AMONG SEGMENT OF THE JEWS, ESPECIALLY THE YOUTH WHO FLY AFTER MAKEN EVERY NEW FASHION. IT SHOULD BE CLEAR HAT NOT EVERY EVANGELICAL GROUP TRY TO LEAD JEWS INTO APOSTASY. THERE ARE THOSE WHO WORK IN A MORE DELICATE AND SOPHISTICATED MANNER. THEY SEEK JEWS TO ACCEPT THE GOSPEL OF JESUS AND YET TO REMAIN EWS AND EVEN TO BECOME "COMPLETED JEWS". WHY ARE THE MISSIONARIES SUCCEEDING AMONG THE JEWS OF NY.? ENLEIN ATTRIBUTES THIS TO THE DISINTEGRATION OF THE JEWISH FAMILY. JEWS FRAQUENTLY CHANGE THEIR LACES OF RESIDENCE AND CITY AND THEREFORE THE YOUNG NO LONGER PEAR PAMILY REACTIONS FROM THOSE WHO EMAINED IN ANOTHER TOWN, ANOTHER FACTOR, OF COURSE, IS THE A BSENCE OF JEWISE E DUCATION AMONG YOUTH. .. MANY OF THE "SOUL HUNTERS" WHO ARE JEWISH ARE ASSISTED BY THE GENERAL JEWISH ATTRACTION TO ISRAEL ND THERE A RE EVEN JEWISH MISSIONARIES WHO HAVE WE VISITED ISRAEL, PHOTOGRAPHED AMONG MENT IS RAELI FADERS AND MAKE FILMS, AMONG WHICH THEY WORK IN "THEIR GOSPEL". THESE FILMS ARE DISTRIBUTED TO TV PATIONS AND SYNAGOGUES WITHOUT WARNING ABOUT THEIR CONTENT. HENLEIN ADMITS THAT THERE IS A PROBLEM ERE OF MAINTAINING A DELIVATE "BALANCE" IN OBTAINING SUFFORT POLITICALLY AND OTHERWISE FROM EVERY ROUP IN THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY, INASMUCH AS THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL SECT SINCERELY SUPPORTS ISRAEL, IT ITS MISSIONARIES LABOUR FOR THE CONVERSION OF JEWS FROM THEIR PAITH. MURTHENMORE HENLEIN MAKES F CLEAR THAT THE DANGER OF THE MISSIONARIES IS NOT AS SERIOUS AS THE DANGER CONFRONTING AMERICAN JEWRY ROM INTERMARRIAGE AND ASSIMILATION. THE DANGER OF THE MISSIONARIES LIES IN THE RESERVE OF JEWS WHOSE WISH CONSCIOUSNESS IS FEEBLE AND WHO CANNOT DEFEND THEMSELVES FOR LACK OF JEWISH SPIRITUAL WEIGHT AINST THUSE WHO "PERVERT JUDAISM AND ARE UNWORTHY TO REPRESENT IT." THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS S SET UP "A TASK FORCE" TO FIGHT THIS PLAGUE AND IS PUBLISHING A CIRCULAR WARNING HOW TO IDENTIFY

AND TO STAY AWAY FROM GROUPS LIKE "JEWS FOR JESUS" "CHILDREN OF YESHUA" AND "CAMPUS CRUSADE". THE JEWISH ESTABLISHMENT FINDS THAT JEWISH YOUTH IS VULNERABLE TO FASH KONABLE ALIEN ANFLUENCES JUST AS THE NONJEWISH YOUTH IS VULNERABLE WHICH STREAMS AFTER PAGAN RITES AND MYSTERIES WHOSE ORIGIN IS IN THE FAR EAST SUCH AS HARE KRISHNA WORSHIP/OR THE "MOON"SECT WHICH EXPLOITS THE NATURAL LONGING OF YOUTH FOR "FAITH"....IT IS SELFEVIDENT THAT ON A BACKDROP ME OF SUCH LONGING FOR "FAITH" AND AS A PART OF THE GENERAL FASHION NOT A FEW JEWISH YOUTH FALL INTO THE NET OF MISSIONARY SECTS WHO PRETEND TO REPRESENT "NEW RAITH" OR "TRUE CHRISTIANITY" OR "FRIMITIVE CHRISTIANITY", THAT IS "PURE CHRISTIANITY"AAS IT WERE. IT. THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS AND ALSO THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ARE DEADING WITH THE SUBJECT IN VARIOUS WAYS. (DESCRIPTION OF SOME LEGAL MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SECTS IN THE USA COURTS.) NOW AT IE AST WE CAN TAKE COMFORT THAT THE JEWISH PUBLIC IS OPENING ITS EYES TO THE VARIOUS MISSIONARIES AND BEGINNING TO BE SOMETHING IN COMBATTING THIS PLAGUE."

