

SUBJECT 1--MISSION LAW:

DATE: 1.2.78 JOURNAL: "LETZTE NAYES" (YIDDISH) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "LEADERS OF CHURCHES DEMAND REPEAL OF LAW AGAINST MISSION"

QUOTE: "THE LEADERS OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN ISRAEL LAST NIGHT AT A PRESS CONFERENCE IN TEL AVIV AGAIN DEMANDED THE REPEAL OF THE LAW CONCERNING PROHIBITION OF MISSION ACTIVITIES RECENTLY PASSED IN THE KNESSET. ONE OF THE CLERGY, ROY KREIDER, READ A DECLARATION IN THE NAME OF CHAIRMAN [REDACTED] OF THE UCCI, NAIM ATEEK OF HAIFA, WHICH DEMANDS IMMEDIATE REPEAL OF THE LAW, AND GAVE NOTICE THAT MANY CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN THE WORLD ARE IDENTIFYING THEMSELVES WITH THE STRUGGLE OF THE CHURCHES IN ISRAEL. ACCORDING TO THE LAW, A PRISON TERM OF FIVE YEARS AWAITS ANYONE WHO TRIES TO SPEAK IN EXCHANGE FOR MATERIAL BENEFITS, TO ANOTHER PERSON TO CAUSE HIM TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION, AND THREE YEARS PRISON FOR THE PERSON AGREEING THERETO, AS THE RESULT OF A FINANCIAL OFFER OR BENEFIT. THE SPEAKERS AT THE PRESS CONFERENCE ANNOUNCED ALSO THAT THEY DEMAND THE CREATION OF AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF INVESTIGATION TO ANALYZE THE WHOLE MATTER IN ISRAEL." UNQUOTE

DATE: 23.2.78 JOURNAL: THE TIMES, LONDON LETTER TO THE EDITOR

HEADING: "CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL" BY: REV ROY KREIDER & OTHERS (PAUL SWARR, H. KNIGHT)

QUOTE: "WHILE WE APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES IN CONDENSING A 90 MINUTE PRESS CONFERENCE INTO A NEWS ITEM, WE MUST TAKE EXCEPTION TO YOUR REPORT (FEB 2) 'ISRAEL CHRISTIANS DEMAND INQUIRY OVER CONVERSIONS.' THE REV HENRY KNIGHT WAS QUOTED ON BEHALF OF THE UCCI AS SAYING THAT THE FINDINGS 'WOULD SHOW THAT CONVERTS TO CHRISTIANITY HAD NOT BEEN SUBJECTED TO IMPROPER INDUCEMENTS WHILE THOSE EMBRACING JUDAISM HAD BEEN UNDER SOME PRESSURE.' WHAT HE ACTUALLY SAID WAS: 'NONE OF THE CHRISTIAN CHURCHES KNOWN TO US EMPLOY MATERIAL BENEFITS TO ENTICE A PERSON TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION. WE DO HOWEVER KNOW OF SOME CASES WHERE PRESSURE HAS BEEN PUT ON NON-JEWS TO CONVERT TO JUDAISM.' HE POINTED TO THE FACT THAT WHEREAS UNDER TEN CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY EACH YEAR, BETWEEN FIVE HUNDRED & ONE THOUSAND CONVERT TO JUDAISM IN ISRAEL. WHEN QUESTIONED FURTHER, HE ADDED: 'WE REPEAT OUR OPPOSITION TO ANY DISHONEST MEANS TO INDUCE CONVERSION. SHOULD IT BE PROVED THAT CHRISTIANS HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN ACTS OF ENTICEMENT LEADING TO CONVERSIONS, THE UCCI WOULD STRONGLY PROTEST SUCH ACTIVITIES AND DEMAND INTERNAL DISCIPLINARY ACTION. BUT EVEN WERE PROOF OF SUCH ACTIONS TO EMERGE, THEY WOULD NOT, IN OUR VIEW, JUSTIFY THE ENACTMENT OF SUCH A LOOSELY WORDED CRIMINAL CODE WITH ITS WIDER IMPLICATIONS FOR THE WHOLE OF ISRAELI SOCIETY.' WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE COURTESY OF YOUR COLUMNS TO INDICATE THAT OUR OBJECTIONS AND CONCERNS AS TO THE NEW LAW, SHARED BY MANY JEWS IN ISRAEL AND ABROAD, ARE NOT BASED ON ONE-SIDEDNESS, PRIVOLITY OR VINDICTIVENESS, BUT ON MOST SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE NOW BEEN PRESENTED TO ISRAEL'S ATTORNEY GENERAL FOR HIS RESPONSE. YOURS FAITHFULLY...UNQUOTE

