

DATE: 3.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH A.M. INDEPENDENT) LETTER TO EDITOR  
 HEADING: "GENOCIDE IN LEBANON"

QUOTE : I WROTE CONCERNING THE GENOCIDE OF CHRISTIANS TAKING PLACE IN LEBANON AND THE STRANGE SILENCE OF WORLD CHRISTENDOM, BOTH OF WHICH YOU HAVE BEEN CARRYING IN THE POST. THE "EXCUSE" FOR CHRISTIAN SILENCE AT THE TIME OF THE JEWISH GENOCIDE IN THE HITLER-NAZI ERA WAS THE CLAIM THAT THE WEST WAS CUT OFF, AT LEAST UP TO A POINT, FROM WHAT WAS GOING ON BEHIND ENEMY LINES AFTER 1940--BUT IT WAS NOT CUT OFF BEFORE THAT! THE WORLD KNEW THE STORY BUT REFUSED TO BELIEVE IT. THERE IS NO EXCUSE FOR CHRISTIANS NOT KNOWING WHAT IS TAKING PLACE IN LEBANON TODAY. THE EXPRESSED AIM IS TO WIPE OUT THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY ENTIRELY--GENOCIDE. MOSLEM ARABS ARE MASSACRING CHRISTIAN ARABS WITH THE HELP OF RUSSIA, AND WORLD CHRISTENDOM IS NOT DOING ANYTHING ABOUT IT. WHY IS WORLD CHRISTENDOM INACTIVE? IS IT BECAUSE OF MISSIONS IN MOSLEM COUNTRIES? IS IT UNWILLINGNESS TO BELIEVE THAT RELIGIOUS PEOPLE CAN ACT THE WAY MOSLEMS DO TOWARDS OTHER RELIGIOUS PEOPLE (THE CHRISTIANS) IN THIS LAST QUARTER OF THE 20TH CENTURY? IS IT INDIFFERENCE?--JUST TOO BUSY "AT HOME" TO BE CONCERNED WITH BEING THEIR BROTHERS' KEEPERS ABROAD? OR IS IT BECAUSE OF THE CLEVER PROPAGANDA CURRENTLY BEING CIRCULATED THAT THE FIGHTING IN LEBANON IS BECAUSE THE CHRISTIANS ARE "RIGHTIST" AND THE MOSLEMS ARE "LEFTIST"? SINCE WHEN HAVE EVANGELICAL CHRISTIANS, AT LEAST, BEGUN TO VOTE AGAINST "RIGHTISTS" (CONSERVATIVES), MOST OF THEM BEING THAT THEMSELVES? AND SINCE WHEN HAVE BLOODSHEDDING TERRORISTS AND GENOCIDAL MOSLEMS BECOME "LEFTIST" PROGRESSIVES? HAVE THE "GOOD GUYS" SUDDENLY BECOME THE "BAD GUYS" AND VICE VERSA? AND CHRISTIANS ARE SILENT WHILE CHRISTIANS ARE BEING MASSACRED. "WHAT CAN I DO?" ONE ASKS. GET THE TRUE STORY CIRCULATED BY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE, AND VERY QUICKLY, ESPECIALLY TO YOUR ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES IN GOVERNMENT. THE HOUR IS VERY LATE FOR CHRISTIAN SURVIVAL IN LEBANON. THE REV DR G DOUGLAS YOUNG, PRESIDENT, AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF HOLY LAND STUDIES, JERUSLM

DATE: 10.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS LEBANON"

QUOTE + AS A CHRISTIAN LIVING IN THE HOLY LAND, I OBJECT TO THE DRY BONES CARTOON OF JULY 31 WHICH SATIRIZES CHRISTIANS HERE AND ABROAD AS TURNING THE OTHER CHEEK TO THE IMMINENT MASSACRE OF THE CHRISTIANS IN LEBANON. SEVERAL FACTS PARTIALLY EXPLAIN THE CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES TOWARDS THE SITUATION OF THEIR FELLOW BELIEVERS IN LEBANON:

1. SOME LEBANESE CHRISTIANS ARE WITH FORMER HRES FRANJIEH AND ARE MOMENTARILY ALLIED WITH THE SYRIANS.
2. SOME SYRIAN CHRISTIANS ARE IN THE SYRIAN ARMY.
3. SOME LEBANESE CHRISTIANS ARE STILL COMMITTED TO THE ANTI-FRANJIEH, ANTI-FALANGIST, ANTI-CHAMOUNIST AND ANTI-SYRIAN FACTIONS.
4. SOME PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS ARE IN THE PALESTINIAN ARMY.
5. NO PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS ARE IN THE ISRAELI ARMY.
6. THE LEBANESE CHRISTIANS WHO ARE THREATENED WITH MASSACRE OR OVERTHROW AND CONTAINMENT ARE THE PHALANGISTS AND CHAMOUNISTS, AND THOSE THEY REPRESENT.
7. MANY CHRISTIANS ABROAD HAVE NOTHING IN THEIR OWN CULTURES OR SOCIETIES TO ENABLE THEM TO UNDERSTAND BY ANALOGY THE ATTITUDES OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE LIVED IN, WITH, AND SOMEWHAT UNDER MOSLEM SOCIETY FOR THE PAST 1,300 YEARS. SO THEY REMAIN CONFUSED AND THE PREY TO DIFFERENT INTERESTS WHO WANT TO USE THEM.
8. MANY FOREIGN CHRISTIANS HERE DO NOT KNOW WHAT TO DO. THEY ARE IN A DILEMMA WHETHER TO REACT AS A FOREIGN NATIONAL OR AS A CHRISTIAN INTERNATIONAL OR AT ALL.
9. MANY LOCAL AND FOREIGN CHRISTIANS HERE SEE ISRAEL'S HUMANISTIC APPEALS TO CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY AS SELF-INTERESTED: HOPING TO DIVIDE LOCAL PALESTINIAN CHRISTIANS FROM THEIR FELLOW PALESTINIAN MOSLEMS, HOPING TO UNITE CHRISTIANS BEHIND THE IDEA OF A CHRISTIAN LEBANESE STATE THAT WILL BE A COMFORTABLE MEDITERRANEAN TWIN FOR THE JEWISH STATE, HOPING TO WIN FOREIGN CHRISTIAN SUPPORT (PARTICULARLY AMONG MORE POLITICALLY NAIVE "EVANGELICAL" CHRISTIANS WHO ARE NOT SUFFICIENTLY AWARE OF THE INTERNATIONAL NATURE OF THE CHURCH'S AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY). SOME CHRISTIANS WILL FALL FOR THIS BECAUSE THEY NEED THE KIND OF BIBLICAL CERTAINTY THAT ISRAEL APPEARS TO HAVE.
10. BUT SOME CHRISTIANS, BOTH LOCAL AND FOREIGN, DO NOT BELIEVE THAT SUCH "CHRISTIAN" AND "JEWISH" STATES CAN EXIST IN THE MIDDLE EAST IN THIS SECOND HALF OF THE 20TH CENTURY. THE NUCLEAR ARMS AND FOREIGN AID NEEDED TO MAINTAIN SUCH STATES RESULT IN SUCH A STRAIN ON THE JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN POPULATIONS CONTAINED IN THEM THAT THEIR MILITARIZED SOCIAL LIFE BECOMES INCREASINGLY NEUROTIC. OBSESSED WITH THE DEFENCE AND EXPANSION OF THEIR PROPERTY, THE QUALITY OF THE SOCIAL RELATIONS WEARS THIN, STRETCHES BEYOND THE BREAKING POINT AND RIPS IN THE VERY CENTRE. JEWISH AND CHRISTIAN SOCIAL LIVES DO DIFFER FROM MOSLEM SOCIAL LIVES IN THE MIDEAST ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT POINTS. BUT IS THE "NATION STATE" OR THE "SECURITY STATE" THE MEANS BY WHICH THOSE PEOPLES ARE TO SURVIVE CREATIVELY IN THE MIDEAST? PERHAPS ONCE THIS WAS AN OPEN QUESTION. IN MY OPINION THE QUESTION IS CLOSING RAPIDLY. SUCH "STATES" CANNOT SURVIVE WITHOUT BECOMING MONSTROUS--AS ISRAEL IS BECOMING



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MONSTROUS, AS LEBANON IS BECOMING MONSTROUS (IN THE HIDEOUS MURDERS OF THE FRANJEHS AND THE PHALANGISTS THIS SUMMER). SO ALSO SYRIA AND EGYPT, LIBYA, IRAQ & SAUDI ARABIS CAN BECOME MONSTROUS. SO CAN ANYONE. PETER DUBRUL, SJ, JERUSALEM UNQUOTE

SUBJECT 2: MISSIONIZING

DATE: 6.8.78 JOURNAL: HATSOFE (N.R.P. AM HEBREW) FEATURE ARTICLE ("BY THE WAY")  
HEADING: "PURSUERS OF GREEDY GAIN BEFORE A MISSIONARY WOMAN"

