

SELECTIONS No. 59 (to 7.8.18)

CHRISTIANS AND ISRAEL (SUBJECT No. 1)

DATE: 14.3.78 JOURNAL: JEWISH HERALD (JOHANNESBURG S.A.) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "WORLD CHRISTIAN BODY BACKS ISRAEL'S STAND"

QUOTE : MR BASIL DOUGLAS JACOBS, THE 44-YEAR OLD CAPETONIAN WHO HEADS THE SOUTH AFRICAN BRANCH OF CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR ISRAEL (AN INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION WHICH SUPPORTS ISRAEL'S RIGHT BY DIVINE PROMISE, TO ALL OF ERETZ ISRAEL) HAS BEEN ELECTED TO THE GOVERNING BODY OF "INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL". THIS ORGANIZATION ESTABLISHED BY EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS WHO MET IN JERUSALEM IN FEBRUARY AT THE INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM HAS AS ITS MAIN PURPOSE "THE LINKING OF CONCERNED INDIVIDUALS, CHURCHES & ORGANIZATIONS TO COORDINATE WORLDWIDE CHRISTIAN COMMITMENT TO THE STATE & PEOPLE OF ISRAEL." MR JACOB'S COLLEAGUES ON THE GOVERNING BODY OF INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL ARE THE FOLLOWING LEADING EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS: DR G DOUGLAS YOUNG, CHAIRMAN (ISRAEL), DR ISRAEL CARMONA (USA) DR CLAUDE DUVERNOY (ISRAEL) THE REV PER FAYE HANSEN (NORWAY) MR CASIMIR LANOWICK (USA) DR ARNOLD T OLSON (USA) PASTOR CHARLES (CHUCK) SMITH (USA). MR JACOBS (WHO WAS EDUCATED IN CAPETOWN AND IS CHIEF EXECUTIVE OF AN IMPORT-EXPORT AND MANUFACTURERS AGENCY) IS THE EXECUTIVE SECY OF CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR ISRAEL IN SOUTH AFRICA, ONE OF THE MOST ACTIVE BRANCHES OF THIS ORGANIZATION INSPIRED BY THE FAMOUS PRO-ISRAELI CHRISTIAN CLERGYMAN, THE REV CLAUDE DUVERNOY, WHO LIVES IN JERUSALEM. DR DUVERNOY HAS PROPOSED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A "CHRISTIAN FUND FOR ISRAEL" WHICH WOULD DEVELOP EVENTUALLY INTO A UNITED CHRISTIAN APPEAL, DEVOTED ENTIRELY TO NATIONAL BUDGETS FOR HEALTH, WELFARE AND EDUCATION. AT THEIR FEBRUARY CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM, AT WHICH THE NEW BODY, INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL, WAS FORMED, THE DELEGATES UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED A RESOLUTION WHICH STATED THAT "WE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND PLEDGE TO WORK FOR JUSTICE FOR ALL THE PEOPLES INVOLVED. YET WE ALSO DECLARE THAT LASTING PEACE CANNOT BE ACHIEVED UNTIL THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY ACCEPTS THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE TO LIVE AND CREATE A NATION WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THEIR ANCIENT HOMELAND." CHRISTIAN EVANGELICALS WHO SUPPORT ISRAEL ARE PLACING FULL-PAGE ADVERTISEMENTS IN MAJOR AMERICAN NEWSPAPERS EMPHASISING THESE POINTS. UNQUOTE

DATE: 1.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH A.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "CHRISTIANS MEET IN CAPITAL TO REAFFIRM FAITH IN ISRAEL"