DATE: 9.3.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEBREW IND. AM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CRITICISM IN DENMARK OF LAW OF THE MISSION IN ISRAEL"

BYLINE: ELYAHU ZAHAVI, HAARETZ CORRESPONDENT IN SCANDANAVIA

QUOTE: "COPENHAGEN, 8th (SPECIAL TO HAARETZ) THE NEWSPAPER OF THE CHRISTIAN PARTY IN DENMARK PUBLISHED TODAY A PENETRATING CRITICISM OF THE LAW OF THE MISSION IN ISRAEL. THE PAPER WRITES THAT THE LAW IS CONTRARY TO THE ELEMENTARY RIGHTS OF MAN TO FREE CHOICE IN RELIGIOUS BELIEF AND IS NOT IN ACCORD WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF A DEMOCRATIC STATE AS ISRAEL DECLARES ITSELF TO BE. IN ISRAEL THE WORD 'MISSION' HAS TURNED INTO A TERM OF DISREPUTE AND MISSIONARIES ARE SLANDERED AS SOULHUNTERS. CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONS IN SCANDANAVIA EXTEND MUCH AID TO ISRAEL AND ARE NUMBERED AMONG ITS/CONSISTENT SUPPORTERS, THE PAPER NOTES." UNQUOTE

DATE: 12.3.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEB IND AM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BARAK: HANDLING OF THE LAW OF THE MISSION ' - ONLY WITH MY AUTHORIZATION OR THE AUTHORIZATION OF BACH"

QUOTE: "A DELEGATION OF THE UCCI WAS RECEIVED ON THURSDAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST BY PROF AHARON BARAK, THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE GOVT. PRESENT AT THE MEETING WERE ALSO MEIR GABAI, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE JUSTICE BUREAU AND MR GAVRIEL BACH, ATTORNEY FOR THE STATE. AT THE MEETING THERE WAS A DISCUSSION OF THE LAW AGAINST ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION RECENTLY ENACTED, AND THE MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED BY THE UCCI TO THE GOVT IN THE WAKE OF THE LAW. THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE GOVT REPLIED TO VARIOUS QUESTIONS PRESENTED TO HIM BY MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION AND STRESSED THAT THE LAW BOTH IN ITS LANGUAGE AND ITS SPIRIT APPLIED EQUALLY TO EVERY PERSON AND TO MEMBERS OF EVERY RELIGION WITHOUT PREJUDICE. THE SOLE INTENT OF THIS LAW IS TO PREVENT THE GRANTING OF MATERIAL BENEFITS IN EXCHANGE FOR CONVERSION. THE LEGAL ADVISER TO THE GOVT ALSO STATED THAT A DETAILED ORDER HAS BEEN ISSUED BY HIM TO THE POLICE AUTHORITIES TO CONVEY TO HIM PERSONALLY OR TO THE STATE'S ATTORNEY, ANY COMPLAINT CONNECTED TO THIS LAW, AND THAT NO INVESTIGATION WILL BE MADE OF ANY SUCH COMPLAINT, NOR WILL ANY LEGAL ACTION BE TAKEN EXCEPT BY HIS DIRECT ORDER OR THAT OF THE STATE'S ATTORNEY. JUSTICE MINISTER SHMUEL TAMIR (IT WAS REPORTED) HAS SENT A REPLY TO THE LETTER OF MR RICHARD MAAS, PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE LAW AGAINST ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION. THE JUSTICE MINISTER STRESSED THAT THERE IS NOTHING IN THE LAW TO IMPAIR FREEDOM OF RELIGION & FREE EXERCISE OF EDUCATION & PHILANTHROPY BY ANY RELIGION IN ISRAEL. UNQUOTE MORE

FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS FROM THE JUSTICE MINISTER'S LETTER TO MR R MAAS OF THE AJC (DATED MAR 6, 1978) WHICH WERE PUBLISHED IN A GOVT PRESS RELEASE ON 10.3.78:

"WE HAVE GIVEN A GREAT DEAL OF THOUGHT TO YOUR REMARKS AND OBSERVATIONS CONCERNING THE RECENTLY ENACTED LAW OUTLAWING MATERIAL ENTICEMENT TO CHANGE OF RELIGION. I SHOULD LIKE TO STRESS THAT THE GOVT AND THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ARE FULLY COGNIZANT OF AND GREATLY APPRECIATE THE POSITIVE ATTITUDE AND SUPPORT OF THE MANY CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS BODIES BOTH IN ISRAEL AND ABROAD TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE.....IT IS THEREFORE WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE READ OF FEELINGS OF CONCERN AMONG PEOPLE AND INSTITUTIONS IN THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY AS EXPRESSED IN YOUR ABOVE LETTER (OF FEB 9, 1978). I CAN ASSURE YOU THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER ON THE PART OF THE ISRAELI GOVT TO RESTRICT IN ANY WAY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OR ANY OTHER COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL OR TO IMPEDE THEM FROM THE PURSUIT OF NORMAL EDUCATIONAL OR PHILANTHROPIC ACTIVITIES. THE UNDERLYING PRINCIPLES OF OUR DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE GUARANTEE FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND CONSCIENCE TO ALL OF ISRAEL'S CITIZENS. ISRAEL IS ALSO A SIGNATORY TO THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS WHICH BY ARTICLE 18 DECLARES THAT EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND CONSCIENCE INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION OR BELIEF. THE STATE OF ISRAEL REMAINS FULLY COMMITTED TO UPHOLD THESE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES. THE LAW TO WHICH YOU REFER IS MERELY INTENDED TO PROHIBIT THE PROMISING OR THE GIVING OF MATERIAL BENEFITS IN CONSIDERATION FOR A CHANGE OF RELIGION. AS YOU HAVE REFERRED TO THE TOTALLY UNFOUNDED & IMAGINARY APPREHENSION IN SOME CIRCLES THAT THERE MAY BE AN INTENTION TO DRIVE OUT CHRISTIANS FROM THIS COUNTRY, I FEEL DUTY BOUND TO QUOTE THE LAW IN QUESTION AS PASSED BY THE KNESSET: (FOLLOWS QUOTATION OF LAW) MAY I POINT OUT THAT A PREVAILING FEELING WHICH FORMS PART OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE ENACTMENT OF THIS LAW IS THAT IN THIS GENERATION THE JEWISH PEOPLE HAVE LOST MORE THAN SIX MILLION MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN THE HOLOCAUST. THUS HAVE THE VEINS OF VITAL BLOOD OF THE OVERALL JEWISH BODY BEEN PARTLY DRIED UP. THIS PAINFUL AND ALARMING SITUATION HAS THEREFORE BROUGHT ABOUT A NATURAL DESIRE TO SEE TO IT THAT NO PEOPLE WILL BE LOST TO THE JEWISH FAITH IN AN UNDUE AND UNJUSTIFIED PROCESS. WHILE WE ALL SHARE THE OPINION THAT ANY FAITH OR BELIEF SHOULD BE A MATTER OF FREE PERSONAL CONSIDERATION AND CHOICE, WE ARE CONVINCED THAT ANY ATTEMPT TO BUY SOULS BY MEANS OF MATERIAL INDUCEMENTS IS INCOMPATIBLE WITH ELEMENTARY HUMAN AND RELIGIOUS PRINCIPLES. IT IS IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES AND IN THIS SPIRIT THAT THE LAW WAS PASSED BY THE ISRAELI KNESSET. NEEDLESS TO SAY, THE LAW APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL RELIGIONS. MAY I ADD TWO POINTS RELATING TO THE APPLICATION OF THIS LAW: FIRSTLY THAT IN VIEW OF THE NATURE OF THE MATTER, INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN GIVEN BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL THAT NO ACTION OR EVEN INQUIRY BE INSTITUTED BY VIRTUE OF THIS LAW WITHOUT THE PRIOR DIRECT AUTHORIZATION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL IN PERSON OR THE STATE'S ATTORNEY IN PERSON. SECONDLY, IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, THE INTERPRETATION OF THE LAW IS A MATTER FOR THE ISRAELI COURTS, WHOSE INDEPENDENCE & REPUTATION FOR THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF JUDICIAL INTEGRITY ARE BEYOND QUESTION." UNQUOTE

