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DATE: 8.2.78 JOURNAL: INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE (PARIS) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "PROTESTANT CLERGY IN ISRAEL ASK PROBE OF BRIBE CHARGES"

QUOTE: "TELAVIV, Feb. 7 (NYT).- PROTESTANT CLERGYMEN SMARTING UNDER ALLEGATIONS IN THE ISRAELI PARLIAMENT THAT CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES HAD BRIBED PEOPLE TO CONVERT HAVE CALLED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION TO PROBE WHAT LED PERSONS IN ISRAEL TO EMBRACE CHRISTIANITY, JUDAISM OR ISLAM. REV HENRY KNIGHT AN ANGLICAN PRIEST SPEAKING FOR THE UCCL, FORECAST THAT THE COMMISSION'S FINDINGS WOULD PAIN ISRAELIS. HE POINTED TO ISRAELI STATUTORY SITUATIONS WHICH HE SAID HAD PROBABLY MOTIVATED SOME CONVERSIONS. MARRIAGE LAWS REQUIRE HERE BOTH PARTNERS TO BE OF THE SAME RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF ISRAELIS HAVE CHANGED THEIR FAITHS IN ORDER TO BE WED. MOREOVER, IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP LAWS HERE DISCRIMINATE IN FAVOR OF JEWS AND SOME MAY HAVE CONVERTED TO CLAIM THE BENEFITS. "IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE HOW ISRAELI COURTS REGARD SUCH BENEFITS IN A PERSON'S DECISION TO CONVERT," THE PRIEST REMARKED. THE CAMPAIGN BY THE UCCL, A FELLOWSHIP OF PROTESTANT CHURCH GROUPINGS AND AGENCIES, IS PART OF A DRIVE FOR THE REPEAL OF A PENAL CODE AMENDMENT ENACTED LAST MONTH WHICH MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENSE TO OFFER MATERIAL BENEFIT TO INDUCE ANOTHER PERSON TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION. THE TEXT OF THE LAW DOES NOT MENTION CHRISTIAN MISSIONARIES, BUT YM ABRAMOWITZ, THE ULTRA-ORTHODOX RABBI WHO INTRODUCED IT, AS WELL AS OTHER DEPUTIES WHO SPOKE IN THE PARLIAMENTARY DEBATE, LEFT NO DOUBT IT WAS AIMED AT CURBING THEM. REV ROY KREIDER, VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE COUNCIL EXECUTIVE, SAID THE CHURCHMEN'S POSITION WAS DETAILED IN A MEMORANDUM SENT LAST WEEK TO AHARON BARAK, ISRAELI ATTORNEY GEN., IN JERUSALEM. HE SAID THE COUNCIL, WHICH INCLUDES BAPTISTS, ANGLICANS, LUTHERANS, PRESBYTERIANS & OTHERS, DEMANDED AN APOLOGY FROM THE KNESSET FOR "UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS AND CHARGES" MADE DURING THE DEBATE. EXTREMISTS IN THE KNESSET HAD PORTRAYED CHRISTIAN MISSIONS AS "A CANCER IN THE BODY OF THE NATION," AND CLAIMED THE MISSIONARIES FLOODED WITH UNLIMITED FINANCIAL MEANS" HAD INCITED JEWS TO EMIGRATE AND TRIED TO INFLUENCE SOLDIERS TO DESERT FROM THEIR UNITS. THE COUNCIL'S MEMORANDUM ALSO CALLED FOR AN UNDERTAKING THAT "ALL MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET WILL DESIST HENCEFORTH FROM USING THE PERJURATIVE TITLE "THE MISSION" AS THOUGHT IT REPRESENTED SOME KIND OF PLOT AGAINST JEWISH PEOPLE." BY COINCIDENCE THE CLERGYMEN WERE INTERVIEWED SHORTLY AFTER AN ICE CREAM VENDOR, PINHAS GOLAN, APPEARED ON ISRAELI TV AND SAID HE WAS ABOUT TO ACCEPT A BRIBE TO CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY. HE FACED THREE YEARS ^{IN JAIL} FOR NONPAYMENT OF FINES OF MORE THAN \$6,000 FOR PEDDLING WITHOUT A PERMIT. HE HAD SERVED A LONG PRISON SENTENCE FOR ATTEMPTED ROBBERY. HE COMPLAINED THAT THE MAYOR OF TELAVIV FIRMLY REFUSED TO GRANT HIM A VENDING PERMIT. HE SAID THAT A MISSIONARY WHOM HE DECLINED TO NAME HAD OFFERED TO PAY THE FINE, MOVE HIS FAMILY TO ANOTHER COUNTRY, AND SET THEM UP THERE IN A HOUSE AND JOB. UNDER THE NEW LAW THE MISSIONARY WOULD BE LIABLE TO FIVE YEARS IMPRISONMENT AND A HEAVY FINE AND MR GOLAN, IF HE ACCEPTS THE "BENEFIT" ON ISRAELI SOIL, COULD BE JAILED FOR THREE YEARS." UNQUOTE (NB: THIS ITEM APPEARED IN SELECTIONS No. 12)