BYLINE : HAIM SHAPIRO, J.POST REPORTER

QUOTE : SOME 450 CHRISTIANS FROM SWITZERLAND, FRANCE, AUSTRIA & GERMANY WILL MEET IN JERUSALEM'S BINYANET HAOOMA TODAY TO AFFIRM THEIR SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. THE PARTICIPANTS ARE MEMBERS OF BEIT SHALOM, A WORLDWIDE ORGANIZATION WITH SOME 250,000 MEMBERS. WIM MALGO, FOUNDER & PRESIDENT OF THE ORGANIZATION, TOLD THE JERUSALEMPOST YESTERDAY THAT THE GROUP ALSO SPONSORS PRACTICAL PROJECTS HERE, INCLUDING HELP FOR HOSPITALS, KINDERGARTENS, PARKS & FORESTS. DR MALGO (WHO IS FROM HOLLAND) SAID THE IMPETUS FOR HIS WORK CAME FROM SEEING THE TRAGEDY OF THE HOLOCAUST. HIS WIFE'S FAMILY HAD HIDDEN JEWS IN THEIR HOME, HE SAID. HE HIMSELF, AS A BOY OF 16, WAS DEPORTED BY THE GERMANS TO AUSTRIA AND PUT TO WORK IN A GLIDER FACTORY. HE RECALLS WITH A SMILE THAT IT WAS CONSIDERED AN HONOUR TO SABOTAGE THE FINISHED PLYWOOD GLIDERS BY GIVING THEM A SWIFT WHACK WITH A SPANNER. AFTER THE WAR HE ATTENDED A BIBLE COLLEGE IN SWITZERLAND, AND IT IS IN ZURICH THAT HIS ORGANIZATION IS BASED. SINCE THEN HE HAS HAD 12 CHILDREN & HAS WRITTEN AT LEAST 12 PAMPHLETS ABOUT ISRAEL. MALGO STRESSED THAT ALTHO' HIS GROUP ENGAGES IN MISSION WORK ELSEWHERE IN THE WORLD, IT HAS NO INTENTION OF DOING SO AMONG JEWS. ON THE CONTRARY IT REJECTS CATEGORICALLY THE TRADITIONAL DOGMA THAT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS THE SUCCESSOR TO ISRAEL. THE GROUP SEES IN THE REBORN STATE OF ISRAEL THE PRECURSOR OF THE MESSIAH AND STRESSES THAT ISRAEL MUST BE KEPT STRONG. STALWART SUPPORTERS OF P.M. MENAHEM BEGIN, THEY OPPOSE ANY CONCESSIONS TO THE ARABS. MEANWHILE, MALGO SAID, THE BIBLICAL PROMISE THAT GOD WILL BLESS THOSE WHO BLESS THE JEWS HAS HELD TRUE. HIS OWN MOVEMENT CONTINUES TO FLOURISH. UNQUOTE

DATE: 2nd (or 3rd...not clear) AUGUST 1978 JOURNAL: HATSOFE (HEBREW NRP A.M.) FEATURE
HEADING: "IN THE STATE: DIARY—BETH SHALOM" COMMENT

BYLINE : YAACOV EDELSTEIN (COMMENTS ON THREE NEWS ITEMS, ONE OF WHICH DEALS WITH THE ABOVE MENTIONED WIMMALGO "BETH SHALOM" CHRISTIANS FOR ISRAEL)

EXTRACT: THIS WEEK THERE CONVENED IN JERUSALEM THE ELEVENTH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF THE BETH SHALOM MOVEMENT WITH SOME 450 EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT TAKING PART. WHILE WE TEND TO IDENTIFY EVERY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT AS MISSIONARY, IT APPEARS THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US AN INTERESTING AND UNIQUE PHENOMENON. THIS IS A MOVEMENT OF CHRISTIANS WHOSE AIM IS TO BROADEN AND DEEPEN AMONG CHRISTIANS IN THE WORLD A LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THE MOVEMENT'S MEMBERS BELIEVE COMPLETELY IN THE BIBLE AND IN THE BOND OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL TO THE BIBLE AND TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL. THEY SEE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL AND IN ITS STRUGGLES THE REALIZATION OF THE PROPHECY VISIONS OF THE BIBLE.

