

DATE: 6.7.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (HEBREW A.M. MAPAM) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "THE WELL-KNOWN BISHOP OF WELLINGTON—TO ISRAEL"

BYLINE: GABRIEL STERN, AL HAMISHMAR CORRESPONDENT

QUOTE: THE HEAD OF A CHURCH FROM THE OTHER END OF THE WORLD, WHO SUCCEEDED IN BRINGING CLOSER TO ONE ANOTHER PERSONS OF THREE FAITHS, WILL BE ARRIVING TODAY IN JERUSALEM. HE IS THE ANGLICAN BISHOP OF WELLINGTON (NEW ZEALAND), EDWARD NORMAN, WHO WILL PARTICIPATE HERE IN A SEMINAR WITH CLERGYMEN AND HIGH-LEVEL RESEARCHERS IN THE COLLEGE OF ST. GEORGE. NORMAN RECENTLY ORGANIZED AN ^{unprecedented} INTERRELIGIOUS WORSHIP SERVICE IN HIS CATHEDRAL FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND FOR THE REACHING OF AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE ARAB LANDS AND ISRAEL. THE CATHOLIC CARDINAL, RABBI SIMON BAR-NOY, AND A MOSLEM CLERGYMAN, ASDALLA TAARIKH, RECITED PRAYERS. THE AMBASSADORS OF EGYPT AND ISRAEL, YAAKOV MORRIS AND DR. SUHUR, WERE HONOURED GUESTS WHO EXTENDED THEIR HANDS IN FRIENDLY GREETINGS TO ONE ANOTHER. THE GUEST (THE BISHOP) WILL MEET WITH THE HEADS OF THE INTERFAITH COMMITTEE IN ISRAEL AND ALSO WITH HIS FRIEND, THE FORMER CHIEF RABBI OF WELLINGTON, ABRAHAM ROSENFELD, WHO RECENTLY CAME TO ISRAEL AS A NEW IMMIGRANT. UNQUOTE

DATE: 7.7.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH A.M. INDEPENDENT) ARRIVALS

QUOTE: BISHOP EDWARD NORMAN OF WELLINGTON, NEW ZEALAND; WITH HIS WIFE, AS GUESTS OF THE RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS & FOREIGN MINISTRIES, FOR A TEN-DAY VISIT, DURING WHICH HE WILL ATTEND A CONFERENCE OF ANGLICAN BISHOPS IN JERUSALEM. UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 2: EMMA BERGER SECT IN ZIKRON YAAKOV

DATE: 5.7.78 JOURNAL: MAARIV (HEB P.M. IND.) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "EMMA BERGER PURCHASES ANOTHER 8 DUNAMS IN ZIKRON YAAKOV: THE NEW BUSINESS DEAL LIKELY TO LEAD TO COLLECTIVE RESIGNATION OF LOCAL COUNCIL—CLAIM INDIFFERENCE OF AUTHORITIES TO EXPANSION OF THE GERMAN SECT"

