

DATE: 12.5.78 JOURNAL: YEFET AKHECNETT (PM HEB. IND) FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "THE SCROLL OF INDEPENDENCE: A NOTE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REDEEMED"
 BYLINE: SHULAMIT ALONI
 EXTRACTS: "IN THE 5TH YEAR 5703, WHICH IS THE 15TH MAY 1948, ACCORDING TO THEIR NUMBERING, THE JEWISH PEOPLE AROSE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL, WHEREIN HER SPIRITUAL, RELIGIOUS AND POLITICAL IMAGE WAS SHAPED, AND OUT OF THE RECOGNITION THAT IT IS THE NATURAL RIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO LIVE AS EVERY OTHER PEOPLE, WITH ITS OWN SOVEREIGN STATE AT ITS DISPOSAL, DECLARED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ITS STATE, WHICH IS THE STATE OF ISRAEL. THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE...PROCLAIMS ITS SOCIAL CREDO FOR THE NEW STATE, THE CHARACTER WHICH WILL BE GIVEN IT AND THE RIGHTS GRANTED TO ITS INHABITANTS: "THE STATE OF ISRAEL SHALL BE OPEN TO JEWISH IMMIGRATION AND TO THE INGATHERING OF THE EXILES...WILL MAINTAIN EQUAL SOCIAL AND POLITICAL RIGHTS FOR ALL ITS CITIZENS WITHOUT DISTINCTION OF RELIGION, RACE OR SEX, WILL ASSURE FREEDOM OF RELIGION, CONSCIENCE, SPEECH, EDUCATION & CULTURE, WILL SAFEGUARD THE HOLY PLACES OF ALL RELIGIONS...." THIRTY YEARS HAVE PASSED FROM THAT DAY FULL OF GLORY, RESPONSIBILITY AND HOPE. THEN WE BELIEVED THAT THIS WAS A NOTE WHICH WOULD BE REDEEMED, THAT INDEED THERE WOULD ARISE HERE A STATE WHOSE PRINCIPLES OF HUMAN EQUALITY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION FOR REASONS OF ORIGIN, RELIGION, RACE OR SEX WOULD BE A LIGHT TO OUR FERT. BUT AS THE YEARS PASSED THESE PRINCIPLES WERE THRUST ASIDE INTO A CORNER AND REPLACING THEM WERE DEMANDS FOR PRESERVING "THE SANCTITY OF THE PEOPLE" AND "THE PURITY OF THE PEOPLE." IN RECENT YEARS, AND ESPECIALLY IN THE PAST YEAR,...THE DEMAND TO FULFIL THE PRINCIPLES OF THE SCROLL OF INDEPENDENCE AND TO ANCHOR: IN LAW THE RIGHTS OF MAN AND HIS LIBERTIES ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY AND THE PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION BECAUSE OF ORIGIN, RELIGION, RACE AND SEX (HAVE BEEN REJECTED)...(SEVERAL ILLUSTRATIONS CITED, THREE OF WHICH ARE QUOTED AS FOLLOWS:) "MR MARCUS OF HADERA MARRIED AN ENGLISHWOMAN WHO HAD COME TO ISRAEL AS A TOURIST AND THEY WERE WED IN A CIVIL CEREMONY. ALL HIS APPEALS TO THE MINISTRY OF INTERIOR TO GRANT HIS WIFE CITIZENSHIP AND THE RIGHTS DUE HER AS A NEW IMMIGRANT AS SPECIFIED FOR "THE SPOUSE OF A JEW" HAVE BEEN IN VAIN. SHE WAS GRANTED PERMANENT RESIDENCE, THE CLERK EXPLAINING ORALLY THAT THIS IS BECAUSE THEIR MARRIAGE WAS A MEXICO MARRIAGE AND NOT RELIGIOUS MARRIAGE, ALL THEIR REQUESTS FOR A WRITTEN REASONED REPLY ALSO IN VAIN. IF THE WOMAN WERE TO UNDERGO CONVERSION TO JUDAISM, THEN OF COURSE EVERYTHING WOULD BE DIFFERENT. IT IS PERMITTED TO JEWS TO GRANT MATERIAL BENEFITS FOR RELIGIOUS CONVERSION. A SOCIAL WORKER IN JERUSALEM LIVING IN ISRAEL FOR SIX YEARS AS A TOURIST FROM BELGIUM REQUESTED THAT SHE NOT BE DEPORTED AND THAT SHE BE GRANTED THE RIGHT OF TEMPORARY RESIDENCE. SHE WAS TOLD THAT THIS WAS IMPOSSIBLE. IF SHE CONVERTED TO JUDAISM (THAT IS, UNDERGO A CLEARLY RELIGIOUS-RITUAL ACT) SHE COULD REMAIN HERE AS LONG AS SHE WISHED. (WHAT ABOUT THE MISSION LAW? IS THERE NOT HERE A BENEFIT IN EXCHANGE FOR CONVERSION?)...IN RECENT MONTHS THE ATTACKS AND DESTRUCTION OF THE HOUSE OF WORSHIP OF THE JEWICVA WITNESS SECT HAVE INCREASED. HOLY BOOKS WERE SCATTERED, FURNITURE DESTROYED, PHONOGRAPH RECORDS BROKEN. RELIGIOUS FANATICS SEE THEMSELVES AS EMISSARIES TO ATTACK THIS TINY GROUP. THEY ENDANGER THE PURITY OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE, AND THE ORTHODOX FAITH, HEAVEN FORBID! THEY ARE MISSIONARIES AND ONE MUST WAGE WAR AGAINST THEM—THUS MEMBERS OF THE KNESSET ANNOUNCE AND LEND A HAND TO ACTS OF VANDALISM. DESPITE THE FACT THAT THESE ARE CRIMINAL ATTACKS, THE SPOKESMAN FOR THE ISRAELI POLICE, LT-COMMANDER SHMUEL TSAKHI (CITED ON 18.4.78 AND NEITHER CORRECTED NOR DENIED) STATES THAT THE MATTER CONCERNS "SECRET WARFARE" AND THEREFORE THE POLICE CANNOT INTERVENE; AND HE IS EVEN OF THE OPINION THAT "THIS IS REALLY NOT A POLICE MATTER." THESE ARE CRIMINAL ACTS WHICH ARE NOT DONE IN SECRET. WHY THEN IS THE PROTECTION OF PROPERTY AND OF A HOLY PLACE FOR THESE CITIZENS NOT A MATTER OF POLICE CONCERN? FOR THE PRESERVERS OF THE FAITH OF ISRAEL THERE IS AN ANSWER. UNQUOTE