DATE: 14.2.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) GERMAN LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "REPLY TO THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE UCCL, MR J. DAVID"

EXTRACTS: "WE READ IN THE JOURNAL ABOUT YOUR PROTEST AGAINST THE MISSION LAW AND WISH TO COMMENT THEREON: CHRISTIANS ENJOY IN ISRAEL FULL DEMOCRATIC RIGHTS AND SIGNIFICANTLY GREATER THAN THEY ENJOYED UNDER TURKISH OR ARABIC SOVEREIGNTY...BUT THIS IS ALL FORGOTTEN! CONCERNING "HATRED" FROM OUR SIDE, THERE IS NOTHING TO BE SPOKEN ABOUT, FOR WE JEWS COULD WISH THAT DURING OUR TWO THOUSAND YEARS SOJOURN AMONG CHRISTIAN PEOPLES WE SHOULD HAVE EXPERIENCED AS HUMANE TREATMENT AS YOU CHRISTIANS ENJOY WITH US IN ISRAEL! THIS "DEMOCRATIC TREATMENT" WHICH WE EXPERIENCED AT YOUR HANDS IN PERSECUTIONS AND BURNING ON STAKES AND LATER UNDER HITLER IN THE GAS CHAMBERS, WHY THEN DO YOU NOW COMPLAIN? WITH ALL OUR HEARTS WE WISH YOU WELL WITH YOUR HAPPINESS OF SOUL AS LONG AS YOU DO NOT INTERFERE WITH WHAT PERTAINS TO JUDAISM--PERMIT US WHAT BELONGS TO US! IT IS NOT TRUE THAT ONLY OUR "ULTRORTHODOX" ARE REACTING: OUR ENTIRE PEOPLE IS AGAINST MISSION ACTIVITY... IT IS NOT FOR THIS PURPOSE THAT WE HAVE COME HOME, TO BE UNFAITHFUL TO OUR BELIEF! IT IS SELF EVIDENT THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE CANNOT COMPEL JEWS TO REMAIN FAITHFUL WHEN HE WILLS TO BETRAY: SUCH PEOPLE ARE OF WEAK CHARACTER WHO OFTEN OUT OF NEED (ON MATERIAL GROUNDS) WILL TAKE SUCH STEPS, AND THEY ARE FOR US NO LOSS AND FOR YOU NO GAIN, AND YOUR GROUNDS ARE UNSPIRITUAL AND IMPURE AS THE GROUNDS OF YOUR MISSIONARIES. IN JEWISH HISTORY THERE HAVE BEEN CRIMINALS WHO AFTER BAPTISM BECAME PERSECUTORS OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE, SUCH AS FOR EXAMPLE, B. PFEFFERKORN IN THE MIDDLE AGES. WHY MUST YOU GIVE YOUR PROSELYTES MONEY, HOUSING OR WORK IN ORDER THAT THEY MIGHT TRULY BE CONVERTED? ...WHAT WOULD THE CHRISTIANS SAY IF JEWS GATHERED UP THEIR CHILDREN FROM THE STREETS AGAINST THEIR PARENTS' WILL TO CONVERT THEM TO JUDAISM? WE NEVER ACTED THAT WAY BUT IT IS KNOWN THAT CHRISTIANS HAVE "CONVERTED" JEWISH CHILDREN IN THIS MANNER. IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR TO CHRISTIANS THAT CONVERSION FOR JEWS HAS ALSO A NATIONAL ASPECT SINCE THEIR RELIGION IS ONE WITH NATIONAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND IT IS FOR OUR PEOPLE OF THE GREATEST IMPORTANCE. THERE ARE MANY CHRISTIAN NATIONS BUT ONLY ONE JEWISH (NATION)...(THERE FOLLOWS A REFERENCE TO THE POPE AND TO