DATE: 12.3.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL IND AM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "TAMIR TELLS US JEWS: LAW WON'T CUT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM"

QUOTE: "NEW YORK (AP) JUSTICE MINISTER SHMUEL TAMIR PROMPTED BY A COMPLAINT FROM AMERICAN JEWISH LEADERS OFFERED REASSURANCES ON FRIDAY THAT A NEW ISRAELI LAW WON'T BE USED TO RESTRICT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF CHRISTIANS. A STATEMENT FROM TAMIR WAS RELAYED HERE BY TELEPHONE AFTER AN UNPRECEDENTED CONSULTATION BETWEEN CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES IN ISRAEL AND GOVT OFFICIALS. "THERE IS NO INTENTION WHATSOEVER ON THE PART OF THE ISRAEL GOVT TO RESTRICT IN ANY WAY RELIGIOUS FREEDOM OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OR ANY OTHER COMMUNITY IN ISRAEL," THE STATEMENT SAID. IT WAS IN THE FORM OF A LETTER TO RICHARD MAAS, PRES OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, WHO HAD PROTESTED THAT "SWEEPING PROVISIONS" OF THE LAW APPEAR "INTENDED TO INTIMIDATE THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY." THE LAW PASSED BY THE KNESSET LAST 7 DECEMBER MAKES IT A PRISON OFFENCE TO OFFER MATERIAL BENEFITS TO GET ANYONE TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION OR TO ACCEPT SUCH BENEFITS FOR CHANGING RELIGIONS. AMID WIDESPREAD CHRISTIAN APPREHENSIONS ABOUT THE LAW, MAAS LAST MONTH WROTE TO PM BEGIN AND JUSTICE MINISTER TAMIR CITING THE DISMAY AMONG MANY CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE BEEN FIRM SUPPORTERS OF ISRAEL. A GOVT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED IN JERUSALEM ON FRIDAY THAT A DELEGATION OF THE UCCI CALLED ON ATTORNEY GENERAL AHARON BARAK ON THURSDAY TO DISCUSS THE LAW. MEIR GABAI, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE JUSTICE MINISTRY, & GAVRIEL BACH, STATE ATTORNEY, ALSO ATTENDED THE MEETING. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS, BARAK EXPLAINED THAT THE LAW APPLIES EQUALLY TO ALL PERSONS AND ALL RELIGIONS. THE POLICE HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO RELAY ALL COMPLAINTS IN THE MATTER DIRECTLY TO HIM OR TO STATE ATTORNEY BACH, HE ADDED." UNQUOTE

DATE: 12.3.78 JOURNAL: DAVAR (LABOUR HEB AM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "DELEGATION OF CHRISTIAN COUNCIL AT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S"

QUOTE: "A DELEGATION OF UCCI RECEIVED ON THURSDAY AT THEIR OWN REQUEST BY PROF AHARON BARAK.... (THIS IS SAME REPORT WORD FOR WORD AS APPEARED IN HAARETZ QUOTED ON PAGE 1 ABOVE)