QUOTE : MS EMMA BERGER, A GERMAN WOMAN WHO HEADS UP A CHRISTIAN SECT BY NAME OF BETHEL, BEGAN TO PURCHASE PROPERTIES FIFTEEN YEARS AGO, LANDS, INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS, HOUSES, INCLUDING THE DORA PENSION, IN THE OLD MOSHAVA OF ZICRON YAACOV. AT HER DISPOSAL WERE LARGE SUMS OF MONEY. WITH MILLIONS OF MARKS IT IS POSSIBLE TO BUY IMMOVABLE ASSETS IN ANY COUNTRY HAVING A DEMOCRATIC REGIME. OIL BARONS OF SAUDIA AND KUWAIT, AS IS WELL KNOWN, BUY UP PALACES, HOTELS, BUILDING PLOTS AND THE LIKE IN ENGLAND AND FRANCE AND ALSO IN CENTRAL PLACES IN THE U.S. BUT EMMA BERGER HAS SELECTED ZICRON YAACOV, AND TO A CERTAIN EXTENT ALSO BINYAMINA AND PARDES HANNA, FOR HER LAND BUYING. ACCORDING TO THE FEW REMARKS OF THIS FANATICAL AND ENERGETIC WOMAN, SHE IS NOTHING BUT A MESSENGER FROM ON HIGH IN THE PURCHASE OF LANDS AND HOUSES IN ZICRON YAACOV IN THE HOLY LAND. AMONG THE MISSIONARY SECTS, ABOUNDING IN LARGE FINANCES, THE MEMBERS OF HER SECT RALLY BEHIND THE NAME OF THAT MAN (Translator: Jesus), BUT FOR THE PRESENT WITHOUT MISSIONARY PROPAGANDA, BUT BY THE PURCHASE OF MUCH PROPERTY. RECENTLY SHE BOUGHT UP AN ADDITIONAL EIGHT DUNAMS IN THE SETTLEMENT. THE TIE OF THIS WOMAN FROM A TOWN NEAR STUTTGART IN GERMANY WITH THE ANCIENT SAMARITAN SETTLEMENT OF ZICRON YAACOV IS THE TIE OF A DEVOUT CHRISTIAN WOMAN. ACCORDING TO HER EFFICIENT OPERATION, EXECUTED WITH MUCH PLANNING AND OBSTINACY, IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT SHE SEES HERSELF AS ONE FULFILLING A MISSIONARY ASSIGNMENT. AT THIS STAGE SHE IS BUYING UP ONE DUNAM AFTER ANOTHER, ONE HOUSE AFTER ANOTHER IN ZICRON YAACOV. WHEN THE SETTLEMENT IS CONVERTED INTO A STRONGHOLD FOR HER SECT, IT IS QUITE LIKELY THAT AT THE NEXT STAGE SHE WILL ALSO COMMENCE THE PURCHASE OF SOULS. SHE BELIEVES, IT SEEMS, IN THE GREAT POWER OF GERMAN MARKS. THIS WEEK THERE APPEARED ON THE PROGRAM "BEHIND THE HEADLINES" ON TV MR JESSE SHIBOVSKY, THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HEAD OF ZICRON YAACOV, AND WITH A FIRM VOICE DEMANDED THAT THE GOVT SAVE ZICRON YACOV FROM THE PERSISTENT PURCHASES OF THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN OF MULTIPLE MEANS FROM GERMANY. TO THE QUERY OF THE MODERATOR, THE INTERVIEWEE ADMITTED THAT LOCAL RESIDENTS ARE SELLING THEIR LAND TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER, AND AMONG THE SELLERS ALSO MEMBERS OF HIS OWN FAMILY. ONE MAY ASSUME THAT THEY WOULD PREFER TO SELL TO JEWS, BUT IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS THE DECISIVE FACTOR IS THE EXCESSIVE MARKS THAT EMMA BERGER OFFERS. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE LOCAL MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROPOSES THE ENACTMENT OF A LAW TO PREVENT THE BUYING UP OF LAND BY FOREIGNERS WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO UNDERMINE JEWISH EXISTENCE IN ISRAEL. THE SECULAR CAMPAIGNER WHO INDIRECTLY ASSISTS THE MISSIONARY SOUL HUNTER WILL DOUBTLESS RAISE HER VOICE IN OUTCRY: "RACIST LAWS IN ISRAEL!" AS IF IT WERE FORBIDDEN FOR A PEOPLE AND A STATE TO TAKE DEFENSIVE MEASURES AGAINST A FOREIGN INCURSION OF THE TYPE OF BERGER IN ZICRON YAACOV. DURING ONE OF THE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT JUDEA AND SAMARIA THE SAUDIAN DELEGATE SAID THAT HIS KINGDOM WAS READY TO PURCHASE WITH FULL MONEY THE ENTIRE AREA AND TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM. WOULD IT BE PERMITTED TO SAUDIAN AGENTS TO PURCHASE PRIVATELY WIDE TRACTS OF LAND IN ISRAEL? IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT IN SUCH CASE THE PURCHASE BY CERTAIN FOREIGN CIRCLES CONSTITUTES AN EVIDENT DANGER. WE CAN LEARN FROM EMMA BERGER ZEAL FOR A GOAL IN REVERSE. FIRST OF ALL, TO EXERT MORAL PRESSURE ON PROPERTY OWNERS NOT TO TRANSFER THEIR PROPERTY TO FOREIGNERS, SECONDLY AMONG THE JEWISH PEOPLE THERE ARE FABULOUSLY WEALTHY PERSONS WHO HAVE THE POWER TO COMPETE WITH MS BERGER IN THE POSSESSION OF LANDS AND HOUSES IN THE OLD SETTLEMENT, THIRDLY LET OBSERVANT RELIGIOUS CAPITALISTS IN ISRAEL, THE USA, AND IN EUROPE INVEST THEIR MONEY IN THE PURCHASE OF PROPERTY IN ZICRON, BINYAMINA & PARDES HANNA IN ORDER TO PREVENT ITS TRANSFER TO A MISSIONARY SECT. THE FOUNDERS OF ZICRON YAACOV, NEW IMMIGRANTS FROM ROMANIA, WHO PURCHASED NAHALAT ZIMRIN IN SAMARIA, TOSSED ABOUT, CONSUMED A SIGNIFICANT PORTION OF THEIR MEAGRE RESOURCES AND WERE COMPELLED TO PLACE THEIR BELONGINGS IN PAWN, INCLUDING A TORAH SCROLL THAT THEY HAD BROUGHT WITH THEM FROM THE DIASPORA, IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A LOAN WHICH WOULD ENABLE THEM TO SET UP THEIR FIRST HOMES. THE CHARM OF THE PLACE AND THEIR LOVE FOR ZION LIGHTENED THE PAINS OF ABSORPTION (IN ISRAEL) EVEN WHEN THE EMISSARY OF BARON HIRSCH, FOUNDER OF THE JEWISH COLONIES IN ARGENTINA, ADVISED THEM TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY AND TO SETTLE IN THE PLAINS OF ARGENTINA. THEY REPLIED IN SIMPLE GUILTELESSNESS: HERE WE WILL LIVE AND HERE WE WILL DIE. WE WILL NOT MOVE FROM HERE. THERE WILL YET BE FOUND A PHILANTHROPIST WILL WILL SUPPORT US UNTIL WE ESTABLISH OURSELVES. BARON ROTHSCHILD, HEARING ABOUT



