

DATE: 10.5.78 JOURNAL: HAOLAM HAZEH (TELAVIV) HEBREW LETTER TO EDITOR

BYLINE: Z. YASHAR HEADING: "ANTISEMITISM IN HOLON"

QUOTE: "I WAS SORRY TO READ ON THE MUNICIPAL BULLETIN BOARD IN HOLON AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND A WARNING FROM THE OFFICE OF THE RABBINATE AND THE RELIGIOUS COUNCIL CALLING ON THE CITIZENS OF THE TOWN TO BEWARE OF "SOUL HUNTERS, EMISSARIES OF THE MISSION." IN THAT SAME NOTICE THE NEW TESTAMENT AND THE CHRISTIAN FAITH WERE SLANDERED IN A TONE BORDERING ON INCITEMENT TO LYNCH. I THOUGHT TO MYSELF: THUS THEY ARE SOWING ANTI-SEMITISM. WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO WARN THE PUBLIC AGAINST HELLENIZATION AND MORAL DETERIORATION IN ALL AREAS OF OUR LIVES? FROM PUBLIC PETTING IN THE LIGHT OF DAY, FOR EXAMPLE, FROM PORNOGRAPHIC FILMS IN THE CINEMAS, FROM THE PORNOGRAPHIC PUBLICITY ON THE STREETS, IN THE NEWSPAPERS AND IN BUSES. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ARE INDEED ALIVE-- BUT ALIVE WITH LICENTIOUSNESS, FALSEHOOD, THEFT AND DECEIT, LIVES OF MAFIA ONE TOWARD THE OTHER. CONCERNING ALL THIS THE AUTHORIZED RELIGIOUS CLERKS DO NOT SOUND AN ALARM OR WARNING. ONLY POOR JESUS FRIGHTENS THEM. HE CONTINUES TO FRIGHTEN THEM FROM THE TIME THEY DELIVERED HIM INTO THE HANDS OF THE ROMANS TO CRUCIFY HIM. MY ADVICE TO YOU, O AUTHORIZED FUNCTIONARIES OF JUDAISM IS: LEARN A LESSON FROM THE MISSIONARIES, GO FORTH AND HUNT SECULAR JEWS AND BRING THEM INTO THE BOSOM OF JUDAISM. BUT REMEMBER, BY HURTING CHRISTIANS YOU WILL NOT GAIN YOUR DESIRE. BY HURTING CHRISTIANS YOU WILL ONLY ATTAIN ONE THING: YOU WILL SOW MORE ANTISEMITISM AMONG THE NATIONS. REMEMBER AND ENGRAVE IT UPON YOUR MINDS THAT FOR EVERY INJURY DONE TO CHRISTIANS HERE TODAY IN YOUR LAND, GOOD JEWS WILL PAY WITH THEIR BLOOD ABROAD TOMORROW. IF YOU WILL NOT BE WEANED OF YOUR RELIGIOUS IDIOCY, AND IF YOU CONTINUE TO CULTIVATE RACISM BY TRODDING UNDERFOOT THE FAITHS OF OTHER PEOPLES, THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO EXPIATE THESE DEEDS BY THE DRAINING OF ITS LIFEBLOOD. THE WHOLE WORLD KNOWS THAT YOU ARE THE CHOSEN PEOPLE AND A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS. THEN PROVE THAT YOU ARE SUCH! DON'T PROVE THE REVERSE.

DATE: 8.6.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEBREW AM INDEPENDENT) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "GOOD OR BAD FOR THE JEWS"

BYLINE: HILEL COOK (THE WRITER WAS ONE OF THE LEADERS OF THE EMERGENCY COMMITTEE FOR THE RESCUE OF EUROPEAN JEWRY AFTER THE WORLD WAR, AND ONE OF THE CRITIQUE ON GOVT (LEADERS OF THE IRGUN BUT QUIT HERUT DURING THE FIRST KNESSET) DECISIONS