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DATE: 20.1.78 JOURNAL: MUNCHENER JUDISCHE NACHRICHTEN (GERMAN-JEWISH) FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "ISRAEL AND THE CHRISTIAN MINORITY IN JERUSALEM"
 BYLINE: ROBERT D. KAPLAN
 SUMMARY: THIS IS A FEATURE ARTICLE WIDELY REPRINTED IN THE FOREIGN JEWISH PRESS AND APPARENTLY BASED ON ISRAEL MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS ACTIVITIES VIS-A-VIS VARIOUS CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES WITH EXPRESSIONS OF REGRET THAT "CHRISTIAN PUBLICATIONS OUTSIDE OF ISRAEL RARELY MENTION" MINISTRY AID TO THEIR COMMUNITIES IN ISRAEL. (SEE SELECTIONS No. 15, page 4, DATE LINE 2 SEPT 77) THE SAME ARTICLE APPEARS IN "THE JEWISH TRIBUNE" DATED 18.3.78, LONDON, WITH AN INSERT ABOUT "THE PUBLICITY SURROUNDING THE PASSING OF AGUDAS ISRAEL'S 'ANTI-BIBBERY' BILL" & UNDER THE HEADING OF "JERUSALEM'S CHRISTIAN MINORITIES" BY ROBERT KAPLAN, WHO "SHEDS SOME LIGHT ON THE SPECIAL TREATMENT THEY RECEIVE FROM THE ISRAELI AUTHORITIES." (ALTHO' PREDATING THE LAW, THE ARTICLE IS BEING HARNESSSED BY THE MINISTRY)

