

1. SUBJECT: THE MISSION LAW

DATE: 26.1.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (GERMAN AM) TV FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "MISSION IMPOSSIBLE--AND OTHER MINORITY QUESTIONS"

BYLINE: ALICE SCHWARZ

SUMMARY: THIS IS A REVIEW OF TV PROGRAMS, INCLUDING "LECHEM CHOK" WHICH DEALT WITH THE NEW LAW THERE IS A MORE OR LESS OBJECTIVE RUNDOWN OF THE SHOW WITH QUOTATIONS OF PROF VERBLOWSKI, SHULAMIT ALONI, THE RABBIS WHO APPEARED ON THE TELECAST, WITH THE WRITER APPARENTLY SYMPATHETIC TO THE OPPONENTS OF THE LAW.

DATE: 2.2.78 JOURNAL: THE TIMES, LONDON NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "ISRAELI CHRISTIANS DEMAND INQUIRY OVER CONVERSIONS"

BYLINE: MOSHE BRILLIANT, TELAVIV

QUOTE: PROTESTANT CHURCHMEN SMARTING UNDER ALLEGATIONS IN THE KNESSET THAT CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES HAD BRIBED ISRAELIS IN ORDER TO CONVERT THEM HAVE CALLED FOR AN INDEPENDENT INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE "CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONSIDERATIONS" THAT HAVE LED CHRISTIANS, JEWS & MUSLIMS IN ISRAEL TO CHANGE THEIR RELIGION. REV HENRY KNIGHT AN ANGLICAN PRIEST SPEAKING FOR THE UCCI YESTERDAY SAID THAT THE FINDINGS WOULD "PAIN" ISRAELIS. THEY WOULD SHOW THAT CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO IMPROPER INDUCEMENTS WHILE THOSE EMBRACING JUDAISM HAD BEEN UNDER SOME PRESSURE. HE POINTED TO STATUTORY REGULATIONS THAT PROBABLY MOTIVATED SOME CONVERSIONS TO JUDAISM. MARRIAGE LAWS REQUIRE BOTH PARTNERS TO BE OF THE SAME RELIGION & AND A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ACCEPTED THE FAITH OF THEIR PROSPECTIVE PARTNERS IN ORDER TO MARRY THEM. IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP LAWS DISCRIMINATED IN FAVOUR OF JEWS AND SOME PEOPLE MIGHT HAVE BEEN MOVED TO EMBRACE JUDAISM IN ORDER TO ENJOY THE ~~XXXXXXXXX~~ BENEFITS. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ "IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW THE COURTS HERE WILL DEAL WITH SUCH BENEFITS IN A PERSON'S DECISION TO CONVERT TO JUDAISM," MR KNIGHT SAID. THE CAMPAIGN BY THE UCCI IS PART OF ONE FOR THE REPEAL OF A LAW ENACTED LAST MONTH WHICH MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO OFFER MATERIAL BENEFITS TO INDUCE PEOPLE TO CHANGE THEIR RELIGION. THE LAW ITSELF DOES NOT MENTION CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES BUT THE SPONSOR'S EXPLANATORY NOTE AND REMARKS BY DEPUTIES DURING THE KNESSET DEBATE LEFT NO DOUBT THAT IT AIMED AT CURBING THEIR ACTIVITIES. REV ROY KREIDER A MENONITE & VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE UCCI EXECUTIVE SAID THAT THE CHURCHMEN'S POSITION WAS EXPLAINED IN A MEMORANDUM SENT LAST WEEK TO PROF AHARON BARAK, THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

DATE: 6.2.78 JOURNAL: DAVAR (LABOUR AM HEB) SHORT SATIRIC ARTICLE
 HEADING: "PLEASE ACT AGAINST THE MISSIONARY"