EXTRACTS: "A SECOND EXAMPLE (OF GOVT DECISIONS WHICH DO NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THEIR EFFECT ON JEWISH COMMUNITIES IN THE DIASPORA) IS THE MISSION LAW PASSED UNDER THE LIKUD REGIME. IS IT INDEED SO, HONOURABLE RABBI ABRAMOWITZ, SPONSOR OF THE LAW, THAT YOU THOUGHT EVEN FOR ONE MOMENT THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE TO EXAMINE WHETHER THIS LAW (WHICH IN YOUR OPINION WAS VERY IMPORTANT TO ISRAEL, OTHERWISE YOU WOULDN'T HAVE SPONSORED IT) WAS EQUAL IN ITS USEFULNESS TO THE DAMAGE IT WAS LIABLE TO CAUSE TO JEWS ABROAD? WE ARE HERE THREE MILLION ISRAELI JEWS AND IN CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES THERE ARE NOW LIVING ALMOST FOUR JEWS TO EVERY ONE IN ISRAEL. DID YOU CONSULT WITH ANY JEWISH GROUP, IN THE U.S.A. FOR EXAMPLE? I WON'T ASK ABOUT ARGENTINA IN WHICH THE MATTER OF SAVING LIFE IS THE MOST IMMINENT. OR PERHAPS I AM RIGHT IN THINKING THAT NEITHER RABBI AVRAMOWITZ, NOR THE PRIME MINISTER, NOR ANY OTHER MEMBER OF THE KNESSET, AND NOT EVEN SHULAMIT ALONI (AS SHE ADMITTED TO ME AND EVEN PUBLICLY) GAVE THOUGHT AT ALL TO THE JEWS IN CHRISTIAN COUNTRIES WHEN THEY DISCUSSED THE PROPOSED LEGISLATION. OF COURSE, I AM OBLIGED TO MENTION HERE THE FAITHFUL AND DIFFICULT BATTLE OF MK ALONI IN OPPOSITION TO THIS LAW: HOWEVER, THIS SHE DID FOR OUR SAKES, THE ISRAELIS, WHILE THE LAW PASSED IN THE KNESSET, WITHOUT THAT INTENTION, NEVERTHELESS HURTS ALL JEWS.

UNQUOTE

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DATE: 13.1.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH TIMES, BALTIMORE, MD NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CHURCH GROUP PROTESTS LAW"

SUMMARY: THIS IS A JEWISH TELEGRAPHIC AGENCY REPORT FROM JERUSALEM REGARDING UCCI PROTEST AGAINST THE LAW, WHICH HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY TRANSCRIBED IN THESE SELECTIONS. SEE SELECTIONS No. 26, page 2 TOP

DATE: 13.1.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH PRESS, BROOKLYN NEW YORK FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "CHRISTIAN CHURCHES OPPOSE NEW ANTIMISSIONARY LAW"

BYLINE: GIL SEDAN

SUMMARY: AS ABOVE...SEE PREVIOUS SELECTIONS

DATE: 17.2.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH TRIBUNE (LONDON) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "INVESTMENTS PULLED OUT IN PROTEST AGAINST LAW"
QUOTE : CHRISTIAN BUSINESSMEN OVERSEAS HAVE INFORMED THE AUTHORITIES THAT THEY ARE CANCELING THEIR PLANS TO INVEST IN ISRAEL IN PROTEST AGAINST A PENAL CODE AMENDMENT ENACTED LAST MONTH WHICH MAKES IT A CRIMINAL OFFENCE TO OFFER MATERIAL BENEFITS TO INDUCE ANOTHER PERSON TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION. SOURCES SAID THAT CHURCHES IN EUROPE HAVE ASKED THEIR CONGREGATIONS TO DELAY DONATIONS THEY INTENDED TO MAKE TO ISRAEL UNTIL THE VATICAN AND THE WCC IN GENEVA MAKE A STATEMENT ON THE NEW LAW WHICH CHRISTIANS BELIEVE IS ANTIMISSIONARY. THE UCCI HAS DEMANDED AN APOLOGY FROM THE KNESSET FOR "UNFOUNDED ALLEGATIONS AND CHARGES" MADE DURING THE DEBATE ON THE NEW BILL. RECENTLY AN ICE CREAM VENDOR, PINHAS GOLAN, APPEARED ON ISRAEL TV AND SAID HE WAS ABOUT TO ACCEPT A BRIBE TO CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY. GOLAN FACED THREE YEARS IN JAIL FOR NONPAYMENT IN FINES OF MORE THAN 3,000 POUNDS STERLING FOR PEDDLING WITHOUT A PERMIT. GOLAN, WHO SERVED A LONG PRISON SENTENCE FOR ATTEMPTED ROBBERY, 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 & 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 GOLAN, IF HE ACCEPTED THE "BENEFIT" ON ISRAELI SOIL, COULD BE JAILED FOR THREE YEARS. UNQUOTE

DATE: 17.2.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH ECHO (GLASGOW SCOTLAND) NEWS ARTICLES
HEADINGS: (1) "CHRISTIAN MINISTERS ANGRY OVER ISRAELI CONVERSION LAW"
SUMMARY: THIS IS A SHORTENED VERSION OF STORY TRANSCRIBED ON TOP PAGE 1, SELECTIONS 16 UNDER HEADING: "PROTESTANT CLERGY IN ISRAEL ASK PROBE OF BRIBE CHARGES"
(2) "BOYCOTT THREAT"
SUMMARY: THIS IS A SHORTENED VERSION OF STORY ATOP THIS PAGE HEADED "INVESTMENTS PULLED OUT...."