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THE SUPPORT OF THE MOVEMENT FOR ISRAEL IS FULL, ENTHUSIASTIC AND WITHOUT RESERVATIONS, AND IT FINDS EXPRESSION ON A NUMBER OF PLANES: INFORMATION, REGULAR RADIO BROADCASTS, BOOK PUBLISHING, THE JOURNALS OF THE MOVEMENT PRINTED IN SIX LANGUAGES AND DISTRIBUTED IN DOZENS OF LANDS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, VISITS TO ISRAEL...SOME THOUSAND MEMBERS OF THE MOVEMENT VISIT ISRAEL ANNUALLY. IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE VISITS THEY CONDUCT A CONGRESS IN ISRAEL TO EXPRESS SOLIDARITY WITH HER. ON THE LEVEL OF CONTRIBUTIONS, IN THE COURSE OF ABOUT FOUR YEARS SOME 50 MILLION I.L. HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTED, OF WHICH THERE HAS BEEN A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE PLANTING OF A FOREST OF 10,000 TREES BY THE JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IN TAOZ WHICH IS IN THE JERUSALEM CORRIDOR. ALSO A CONTRIBUTION TO THE JERUSALEM FUND, FOR AN EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM INVOLVING CHILDREN AND PARENTS IN TALPIOT, BABYSITTER SERVICES IN THIRTEEN COMMUNITY CENTRES AND CLUBHOUSES IN JERUSALEM. ALSO THE PLANTING OF A GARDEN AROUND THE WALL OF THE OLD CITY BETWEEN THE DUNG GATE AND THE ZION GATE. ALSO A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE REHABILITATION WING OF THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE, FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR PROSTHETICS OF THE TEL-HASHOMER HOSPITAL, AND A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE ASAF HAROFEH HOSPITAL FOR SETTING UP STUDY ROOMS FOR NURSES, EQUIPMENT FOR THE SURGICAL DEPARTMENT, AN EMERGENCY AMBULANCE AND AN UP-TO-DATE TEACHING CENTRE. BEHIND THIS MOVEMENT STANDS A MAN BY NAME OF WIM MALGO, AGE 50, A PROTESTANT CLERGYMAN, A NATIVE OF HOLLAND EDUCATED IN SWITZERLAND, WELL-KNOWN IN WEST EUROPE AS AN AUTHOR-JOURNALIST, PREACHER AND EXPOSITOR, WHO BROADCASTS BIBLICAL COMMENTARIES ON RADIO LUXEMBOURG, AND IS THE FATHER OF TWELVE CHILDREN, THE YOUNGEST OF THEM NAMED BENJAMIN. IT WAS IN THE YEAR 1955 THAT THE MAN SET UP AN ORGANIZATION BY THE NAME OF "MIDNIGHT CALL", A NEW CHRISTIAN RELIGIOUS REVIVAL MOVEMENT WHICH HAS TENS OF THOUSANDS OF ADHERENTS IN MANY LANDS. ONE OF THE BASIC PRINCIPLES OF THIS MOVEMENT IS BOUND UP WITH THE STATE OF ISRAEL--A COMPLETE FAITH THAT THE EPOCH OF THE STATE OF ISRAEL IS THE COMPLETE FULFILMENT OF THE VISION OF THE PROPHETS, AND THAT IT IS THEREFORE THE GREATEST EVENT IN THE CHRISTIAN WORLD OF THE PAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS. A FEW YEARS AGO MALGO FOUNDED A MOVEMENT BY NAME OF BETH SHALOM, WHICH IS AN ORGANIZATION WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO DISTRIBUTE BIBLE TEACHING IN THE SPIRIT OF BELIEF IN ITS FULFILMENT IN THE HOLY LAND. MALGO IS ACTIVE ABROAD IN PROVING THE DIVINE AND HISTORIC RIGHT OF THE JEWS TO THE LAND OF ISRAEL, AND TO THIS END HE HAS DEVOTED HIMSELF TO WRITING A SERIES OF PAMPHLETS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES. WHEN JERUSALEM WAS LIBERATED DURING THE SIX DAYS WAR, HE PUBLISHED AN ADDRESS IN 150,000 COPIES CONCERNING THE MIRACLE WHICH HAD TAKEN PLACE. SINCE THEN HE LABOURS MUCH TO CONVINCE MANY CHRISTIAN CIRCLES THAT JERUSALEM MUST REMAIN IN THE HANDS OF THE JEWS, AND THAT WHAT IS HAPPENING NOW IS THE BEGINNING OF THE REDEMPTION. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THE EXISTENCE OF SUCH A MOVEMENT IS OF ITSELF ONE OF THE GREAT MIRACLES IN THE HOSTILE WORLD OF OUR DAYS. UNQUOTE