BYLINE: YOSEF VALTER

QUOTE: THE MEMBERS OF THE LOCAL COUNCIL OF ZIKRON YAAKOV ARE CONSIDERING A COLLECTIVE RESIGNATION IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE INASMUCH AS THEY CHARGE THE AUTHORITIES WITH ABSOLUTE INDIFFERENCE IN THE FACE OF THE EXPANSIONISM OF THE GERMAN SECT OF EMMA BERGER IN THE COLONY. NOT A SINGLE APPEAL OF THE COUNCIL HEAD TO THE PRIME MINISTER AND TO OTHER AUTHORITIES IN THIS MATTER HAS MET WITH A REPLY. THE MEMBERS OF THE ZIKRON YAAKOV COUNCIL HAVE LEARNED THAT EMMA BERGER HAS SIGNED A DEED FOR THE PURCHASE OF EIGHT DUNAMS OF LAND IN THE HEART OF THE SETTLEMENT. THE VALUE OF THE PURCHASE IS ABOUT TWO MILLION ISRAELI POUNDS. ACCORDING TO LOCAL COMMUNITY LEADERS, THE SITE OF THE PURCHASE IS IN A DEVELOPMENT AREA FOR WHICH THE COUNCIL HAS MANY PLANS. THE "MAARIV" CORRESPONDENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT AFTER THE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE PURCHASE WAS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL, A SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING WAS CALLED, AND JESSE SHIBOVSKI, COUNCIL HEAD, ANNOUNCED THAT HE IS RESIGNING HIS POSITION INASMUCH AS ALL HIS EFFORTS TO COMBAT THIS SITUATION HAVE BEEN IN VAIN. SHIBOVSKI APPEALED TO THE PRIME MINISTER, CABINET MINISTERS, GOV'T OFFICE HEADS, AND MANY PUBLIC FIGURES, SEEKING THEIR INTERVENTION; NEVERTHELESS, HE HAS NOT RECEIVED A REPLY FROM ANY SOURCE. COUNCIL MEMBERS, FROM THE COALITION AS WELL AS THE OPPOSITION SIDES, DISSUADED HIM FROM HIS INTENTION TO RESIGN, AND CLAIMED THAT THE SUBJECT WAS A MATTER OF COMMON INTEREST TO ALL CITIZENS OF ZIKRON YAAKOV. IT THEREFORE FOLLOWS THAT COUNCIL MEMBERS SHOULD RESIGN COLLECTIVELY. EMMA BERGER, WHO HEADS A SECRET CHRISTIAN SECT, HAS BEEN PURCHASING SINCE THE 1960'S MANY BUILDINGS AND LAND. THE PROPERTY OF THE SECT INCLUDES 14,000 SQ. METRES OF BUILDING AREA IN ZIKRON YAAKOV AND ABOUT 40 DUNAMS OF LOTS IN THE SETTLEMENT, INDUSTRIAL STRUCTURES, IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE OF ZIKRON YAAKOV AN AREA OF HUNDREDS OF SQUARE METERS, AND HUNDREDS OF DUNAMS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND IN BINYAMINA, IN GIVAT ADA AND IN ZIKRON YAAKOV. UNQUOTE

DATE: 6.7.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "YAACOBI WANTS END TO GERMAN BUY-OUT OF ZICHRON YAACOV"

BYLINE: JERUSALEM POST KNESSET REPORTER

QUOTE: MK GAD YAACOBI (ALIGNMENT-LABOUR) YESTERDAY CALLED ON PM BEGIN TO ORDER AN "AUTHORITATIVE INVESTIGATION" INTO WHAT HE DESCRIBED AS THE STEADY EXPANSION OF THE HOLDINGS BEING ACQUIRED IN ZICHRON YAACOV AND OTHER AREAS BY THE GERMAN CHRISTIAN SECT HEADED BY EMMA BERGER. HE ALSO CALLED ON THE P.M. TO INITIATE MEASURES TO HALT THAT EXPANSION. "THIS GROUP," YAACOBI SAID IN A LETTER TO BEGIN, "IS MAKING NO SECRET OF ITS INTENTION TO TURN ZICHRON YAACOV INTO A GERMAN COLONY." FURTHERMORE, IT HAD BEGUN BUYING PROPERTIES OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES IN NEARBY BINYAMINA AND PARDESS HANNA. ACCORDING TO YAACOBI, THE GROUP ALREADY OWNS 14,000 SQ METRES OF BUILDING SPACE, 1500 DUNAMS OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, B'LDG PLOTS TOTALING 50 DUN. & 5000 SQ.MTR. INDUST & BUSINESS SPACE INCL

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DATE : 6.7.78 JOURNAL: DAVAR (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "YAACOBI DEMANDS INVESTIGATION IN MATTER OF THE GERMAN SECT"

QUOTE : MK GAD YAACOBI YESTERDAY APPEALED IN A LETTER TO THE P.M. MENAHEM BEGIN TO BEGIN AN INVESTIGATION IN CONNECTION WITH THE GERMAN SECT LED BY EMMA BERGER, WHICH IS PURCHASING STRUCTURES AND LAND IN SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS IN ZICRON YAACOV, BINYAMINA & IN PARDES HANNA. IN THE LETTER IT IS STATED THAT UNTIL NOW THERE IS IN THE POSSESSION OF THE SECT STRUCTURES IN THE AREA OF 14,000 SQ.MTR., 1500 DUNAM OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, 50 DUNAMS OF BUILDING LOTS, 3000 SQ.MTR. OF PLANTS, AND "THE HAND IS YET OUTSTRETCHED." IN THE WEST CENTRAL AREA OF ZICRON YAACOV THE EXTENT OF HER CONTROL AND OWNERSHIP IS ESPECIALLY SIGNIFICANT. THE SECT DOES NOT CONCEAL ITS INTENTION TO TURN ZICRON YAACOV INTO A GERMAN COLONY. THE MATTER EXCEEDS THE BOUNDS OF A PURELY LOCAL PROBLEM AND IS GRADUALLY BECOMING A MATTER OF NATIONAL IMPORT, GAD YAACOBI NOTES. HE PROPOSES AN AUTHORIZED INVESTIGATION BE STARTED ON THIS TOPIC AND THAT MEANS FOR PREVENTING THE EXPANSION OF THIS SECT BE CRYSTALLIZED. UNQUOTE