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THEIR TROUBLES HELPED THEM TO DEVELOP ZIMRIN AND TO MAKE IT ZICRON YAACOV, A FLOUR-  
ISHING COLONY CALLED BY THE NAME OF HIS FATHER. NOW, WHEN IT SEEMS THAT SOME OF  
THE OFFSPRING OF THE FOUNDERS WHO ONE HUNDRED YEARS AGO SET UP ZICRON YAACOV ARE  
BETRAYING THE HERITAGE OF THEIR FOREFATHERS AND SELLING IT TO A MISSIONARY WOMAN,  
THERE IS NEEDED SOMEONE OF THE KIND LIKE ROTHSCILL WHO WILL LET THE PROPERTY REMAIN  
IN THE HANDS OF JEWS. UNQUOTE

DATE: 6.8.78 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHRONOT (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "TWO WIVES OF PRISONERS HAVE TURNED FOR HELP TO THE MISSION"

BYLINE: YOSI BAR, YEDIOT CORRESPONDENT

QUOTE: TWO WOMEN WHOSE HUSBANDS HAVE BEEN SENTENCED TO PRISON FOR LENGTHY TERMS  
HAVE TURNED TO THE MISSION IN JAFFA WITH A REQUEST THAT THEY SUPPORT THEM, INASMUCH  
AS THEY CLAIM THAT THEY ARE LEFT WITHOUT MEANS OF SUPPORT FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR  
CHILDREN. EACH ONE OF THE TWO WIVES HAS THREE CHILDREN. THE TWO ARE IRIS HIRSCHKO  
(WHOSE HUSBAND MARINAL, 35 YEARS OLD, WAS SENTENCED LAST OCTOBER TO NINE YEARS FOR  
SMUGGLING HEROIN) AND CRA AVNI (WHOSE HUSBAND ABRAHAM, 31 YEARS OLD, WAS SENTENCED  
THIS APRIL TO TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT FOR SETTING FIRE TO THE BOUTIQUE "THE  
BUTTERFLY", OWNED BY HIMSELF, IN ORDER TO COLLECT THE INSURANCE MONEY). THE TWO  
WOMEN CLAIM THAT THEY ARE UNABLE TO WORK FOR THEIR OWN MAINTENANCE BECAUSE OF THEIR  
MENTAL CONDITION AND THAT THE WELFARE BUREAU AND THE NATIONAL INSURANCE INSTITUTE  
ARE NOT CARING FOR THEM. "I'M NOT ASKING MONEY FOR GOOD TIMES BUT FOR FOOD. IT  
CANNOT BE THAT MY CHILDREN WILL HAVE NOTHING TO EAT BECAUSE SOCIETY HAS DECIDED TO  
PLACE MY HUSBAND IN JAIL," CRA AVNI CLAIMS. MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY OF IRIS HIRSCHKO  
HAVE DIRECTED LETTERS TO THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL WELFARE AND ASKED FOR CLEMENCY OF  
THE MINISTER OF JUSTICE, BUT THEY HAVE HAD NO RESPONSE, THEY CLAIM. A SPOKESMAN  
FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF BAT YAM, SIMCHA MORZKI, STATES THAT IN THE WAKE OF THE  
APPEAL OF IRIS HIRSCHKO AN INVESTIGATION OF HER FINANCIAL SITUATION WAS UNDERTAKEN  
AND IT APPEARS THAT SHE DOES NOT COME UNDER THE STANDARDS WHICH WOULD JUSTIFY  
FINANCIAL AID ON A MONTHLY BASIS INASMUCH AS SHE OWNS PROPERTY ESTIMATED AT  
ABOVE TWO MILLION LIROT--A VILLA WHICH IS ONE OF THE MOST BEAUTIFUL IN TOWN AND  
AN ADDITIONAL FLAT IN JAFFA. IT WAS ALSO LEARNED UPON INVESTIGATION THAT SHE CON-  
TINUES TO EMPLOY A DOMESTIC AND LIVES ON A HIGH LEVEL. DESPITE THESE FINDINGS,  
THE SPOKESMAN SAYS, IT WAS DECIDED TO GRANT THE FAMILY FREE MEDICAL SERVICE, A  
FREE NURSERY FOR THE YOUNGEST CHILD, AND A SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL ADVISER FOR THE  
CHILDREN PLUS A SOCIAL WORKER FOR THE MOTHER. UNQUOTE