BYLINE: TEDDY PREUSS

QUOTE: REV DOUGLAS MACGREGOR OF THE SCOTTISH CHURCH ACTED AS THE ~~XXX~~ REV KATZ DID IN "THE BRAVE SOLDIER SCHWEIK" DID AND AS THE MEN OF THE SALVATION ARMY IN BRITAIN AS DESCRIBED MOCKINGLY IN THE PLAY "MAJOR BARBARA" OF BERNARD SHAW: HE USED ENTICEMENTS IN ORDER TO DRAW NEAR ERRING SOULS OR SINNERS NEAR TO THE BOSOM OF GOD AND WHAT IS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT TO THE BOSOM OF THE CHURCH. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE YEAR REV MACGREGOR CAUGHT A YOUNG HOUSEBREAKER IN HIS NAZARETH FLAT: WHEN HE ARRIVED HOME HE HEARD A SUSPICIOUS NOISE AND ENTERING THE ROOM WHERE THE NOISE WAS HE FOUND A STRANGE MAN GATHERING VARIOUS OBJECTS INTO A PACKAGE. AT THE SIGHT OF THE OWNER OF THE HOUSE THE YOUNG HOUSEBREAKER BURST INTO TEARS AND RELATED THAT HE ALREADY HAS 100 FILES IN THE POLICE RECORDS AND THAT HE FEARS IMPRISONMENT. THE WORDS OF THE YOUTH TOUCHED THE COMPASSIONATE REVEREND AND AFTER A LITTLE LIGHT THINKING HE MADE A DEAL WITH THE YOUNG MAN: THE YOUTH WOULD COME TO STUDY IN ONE OF THE SCHOOLS OF THE MISSION AND IN EXCHANGE FOR THIS HE WOULD NOT BE TURNED OVER TO THE POLICE. AFTER A WHILE THE YOUNG MAN APPEARED AT THE REVEREND'S PLACE, AND NOT ONLY BY HIMSELF BUT WITH A COMPANION, AND THE TWO OF THEM ASKED TO BE SENT TO PURIFYING STUDIES. THEY WERE SENT TO THE MISSION SCHOOL IN JERUSALEM. AS IS KNOWN SEVERAL WEEKS AGO AN ESSENTIAL, URGENT, HUMANE AND UNIQUELY LIBERAL LAW WAS PASSED, ACCORDING TO WHICH SEVERE PENALTIES ARE TO BE INVOKED AGAINST MISSIONARIES EMPLOYING ENTICEMENTS. DELICATE SOULS LIKE MERE PEIL, MENAHEM WIRSHUVSKY AND SHULAMIT ALONI LET OUT A GREAT OUTCRY. IT WOULD SEEM THAT NOW THEIR ALLEGATIONS WILL BE STOPPED IN VIEW OF THE ENTICEMENT ~~XXXXXX~~ EMPLOYED BY REV MACGREGOR TOWARD A HARDENED YOUNG HOUSEBREAKER WHO SHOULD BE SITTING IN JAIL. THE LEGAL ADVISER AND GOV'T PROSECUTING ATTORNEY ARE HEREBY REQUESTED TO ACT AGAINST IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAW AGAINST MISSIONARY ACTIVITY.

P.S. ALL THE ABOVE FACTS ARE EXACT WITH ONE SLIGHT DIFFERENCE. THE ENTICER WAS NOT A CHURCHMAN NAMED MACGREGOR (AS FAR AS I KNOW, THERE IS NO ONE BY THAT NAME) BUT HE IS RABBI DAVID GROSSMAN, NOT FROM NAZARETH BUT FROM MIGDAL HAEMEK, AND THE HOUSEBREAKER WAS SENT NOT TO THE MISSION SCHOOL BUT TO A YESHIVA IN JERUSALEM (SEE DAVAR 2.2.78) THE AUTHORITIES ARE REQUESTED HEREBY TO ACT..."

DATE: 3.3.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL HEBDO (FRENCH) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "LETTER FROM ISRAEL HEBDO" BY: G. Thor