DATE: 4.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) BOOK REVIEW

HEADING: "FOUR VIEWPOINTS"

BYLINE: GEOFFREY WIGODER

SUMMARY & EXTRACTS: THIS IS A BOOK REVIEW OF THE RECENTLY PUBLISHED WORK OF THE LATE YONA MALACHY, ENTITLED: "AMERICAN FUNDAMENTALISM AND ISRAEL", PUBLISHED BY THE HEBREW UNIVERSITY INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWRY, 178 PP. THE REVIEWER SUMMARIZES THE FOUR VIEWPOINTS WHICH HE REPORTS THAT MALACHY DESCRIBES IN HIS BOOK, NAMELY, ADVENTISTS, JEHOVA WITNESSES, PENTECOSTALISTS & DISPENSATIONALISTS. "ONE OF THE FEW SCHOLARS OF THE SUBJECT (OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND SECTS) IN ISRAEL WAS THE LATE DR YONA MALACHY OF THE RELIG. AFFAIRS MINISTRY'S CHRISTIAN AFFAIRS DEPT & THE HEBREW U. INSTITUTE OF CONTEMPORARY JEWRY. AT HIS UNTIMELY DEATH IN 1972 HE LEFT THE MANUSCRIPT OF HIS STUDY OF FOUR OF THESE CHURCHES AND THEIR ATTITUDES TO JEWS, ZIONISM & THE STATE OF ISRAEL: THIS HAS NOW BEEN PUBLISHED & THROWS LIGHT ON THE DIFFERENT POSITIONS ADOPTED BY KEY FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCHES. THE CHURCHES IN QUESTION ARE ALL PREMILLENARIANS--i.e. THEY BELIEVE IN THE SECOND COMING OF JESUS, WHO WILL HEAD THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH FOR A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE THE MILLENNIUM, DURING WHICH MANY CATASTROPHES WILL OCCUR IN THE WORLD. IN THEIR VIEWS ON THE JEWISH PEOPLE THEY DIFFER AS TO WHETHER THE JEWS ARE STILL THE BEARERS OF DIVINE GRACE AND BIBLICAL PROPHECY OR WHETHER THESE HAVE PASSED TO THE CHURCH. THEIR FEELINGS ABOUT ZIONISM AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL ARE DICTATED BY THEIR STAND ON THESE ISSUES. BUT THEY ALL AGREE THAT FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ALL ROADS LEAD TO JESUS: SOME ARE PREPARED TO PUT OFF THE CONVERSION OF THE JEWS TILL THE END OF DAYS AND LET TIME TAKE ITS COURSE WHILE OTHERS BELIEVE IN ONGOING MISSIONARY ACTIVITY TO HASTEN THE PROCESS. IN GENERAL, BEHIND CHRISTIAN ZIONISM LIES A MESSIANIC & MISSIONARY MOTIF. (THE REVIEWER SUMMARIZES MALACHY'S DESCRIPTION OF THE POSITIONS OF THE FOUR CHURCHES: THE ADVENTISTS HOLD THAT THE CHURCH IS "SPIRITUAL ISRAEL" AND DECIDED IN 1841 THAT THE TEACHING: CONCERNING THE JEWISH RETURN TO ZION "IS A SNARE BY WHICH MANY WILL BE LOST FOREVER"...SEVENTH DAY ADVENTISTS ARE LARGEST OF THIS WING WITH A MILLION ADHERENTS. THEY CLAIM THE JEWS LOST THEIR CONNECTION WITH GOD BECAUSE THEY REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE

JESUS AND THEY WILL NEVER AGAIN BE RECOGNIZED BY GOD EXCEPT FOR A SMALL REMNANT TO BE SAVED BY MISSIONARY ACTIVITY & INSIDE ISRAEL THE GROUP HAS ONE MISSIONARY WITH TEN TO FIFTEEN FOLLOWERS. THE JEWS ENTERING THE HOLY LAND ARE ENTERING THE CRATER OF ARMAGEDDON. HOWEVER, THE ADVENTISTS ARE NOT MONOLITHIC AND THERE ARE SMALLER GROUPS FAVOURABLE TO ZIONISM WHO BELIEVE THAT THE JEWS WILL CONTINUE AS THE CHOSEN PEOPLE AFTER THEY ACCEPT JESUS AS MESSIAH. THESE HAVE A FEW ADHERENTS IN JERUSALEM AND SEVERAL FAMILIES OF FARMERS IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ISRAEL.