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COMMUNICATED APPEAL BY "A GROUP OF "ISRAELI MESSIANIC JEWS" (ISRAELI JEWISH APPEARING IN "HAARETZ" & JERUSALEM POST ON 12.5.78 IN HEBREW & ENGLISH (CHRISTIANS) RESPECTIVELY WITH RETURN ADDRESS POB 75, RISHON LETSION, TEXT OF ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOLLOWS: "FOR FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE IN ISRAEL: WE THE UNDERSIGNED WISH TO PROTEST AGAINST THE CAMPAIGN OF LIBEL, INTIMIDATION & HARASSMENT THAT HAS RECENTLY BEEN WAGED AGAINST MEMBERS OF OUR FAITH IN VARIOUS PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. THE ANTI MISSION LAW AND THE DEFAMATORY MISREPRESENTATIONS MENTIONED IN THE EXPLANATORY MATTER OF THAT LAW, THE REASONS FOR THE LAW AS GIVEN BY CERTAIN CIRCLES IN THE KNESSET, THE PRESS, AND IN PAMPHLETS DISTRIBUTED TO THE PUBLIC HAVE NOW COMBINED TO CREATE AN ATMOSPHERE THAT CLEARLY THREATENS THE LIBERTY OF INDIVIDUAL CITIZENS TO BELIEVE ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSCIENCE AND TO EXPRESS THEIR FAITH FREELY, WITHOUT FEAR OR LIMITATION BEYOND THE DICTATES OF MORALITY. POLICE INTERROGATIONS, THE DISTRIBUTION OF DEFAMATORY PAMPHLETS CALLING FOR THE EXERCISE OF VIOLENCE (GIVING THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE CANDIDATES OF SUCH VIOLENCE), HARASSMENT BY TELEPHONE, THREATS, PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR UPON EMPLOYERS, FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE ALL METHODS MOST APPROPRIATE TO THE KIND OF REGIMES AGAINST WHICH THE DEMOCRATIC STATE OF ISRAEL RISES IN PROTEST AND FROM WHICH IT DISASSOCIATES ITSELF MOST FIRMLY, AND YET MANY OF US HAVE EXPERIENCED SUCH AT THE INITIATIVE OF RADICAL ORTHODOX JEWISH GROUPS IN RECENT YEARS. WE DECLARE: (1) SUCH METHODS WILL NOT AVAIL. WE SHALL NOT DESIST FROM BELIEVING ACCORDING TO THE DICTATES OF OUR CONSCIENCES AND OUR UNDERSTANDING OF HOLY SCRIPTURE, NOR SHALL WE DESIST FROM EXPRESSING OUR FAITH BY EVERY MORAL, LEGAL & HONEST MEANS AT OUR DISPOSAL. WE SHALL NOT BE PUT OFF BY THREATS OF RUFFIANS OR BY ABUSE OF LEGAL STATE AUTHORITY. (2) THE LIBELOUS CHARGES MADE AGAINST US ARE MORE TRUE OF THOSE WHO HAVE MADE THEM THAN THEY ARE OF US. WE DO NOT KNOW OF ONE PROVEN INCIDENT IN WHICH CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL (IN THE HEBREW TEXT: "MESSIANIC", IN THE ENGLISH TEXT AS STATED) CIRCLES OFFERED MATERIAL BENEFITS WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING A CHANGE OF RELIGION OR RELIGIOUS OPINION. AT THE SAME TIME WE KNOW OF MANY CASES IN WHICH ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL PRESSURE WAS USED BY RABBINIC JEWISH CIRCLES IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A CHANGE IN THE RELIGION OR RELIGIOUS OPINION OF OTHERS. ALL MEMBERS OF THE JEWISH CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY (IN THE HEBREW TEXT: "JEWISH MESSIANIC", IN THE ENGLISH TEXT AS STATED) IN ISRAEL ARE LOYAL CITIZENS OF THE STATE. THE PERCENTAGE OF THOSE AMONG US WHO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES IN GENERAL, AND IN COMBAT UNITS SPECIFICALLY, IS FAR LARGER THAN THAT OF THOSE WHO ACCUSE/OF ENCOURAGING REFUSAL TO SERVE IN THE ARMY (IN THE HEBREW TEXT "ENCOURAGING DESERTION" WHICH WAS CHANGED BY A STAFF MEMBER OF THE "POST" WITHOUT AUTHORIZATION)—A CRASS AND WICKED ACCUSATION MADE WITHOUT THE SLIGHTEST FACTUAL GROUNDS, BY PRECISELY THOSE WHO THEMSELVES ENCOURAGE REFUSAL (HEBREW: "DESERTION", AS ABOVE) OF GIRLS TO SERVE IN THE ARMED FORCES. THE FREEDOM OF CITIZENS OF ISRAEL IS CONTINGENT ON THE LIBERTY OF ANY ONE CITIZEN. WE CALL ON THE ENLIGHTENED PUBLIC OF THIS COUNTRY TO RISE TO THE DEFENCE OF ALL ITS CITIZENS TO BELIEVE ACCORDING TO THEIR CONSCIENCE AND TO EXPRESS THEIR FAITH FREELY. SUPPORT OUR EFFORTS FOR FREEDOM OF RELIGION AND OPINION. SIGN THE PETITION BELOW AND SEND IT TO US. WRITE TO THE PRESS, TO THE MINISTER OF POLICE AND THE INTERIOR, TO THE MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS, AND TO YOUR PARTY'S REPRESENTATIVE IN THE KNESSET. LET'S ALL ASSURE OURSELVES OF A TRULY DEMOCRATIC ISRAEL. A GROUP OF.... (AS ABOVE) ATTACHED COUPON: "DEAR MR PRIME MINISTER, WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, REQUEST YOU TO ASSURE TRUE FREEDOM OF RELIGION IN ISRAEL. WE REQUEST THAT YOU BRING AN END TO THE CAMPAIGN OF LIBEL AND HARASSMENT DIRECTED AGAINST MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN EVANGELICAL FAITH (IN HEBREW "MESSIANIC") TO THE DISCONTINUATION OF THE USE OF POLICE INTERROGATIONS TO INTIMIDATE, AND A STOP TO ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES OF THE HEVER 'HAPEILIM (ANTI MISSIONARY LEAGUE). SIGNED: NAME SURNAME ADDRESS.....UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 2: MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