DATE: 19.3.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "PREJUDICE IN CONVERSION LAW"
 QUOTE: IN SPITE OF ITS APPARENT CONCERN FOR RELIABILITY WITH REGARD TO THE FACTS MR. DAVID ZVI'S LETTER (MAR 6) IS BASED ON SERIOUS INACCURACIES. FOR ONE, ALTHOUGH IT IS TRUE THAT THE TEXT OF THE RECENT "MISSIONS LAW" MAKES NO SPECIFIC REFERENCES TO ANY ONE RELIGION, THE EXPLANATORY MATTER WHICH WAS ATTACHED TO THE LAW AS WELL AS EVERY BIT OF REASONING RELATING TO IT IN THE KNESSET, THE MEDIA--EVEN IN MR ZVI'S LETTER--IS EXCLUSIVELY TAKEN UP WITH THE SUPPOSED MISDEEDS OF ONE RELIGION ONLY. IN OTHER WORDS, AS ADMITTED BY THE KNESSET MEMBERS WHO PROMOTED THE LAW, ITS WORDING SERVES ONLY TO MASK THE ACTUAL INTENT BEHIND THE LAW IN ORDER TO MAKE IT ACCEPTABLE TO A LARGE ENOUGH MAJORITY IN THE KNESSET THAT WOULD ENSURE ITS APPROVAL. SECONDLY, IT IS SIMPLY NOT TRUE THAT THE LAW WAS SO FRAMED THAT "MEMBERS OF ALL FAITHS REMAIN FREE TO PRACTICE THEIR WAYS OF LIFE UNINTERRUPTED," AS MR ZVI CLAIMS. NOR WAS THE LAW INTENDED TO SECURE THAT BASIC LIBERTY. IT WAS, AS HAS ALSO BEEN ADMITTED BY THE PROPONENTS OF THE LAW, BUT A STEP IN FURTHER INTENDED LEGISLATION MEANT TO OUTLAW A BASIC INGREDIENT OF THE CHRISTIAN FAITH, NAMELY THAT OF THE MISSIONARY RESPONSIBILITY OF ITS ADHERENTS. FINALLY, MR ZVI'S CLOSING PARAGRAPH IS AS MUCH A DISPLAY OF THE PREJUDICES BEHIND THE LAW AS COULD BE CONCEIVED. WHY THE TERMINOLOGY OF "SEDUCING ONE AWAY FROM HIS ANCESTRAL FAITH"? SURELY MR ZVI WOULD NOT SEEK TO JUSTIFY SUCH WORDING BY INSISTING THAT "SEDUCING" WAS PERFECTLY LEGITIMATE SO LONG AS IT IS NOT ACCOMPLISHED BY "SHADY MEANS". IS THIS THE KIND OF WORDING HE WOULD USE TO DESCRIBE THE LARGE MEASURE OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY GOING ON IN ISRAEL AMONG THE NONJEWISH COMMUNITY WITH A VIEW TO THEIR CONVERSION TO JUDAISM?" UNQUOTE

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DATE: 19.3.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (HEB AM MAPAM)
 HEADING: "THE ATTORNEY GENERAL & THE MISSION LAW"
 BYLINE: GABRIEL STERN