THE J.W.'S WERE ORIGINALLY SYMPATHETIC TO ZIONISM BUT LATER BECAME HOSTILE TO THE STATE OF ISRAEL, ALL THE MORE SO WHEN IT JOINED THE U.N. THE FOUNDER, HOWEVER, CHAS TAZE RUSSELL HELD THAT GOD WOULD FULFILL HIS PROMISE TO RELIGIOUS JEWS ONLY & PREDICTED IN 19TH CENTURY THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE OF ISRAEL. HE PUBLISHED A JOURNAL IN YIDDISH AND IN 1910 GAVE A STRONG ZIONIST ADDRESS TO NEW YORK JEWS. HIS SUCCESSOR JOS FRANKLIN RUTHERFORD PROPHESED REDEMPTION IN 1925 & PROCLAIMED THE OPENING OF THE HEBREW U. WAS THE EVENT FORETOLD IN BIBLE, BUT IN 1930'S THERE WERE INTERNAL CHANGES IN THE MOVEMENT WHICH LED TO ANTIZIONIST TONE. THEY NOW BELIEVE THAT LUCIFER IS IN FULL COMMAND OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE.

THE PENTECOSTALISTS (A HALF MILLION IN USA) HOLD THAT JEWISH SUFFERING IS PENALTY FOR REJECTION OF JESUS BUT LAND STILL PROMISED AND AT SECOND COMING GOD WILL SAVE HIS PEOPLE. THE STATE IS NOT THE FULFILMENT OF PROPHECY BUT SETS THE STAGE. EFFORTS ARE MADE TO INCREASE MISSIONARY ACTIVITIES & TO PROMOTE BIBLE READING AMONG JEWS.

DISPENSATIONALISTS: THE FUTURE OF THE JEWISH PEOPLE IS AT THE CORE OF THEIR CONCERN. ONE THIRD PERISHED IN HOLOCAUST, TWO-THIRDS WILL PERISH UNDER ANTICHRIST EXCEPT FOR 144,000 WHO WILL RULE THE NATIONS DURING MILLENNIUM EVEN ABOVE THE CHURCH WHICH AT THE END OF THE MILLENNIUM WILL BE TAKEN TO HEAVEN WHILE THE JEWS REMAIN ON EARTH THROUGH ETERNITY. THE PROPHET OF THIS MOVEMENT WAS WM E BLACKSTONE WHO WROTE A PAMPHLET IN 1891 ON REVIVAL OF JERUSALEM AND AIMED AGAINST ANTIZIONIST REFORM JEWS, WHICH DELIGHTED ORTHODOX JEWS WHO HAD PAMPHLET TRANSLATED TO YIDDISH AND DISTRIBUTED 75,000 COPIES. DISPENSATIONALISTS

DO NOT BELIEVE THAT PRESENT STATE OF ISRAEL IS FULFILMENT OF ABRAHAMIC COVENANT BECAUSE ISRAEL NOT ABIDING BY THAT COVENANT, BUT THAT THE REAL INGATHERING (& FULFILMENT) WILL BE MADE BY GOD IN THE END OF DAYS. THESE HAVE RETREATED FROM THEIR ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORT FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL, WHICH MALACHY ATTRIBUTES TO THEOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS WITHIN USA FUNDAMENTALISM, TURNING THEIR BACKS ON PROBLEMS OF THE DAY. IN RECENT DECADES THEY HAVE REFRAINED FROM COOPERATION WITH ZIONISM "UNTIL THE END OF DAYS".) THE REVIEWER CONCLUDES BRIEFLY: THESE GROUPS ARE ON THE FRINGE OF AMERICAN PROTESTANTISM -- NOT TO BE COMPARED, SAY, WITH THE 30 MILLION BAPTISTS AND 14 MILLION METHODISTS. BUT AS JEWS AND ISRAELIS, WE WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INTEREST IN THESE GROUPS AND THIS BOOK WILL ENABLE US TO COOLLY UNDERSTAND THEM AND THEIR ACTIVITIES. UNQUOTE