EXTRACTS: "HE WHO SAVES A SOUL IN ISRAEL SAVES A WHOLE WORLD," THE TALMUD TELLS US. THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH ITSELF HAS ALWAYS TAKEN THE BIGGEST PRIZE FOR "SAVING" ONE OF OUR SOULS. BECAUSE IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD THAT SHE ALONE POSSESSES "SALVATION" AND THAT OUTSIDE HER PROVINCE IS GENEVA...SATURDAY NIGHT ON TV PROGRAM "ALEI KOTERET" M. GOLAN SPOKE IN TERMS THAT COULD BE NO SIMPLER AND WITH A DISARMING CANDOR. "YES I'VE AGREED TO CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY BECAUSE THEY HAVE PROMISED TO HELP ME OUT OF MY PROBLEMS...QUESTION: WHAT IS IT THEY ARE GIVING YOU? EXACTLY? ANSWER: EVERYTHING. THEY ARE REPAYING MY DEBTS, PROVIDING ME WITH A VISA FOR THE COUNTRY OF MY CHOICE, AN APARTMENT, WORK, EDUCATION FOR MY CHILDREN, EVERYTHING !"...THE LAW FORBIDS "CONVERSION BY MATERIAL MEANS" WHICH HAS AROUSED THE INDIGNATION OF CERTAIN SOULS (AGAIN SOULS!) SUCH AS SHULAMIT ALONI, AND THIS WEEK ON PAGE 30 THE SPIRITUAL HEADS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL CONSIDER THAT THIS LAW DEALS WITH THE PROCESS OF INTENTION. THE QUESTION IS ONE OF KNOWING WHERE HELP ENDS TO ONE'S NEIGHBOUR AND WHERE CORRUPTION BEGINS...HELP TO ONE'S NEIGHBOUR CERTAINLY, ON CONDITION THAT THE NEIGHBOUR IS A JEW! HOWEVER FOR NEIGHBOURS I THINK THERE IS NO LACK OF THEM IN THE WORLD...BUT IT SEEMS THAT ONLY THE JEWISH NEIGHBOUR AND THE ISRAELI INTERESTS OUR MISSIONARIES. IN FACT, THINGS ARE QUITE CLEAR BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND US: THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT US--THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT JEWS AS WE ARE. THE COMMUNISTS, YES, THE MILITANT ATHEISTS, WHY NOT?...BUT THE JEWS, THEM, THEY MUST BE "SAVED"...BUT IF I WERE IN THE PLACE OF THESE BUYERS-CONVERTERS, I WOULD BE APPREHENSIVE. CONVERSION SIGNIFIES NOTHING TO A JEW. THERE IS NO FAITH IN THIS NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS THE CONDITION, ACCORDING TO A CHURCH HEAD, FOR BEING A CHRISTIAN. THE MARRANOS OF THE INQUISITION HAVE WELL PROVED THIS. PUTTING A CROSS ON A JEW DOES NOT MEAN THE SUPPRESSION OF WHAT IS JEWISH IN HIM. HE WAS BORN A JEW--AND SO HE REMAINS!

DATE: 3.3.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL HEBDO (FRENCH) FEATURE ARTICLE (p.30 ARTICLE REFERRED TO ABOVE)
HEADING: CONTROVERSY ABOUT CONVERSION+ THE NEW LAW AGAINST "CONVERSION OBTAINED BY IMPROPER MEANS" MAKES PROSELYTISM VERY DIFFICULT, ACCORDING TO CHRISTIANS. JUSTLY SO, RETORT SUPPORTERS OF THE LAW"
EXCERPTS: THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES IN JERUSALEM HAVE ADDRESSED A LETTER OF PROTEST TO PRES KATZIR AND TO PM BEGIN FOLLOWING THE TAKING EFFECT OF A LAW THREATENING JUDICIAL PENALTIES AGAINST ANY PERSON TRYING TO INFLUENCE ANOTHER TO CONVERT TO HIS RELIGION. (THERE FOLLOWS A REVIEW OF THE LAW, EXCERPTS FROM THEIR LETTER OF PROTEST) THE MISSIONARY ORGANIZATION LEADERS AT JERUSALEM HAVE DENIED CATEGORICALLY IN THE COURSE OF AN INTERVIEW WITH THE CORRESPONDENT OF REUTER'S AGENCY THAT THEY HAD EMPLOYED EVER SUCH METHODS TO CONVERT JEWS. NOWELL GRAHAM, AN AMERICAN FROM WASHINGTON, WHO IS A MEMBER OF THE UCCI, HAS CATEGORIZED THESE REPORTS AS "TOTALLY FALSE". HE AFFIRMED THAT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL (80,000 PERSONS) SOUGHT NO OTHER CONVERTS BUT THOSE WHO BELIEVED SINCERELY IN THE NEW TESTAMENT. GRAHAM SAID THAT HE HAD NOTHING AGAINST THE LAW ITSELF SO MUCH AS ITS IMPLICATIONS. "THE QUESTION IS TO KNOW WHEN TO DISTINGUISH BETWEEN THE TIME ONE CEASES TO AID ONE'S NEIGHBOUR OR WHEN ONE IS ALLEGEDLY BUYING HIS CONVERSION," HE ADDED. HE ACCUSED CERTAIN JEWS OF RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION (AGAINST MISSIONARIES). (THERE FOLLOWS A BRIEF REVIEW OF THE POLITICAL MANEUVERING ABOUT THE LAW AND A FURTHER QUOTATION OF THE UCCI IN THEIR LETTER PROTESTING THE LAW.)