QUOTE: "AT MY DEPARTURE FROM A MEETING WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, PROF AHARON BARAK, I FEEL INFINITELY BETTER THAN I DID AT THE BEGINNING OF OUR CONVERSATION," THE ANGLICAN ARAB CLERGYMAN, NAIM ATEEK OF HAIFA, CHAIRMAN OF THE UCCI (PROTESTANT) SAID TO THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE IN ISRAEL WHO HAD INITIATED A CANDID MEETING OF CLARIFICATION BETWEEN A HIGH-LEVEL PROTESTANT DELEGATION AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OVER SIGNIFICANCE OF THE NEW MISSION LAW. THE STATE ATTORNEY, GAVRIEL BACH, ALSO TOOK PART, GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE MEIR GABAI & THE LEGAL ADVISER, TAMAR GOLAN. THE ATTORNEY GENERAL MADE IT CLEAR THAT THE DECISION TO UNDERTAKE INVESTIGATIONS OR TAKE LEGAL ACTIONS STEMMING FROM THE LAW WILL REMAIN ONLY IN THE HANDS OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HIMSELF, TO WHOM THE POLICE AND STATE ATTORNEYS MUST SUBMIT EVERY POTENTIAL COMPLAINT. HE ALSO STRESSED THAT THE REMARKS MADE IN THE KNESSET DURING THE DEBATE OVER THE LAW HAVE NO SIGNIFICANCE FOR ITS OPERATION OR INTERPRETATION WHICH IS SUBJECT SOLELY TO THE TEXT OF THE LAW ITSELF. THE LAW WILL BE ENFORCED IN THE SPIRIT OF THE BASIC LAW CONCERNING THE CIVIL RIGHTS GUARANTEEING FREEDOM OF RELIGION TO ALL FAITHS, AND PENALTIES WILL BE INFLICTED ONLY FOR THE GRANTING OR RECEIVING OF MATERIAL BENEFITS, OR FOR AN ATTEMPT TO DO SO. IT WAS AGREED THAT A DELEGATION WILL AGAIN MEET WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL AFTER SEVERAL MONTHS IN ORDER TO TEST THE DEVELOPMENTS VIS-A-VIS THE LAW. JUSTICE MINISTER SHMUEL TAMIR HAS ALSO EXPRESSED VIGOROUSLY THE SUPPORT OF THE GOVT OF ISRAEL FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND CONSCIENCE, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO CHANGE ONE'S FAITH OR RELIGION. HE STATED/IN A LETTER TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, RICHARD MAAS."

SUBJECT 2: MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

DATE: 20.3.78 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHRONOT (HEB PM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE "AMERICA, AMERICA"
 HEADING: "NEW YORK JEWS PREPARING FOR BATTLE AGAINST ATTACKS OF MISSIONARY ACTIVITY"
 BYLINE: AHARON SHAMIR

QUOTE: "A NEW BATTLE FRONT HAS BEEN OPENED FOR NEW YORK JEWS: "JEWS FOR JESUS". THIS IS THE NAME BORNE BY A NEW GROUP PROPERLY ORGANIZED WHICH HAS SET ITSELF THE "SACRED" AIM OF RETURNING THE JEWS TO THE BOSOM OF RABBI JOSHUA OF NAZARETH. THE JEWISH COUNCIL FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIAISON IN NEW YORK HAS JUST PUBLISHED A CIRCULAR IN WHICH THE JEWISH ORGANIZATIONS ARE REQUESTED TO BE ALERT TO THE EXPANDED ACTIVITIES OF THE "JEWS FOR JESUS" (ALSO IN OTHER CITIES AND IN THE CAMPUSES OF THE UNIVERSITIES). IT IS STATED IN THE CIRCULAR THAT "ACCORDING TO INFORMATION GATHERED ON MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN THE JEWISH COMMUNITY IT APPEARS THAT "JEWS FOR JESUS" AND OTHER HEBREW CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS ARE PLANNING TO SET UP CENTRES IN THE CITIES TO GRANT SHELTER TO JEWS WHO WILL BE CAST OUT OF THEIR CONGREGATIONS AS A RESULT OF THEIR BELIEF IN JESUS." JEWS FOR JESUS EVEN PLANS TO PROMULGATE THEIR BELIEF IN THE MEDIA--BY MEANS OF RECORDS, CASSETTES AND SONGBOOKS SOLD TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC. THE SONGS INCLUDE TITLES LIKE "WE WERE AS DREAMERS" "I AM NOT ASHAMED" & "HINENI", WITH MANY MELODIES TRADITIONAL JEWISH...." UNQUOTE