MISSION LAW (SUBJECT 2): FOREIGN PRESS

DATE: 26.1.78 JOURNAL: AUSTRALIAN JEWISH TIMES (DARLIGHURST NSW) NEWS . ARTICLE

HEALING: "ISRAEL'S CHRISTIANS PROTEST AGAINST NEW CONVERTS LAW"

QUOTE : TELAVIV--ISRAEL CHRISTIANS WILL LAUNCH A CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE KNESSET'S RECENTLY ENACTED LAW MAKING IT ILLEGAL TO OFFER OR GIVE MONEY OR OTHER MATERIAL BENEFITS TO WIN RELIGIOUS CONVERTS. THE PRESS OFFICER FOR THE UCCI TOLD THE JPOST. J DAVID, A ROMAN CATHOLIC, COOPTED FOR THE PRESS POSITION, SAID THE HELP OF THE VATICAN & CHURCH MEMBERS OF OTHER DENOMINATIONS AROUND THE WORLD WOULD BE SOUGHT IN PROTESTING THE MEASURE. DAVID REPORTED THAT A MEETING BETWEEN COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES AND THE DIRECTOR OF THE MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS "RESULTED IN A VERY HARSH CONVERSATION WHICH DID NOT HELP RESOLVE DIFFERENCES ALTHO' THE DIALOGUE WILL CONTINUE." ASKED WHY ONLY THE CHRISTIANS APPEAR TO BE ALARMED BY THE LAW WHICH DOES NOT SPECIFY ANY RELIGION, DAVID SAID: "THE BILL IS PRECEDED BY EXPLANATORY MATTER WHICH CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED SLANDEROUS TO CHRISTIANS AND AN INCITEMENT TO HATE. WE WISH TO PRESERVE THE DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER OF THIS COUNTRY WHICH A VICIOUS MINORITY IS ATTEMPTING TO ALTER THRO' THE USE OF POLITICAL THICKERY. CHRISTIANS CANNOT BE SAID TO BE ENJOYING RELIGIOUS FREEDOM IN ISRAEL WHEN GROUPS USE THE KNESSET TO PROPAGATE HATRED." DAVID FEELS THAT INT MIN YOSEF BURG IS "PERSONALLY IN SYMPATHY WITH THE AIMS OF RELIGIOUS EXTREMISTS WHO HAVE RESORTED TO PHYSICAL VIOLENCE." THE DANGER OF THE LAW LIES "IN THE OPPORTUNITY IT OFFERS PROVOCATEURS TO TRAP CHRISTIANS AND ACCUSE THEM OF BRIBERY," HE SAID. DAVID ADDED THAT "BECAUSE CHRISTIANS ARE AWARE OF JEWISH SENSITIVITY THERE ARE NO MISSIONS IN ISRAEL OPENLY AND ACTIVELY INVITING PEOPLE TO CONVERT, ALTHO' IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT IF WE HAVE THE KEY TO COMPLETE HAPPINESS, IT IS OUR DUTY TO TELL OUR BROTHERS ABOUT IT." HE CLAIMED THAT CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL DO NOT WISH THIS ISSUE TO BE USED

"AS PROPAGANDA AGAINST ISRAEL. THIS IS NOT A POLITICAL MATTER BUT A CAMPAIGN FOR RIGHTS AND NOT ONLY THOSE OF CHRISTIANS." UNQUOTE

JESUS & MISSIONARIES (SUBJECT 3):

DATE: 24.3.78 JOURNAL: SAN FRANCISCO JEWISH BULLETIN (CALIFORNIA) FEATURE ARTICLE
HEADING: "MISSIONARY AT THE GATE" "WORLD OPINION"