BYLINE: ARIK BACHAR

DATE: 6.2.78 JOURNAL: JOURNAL D'ISRAEL (FRENCH) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL

EXCERPTS: "CLERGYMEN REPRESENTING THE UCCI ATTACKED IN TELAVIV A RECENT LAW PASSED BY THE KNESSET WITH SEVERE PENALTIES AGAINST "PROSELYTISM." J. DAVID, SPOKESMAN FOR THE UCCI, DECLARED IN THE COURSE OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT THE KNESSET ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~ PROPOSALS FOR EVEN MORE SEVERE ANTI-CHRISTIAN ~~XXX~~ LAWS. HE HAS DEMANDED THAT AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION BE SET UP TO INQUIRE INTO THE MATTER OF RELIGIOUS CONVERSIONS IN ISRAEL. (REVIEW OF THE LAW) AN INTERNATIONAL INVESTIGATION ACCORDING TO DAVID WILL BE VERY SAD FOR ISRAELI CITIZENS BECAUSE IN REALITY IT IS THE NONJEWS WHO ARE THE OBJECT OF PRESSURES TO CONVERT. THE DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS, MR ISRAEL LIPPEL, ON HIS PART HAS STATED IN REACTION TO THE PRESS CONFERENCE THAT ANY COMPARISON BETWEEN MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES AND CONVERSIONS TO JUDAISM IS INSENSIBLE. "ON THE CONTRARY," HE ASSERTED, RABBINICAL AUTHORITIES ARE STRONGLY CRITICIZED BECAUSE OF THE OBSTACLES WHICH THEY SET IN THE WAY OF NEW CONVERSIONS."

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DATE: 9.2.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "KEREN YALDENU" SIGNED: MALKA FRAENKEL, PRESIDENT KEREN YALDENU INC

QUOTE: IN YOUR ISSUE OF FEB 1 YOU REPORT THAT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE HELD BY THE UCCI ~~INXIEKK~~ KEREN YALDENU WAS DESCRIBED AS BEING "A VERY VICIOUS ORGANISATION MISLEADINGLY CALLED KEREN YALDENU (OUR CHILDREN'S FUND)." THE GENERALLY ACCEPTED MEANING OF THE WORD "VICIOUS" AS APPLIED TO PERSONS IS ACCORDING ~~TO~~ THE OXFORD ENGLISH DICTIONARY ADDICTED TO VICE OR IMMORALITY, OF DEPRAVED HABITS, PROFLIGATE, WICKED. OUR ORGANISATION PROVIDES AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 7 & 15. THESE ACTIVITIES CONSIST IN THE MAIN OF ELECTRONICS, CHEMISTRY, MATH, ENGLISH, JEWISH STUDIES (BIBLE, HISTORY, ETHICS) ARTS & CRAFTS, HOME ECONOMICS AND SPORTS. GREAT EMPHASIS IS PLACED ON TEAM WORK, CIVIC PRIDE AND THE APPRECIATION OF OUR HERITAGE. THE OBJECT OF ALL OUR COURSES IS TO ENCOURAGE THE CHILD TO THINK AND ACT LOGICALLY AND TO APPRECIATE THE VALUE OF LEARNING. OUR CENTRES ARE MAINLY SITUATED IN AREAS WHERE THERE ARE CHILDREN IN GREAT NEED OF THE HELP OUR COURSES GIVE. WE ALSO RENDER PRACTICAL ASSISTANCE TO CHILDREN IN NEED OF FOOD AND CLOTHING AND IF NECESSARY GIVE EMERGENCY FINANCIAL GRANTS TO THEIR FAMILIES. OUR LARGER CENTRES ALSO ACT AS A MEANS OF BREAKING DOWN THE BARRIERS BETWEEN CHILDREN FROM DIFFERENT SOCIAL AND ETHNIC BACK- GROUND. FOR EXAMPLE IN ROMEMA (JERUSALEM) WE HAVE 1600 CHILDREN WEEKLY FROM 47 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS OR IN A SHDOD FROM 17 DIFFERENT SCHOOLS. WE CONSIDER THE ENABLING OF THESE CHILDREN TO LEARN AND PLAY TOGETHER AND TO BECOME GOOD FRIENDS A MOST IMPORTANT ASPECT OF OUR WORK. OUR A CCUSERS WERE CORRECT ABOUT ONE POINT AND THAT IS THAT WE GET SUPPORT FROM THE MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS. BUT WE ALSO GET SUPPORT FROM THE MINISTRIES OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND EDUCATION. WE ALSO RECEIVE HELP FROM CHRIS- TIAN DONORS, CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS WHO HAVE EXAMINED OUR WORK IN DEPTH AND ARE PLEASED TO SUPPORT WHAT THEY DESCRIBE AS "HOLY WORK." CAN ALL OR ANY OF THESE ACTIVITIES BY ANY STRETCH OF THE IMAGINATION BE CALLED VICIOUS? MAY I CONCLUDE BY MENTIONING THAT TO CATER FOR OUR CURRENT REGISTRATION OF SOME 10,000 YOUNGSTERS IN OUR 25 CENTRES WE HAVE TO RAISE 65PERCENT OF OUR BUDGET (CURRENTLY IL 2m. in deficit) FROM VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS. MOST CLUBS HAVE A WAITING LIST OF THOSE WISHING TO JOIN--BUT WE ARE FORCED TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF OUR WORK TO THE AMOUNT OF MONEY AVAILABLE."