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DATE: 21.3.78 JOURNAL: HATSOFE (HEB AM NRP) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "DISCLOSURES OF THE ACTIVISTS (PELLIM): BABYSITTER SERVICE FREE OF CHARGE
 TO PARTICIPANTS IN MISSIONARY GROUPS"

QUOTE: "PARTICIPANTS IN BIBLE STUDY GROUPS OF THE EXTREMIST MISSIONARY SECT "JEHOVAH WITNESSES" ARE PROMISED FREE BABYSITTER SERVICE TO PERMIT THE TWO MEMBERS OF A COUPLE TO PARTICIPATE "WITH AN EASY MIND" IN LESSONS. NEVERTHELESS, THE MESSENGERS OF THIS SECT PREFER TO HOLD THEIR REGULAR HOUSE VISITS IN THE MORNING HOURS, THUS TO INFLUENCE FIRST OF ALL THE HOUSEWIFE WHO IS EASIER TO INFLUENCE. IT APPEARS THAT THIS MODE OF OPERATION HAS PROVED ITSELF AND HAS LED TO A NUMBER OF FAMILY TRAGEDIES. THESE FACTS ARE INCLUDED IN A COMPREHENSIVE STUDY ENTITLED "IN THE SHADOW OF APOSTACY" PUBLISHED BY THE DIVISION OF THE ACTIVISTS "YAD LEAKHIM" (A HAND TO BRETHREN) FIGHTING AGAINST THE MISSION. THIS STUDY INCLUDES A DETAILED ^{INFORMATIVE} REPORT WHICH INCLUDES MANY DETAILS ABOUT THE HUNDREDS OF SECTS AND MISSIONARIES AND THEIR MODE OF OPERATION. IT APPEARS FROM THE STUDY THAT IN ISRAEL THERE ARE 3600 MISSIONARIES OPERATING, AMONG WHOM ABOUT 750 FOR WHOM MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IS THEIR ^{S.O.L.L.E} OCCUPATION, WHILE THE MOST ACTIVE AND EXTREMIST SECT IS THE "JEHOVA WITNESSES" WHICH ACTIVATES (IN THE MOST CAUTIOUS ESTIMATE) ABOUT 300 PERSONS WHO MAKE HOUSE VISITS REGULARLY ARRANGED ACCORDING TO CITY MAPS IN THE CENTRE OF THE COUNTRY, DISTRIBUTED SECTION BY SECTION. MEMBERS OF THE SECT HOLD TO STRANGE VIEWS AND NEGATE ALL CONTACT WITH THE AUTHORITIES. THEY DO NOT SERVE IN THE ARMY AND ARE REQUIRED TO DEVOTE THEIR TIME TO MISSIONARY ACTIVITY. THE STUDY POINTS ALSO TO THE MESSIANIC SECT WHOSE CENTRE IS THE "MOUNT OF OLIVES CENTRE FOR THE HOLY SCRIPTURES", A SECT ^{REGULAR} ABOUNDING IN VAST SUMS OF MONEY IN THE MILLIONS OF DOLLARS WHICH POUR INTO IT FROM DONORS THE WORLD OVER. AT THE HEAD OF THIS SECT IS THE APOSTATE SHLOMO HIZAK. IT IS VERY ACTIVE, BUT AS HAS BEEN MADE CLEAR FROM SOURCES FAMILIAR WITH THE EXTENT OF OPERATIONS OF THIS CENTRE CLOSE AT HAND, THE INCOME OF THE SECT IS VERY MUCH LARGER THAN THE EXTENT OF ITS EXPENDITURES." UNQUOTE