BYLINE : RABBI SAUL E. WHITE

QUOTE : WE HAVE WITNESSED AN INTENSIFIED AND CONTINUOUS EFFORT TO MISSIONIZE THE JEWS AND ESPECIALLY OUR YOUNG AT HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE. NOW MORE THAN IN THE PAST IT IS OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO "KNOW WHAT TO ANSWER" (DA MA SHE'TASHIV) (QUOTE FROM RABBIS) OUR RELIGIOUS LEADERS HAVE ISSUED TRACTS & PAMPHLETS GUIDING OUR YOUTH TO AN UNDERSTANDING OF A JEWISH VIEW TOWARD JESUS AND CHRISTIANITY! THEY ARE PERTINENT AND RESPECTFUL. OUR RABBINIC TEACHERS INCLUDING MAIMONIDES AND PROF HUGO BERGMAN AND MARTIN BUBER HAVE STATED CLEARLY THAT CHRISTIANITY AND ISLAM ARE TRUE RELIGIONS AND WAYS OF GOD. WE WISH THAT OUR CHRISTIAN ZEALOTS WOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THE LEGITIMACY OF JUDAISM AS A FAITH AND LET US BE! SINCE IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE WE SHALL STILL HAVE TO CON- TEND WITH THE MISSIONARY AT OUR DOORS, LET ME QUOTE SOME LEARNED CHRISTIAN AND JEWISH SCHOLARS AS TO WHAT IS A TRUE AND RESPECTFUL VIEW OF JESUS OF NAZARETH. PROF JOSEPH KLAUSNER, HISTORIAN OF THE SECOND JEWISH COMMONWEALTH AND AUTHOR OF "JESUS OF NAZARETH" AND "FROM JESUS TO PAUL" TRANSLATED INTO ENGLISH BY DEAN DANBY, WROTE "JESUS LIVED AND DIED A JEW." THOS S KEPLER, S.T.B., PH.D., D.Y., PROF OF RELIGION AT LAWRENCE COLLEGE IN AN ANTHOLOGY ENTITLED "CONTEMPORARY THINKING ABOUT JESUS" QUOTES FROM A BOOK BY CECIL JOHN CALOUX THE FOLLOWING: 1. JESUS WAS IN ALL PROBABILITY NOT MIRACULOUSLY BORN BUT WAS LEGALLY BORN SON OF JOSEPH AND MARY. 2. JESUS WAS PROBABLY BORN NOT AT BETH- LEHEM BUT AT NAZARETH. 3. HE PROBABLY DID NOT WALK ON THE WATER OR STILL A STORM OR MULTIPLY LOAVES AND FISHES OR WITHERED A FIGTREE. 4. JESUS PROBABLY DID NOT CLAIM TO FORGIVE SINS IN HIS OWN RIGHT. HARVIE BRANCOMB, AUTHOR OF THE "GOSPEL OF MARK", WRITES: "THERE IS NO DEPENDABLE RECORD THAT JESUS CLAIMED TO BE THE MESSIAH." CHAS GUIGNEBERT, PROF OF HISTORY OF CHRISTIANITY, UNIVERSITY OF PARIS, DOUBTS THAT JESUS REGARDED HIMSELF AS A MESSIAH. JESUS WAS EXECUTED BY THE ROMANS. IN SPEAKING ON JESUS FROM CHRISTIAN PULPITS ON THE JEW JESUS, I HAVE SUGGESTED THAT SHOULD HE HAVE VISITED SAN FRANCISCO ON A WEEKEND HE WOULD WANT TO WORSHIP AND ATTEND PRAYER SERVICE BUT WOULD BE CONFUSED AS TO WHICH OF THE HUNDRED AND ONE DENOMINATIONAL CHURCHES TO ATTEND. FROM MY READING OF THE NEW TESTAMENT, I CANNOT BUT CONCLUDE THAT HE WOULD GO TO AN ORTHODOX SYNAGOGUE, PUT ON A TALITH AND IS LIKELY TO BE CALLED FOR AN ALIYA & WOULD SAY THE BRACHA (BENEDICTION) WITH POWER AND JOY. WE WANT TO BE LET ALONE. UNQUOTE

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