DATE: 15.5.78 JOURNAL: HATSOFE (HEB AM NRP) NEWS ITEM
HEADING: "YAD L'AKHIM": MISSIONARIES OPENING ELECTRONICS PLANT IN TIBERIAS"
QUOTE: AN ELECTRONICS PLANT BY NAME OF "YESHURUN" IS ABOUT TO OPEN IN THE NEAR FUTURE IN THE CITY OF TIBERIAS BY A MESSIANIC MISSIONARY SECT WHOSE PURPOSE IS "TO CREATE PLACES OF EMPLOYMENT FOR THE MESSIANIC COMMUNITY." THIS HAS BECOME CLEAR FROM NEWS ITEMS REACHING THE DIVISION OF THE FIGHT AGAINST THE MISSION OF THE PEILIM (ACTIVISTS) ORGANIZATION, YAD L'AKHIM. A SPOKESMAN OF THIS DIVISION STATED THAT THE PLANT HAS ALREADY RECEIVED A LICENCE FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND IS IN THE ADVANCED STAGES OF ESTABLISHMENT. THE PLANT IS BEING SET UP UNDER THE DIRECTION OF A WELL-KNOWN MISSIONARY LIVING IN TIBERIAS, AND IT APPEARS THAT THIS REPRESENTS A NEW ATTEMPT OF THE MISSION TO DRAW JEWS TO THEIR FAITH BY MEANS OF/CREATION OF PLACES OF WORK UNDER THEIR OWNERSHIP. UNQUOTE

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SUBJECT 3: A POLICE GUARD AND THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY

DATE: 14.5.78 JOURNAL: MAARIV (HEB PM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "THE POLICEMAN WHO TEACHES CLERGYMEN THE RULES OF THE STATUS QUO AT THE CHURCH
 BYLINE: YOSEF TSURIELLI (PHOTO OF SGT-MAJ ASSAD ATALLA) OF THE NATIVITY"
 CAPTION: "THEY HAVE GIVEN ME GREAT HONOUR"