DATE: 12.2.78 JOURNAL: DAVAR (LABOUR AM HEBREW) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: N DAMAGES OF THE SETTLEMENTS AND THE MISSION LAW: A CONVERSATION WITH PAUL TINNES, ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE CONSERVATIVE PARTY IN NORWAY."

BYLINE: SHLOMO SHAPIR

EXTRACTS: "NORWAY WHICH IS A NATO MEMBER BUT HAS NOT JOINED THE WEST EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET LIKE DENMARK IS STILL RECKONED AS THE MOST FRIENDLY NATION AMONG THE SCANDANAVIAN COUNTRIES TO US... (COMMENTS ABOUT THE SETTLEMENTS AND EFFECT ON NORWEGIAN POLICY IN MIDEAST) WITH THE RETIREMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF THE CHRISTIAN POPULIST PARTY FROM PARLIAMENT TINNES WAS CHOSEN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS OF ISRAEL WHICH NUMBERS IN ITS RANK AT PRESENT 107 OUT OF 155 MEMBERS OF THE NORWEGIAN PARLIAMENT. THIS IS AN INCREASE IN RELATION TO THE OUTGOING PARLIAMNET WITH 86 MEMBERS IN THE LEAGUE. IN PART THIS IS THE RESULT OF A DECLINE OF THE EXTREME LEFTIST PARTY FROM 16 TO 2 MANDATES. ABOUT 60 PERCENT OF THE MEMBERS OF THE FRIENDSHIP LEAGUE ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NONSOCIALIST PARTIES, THE CHRISTIANS, THE CONSERVATIVES AND THE FARMERS, AND A BOUT 40 PERCENT ARE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE RULING LABOUR PARTY. AS WILL BE RECALLED, THE LABOUR PARTY REMAINED IN POWER THANKS TO A MAJORITY OF SEVERAL DOZEN VOTES IN ONE OF THE DISTRICTS. OTHERWISE, TINNES WHO IS NOW THE CONSERVATIVE REPRESENTATIVE IN THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE WOULD BE HOLDING ONE OF THE IMPORTANT POSTS IN THE GOVERNMENT. ACCORDING TO TINNES THE SETTLEMENTS ARE NOT THE SOLE FACTOR BEHIND MISUNDERSTANDING. NO LESS A FACTOR IS THE APPREHENSION FELT ~~AMONG~~ IN THE CHRISTIAN COM- MUNITY ABOUT THE NEW LAW AGAINST THE MISSION PASSED BY THE KNESSET AND INTERPRETED AS AN ATTEMPT TO HURT THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES. ONE MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE FACT THAT THE MAIN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IN NORWAY STEMS FROM A RELIGIOUS BACKGROUND. THE CHRISTIAN POPULIST PARTY IS A PRO-ISRAEL PARTY WITH A VENGEANCE. ALL ITS MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT ARE MEMBERS OF THE LEAGUE OF FRIENDS (OF ISRAEL). ALSO IN THE OTHER PA RTIES THE INFLUENCE OF RELIGION IS NOT INSIGNIFICANT. NORWAY IS WITHOUT A DOUBT THE MOST CHRISTIAN AMONG SCANDANAVIAN COUNTRIES, AND THIS IS ESPECIALLY OBVIOUS IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE COUNTRY. ISRAEL MUST DO EVERYTHING TO AVOID UNDERMINING THIS SYMPATHY FOR HER, WHICH IS THE BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES AND THE TWO STATES. THE FACT THAT SADAT HAS RECENTLY DRAWN NEAR TO THE WEST AND EMPHASI ZES HIS ANTICOMMUNIST MISSION DOES NOT AFFECT NORWAY-ISRAEL RELATIONS SINCE SYMPATHY FOR US IN ANY CASE DOES NOT STEM FROM A VIEW OF ISRAEL AS AN ANTICOMMUNIST FORTRESS IN T HE MIDEAST, NOT EVEN AMONG CONSERVATIVES. (BALANCE OF ARTICL DEALS WITH NORWEGIAN LEFTISTS, USSR RELATIONS, DETENTE.)