DATE: 14.7.78 JOURNAL: JOURNAL D'ISRAEL (TELAVIV) FRENCH LANGUAGE FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "THE OPINION OF A CHRISTIAN: CONVERSION OBTAINED BY IMPROPER MEANS"

BYLINE: GILBERT HERMETZ

: IT IS IN THE NAME OF A MOVEMENT WHICH FOR ONE CENTURY HAS OPPOSED PROSELY-  
TIZING AND WHICH COMPELS ME TO EXPRESS MY AFFECTION FOR MY NUMEROUS ISRAELI FRIENDS  
WHO ASK US TO BE CONSISTENT IN OUR ACTIONS, THAT I EXPRESS MYSELF HEREIN: IN 1970  
WHEN I BEGAN TO TRAVEL TO CONFERENCES IN FAVOUR OF ISRAEL I UNDERSTOOD THAT THE TERM  
"MISSIONARY" COULD REPRESENT SOMETHING REPULSIVE TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE. THIS TERM  
AS DEFINED IN THE DICTIONARIES, IS USED TO INDICATE THE ACTION, THE DUTY,  
THE TASK, THE MISSION OF AN ENVOY (LIKE THAT OF THE JEWISH AGENCY OR OF SOME  
DELEGATE FOR THE PROMOTION OF ALIYA, FOR EXAMPLE), BUT CAN BE FOR THE JEW A SUBJECT  
OF MISFORTUNE, AND VERY JUSTIFIABLY UNHAPPY. THIS TERM HAS BEEN FOR US AN OBSTACLE  
IN OUR WORK OF RECONCILIATION AND SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. THE ACTION OF "CHRISTIAN MIS-  
SIONARIES" IN GENERAL HAS REVEALED AN IGNORANCE TOTALLY OF THE NATURE OF THE SOUL,  
THE WELLBEING (or salvation) OF THE "PURE" RACE AND "MISSIONARY" NATURE OF THE  
JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE. IT IS IN TOTAL DISHARMONY WITH THE VERY WORDS OF JESUS  
A JEW WHO DIED A JEW. IT IS IN OPPOSITION TO THE MANNER OF ACTIVITY OF THE ETERNAL  
WHO RESPECTS THE FREE WILL OF HIS CREATURES. IT TOTALLY IGNORES THAT THE JEW MUST  
REMAIN A JEW AND ACCORDING TO JEREMIAH 31:31-34 THE NEW COVENANT CANNOT BE MADE EXCEPT  
WITH THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE FIRST PLACE BEFORE IT CAN BE UNDERSTOOD FOR ALL MEN.  
ISAIAH 2:3 PROVES THAT THE HUMAN RACE IS COMPOSED OF POTENTIAL ZIONISTS (there follows  
a recounting of millions of victims among Jews and Gentiles in religious conflicts).  
SINCE MY RECENT VISIT TO ISRAEL I HAVE OFTEN BEEN ASKED MY ADVICE CONCERNING THIS LAW  
(presumably the new mission law, altho' no previous mention in the article). I HAVE  
REPLIED AND REPLY AGAIN: THAT IT IS DOING NOTHING BUT OPPOSING EVIL ACTIONS, AGAINST  
THE VIOLATION OF PERSONALITIES, AGAINST THE ABUSE OF CONFIDENCE...THESE ARE THE  
ACTS WHICH HAVE MOTIVATED IT. (He closes with the title of his movement: MISSIONARY  
(true) MOVEMENT--INTERIOR LAITY.)