EXTRACTS: "STATUS QUO", HIS LIPS WHISPER, "AND I AM RESPONSIBLE FOR IT." IN ORDER TO REMOVE ANY DOUBTS, HE OPENS A LOVELY BOX CONTAINING A MEDALLION FROM THE POPE, GIVEN HIM ON A CEREMONIAL OCCASION, AS AN EXPRESSION OF ESTEEM FOR THE OFFICE HE HAS FILLED IN THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY IN BETHLEHEM. MANSOUR ASSAD ATTALA IS NOT A DIPLOMAT. HE IS THE SON OF A FATHER WHO STEMS FROM THE COMMON PEOPLE, BORN IN SHECKHEM, RAISED IN JERUSALEM AND LIVING FOR THE PAST THIRTY YEARS IN BETHLEHEM, WHERE HE SERVES AS A POLICE GUARD IN THE MOST SACRED CHURCH OF CHRISTENDOM. HIS DUTY IS DEFINED: MAINTAINING ORDER IN A PUBLIC PLACE.... "THERE IS MORE TO IT THAN MAINTAINING ORDER," HE WILL TELL YOU. "THERE IS A PROBLEM OF STATUS QUO SANCTIFIED BY MANY GENERATIONS, ENDLESS FRICTIONS AMONG THE HEADS OF CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES, PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE TO BE RESOLVED QUIETLY, POLITELY, CAUTIOUSLY." THERE HAVE BEEN 27 YEARS SUPERVISING GOOD ORDER IN THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY, OUT OF WHICH THERE HAVE BEEN TEN YEARS OF QUIET. THOSE WERE THE LAST TEN YEARS. BEFORE THAT THERE WERE PROBLEMS, SQUABBLES, QUARRELS AND THE HELPLESSNESS OF THE JORDANIAN AUTHORITY. IT IS NOT COMFORTABLE FOR MANSOUR ATTALA TO TELL OF THE PERIOD PRECEDING THE SIX DAYS WAR... MANSOUR COULD NOT ALWAYS CONTROL OVER THE HISTORIC DIVISIONS AMONG THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES BECAUSE OF A LACK OF BACKUP BY HIS SUPERIORS.... "THE TIMES OF PRAYER ALWAYS CONSTITUTED A SOURCE OF PROBLEMS... AND I WAS ALWAYS IN THE MIDDLE, COMPROMISING, CALMING, MAKING PEACE AMONG THE QUARRELERS." ...THE CHURCH FATHERS AND CLERGY SEE IN HIM A VALID AUTHORITY IN EVERYTHING PERTAINING TO THE DETAILS OF THE STATUS QUO... MANSOUR ATTALA, WHO LEARNED THEM IN THE FIELD OF DAILY WORK, KNOWS THEM IN ALL THEIR DETAILS.... LAST WEEK EXPRESSION WAS GIVEN TO THE ESTEEM IN WHICH HE IS HELD. THE HEADS OF THE THREE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES ASSEMBLED FOR A SPECIAL CEREMONY, THE FIRST OF ITS KIND IN BETHLEHEM. ONE AFTER ANOTHER THEY ROSE TO CONGRATULATE MANSOUR FOR THE OFFICE HE FILLS IN THE CHURCH AND EACH OF THEM ASKED THAT HE CONTINUE IN OFFICE. AFTER THE WORDS OF GREETING A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE VATICAN, MGR WILLIAM CAREW, PRESENTED HIM WITH A MEDALLION FROM THE POPE, AND A LETTER WHEREIN PAUL VI PRAISES SGT MAJOR MANSOUR ATTALA FOR THE OFFICE HE FILLS IN THE CHURCH OF THE NATIVITY. "GREAT HONOUR WAS GIVEN ME," HE SAID AFTERWARDS... AND THE POLICE COMMANDER OF BETHLEHEM, CDR SAUL ISALAH ADDS THAT WORK IN SUCH A SENSITIVE PLACE IS A WORK OF ART. UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 4: U.S. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES PROTESTS

DATE: 14.5.78 JOURNAL: DAVAR (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES IN U.S.A. CENSURES ISRAEL FOR USE OF CLUSTER BOMBS"
 BYLINE: MORDECAI BARKAI, DAVAR CORRESPONDENT IN U.S.A. (SPECIAL TO DAVAR FROM WASHINGTON)
 EXTRACTS: "THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES COMPRISING 32 PROTESTANT & ORTHODOX RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE U.S.A. WITH 40 MILLION CONSTITUENTS, RAISED THE DAY BEFORE YESTERDAY THE AFFAIR OF THE CLUSTER BOMBS AND CENSURED ISRAEL FOR USING BOMBS OF THIS TYPE IN LEBANON AND CALLED UPON THE AMERICAN CONGRESS TO ACT TO END THE SUPPLY OF THESE BOMBS TO ISRAEL.... IN ITS DECISION THE COUNCIL DECLARES THAT "IN THE MASSIVE INVASION INTO LEBANON THERE WERE KILLED, WOUNDED AND CRIPPLED THOUSANDS OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN BY MEANS OF WEAPONS SUPPLIED BY THE U.S.A." THE PROPOSAL FOR A MORE MODERATELY-TONED STATEMENT WAS REJECTED IN THE VOTE. THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, RABBI JAMES RUDIN, WHO WAS PRESENT IN THE DISCUSSION AS AN OBSERVER, PUBLISHED A STATEMENT WHICH DECLARES THAT THE RESOLUTION PASSED IS "NOT BALANCED, NOT FAIR, AND ANTI-ISRAEL." HIS STATEMENT DECLARES THAT THE COUNCIL COMPLETELY IGNORED THE MURDEROUS ATTACK OF THE PLO IN ISRAEL WHICH PRECEDED THE MILITARY ACTION IN LEBANON. RUDIN EXPRESSED HIS BELIEF THAT "THIS REGRETTABLE RESOLUTION DOES NOT REFLECT THE VIEW OF THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF MILLIONS OF CHRISTIANS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF CHURCHES ORGANIZED WITHIN THE COUNCIL." THE PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL, WILLIAM THOMPSON, IN A PRESS CONFERENCE EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD NOT AFFECT RELATIONS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS IN THE U.S.A. (THE BALANCE OF THE ARTICLE DEALS WITH POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE LEBANESE WAR NOT RELATED TO THE CHURCHES.)

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