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SUMMARY & EXTRACTS: COMPLEX, INTRICATE, CONVOLUTED--ALL THESE TERMS ARE UNDERSTATEMENTS WHEN IT COMES TO DESCRIBING THE RECENT HISTORY AND PRESENT REALITY ON MT ZION. THIS BECAME PAINFULLY APPARENT DURING A WEEK SPENT TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE LATEST INCIDENT THERE: THE BREAK IN TO THE ROOM OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BLAMED ON STUDENTS OF THE DIASPORA YESHIVA." SEVERAL POINTS ENUMERATED: OFFICIALS OF MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS LOBBY AGAINST YESHIVA EVEN THO' MINISTRY SUPPORTING YESHIVA FOR TEN YEARS, DR SZ KAHANA CHAIRMAN OF MT ZION ASSN & FORMER DIRECTOR MIN OF RELIG AFF THREATENS COURT ACTION OVER A CONTRACT BETWEEN ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY & YESHIVA, ALTHO' HE HAS BEEN ITS CHIEF PATRON, BUT NOW CLAIMS THE LANDS AUTHORITY "DOES NOT EXIST", AND ALSO HE "DOES NOT EXIST" BUT HIS "SPIRIT" HOVERS OVER THE MOUNT, YESHIVA DENIES ANY RELATIONSHIP TO ROOM OF HOLY SPIRIT OR BREAK INS, MA YOR KOLLEK DENOUNCES "YESHIVA HOOLIGANISM" REFUDIATING A PRIVATE LETTER "OF LAVISH PRAISE" FOR YESHIVA SOME WEEKS AGO. KAHANA CLAIMS HE BECAME INVOLVED FOLLOWING WAR OF INDEPENDENCE WHEN MT WAS DESERTED AND HE SET UP MT ZION ASSN TO WHICH THE CUSTODIAN FOR ABSENTEE PROPERTIES GRANTED LEASES FOR SUCH PROPERTIES ON THE MOUNT. SUBSEQUENTLY CHURCHES RETURNED TO VACATED HOLDINGS ON MT ZION & KAHANA SAYS HE CONCLUDED MANY AGREEMENTS WITH THEM ORALLY AND IN WRITING. "BUT HE ADMITS THAT HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN HAWKISH ABOUT CEDING LAND TO THE CHRISTIANS ON MT ZION AND SHARPLY CRITICIZES MAYOR KOLLEK'S DOVISHNESS IN THE MATTER." A PLAN FOR JEWISH OCCUPANTS IS OUTLINED: "INSTITUTIONS OF TORAH SCHOLARSHIP, FACILITIES FOR JEWISH PILGRIMS, CENTRES OF CULTURE, A SITE COMMEMORATING THE PANGS OF THE MESSIAH--THE HOLOCAUST. AND WE FULFILLED THAT PLAN COMPLETELY, HE ADDS PROUDLY. THE DIASPORA YESHIVA IN OCCUPATION SINCE 1967 PROVIDES THE SCHOLARSHIP...THE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL DIASPORA YESHIVA BAND PRESUMABLY CONTINUES THE TRADITION OF DAVID SWEET PSALMIST OF ISRAEL..." THERE FOLLOWS AN INTERVIEW WITH YAAKOV NERIAH OF ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY AND REVIEW OF MANY LEGAL COMPLICATIONS AND COURT CASES BETWEEN THEM AND KAHANA AND HIS ASSN AND CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS WITH DIASPORA YESHIVA AND SOME STRONG EXPRESSIONS ABOUT YESHIVA RABBI GOLDSTEIN BUT SOMEWHAT BETTER WITH YESHIVA DIRECTOR ELLIOT SHERMAN, SOME MORE ABOUT MUNICIPALITY AND RELIG AFFAIRS MIN INVOLVEMENT IN THE TANGLE FOLLOWED BY ACCOUNT OF BREAK IN AND SUSPICIONS DIRECTED TOWARDS YESHIVA AND FRANCISCAN INVOLVEMENT ETC ETC "WHEN I VENTURED TO SUGGEST TO RABBI GOLDSTEIN THAT HIS YESHIVA MIGHT FLOURISH BETTER SOMEWHERE ELSE, IN FACT ANYWHERE ELSE RATHER THAN ON MT ZION, HE TURNED ON ME AND CRIED: ARE YOU JEWISH? ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE JEWISH?" END