DATE: 21.3.78 JOURNAL: SHEARIM (HEBREW AM POALEI AGUDAT ISRAEL) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "STUDY: 3600 MISSIONARIES OPERATING IN ISRAEL--HUGE SUMS AT THEIR DISPOSAL"
 QUOTE: "PARTICIPANTS IN BIBLE STUDY GROUPS....(IDENTICAL STORY AS ABOVE, ONLY HEADLINE DIFFERENT)"

DATE: 3.3.78 JOURNAL: "JOURNAL D'ISRAEL" (TELAVIV) FRENCH FEATURE ARTICLE
 QUOTE: "AFTER A FOURTH VISIT TO ISRAEL: THE CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS DENOUNCE ~~THE~~ J.W.'S"
 BYLINE: GILBERT HERMETZ, PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION OF CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS IN FRANCE
 SUMMARY: THE ARTICLE OPENS WITH A LENGTHY STATEMENT OF SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL ON THE BASIS OF BIBLICAL TEXTS AND CURRENT EVENTS AND EXPRESSES CONFIDENCE AND SUPPORT FOR THE FULL REALIZATION OF THE ANCIENT PROPHECIES VIS-A-VIS ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE BY CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS. IN THE CLOSING SECTION IT DISCUSSES THE JEHOVA WITNESSES SECT: "DURING OUR VISIT TO ISRAEL WE LEARNED THAT THE SECT OF "JEHOVA WITNESSES" IS VERY ACTIVE IN ISRAEL IN HAIFA, TELAVIV, ETC., PRETENDING THEIR FOUNDER TO BE CT RUSSELL WHOSE WORK AND MARVELOUS LABOURS ON BEHALF OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE FROM 1877 TO 1916 (THE YEAR OF HIS DEATH) AND WHOSE BIBLICAL EXPOSITIONS WERE FOR THE MOST PART FULFILLED...BUT THE PRETENSIONS OF THE JW'S ARE ABSOLUTELY FALSE BECAUSE THEIR FOUNDER (JF RUTHERFORD) IS THE ONE WHO GAVE THEM THEIR NAME AND HIS SUCCESSORS HAVE ILLEGALLY ^{THE GOOD WORK} FOUNDED BY RUSSELL, HAVE DESTROYED THE STEREOTYPES OF HIS WRITINGS WHICH THEY REJECTED, PRACTICE AMONG JEWS AND NONJEWS A PROSELYTISM WHICH WE REPROVE BECAUSE IT IS FORBIDDEN BY THE ETERNAL, HAVE THEMSELVES APPROPRIATED THE PROMISES WHICH PERTAIN TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE ALONE...WE REGRET THAT WE MUST DENOUNCE THE LEADERS OF THE JW'S..."

DATE: 23.3.78 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHARONOT (HEB PM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "HCOLIGANISM FOR THE SAKE OF HEAVEN"
 QUOTE: "IN RECENT MONTHS THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ATTACKS UPON THE JEHOVA WITNESSES BY RELIGIOUS GROUPS. ALL THE SIN OF THESE HAS BEEN THEIR BELIEF IN ALL THE HOLY SCRIPTURES INCLUDING THE NEW TESTAMENT. THREE TIMES HOODLUMS HAVE COMBINED TO DESTROY TOTALLY THE MEETING HALL AND WORSHIP PLACE OF THIS COMMUNITY. ARE SUCH WORKS OF VIOLENCE A PART OF THE SERVICE TO GOD? DO THEY THINK THUS TO SANCTIFY HIS NAME? I APPEAL TO THE GROUPS OF RIOTERS: LIVE AND LET LIVE! IF YOU WANT TO ^{SANCTIFY THE NAME OF GOD,} THEN DO NOT PROFANE IT BY YOUR DEEDS." UNQUOTE

DATE: 1.3.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL HEBDO (TELAVIV) FRENCH FEATURE ARTICLE (EDUCATION)
 HEADING: "MINORITIES: MAJOR PROBLEMS"
 SUMMARY: THIS IS A DESCRIPTIVE FEATURE ARTICLE ON NONJEWISH SCHOOLS IN JAFFA BUT MAINLY DEALING WITH "TERRA SANTA", AND INCLUDING AN INTERVIEW WITH M. S. MONAHER, PROF. OF ARABIC LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE. BACKGROUND INFORMATION PROVIDED FOR CHRISTIAN