3. DATE: 12.3.78 JOURNAL: HAMDIA (AGUDAT YISRAEL HEB AM) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "IN THE WAKE OF THE CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE LAW OF THE MISSION--TAMIR: THE APPRE-
HENSION AS IF THERE IS AN INTENTION TO EXPEL CHRISTIANS IS "UNFOUNDED AND IMAGINARY"
QUOTE: "IN THE LAW AGAINST ENTICEMENT TO CONVERSION RECENTLY ENACTED THERE IS NO IMPEDIMENT
TO FREEDOM OF RELIGION OF ANY RELIGION IN ISRAEL, SHMUEL TAMIR, JUSTICE MINISTER, REACTED
IN A REPLY TO THE LETTER OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE. IN HIS LETTER
THE JUSTICE MINISTER REJECTED ANY CRITICISM AND CLAIMS BEING MADE OF LATE BY CHRISTIAN
ELEMENTS IN A CAMPAIGN WHICH APPEARS TO BE PROPERLY ORGANIZED, AS IF THE PURPOSE OF THE
LAW IS TO RESTRICT THE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES LIVING IN ISRAEL. MR TAMIR
DEFINED AS "UNFOUNDED AND IMAGINARY" THE APPREHENSION BEING PROMULGATED BY CERTAIN CIRCLES
AS IF THERE IS AN INTENTION TO DRIVE OUT CHRISTIANS FROM THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IN HIS LETTER
HE CITES THE PARAGRAPHS OF THE LAW AND PROVES THAT THERE IS NO INTENTION OTHER THAN THE
PROHIBITION OF CONVERSIONS IN EXCHANGE FOR FINANCIAL ENTICEMENTS, A PROHIBITION WHICH APPLIES
EQUALLY TO MEMBERS OF EVERY RELIGION WITHOUT DISTINCTION. MR TAMIR FURTHER POINTS OUT THAT
THE ENACTMENT OF THE LAW DERIVED FROM THE FEELING THAT "IN OUR GENERATION THE JEWISH PEOPLE
HAS EXPERIENCED THE DREADFUL HOLOCAUST WHICH CAUSED THE LOSS OF MORE THAN SIX MILLION OF
ITS CHILDREN --MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN. THUS HAVE THE VEINS OF ITS VITAL BLOOD BEEN DRIED
UP IN THE JEWISH BODY, AND AS A RESULT THERE DEVELOPED AMONG THE PEOPLE A NATURAL DESIRE
TO PREVENT THE LOSS OF ADDITIONAL SOULS IN ANY IMPROPER MANNER." AT THE CLOSE OF HIS LET-
TER THE JUSTICE MINISTER STATES THAT "THE ATTORNEY GENERAL PRAF BARAK HAS GIVEN INSTRUCTIONS
NOT TO SUBMIT ANY LEGAL ACTION OR EVEN TO OPEN ANY INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS
LAW WITHOUT PRIOR PERSONAL AUTHORIZATION BY HIM OR BY THE STATE ATTORNEY." A DELEGATION
OF THE UCCI WAS RECEIVED ON THURSDAY....(SAME STORY AS REPORTED IN DAVAR AND HAARETZ
ON PAGES 1 & 2 ABOVE) UNQUOTE

DATE: 12.3.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (MAPAM HEB AM) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO THE UCCI: NO INVESTIGATION WILL BE OPENED IN CONNECTION
WITH MISSION LAW EXCEPT BY GOVT ATTORNEY AUTHORIZATION"
QUOTE: A DELEGATION OF UCCI WAS RECEIVED ON THURSDAY AT ITS OWN REQUEST....(SAME STORY
AS QUOTED PREVIOUSLY WITH ADDITION OF QUOTATION OF THREE PARAGRAPHS FROM MINISTER OF
JUSTICE TAMIR'S LETTER TO MR MAAS OF THE AJC. FOR EXCERPTS OF THIS LETTER SEE P.2 HEREIN)