SECOND ARTICLE IN THIS COVERAGE UNDER HEADING: "AN UNUSUAL YESHIVA" IS SOMEWHAT MORE SYMPATHETIC. RECOUNTS SOME OF ITS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH WAYWARD YOUTH, CONTROVERSIES, POOR PUBLICITY, ETC.

"IF THE LEGAL TANGLE COULD BE SORTED OUT ONCE AND FOR ALL, WITH KAHANA AND HIS BEHIND THE SCENES HAWKISHNESS REMOVED, AND THE VOLATILE UNDERCURRENT OF MISPLACED PATRIOTISM IN THE YESHIVA FINALLY STEMMED, RABBI GOLDSTEIN AND HIS LOYAL DISCIPLES, WITH THEIR ZEAL AND FERVOUR AND OPENHEARTEDNESS COULD YET MAKE THE DIASPORA YESHIVA INTO A PLACE THAT JERUSALEM CAN BE PROUD OF." ~~ANNNNNNNNN~~

3. SUBJECT: "CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS"

DATE: 7.1.78 JOURNAL: MONDO ISRAELITA (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA) SPANISH NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: AN EVANGELICAL CONGRESS BEING ORGANIZED IN JERUSALEM

QUOTE: AT THE END OF THIS MONTH THERE WILL TAKE PLACE IN THIS CAPITAL (JERUSALEM) AN INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF CHRISTIANS AND EVANGELICALS, ACCORDING TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF DR DOUGLAS YOUNG WHO IS ONE OF THE ORGANIZERS. THE AIM OF THE CONGRESS WILL BE TO DEMONSTRATE THE CHRISTIAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL IN A PERIOD OF POLITICAL DIFFICULTIES. DOUGLAS HAS ALSO ~~STATED~~ ^{STATED} THAT THE EVANGELICALS IN NORTH AMERICA REPRESENT A SECTOR FAVOURABLE TO ISRAEL WHICH IS MUCH LARGER THAN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE USA. THE EVANGELICALS ARE AN ESTIMATED 45,560,000 IN NUMBER. IT IS HOPED THAT 350 LEADERS OF THIS DENOMINATION WILL BE COMING FROM THE USA AND OTHER COUNTRIES TO TAKE PART IN THE CONGRESS WHICH WILL BE ~~ANNOUNCED~~ WELCOMED BY PM BEGIN."

DATE: 9.2.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENG AM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL" TO SET UP JERUSALEM OFFICE

QUOTE: CHRISTIANS FROM TEN COUNTRIES WHO CAME TO JERUSALEM LAST WEEK TO AFFIRM THEIR "BIBLICAL IDENTIFICATION WITH ISRAEL" HAVE DECIDED TO ESTABLISH AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL (ICI) OFFICE IN JERUSALEM, ACCORDING TO A SPOKESMAN. THE OFFICE WILL SEEK TO LINK CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES AND ORGNIZATIONS IN COMMITMENT TO ISRAEL. THE ICI BOARD OF GOVERNORS COMPRISES DR DOUGLAS YOUNG, CHAIRMAN (ISRAEL) DR CLAUDE DUVERNOY (ISRAEL) DR ISRAEL CARMONA, CASIMIR LANOWICK, DR ENOLD OLSON & PASTOR CHUCK SMITH (USA) BASIL JACOBS (SOUTH AFRICA) AND REV FAYE HANSEN (NORWAY). DR DUVERNOY HAS PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "CHRISTIAN FUND FOR ISRAEL" WHICH WOULD DEVELOP EVENTUALLY INTO A UNITED CHRISTIAN APPEAL DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO NATIONAL BUDGETS FOR HEALTH EDUCATION & WELFARE. MEMBERS OF THE ICI MET LA ST WEEK THE MIN FOR RELIG AFFAIRS AHARON ABUHATZEIRA WHO REASSURED THEM THAT THE NEW ANTIMISSION LAW (WHICH FORBIDS THE OFFERING OF MATERIAL GOODS TO INDUCE CONVERSION) WILL NOT INTERFERE WITH THE FULL FREEDOM OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AND THEIR LEGITIMATE ACTIVITIES. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION BY DR DUVERNOY, ABUHATZEIRA SAID THE GIVING OR SELLING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT IN HEBREW COULD NOT CONSTITUTE A BRIBE UNDER THE NEW LAW."