DATE: 7.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "POPE PAUL AND THE JEWS: A DELICATE BALANCE"  
 BYLINE: ALEXANDER ZVIELLI, JERUSALEM POST REPORTER  
 QUOTE: POPE PAUL VI WAS A SCHOLAR WITH MANY INTERESTS AND ONE OF THEM WAS JUDAISM. WHILE NOT DEMONSTRATIVELY FRIENDLY TOWARDS THE JEWS AS WAS HIS PREDECESSOR JOHN XXIII HE MADE A GREAT EFFORT TO LEARN ABOUT JUDAISM AND THE STATE OF ISRAEL. IN HIS SERMONS HE OCCASIONALLY QUOTED JEWISH PHILOSOPHERS. IN CONTRAST TO HIS FRANK AND DIRECT PREDECESSOR POPE PAUL WAS A CAREFUL DIPLOMAT. HEAVY PRESSURES FROM ASIAN AND ARAB COUNTRIES MADE HIM WATER DOWN THE ORIGINAL TEXT OF THE VATICAN'S DECLARATION ON THE JEWS BEFORE PUBLISHING IT ON NOV 22, 1964, BUT IT WAS A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN CATHOLIC JEWISH RELATIONS. IT ABSOLVED THE JEWISH PEOPLE OF "GUILT" FOR THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS. THE VATICAN EMPHASIZED THE DOCUMENT'S NONPOLITICAL CHARACTER AND PUBLISHED IT WITH ANOTHER DOCUMENT WHICH RECOGNIZED "A RAY OF TRUTH WHICH ENLIGHTENS ALL MEN" IN BUDDHISM, HINDUISM AND OTHER RELIGIONS, AN INDICATION OF THAT DIPLOMACY WHEREVER THE JEWISH PROBLEM WAS CONCERNED. SIMILAR CARE WAS TAKEN DURING POPE PAUL'S PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND IN JANUARY 1964. ANTICIPATING AN ARAB OUTCRY PAUL VI MADE A POINT OF STAYING IN JORDANIAN JERUSALEM MOST OF THE TIME. WHEN PAUL VI CROSSED INTO ISRAEL HE WAS GREETED BY PRES SHAZAR, PM ESHKOL AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE ISRAEL CABINET. THE CALM AND RELAXED PONTIFF CELEBRATED MASS IN NAZARETH.... WAS WELCOMED BACK INTO JEWISH JERUSALEM BY THE MAYOR MORDECAI ISH SHALOM AND JERUSALEM'S CHIEF RABBI PARDLESS. HE MADE HIS ASCENT BY A SPECIAL ROAD BUILT FOR HIS VISIT THRO' THE MINEFIELD OF MT ZION TO THE COENACULUM WHERE HE PRAYED ON THE COLD FLOOR. DESPITE THE COLD MANY JERUSALEMITES GREETED HIM ON HIS WAY THRO' THE CITY. HE LEFT ISRAEL FOR JORDAN THE SAME EVENING AFTER A FAREWELL RECEPTION BY PRES SHAZAR. IN HIS SHORT FAREWELL SPEECH POPE PAUL DENIED ALLEGATIONS THAT THE LATE POPE PIUS XII DID NOTHING TO AID THE VICTIMS OF NAZISM DURING WORLD WAR II. HE THANKED HIS HOSTS FOR THE WARM WELCOME AND CORDIALLY WISHED ISRAEL "SHALOM SHALOM". THE FOLLOWING DAY HE MET ORTHODOX PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS IN THE JORDANIAN SECTION OF JERUSALEM. BACK IN ITALY POPE PAUL EXPRESSED "IMMENSE JOY AND IMMENSE MARVEL" AT HIS WARM WELCOME. HE CLAIMED THAT HE HAD FELT THE PRESENCE OF A MYSTERIOUS DIVINE DESIGN DURING HIS VISIT. A CONSTANT STREAM OF JEWISH VISITORS CALLED AT THE VATICAN AND WAS RECEIVED BY THE POPE. AMONG THESE WAS LABEL KATZ, INTERNATL PRES BNAI BRITH, AND ABBA EBBAN THEN FOREIGN MINISTER. EBAN'S VISIT WAS (IN 1969) THE FIRST MEETING BETWEEN AN ISRAELI OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE AND THE POPE SINCE AN AUDIENCE GRANTED BY PIUS XII TO MOSHE SHARETT 17 YEARS EARLIER. PAUL VI RECEIVED EBAN CORDIALLY AND OFFERED HIM HELP IN THE QUEST FOR PEACE, TAKING GREAT CARE TO ASSURE THE ARABS THAT THE VISIT MEANT NO CHANGE IN VATICAN OFFICIAL MIDEAST POLICY. POPE PAUL VI MET THEN PM GOLDA MEIR IN THE VATICAN ON JAN 16, 1973. THE 80 MINUTE MEETING APPARENTLY CAUSED GREAT ANXIETY AMONG THE ARAB NATIONS AND EVENTUALLY LED TO A STRING OF PRO-ARAB STATEMENTS FROM THE VATICAN AND ANGRY REACTIONS FROM ISRAEL. MEIR, WHO HAD BEEN DEEPLY IMPRESSED BY THE POPE'S SIMPLICITY AND GRACIOUSNESS, REACTED ANGRILY WHEN SHE WAS TOLD THAT "JEWS WHO, OF ALL PEOPLE, SHOULD HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF MERCY TOWARDS OTHERS BECAUSE THEY HAVE SUFFERED SO TERRIBLY THEMSELVES, HAVE BEHAVED SO HARSHLY IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY..." THE PREMIER SAID SHE REPLIED THAT THE JEWISH PEOPLE KNEW ALL ABOUT "HARSHNESS" AND LEARNED ALL ABOUT REAL MERCY WHEN THEY WERE LED TO THE GAS CHAMBERS--THEY WERE FINISHED FOREVER WITH BEING AT THE MERCY OF OTHERS. "THIS IS A TRULY HISTORIC MOMENT," THE POPE ANSWERED. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CARE THAT ISRAEL HAD TAKEN OF THE CHRISTIAN & MUSLEM HOLY PLACES.... CARRYING OUT A SOLEMN TRADITION LASTING NEARLY 7 CENTURIES POPE PAUL PROCLAIMED 1975 HOLY YEAR FOR THE WORLD'S 700 MILLION ROMAN CATHOLICS. ISRAELI TOURISM MIN MOSHE KOL VISITED POPE PAUL IN JULY 1974 AND INFORMED HIM OF THE HELP WHICH WOULD BE EXTENDED TOWARDS CHRISTIANS PILGRIMS IN ISRAEL. THE POPE ASSURED KOL THAT THE CATHOLIC CHURCH WOULD ENCOURAGE PILGRIMS TO EXTEND THEIR TRAVELS TO JERUSALEM. THIS WAS A CONSIDERABLE STEP FORWARD AND A SIGNIFICANT DEPARTURE FROM THE POLICY OF EXPRESSING RESPECT FOR JUDAISM AND IGNORING ISRAEL. THERE HAVE BEEN OTHER CHANGES TOO--AT LEAST BENEATH THE SURFACE. DURING HIS MEETING WITH CANADIAN PM TRUDEAU, THE POPE SPOKE ABOUT INTERNATIONALIZING THE HOLY PLACES IN JERUSALEM RATHER THAN INTERNATIONALIZING THE WHOLE CITY. UNQUOTE