SUBJECT 2: CHRISTIAN TEACHING ON ISRAELI BROADCASTING SERVICE

DATE: 14.3.78 JOURNAL: SHEARIM (POALEI AGUDAT ISRAEL HEB AM) FEATURE ARTICLE
HEADING: "TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIANITY ON ISRAELI BROADCASTING" "ECHOES"
BYLINE: ODED TAL
QUOTE: "THE LEFTIST ASSIMILATIONIST LINE CONTINUES TO DOMINATE THE STATE MEDIA INTO WHICH
THE GOVT POURS MOST OF THE MEDIA BUDGET IN THE SUM OF 640 MILLION LIRA. I WAS THOROUGHLY
SHOCKED BY THE IRRESPONSIBILITY OF SEVERAL PROGRAM DIRECTORS OF ISRAELI BROADCASTING. ON
8.3.78 I LISTENED TO STATION A BETWEEN 1 & 2 PM TO THE PROGRAM OF URI EPSTEIN "MUSIKA
MAARAVIM", A PART OF A SERIES OF HIS ABOUT THE LIFE AND FAITH OF CHRISTIAN SECTS. THE
PROGRAM ON THE ABOVE DATE WAS WRITTEN BY A MARONITE PRIEST ESPECIALLY FOR ISRAEL BROAD-
CASTING AND WAS BROADCAST FROM WITHIN A JERUSALEM CHURCH IN THE SHAPE OF THE MOST ENTHU-
SIASTIC CHRISTIAN PREACHING, ACCOMPANIED BY EXCERPTS OF MUSICAL EXPERIENCE ETC. AT ITS
CLIMAX THERE WAS A DRAMATIC DESCRIPTION OF THE PRIEST IN THE CHURCH ASCENDING THE ALTAR,
LIFTING UP BREAD AND WINE, AND DISTRIBUTING IT TO THE WORSHIPPERS IN THE CHURCH, WHILE
EMPHASIZING THAT THE BREAD SYMBOLIZES THE BODY OF JESUS AND THE WINE HIS BLOOD (WHO WAS
MURDERED BY THE JEWS OF OLD). THERE WERE MANY PORTIONS WHICH WERE FRIGHTENING, AND THE JEWISH
PEOPLE IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL WHO HAVE RETURNED TO THEIR LAND TO LIVE IN PEACE AWAY FROM
THE CHRISTIAN WORLD WHICH IN THE COURSE OF THE AGES HAD SHED RIVERS OF BLOOD TO THE SOUND
OF CHURCH BELLS AND TO THE RATTLING OF THE CROSS, ARE NOW REQUIRED TO FURNISH TIME FOR
CHRISTIAN BROADCASTS AND CHRISTIAN PREACHMENTS...THE "SANE ONES", THE HIGH-SOULED ONES,
FIGHTERS FOR "FREEDOM OF CREATIVITY" (A NEW IDOL), THE EXPERTS IN MARX, CHRISTIANITY,
BUDDHA & ALL MANNER OF STRANGE WORSHIP, ARE THEMSELVES TOTAL IGNORAMUSES AND STRANGERS
(HAVING AN ATTITUDE OF HOSTILE DISDAIN AND ANIMOSITY) TO JEWISH THOUGHT. ALREADY FOR
DECADES "BRAINWASHING" THE PEOPLE, THEY HAVE INFILTRATED THE VIEW THAT JUDAISM IS BACK-
WARD "MEDIEVALISM", CRUEL AND RACIST. THERE ARE NO DEROGATORY EXPRESSIONS THAT THESE
ANTIRELIGIOUS, LEFTWING LIBERALS, DRENCHED IN "PERMISSIVENESS" AND LICENTIOUSNESS, HAVE
NOT AFFIXED TO RELIGIOUS JEWS AND JUDAISM. THEY THE LEFTISTS, THE DRUG MEN, THE DISMANT-
LERS OF ALL SOCIAL AND FAMILY VALUES, THEY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE "PROGRESSIVE"--TO THE ERA
PRECEDING "THE GIVING OF THE TORAH". IN THE MIDST OF THE BROKEN TROUGH IN WHICH THEY FIND
THEMSELVES DEEPLY ENSCONCED WITHOUT ESCAPE, THEY SHAMELESSLY DESIRE TO BE "GUIDES" OF THE
GENERATION WHICH THEY THEMSELVES HAVE DRAWN TO THE ABYSS. NOTWITHSTANDING, THE SPIRITUAL
EXALTIATION OF JUDAISM IS YET FULL AND CAPABLE OF REPLENISHING ITS ADHERENTS, AND HAS SUS-
TAINED MILLIONS OF JEWS IN EVERY CRUEL DIASPORA FOR THE THOUSANDS OF YEARS OF EXILE, AND