DATE: 14.10.77 JOURNAL: JEWISH NEWS (DETROIT MICH, USA) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "NORWEGIAN PASTOR LONG ACTIVE IN PROMOTING RELIGIOUS UNDERSTANDING AMONG ISRAELIS"

SUMMARY & EXTRACTS: "JERUSALEM: IT'S A LITTLE KNOWN THAT THE NORWEGIAN CHURCH'S FOOTHOLD IN THE HOLY LAND HAS A CENTURIES OLD PRECEDENT: OUR MEDIEVAL KING SIGURD JORSALFAR MADE THE VOYAGE HERE AS A CRUSADER. NOT THAT I HAVE MUCH SYMPATHY FOR THE CRUSADERS....ACCORDING TO CHRISTIAN NEWS FROM ISRAEL FAYE HANSEN HAS DEVOTED THE PAST 30 YRS TO A CRUSADING ENTERPRISE WHOLLY DIFFERENT...AS A PASTOR, EXCURSION GUIDE, LECTURER AND EDITOR AT THE SCANDINAVIAN SEAMENS CHURCH IN ISRAEL...NOW APPROACHING THE END OF ITS THIRD DECADE." (THERE FOLLOWS A HISTORY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE SCANDANAVIAN MISSION AND THE BIBLICAL PROPHECIES WHICH INSPIRED HIM AND OTHERS TO SET UP A SEAMENS MISSION IN HAIFA AT A TIME WHEN IT WAS INSIGNIFICANT FROM A SCANDANAVIAN MARITIME PERSPECTIVE. "BUT THOSE WHO READ THEIR BIBLE WITH CARE SAW THE FUTURE OF HAIFA WITH THE VIEW OF DR HERZL...THE WEST WOULD MEET EAST AND SCANDANAVIA WOULD AGAIN COME IN TOUCH WITH THE HOLY LAND." (A DESCRIPTION OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE "CARMEL" MOVEMENT, A CENTRE FOR SCANDANAVIANS TO GET IN TOUCH WITH ISRAEL & THE BIBLE...THE SEAMEN'S CHURCH IN HAIFA, LATER A SECOND SEAMENS HOME IN ASHDOD, THEN IN JERUSALEM AT "BEIT NORWEGIA" ALL PROVIDING LIBRARY, LECTURE, ~~DINING~~ DINING, STUDY BEDROOMS, HOSPITALITY, TOURING, AND OTHER FACILITIES.) "WE RECEIVE BETWEEN THREE & SIX THOUSAND SEAMEN EACH YEAR." THERE IS ALSO VISITATION OF THE MANY SCANDANAVIAN AND WEST GERMAN SHIPS IN PORT, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, CHURCH SERVICES, VISITS TO SYNAGOGUES. MORE THAN 70,000 SEAMEN TAKEN TOURS WITH THEM & SCANDANAVIAN GUIDES. ALSO HOST TO MANY YOUNG THEOLOGIAN'S SERVING TEMPORARILY IN ISRAEL. FAYE HANSEN MAKES LECTURE TOURS IN EUROPE EACH YEAR ON THEMES LIKE: MODERN ISRAEL IN LIGHT OF BIBLE PROPHECY, WHY I AM A CHRISTIAN ZIONIST. HIS DAUGHTER GRO FAYE-HANSEN WENSKE LIVES IN HAIFA, A THEOLOGIAN, INFORMATION SECRETARY FOR "CARMEL". "HIS CONVICTIONS TAKE HIM ON A TACK THAT OFTEN RUNS PARALLEL TO JEWISH ZIONISM AND MOVES IN A DIRECTION OPPOSITE TO THAT OF THE CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY. HIS LABOURS THRO' THE SCAND SEAMENS CHURCH & CARMEL INSTITUTE PLAYED KEY ROLE IN INTRODUCING (FOR MANY) LIVING REALITY OF ISRAEL." END DIGEST

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