SCHOOLS IN JAFFA BEFORE AND AFTER 1948, THE TYPE OF EDUCATION PROVIDED, AND THE NATURE OF THE STUDENT BODY. FOLLOWING ARE SOME PERTINENT QUOTATIONS FROM M. SALIM MONAHR RELATIVE TO THE INTERVIEWER'S QUESTIONS ABOUT RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION, MATERIAL BENEFITS, CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, ETC:

"AT TERRA SANTA THERE IS A MAJORITY OF ORTHODOX (STUDENT BODY)+ 60% OF THE 650 STUDENTS COMPRISING THE SCHOOL, THE REST ARE PROTESTANTS AND CATHOLICS. AT THE SCHOOL OF THE BROTHERS THERE IS MORE OF A DEMOGRAPHIC BALANCE: 40% CHRISTIAN, 30% MOSLEM & ALSO 30% JEWISH. THEIR PROGRAM RELATES TO TWO NEEDS: FIRST RELIGIOUS, THE OTHER CULTURAL... THERE IS CATECHISM FOR CATHOLICS, KORAN FOR MUSLEMS. RELIGIOUS PRACTICE FOR OUR STUDENTS IS NOT PART OF THE CONDITIONS FOR REGISTRATION. THIS IS THE REASON ONE FINDS A MINORITY OF JEWISH STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL OF THE BROTHERS, FOR EXAMPLE. FOR US, RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS MADE PART OF A CULTURAL HERITAGE... ONLY THOSE WHO DESIRE IT CAN TAKE THE RELIGIOUS EDUCATION COURSE. WITH US AT TERRA SANTA THIS INVOLVES ESSENTIALLY THE TEXTS OF THE NEW TESTAMENT. THERE ARE NO EXAMINATIONS IN THE PROPER SENSE... PRAYERS ARE ALSO PART OF THIS EDUCATION, PRAYERS IN THE MORNING BEFORE CLASS BEGINS. AT THE SCHOOL OF THE BROTHERS THE TEACHING IS LAY, AND CORRESPONDS TO THE FRENCH PROGRAM SUCH AS IS ACTUALLY PROVIDED IN FRENCH INSTITUTIONS.... (ALTHO' RECEIVING SOME ASSISTANCE FINANCIALLY FROM VATICAN AND JERUSALEM SOURCES) OUR SCHOOLS ARE PAYING INSTITUTIONS.... " UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 3: BROADCASTS OF CHRISTIAN MATERIAL ON ISRAEL RADIO

DATE: 17.3.78 JOURNAL: HAMOLIYA (HEB AM AGDAT YISRAEL) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "DEMAND TO PREVENT BROADCASTS OF CHRISTIAN PREACHING ON RADIO"
QUOTE: "A VIGOROUS DEMAND TO PREVENT THE REPEITION OF INCIDENTS IN WHICH THERE IS BROADCAST ON THE RADIO PROGRAMS CONTAINING CHRISTIAN PREACHING (AS OCCURRED A WEEK AGO WHEN ZEALOUS CHRISTIAN PREACHING WAS BROADCAST FROM WITHIN A CHURCH) WAS RAISED YESTERDAY BY RABBI SHLOMO LAURENTS IN A PARLIAMENTARY QUERY SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION ZEVULUN HAMMER. RABBI LAURENTS RELATED IN HIS QUERY THAT HE WAS INFORMED THAT IN THE FRAMEWORK OF A PROGRAM BROADCAST ON THE RADIO SUNDAY AFTERNOON A WEEK AGO THERE WAS AN EXTENSIVE DISCUSSION ON THE SUBJECT OF CHRISTIANITY COMBINED WITH PREACHMENTS. THE PROGRAM WAS ESPECIALLY SCRIPTED FOR ISRAELI BROADCASTS BY A MARONITE PRIEST AND BROADCAST FROM WITHIN A CHURCH IN JERUSALEM. AT THE CLIMAX OF THE PROGRAM THERE WAS A DESCRIPTION OF HOW THE PRIEST ASCENDS THE ALTAR OF THE CHURCH, TAKES INTO HIS HAND THE BREAD AND WINE AND DISTRIBUTES THEM TO THE WORSHIPPERS. THE SAME PRIEST EVEN EXPLAINS TO THE LISTENERS THAT THE BREAD SYMBOLIZES THE BODY OF "THAT MAN" AND THE WINE IS THE BLOOD OF THE CHRISTIANS MURDERED BY THE JEWS IN FORMER GENERATIONS. RABBI LAURENTS REQUESTS TO BE INFORMED BY THE MINISTER WHETHER SUCH A PROGRAM WAS INDEED BROADCAST ON THE RADIO, AND IF THE ANSWER IS POSITIVE, THEN HE DEMANDS THAT THE OFFICE OF EDUCATION WILL TAKE STEPS TO SEE THAT THE BROADCASTING OF CHRISTIAN PREACHING TO JEWISH LISTENERS WILL NOT BE REPEATED WITH THE UTTERING OF THE LIBEL THAT THE JEWS, AS IT WERE, MURDERED "THAT MAN". UNQUOTE