4. IT IS ONLY BY VIRTUE OF THIS THAT WE HAVE REMAINED JEWS AND HAVE RETURNED TO OUR LAND. BUT THOSE WHO BELITTLED JUDAISM DROPPED OUT IN THE COURSE OF THE AGES AND NOTHING HAS REMAINED OF THEM, WHEREAS ALL THE JEWS WHO REMAINED JEWS ARE THE DESCENDANTS OF JEWS WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES FOR THEIR FAITH. NOTWITHSTANDING, AT THE HEAD OF THE MEDIA PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO SHAPE PUBLIC OPINION, THERE ARE PERSONS DETACHED FROM JUDAISM. NEVERTHELESS, DESPITE THIRTY YEARS OF "BRAINWASHING" THEY HAVE NOT SUCCEEDED TO EXTINGUISH THE "JEWISH" SPARK." UNQUOTE (PLEASE NOTE THE LAST PHRASE WAS INDISTINCT TYPOGRAPHICALLY IN CLIPPING)

SUBJECT 3: CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE

DATE: 15.3.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (MAPAM HEB AM) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "CHRISTIAN-JEWISH DIALOGUE BEGINS"
BYLINE: YOSEF ALPERN, AL HAMISHMAR CORRESPONDENT IN SWITZERLAND
QUOTE: "GENEVA—A CHRISTIAN JEWISH DIALOGUE IN WHICH SOME FIFTY CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH CLERGY FROM WEST EUROPE, ~~AMERICA~~, AFRICA, AND ISRAEL, ARE TAKING PART OPENED YESTERDAY IN GENEVA AND WILL CONTINUE FOR ABOUT FOUR DAYS. THIS MEETING HAS BEEN ORGANIZED BY THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES IN WHICH CLOSE TO 300 CHRISTIAN CHURCHES FROM ONE HUNDRED LANDS ARE MEMBERS. THE AIM OF THE ORGANIZERS WAS DEFINED AS "AN ATTEMPT TO CONTRIBUTE IN EQUAL PARTS TO GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES AND TO COEXISTENCE BETWEEN THE TWO RELIGIONS." FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF CHRISTIAN JEWISH MEETINGS ORGANIZED BY THE WCC, REPRESENTATIVES OF YOUTH FROM THE TWO FAITHS ARE TAKING PART IN THE DIALOGUE." UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 4: U.S. CHRISTIAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

DATE: 10.3.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "TOUR GROUP LEADER STRESSES SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL AMONG US CHRISTIANS"
BYLINE: HAIM SHAPIRO (JERUSALEM POST REPORTER)
QUOTE: "THOUSANDS OF AMERICAN CHRISTIANS WANT TO HELP ISRAEL BUT DON'T KNOW HOW TO DO SO ACCORDING TO GEORGE OTIS, A CHRISTIAN ^{LAY} TEACHER WHO IS CURRENTLY GUIDING HIS FOURTH LARGE GROUP THRO' ISRAEL. THE 500 PARTICIPANTS IN HIS "HIGH ADVENTURE" TOUR YESTERDAY ATTENDED SEMINARS, LISTENING TO SUCH PERSONALITIES AS DEPUTY PREMIER YIGAL YADIN EXPLAIN THE LAND OF THE BIBLE. OTIS, WHO APPEARS ON TV IN THE U.S., SAID THAT IN PREVIOUS YEARS HIS TOURS INCLUDED OVER ONE THOUSAND PARTICIPANTS, BUT HE IS NOW CONVINCED IT IS MORE EFFECTIVE TO BRING SMALLER GROUPS MORE FREQUENTLY. HE NOTES THAT ACCORDING TO A GALLUP POLL, ABOUT A THIRD OF ALL AMERICANS ARE BELIEVING CHRISTIANS. OTIS HIMSELF PUTS THE PERCENTAGE A LITTLE LOWER, BUT NOTES THAT THE NUMBER STILL RANGES IN THE TENS OF MILLIONS. OF THESE, HE SAID, ALL BUT "A FEW KOOKS" BELIEVE THAT ISRAEL IS THE FULFILLMENT OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY AND MUST BE SUPPORTED. HIS OWN GROUPS BUY JNF TREES, DONATE BLOOD TO MAGEN DAVID ADOM & WRITE TO THEIR SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN URGING THEM TO SUPPORT ISRAEL. AS FOR JIMMY CARTER, OTIS SAID, HE WAS ELECTED BY THE GROUNDSWELL OF BORN-AGAIN CHRISTIANS AND IS NOW NOT MAKING THE RIGHT DECISIONS ABOUT ISRAEL. BECAUSE OF HIS POLICIES ON ISRAEL, OTIS QUESTIONED THE SINCERITY OF CARTER'S RELIGIOUS BELIEF." UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 5: ISRAELI OFFICIALS AND CHRISTIAN SECTS