DATE: 6.7.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "YAACOBI WARNS AGAINST CONVERSION OF ZICRON YAACOV INTO GERMAN COLONY"

QUOTE : IN A LETTER TO THE P.M. YESTERDAY, MK GAD YAACOBI, CHAIRMAN OF THE ECONOMIC COMMITTEE, WARNED AGAINST THE CONVERSION OF ZICRON YAACOV INTO A GERMAN COLONY. ON THE HEELS OF A VISIT TO THE PLACE YAACOBI LEARNED THAT THE SECT DIRECTED BY EMMA BERGER, HAS POSSESSION OF 1500 DUNAM OF AGRICULTURAL LAND, 50 DUNAM OF PLOTS FOR BUILDING, STRUCTURES IN AN AREA OF 14,000 SQ MTR, AND INDUSTRIAL PLANTS IN AN AREA OF 3000 SQ MTR. YAACOBI IS DEMANDING AN INVESTIGATION OF THE SUBJECT AND PREVENTIVE MEASURES. UNQUOTE

DATE: 6.7.78 JOURNAL: HATSOFE (HEB AM NRP) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING : "GERMAN CHRISTIAN SECT CONTINUES TO BUY OUR LAND"

QUOTE : IN AN URGENT LETTER TO THE P.M. AND TO THE JUSTICE MINISTER, MK GAD YAACOBI NOTES THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO ZICRON YAACOV HE WAS WITNESS TO THE GRAVE AND ONGOING PHENOMENON OF THE GERMAN SECT LED BY EMMA BERGER, WHICH IS PURCHASING STRUCTURES AND LAND IN SIGNIFICANT AMOUNTS, A DAILY OCCURRENCE IN ZICRON AND ALSO IN BINYAMINA & PARDES HANNA. (THE BALANCE OF THIS ARTICLE IS : WITH SLIGHT CHANGES OF STYLE THE SAME AS PREVIOUS ITEMS).

DATE: 6.7.78 JOURNAL: MAARIV (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "THEY WANT TO TURN ZICRON YAACOV INTO A GERMAN COLONY"

QUOTE : PM GAD YAACOBI (ALIGNMENT) HAS APPEALED TO PM MENAHEM BEGIN IN AN URGENT LETTER... (AS PREVIOUS ITEMS)

SUBJECT 3: RISHON LETZION

DATE : 9.7.78 JOURNAL: HAMODIYA (AGUDAT ISRAEL AM HEB) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "RISHON LETZION IS NOT HOME"

BYLINE : A. PERL, K. KALIB, RISHON LETSION (TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: K. KALIB IS THE

QUOTE : I AND MANY OF THE CITIZENS OF (ULTRA-ORTHODOX COMPOUND WHICH ORGANIZED THE TOWN WERE SHOCKED TO READ ABOUT THE (THE ATTACK ON THE GOLDBERG HOME IN R.L.) ACTIVITIES OF THE SECT OF "THE MESSIANIC JEWS"

IN RISHON LETZION. IT APPEARS THAT THE SECT MEMBERS WHO DEFINE THEMSELVES AS JEWS WHO BELIEVE IN JESUS (Y.M."S.—A FANATIC EPITHET AGAINST JESUS), ARE OPERATING IN RISHON LETZION SOME TWO YEARS AND THERE IS NONE TO OPEN THE MOUTH AND TO SHRIEK. SWIFT ACTION MUST BE TAKEN BY MUNICIPAL AND GOVERNMENTAL FACTORS IN ORDER TO PURGE THIS AFFLICTION OUT OF OUR MIDST. IN TIMES WHEN HARD TRIALS FACE US BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY, I TREMBLE AT THE FACT THAT SUCH ACTIVITY IS PART OF A UNIVERSAL PLOT BY OUR ENEMIES TO DESTROY AND TO APOSTASIZE THE PEOPLE AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL. LONG AGO OUR SAGES DECLARED: "AND FROM THY RUINS AND THY DESOLATIONS THOU SHALT GO FORTH." UNQUOTE

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