DATE: 3.3.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH TELEGRAPH (MANCHESTER ENGLAND) LETTER TO EDITOR
HEADING: "PARSON AGAINST JEWISH CONVERSION LAW"
BYLINE: REV W ANGEL, HON SEC FELLOWSHIP OF JEWS & CHRISTIANS, 12 WINDMILL AVE, CROSBY, (LIVERPOOL)
QUOTE : I WAS NOT AT ALL SURPRISED AT THE NEW LAW IN ISRAEL " (LIVERPOOL)
THREATENING TO FINE AND IMPRISON ANY JEW WHO ACCEPTS JESUS. WHY SHOULD A BUNCH OF EXTREME ORTHODOX JEWS BLOT THE CLEAN PAGES OF ISRAEL'S INDEPENDENT AND DEMOCRATIC STATE? IN FACT, THIS ACT GOES AGAINST THE DECLARATION OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IN 1948, i.e. "THAT FREEDOM OF RELIGION BE GIVEN TO MEN OF ALL RACES AND CREEDS." MAY BE OUR FRIENDS HAVE NOT READ THIS IMPORTANT DOCUMENT. TO MENTION AN ICE CREAM VENDOR BEING TEMPTED TO CHANGE HIS RELIGION IS SHEER NONSENSE AND MUST BE MESHUGEH AS THE ONE ALSO WHO MADE THE SUGGESTION (I DOUBT VERY MUCH ITS VALIDITY). HOWEVER, WHY NOT LIVE AND LET LIVE. IF A JEW WANTS TO BE A MOSLEM OR A BELIEVER THAT THE MESSIAH HAS COME AND WILL COME AGAIN TO SET UP HIS KINGDOM, WHY NOT, AS LONG AS HE IS A WELL-BEHAVED CITIZEN NOT FORGETTING TO PAY HIS TAXES AND, UNLIKE THE ICE CREAM VENDOR, WHO DID NOT PAY HIS LICENCE! SO CHEER UP, MY ORTHODOX FRIENDS, DON'T GET ALARMED AT YOUR FELLOW JEWS ACCEPTING A PERSON WHO CAN GIVE THEM "PEACE OF MIND." MAY I CONGRATULATE YOU ON YOUR EXCELLENT PAPER WHICH I HAVE ONLY SEEN FOR THE FIRST TIME. UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 2: BISHOP PIKE

DATE: 13.6.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "PRIVATE EYE REOPENS PROBE INTO DEATH OF BISHOP PIKE"
BYLINE: ANAN SAFADI

SUMMARY: "AN AMERICAN PRIVATE INVESTIGATOR IS IN ISRAEL LOOKING INTO THE DEATH NINE YEARS AGO OF THE EPISCOPAL BISHOP OF CALIFORNIA WHO WAS KILLED ON AN EXCURSION IN THE JUDEAN DESERT. THE INVESTIGATOR (NAME WITHHELD) IS CURRENTLY IN JERUSALEM DIGGING INTO ODD FILES LOOKING FOR FRESH EVIDENCE. HE OBVIOUSLY SUSPECTS FOUL PLAY. (THERE FOLLOWS A RECAPITULATION OF PIKE'S DEATH AND BURIAL AT ST PETER IN JAFFA AND THE CAUSES ATTRIBUTED TO HIS DEATH, ALSO A STATEMENT ISSUED BY WIFE AND BROTHER IN LAW MOURNING HIS DEATH BEFORE BODY WAS FOUND, ALLEGEDLY BY ESP CONVEYING THIS FACT TO HER. ALSO SOME BACKGROUND ON PIKE'S THEOLOGY "AS THE MAN WHO UNLOCKED DISCUSSION OF DOUBTS ON SUCH FORMIDABLE DOCTRINES AS ORIGINAL SIN & VIRGIN BIRTH." MENTION OF HIS SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL & JEWISH CAUSES AND RESEARCH FOR BOOKS ON LIFE AND TIMES OF JESUS. FOREST PLANTED IN HIS NAME
SUBJECT 3: BRANHAMITES NEAR JERUSALEM)

DATE: 13.6.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEBREW AM IND) TV FEATURE ARTICLE
HEADING: "WAITING FOR THE MESSIAH" BYLINE: YOSEF SHRIK
SUMMARY: A SYMPATHETIC APPRAISAL OF A TV FILM "CHILDREN OF GOD" WHICH WON A PRIZE BY JERUSALEM INTERFAITH COMMITTEE FOR PORTRAYAL OF BRANHAMITE SECT IN NETANYA.

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