DATE: 2 Sept 77 JOURNAL: CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS (TORONTO) FEATURE ARTICLE
HEADING: "OFFICIALS MAINTAIN DEFT JUGGLING ACT BETWEEN JERUSALEM'S CHRISTIAN SECTS"
SUMMARY & EXTRACTS: (PHOTO CAPTIONED: NUNS WALK THRO' STREETS OF OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM)
"HOW MANY JEWS KNOW THAT THERE ARE 35 CHRISTIAN GROUPS IN ISRAEL AND THAT THEY FEEL LIKE "MINORITIES THREE TIMES OVER"—IN RELATION TO THE JEWISH MAJORITY, THE LARGELY MUSLEM ARAB SOCIETY, AND (IN MOST CASES) THE REST OF THE CHRISTIAN POPULATION. REPORTER ROBT KAPLAN SHEDS SOME LIGHT ON THE SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES AND JERUSALEM'S CHRISTIAN MINORITIES." THERE THEN FOLLOWS A SOMEWHAT DETAILED DESCRIPTION (WITH A JERUSALEM DATELINE) OF THE PRIVILEGES ENJOYED BY CHRISTIAN GROUPS IN ISRAEL BECAUSE OF THE "DELICACY" OF THE SITUATION. "OFFICIALS MUST MAINTAIN A DEFT JUGGLING ACT BETWEEN THE VARIOUS ESTRANGED DENOMINATIONS, MANY OF WHOM COMMAND POWERFUL SUPPORT OUTSIDE THE JEWISH STATE, ..THE LATIN PATRIARCH HERE, TO PUT IT MILDLY, HAS A FRIEND AT THE VATICAN. JERUSALEM ANGLICANS CAN TURN TO CANTERBURY. RIVAL CHURCH HIERARCHIES IN NEW YORK & MOSCOW MONITOR THE TREATMENT OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RUSSIAN ORTHODOX COMMUNITIES HERE. CHURCH BUREAUCRACIES IN SOVIET ARMENIA & ETHIOPIA KEEP A WATCHFUL EYE ON THE FATE OF THEIR JERUSALEM CONGREGATIONS....THE ISRAELI GOVT GIVES A KIND OF PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT TO ITS CHRISTIAN INHABITANTS AS IF THEY WERE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES OF FOREIGN STATES BECAUSE IN MANY WAYS THEY ARE." (ILLUSTRATIONS OF THIS ARE GIVEN IN RESPECT TO TAX EXEMPTIONS, CUSTOMS DEDUCTIONS, VISA PROBLEMS, WHICH COMPARE MORE THAN FAVORABLY TO/BENEFITS GIVEN TO JEWISH IMMIGRANTS) "ALL THESE EXEMPTED TAXES ARE PAID BY THE GOVT, WITH THE RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS MINISTRY TRANSFERRING THE FUNDS TO THE APPROPRIATE GOVT OFFICE. THE MINISTRY MAINTAINS A YEARLY BUDGET FOR SUCH PURPOSES." (FURTHER ILLUSTRATIONS PROVIDED)
"CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS OUTSIDE ISRAEL RARELY MENTION SUCH DETAILS."