DATE: 21.3.78 JOURNAL: HATSOFE (HEB AM NRP) FEATURE ARTICLE
HEADING: "CHRISTIAN TEACHING ON ISRAELI BROADCASTING" BYLINE: ODED TAL
QUOTE: "DESPITE THE (POLITICAL) "UPHEAVAL" IN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE STATE, WHEN THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE CHOSE THE RIGHTWING AND THUS DEMONSTRATED ITS DESIRE FOR STRENGTHENING THE JEWISH CHARACTER OF THE STATE, THE LEFTWING ASSIMILATIONIST LINE CONTINUES TO REIGN IN THE STATE MEDIA. AS IS WELL KNOWN, THE GOVT HAS NO RADIO TO EXPRESS ITS (VIEWS). NEVERTHELESS, THE GOVT SUPPLIES MOST OF THE MEDIA BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF 640 MILLION LIROT BY CHANCE I LISTENED ON 8.3.78 TO RADIO STATION WAVELENGTH ALEPH BETWEEN 11 & 12 PM TO THE PROGRAM "MUSIKA MAARAVIM"...." (THIS IS IN ESSENCE THE SAME ARTICLE THAT WAS PRINTED IN "SHEARIM" ON 14.3.78 UNDER THE FEATURE "ECHOES" UNDER THE HEADING OF "TEACHINGS OF CHRISTIANITY ON ISRAELI BROADCASTING" BY THE SAME WRITER. SEE PREVIOUS No.15 SELECTIONS, SUBJECT 2, PAGE 3, OF WHICH THE PRESENT ARTICLE IS A SLIGHTLY ABBREVIATED VERSION.)

SUBJECT 4: VARIOUS CHRISTIAN NEWS ITEMS

DATE: 10.2.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL HEBRA (TEHAVIV) FRENCH FEATURE ARTICLE
HEADING: "TO DO EVEN MORE FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE"
PHOTOGRAPH: DOUGLAS YOUNG, LABOURER ON BEHALF OF ISRAEL.
QUOTE: "HE IS CALLED 'THE MOST JEWISH PERSON AMONG THE GENTILES' OR AGAIN 'ONE OF THE RIGHTEOUS GENTILES". BY HIS TRUE NAME, DOUGLAS YOUNG, HE PRESIDES OVER THE INSTITUTE OF HOLY LAND STUDIES WHERE YOUNG CHRISTIANS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD COME TO STUDY AT JERUSALEM. IN ISRAEL SINCE 1956 HE HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO COUNTLESS CAUSES (ROTARY, SHAAREI SEDEK HCSP, JEWISH-CHRISTIAN COMMITTEE, VOLUNTEERS IN 1967 & 1973 WARS... FOR MR. YOUNG THE PEOPLE (MARE)