DATE: 8.2.78 JOURNAL: SHEARIM (AGUDA AM HEB) LENGTHY EXPOSE FEATURE ARTICLE (RELATED TO ABOVE HEADING: "ECHOES: THE MISSION-A DANGER TO JULAISE" EXTRACTS: "IN THE KNESSET A MOST RESTRICTED LAW WAS PASSED TO DEFEND INNOCENT JEWS AGAINST THE EXPOSE IN DAVAE) PLOTS OF THE VARIOUS MISSIONARIES HUNTING INNOCENT SOULS. BUT TO OUR SHAME THERE ARE SECULAR FUNCTION-ARIES & JOURNALISTS WHO HAVE VOLUNTEERED TO COMBAT THE LAW AND DEPAND A FREE HAND FOR THE MISSION TO LABOUR AS IT DESIRES AMONG THE MULTITUDES OF THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. FOR THOSE WHO ARE SINCERE AND ARE NOT/ANTIRELIGIOUS PERSONS WE ADVISE THEY READ THE ARTICLE "WYSTERIOUS RITES AND MISSIONARIES: A DANGER TO WE USA JEWRY" BY MR BEN FRANK, DAVAR CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK WHICH APPEARED IN THE ISSUE OF 30TH SHEVAT. AFTER THEY READ IT THEY WILL CHANGE THEIR OPINION AND SEE THE DANGER IN THE MISSION TO ALL ISBAEL WHEREVER IT IS, IN THE DIASPORA AND IN THE LAND OF IS RAEL. FOLLOWING ARE EXBERPTS FROM IT: (IT CONTAINS ABOUT THREE QUARTERS OF THE DAVAR ARTICLE FROM THE BEGINEING TO THE COMMENT ABOUT THE DELICATE BALANCE THAT MUST BE MAINTAINED IN VIEW OF THE "SINCERE" SUPPORT OF EVANGELICALS FOR ISRAEL NOTWITHSTANDING THEIR MISSIONARY ACTIVITY.) THE ARTICLE CONCLUDES (IN SEEARIM) AS POLICUS: "AFTER THE CORRESPONDENT CONTINUES HIS EXPLANATION AT LENGTH OF THE DANGER LURKING FOR JEWISH FOUTH FROM THE MISSION, HE CLOSES: "NOW AT LEAST WE CAN TAKE COMPORT THAT THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IS OPENING ITS EYES TO THE VARIOUS MISSIONARIES AND BEGINNING TO DO SOMETHING TO COMBAT THIS PLAGUE." AND WE WOULD ADD: ALSO IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL."

I. SUBJECT: THE EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT IN THEUNITED STATES

DATE: 29.1.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL HEBDO (FRENCH)(NOT CLUAR WHETHER THIS IS 19.1.78 or 26.1.78)

HEADING: "NEW JESUITS" OLD ANTISEMITISM: THERE ARE 40-50 MILLIONS OF FOLLOWERS AND THEIR MOVEMENT

DISFOSES OF FABULOUS FINANCIAL MEANS. BUT "THE NEW JESUITS" IN THE USA ARE FRIGHTEINING BOTH JEWS AND

THRISTIANS." BYLINE: SHIMON MEIRI. (U.S.)

SUMMARY: AN EXPOSE OF THE EVANGELICAL MOVEMENT RELATING IT TO JESUITISM, AS "THE MOST RECENT FORM OF DORATION AND WORSHIP OF JESUS." IT TRACES ITS ALLEGED HISTORY TO THE U.S. SOUTH AND THE DEMISE OF THE OLD SOUTH AND THE "NEW CULT" WHICH HAS SPREAD THROUGHOUT AMERICA BY BRACING 40 TO 50 MILLIONS OF MERICANS EQUAL IN FORCE TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH AND REPRESENTING THE FIRST EMEREN AMONG USA PROTEST. NTS. THE WRITER ALMITS THERE A RE VARIOUS FORMS BUT TWO BASIC ELEMENTS: (1) "A PERSONAL RELATIONSHIP TITH JESUS. MOST OF THE MEMBERS ARE DEFINED AS "BORN AGAIN", THAT IS AFTER HAVING BEEN "ORDINARY" HRISTIANS THEY HAVE ARRIVED AT A LEVEL OF RELIGIOUS PURITY MORE ELEVATED THANKS TO AN EXPERIENCE OF ERSONAL INTERVENTION BY JESUS... FOR THEM JESUS IS ACCEPTED AS SAVIOUR. (2) A LITERAL INTERPRETATION F THE BIBLE, BOTH OLD AND NEW TESTAMENTS." THE RE FOLLOWS DESCRIPTION OF "FABULOUS" WEALTH ACCUMULATED Y THESE CHRISTIANS, THEIR USE OF IT FOR MEDIA PUBLICITY, EDUCATION & UNIVERSITIES. THEN (UNDER THE EADING OF "A TERRORIST PROSELYTISM") THERE IS A DESCRIPTION OF A "DISQUIETING" (TO BOTH JEWS AND ERISTIANS) INCIDENT IN WHICH THREATS OF ECONOMIC BOYCOTT WERE DIRECTED AGAINST A "PRACTICING PRO-ESTANT" WHO WAS NOT "BORN AGAIN" BY A POTENTIAL CLIENT, AND ALSO THE CAMPAIGN TO "BUY CHRISTIAN" RGANIZED BY A DIRECTORY-PRODUCING EVANGELICAL IN CALIFORNIA. THERE IS A BRIEF REFERENCE TO "JEWS OR JESUS" "NUMBERING ABOUT THREET HOUSAND MEMBERS? PROFESSING THE INTEGRATION OF THE JEWISH RELIGION ITH BELIEF IN J ESUS AS THE REVEALED MESSIAH.... SOME EVEN TRYING TO ESTABLISH THEMSELVES IN ISPAEL." THE MOVEMENT OF JESUIT RENAISSANCE" HAS EVEN REACHED THE WHITE HOUSE (TALTHO' NOT IN EXTREMIST FORM"). IE WRITER ASKS IF IT IS ONLY A PASSING FAD OR PART OF THE VAGUE RELIGIOUS-POLITICAL LIFE OF AMERICA. CLOSES WITH A REFERENCE TO A PERDING ACTION IN THE CALIFORNIA FEDERAL COURT AGAINST THE "BUY CHRISTIAN" RECTORIES INITIATED BY "BNAI BRITH". "THE DECISION OF THE COURT IS AWAITED WITH INTEREST. " END.

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