DATE: 11.8.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "AT REQUIEM SERVICE AT THE HOLY SEPULCHRE: THE LAST TESTAMENT OF PAUL VI--"  
 BYLINE: GAVRIEL STERN (AL HAMISHMAR CORRESPONDENT) NO MORE WAR."  
 QUOTE: YESTERDAY MORNING BEFORE THE TOMB OF JESUS ("YESHUA") IN THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY SEPULCHRE IN THE OLD CITY OF JERUSALEM A REQUIEM PRAYER FOR THE ELEVATION OF THE SOUL OF POPE PAUL VI WAS CONDUCTED IN THE VERY SAME PLACE WHERE THE DECEASED HAD



CELEBRATED MASS DURING THE EVENING OF 4 JAN 1964, WHICH WAS NOTED IN THE EULOGY. THE CEREMONY WAS CONDUCTED BY THE LATIN PATRIARCH OF JERUSALEM, JACOB BALTARITI, WHO WORE A WHITE HEADPIECE AND WAS SURROUNDED BY A HALF-DOZEN SENIOR CLERGY, ALL ATTIRRED IN BLACK MOURNING ROBES EMBROIDERED WITH GOLD. ADJACENT TO THE ALTAR IN A SPECIAL PLACE SAT THE APOSTOLIC DELEGATE IN JERUSALEM, THE ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM CAREW, AND BEHIND HIM SENIOR REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE VARIEGATED CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES-- EASTERN CATHOLICS, ORTHODOX, PROTESTANTS, AND THE DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR CORPS. A SHORT TIME BEFORE THE SOUNDING OF THE OPENING WORDS ("ETERNAL PEACE GRANT UNTO HIM, O LORD") THERE WAS A RHYTHMIC BEAT OF STAVES SIGNIFYING THE ENTRANCE OF THE OFFICIAL DELEGATION HEADED BY THE GENERAL DIRECTOR OF THE MINISTRY OF RELIGIOUS AFFAIRS, ISRAEL LIPPEL, WEARING A SKULLCAP, THE POLICE COMMANDER, CDR BEN ELIYAHU, AND MAYOR TEDDY KOLLECK ("THERE'S TEDDY KOLLEK," ARAB NUNS STANDING BEHIND ME WHISPERED WITH EXCITEMENT). THE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED DAVID EFRATI OF THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, DANIEL ROSSING OF THE MIN OF RELIG AFFAIRS, LT COMM DAVID HAYN OF THE ISRAELI POLICE DEPT AND ISSACHAR BENYAACOV AND NAOMI TEASDALE OF THE JERUSALEM MUNICIPALITY, WERE LED IN BY PATRIARCHAL RECTOR MSGR KAMAL BAKHTEISH, TO HONORED PLACES, AND UPON COMPLETION OF THE CEREMONY THEY APPROACHED THE PATRIARCH AND THE DEPUTY OF THE . . . PAPAL DELEGATE MSGR CHIRANO, TO EXPRESS THEIR CONDOLENCES. AT ONE OF THE CLIMAXES OF THE CEREMONY WHEN THE WORSHIPPERS EXCHANGE HANDSHAKES (A SYMBOLIC INNOVATION OF THE ANCIENT FRATERNAL KISS THAT WAS MAINTAINED BY THE LATE POPE) THE ABBEY OF THE DORMITION HEAD FROM MT ZION, FR. LAURENTIUS KLEIN, WENT OUT OF THE CIRCLE OF OFFICIANTS AND WARMLY SHOOK HANDS WITH THE ISRAELI GUESTS. ANOTHER INNOVATION IN THE ANCIENT RITE CARRIED ON BY PAUL VI WAS THE "PRESENTATION OF GIFTS" BY THE LAITY--MEN AND WOMEN, AMONG THEM A GIRL IN SLACKS (ALTHOUGH . . . WEARING LONG SLEEVES). THE OLD ORGANIST A. LAMA PLAYED THE ORGAN. THE SERMON WAS DELIVERED BY THE FR ALBERT ROCK ON BEHALF OF THE PATRIARCH, ONE OF THE HEADS OF THE FRANCISCANS IN ISRAEL, IN THE ARABIC LANGUAGE, AND A . . . FRENCH TRANSCRIPTION WAS DISTRIBUTED. IN ADDITION TO THE LABOUR OF THE DECEASED FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY, WHICH WAS ESPECIALLY EXPRESSED BY HIS EMBRACE OF THE GREEK ORTHODOX PATRIARCH IN ISTANBUL, ATHENOGORAS IN JERUSALEM, THE SERMON ALSO STRESSED HIS GENERAL ASPIRATION FOR PEACE AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN THE WHOLE LAND IN PARTICULAR. IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT . . . HIS CRY AT THE UN ASSEMBLY OF "NO MORE WAR" WAS CITED. INDEED, THE PATRIARCH AND HIS ADVISERS WERE OF COURSE WELL AWARE THAT THIS SLOGAN HAS NOW BECOME THE LAST TESTAMENT OF PAUL VI TO MANKIND, AND WHICH WAS SOUNDED BY ANOTHER "PILGRIM", PRES MOHAMMED ANWAR SADAT DURING HIS HISTORIC APPEARANCE AT THE KNESSET IN JERUSALEM. IT WILL BE NOTED THAT CITATIONS FROM THE POPE'S ADDRESSES IN THE WAKE OF THE SALAT BEGAIN MEETING LAST YEAR WERE INSERTED IN TO THE SERMON: FOR EXAMPLE, "WE WISH THE PEOPLES OF THE MIDDLE EAST WHO KNOW THE GREATNESS AND LOVE OF THE ONE GOD THAT THEY MAY QUICKLY ATTAIN TO A LIFE OF FRATERNITY WITH MUTUAL RESPECT OF . . . HUMAN AND RELIGIOUS RIGHTS, ESPECIALLY IN THE HOLY CITY OF JERUSALEM," WHILE THE CONTROVERSIAL EXPRESSIONS ABOUT JEWS AND PALESTINIANS AND THE LIKE, AND ALSO CONCERNING JERUSALEM, WERE NOT MENTIONED. THE PATRIARCH RETURNED TO HIS RESIDENCE AT THE HEAD OF A PROCESSION THROUGH THE LANES OF THE SHUK AMONG MULTITUDES WHO STOOD ALONG THE WAY IN SILENCE. THE DEPUTY MAYOR OF BETHLEHEM GEORGE HAZBUN PUBLISHED A MOURNING NOTICE IN WHICH HE UNDERLINED THE SUPPORT OF POPE PAUL VI FOR THE RIGHT OF SELF DETERMINATION OF PEOPLES, AND CHIEFLY THE PALESTINIAN ARAB PEOPLE. UNQUOTE

#### MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

DATE: 3.8.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM INL) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "450 BEIT SHALOM DELEGATES REAFFIRM SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL"  
 QUOTE: THE 450 CHRISTIAN DELEGATES TO THE BEIT SHALOM CONFERENCE IN JERUSALEM ON TUE AT BINYANEI HAOMMA GREETED PRES NAVON BY SINGING A WELCOME IN HEBREW AND AFFIRMING THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL. THE DELEGATES, MEMBERS OF THE 250,000 STRONG BEIT SHALOM MOVEMENT IN THE AMERICAS, SOUTHAFRICA & EUROPE RESPONDED WITH APPLAUSE WHEN THE PRESIDENT SAID HE WISHED ALL CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS BELIEVE IN BEIT SHALOM'S IDEALS AND FOLLOWED THRO' ON THEM. THE ORGANIZ FOUNDED BY WIM MALGOC OF HOLLAND HAS CONTRIBUTED IL 50m. IN THE PAST FEW YEARS FOR SOCIAL HEALTH & OTHER PROJECTS...JLM MAYOR KOLLEK ADDRESSED THE MOSTLY GERMAN SPEAKING DELEGATES IN THEIR NATIVE LANGUAGE...UNQUOTE

DATE: 21.7.78 & 28.7.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) GERMAN LANGUAGE  
 BYLINE: SCHALOM BENCHORIN. THESE ARE TWO LENGTHY ARTICLES, THE FIRST ABOUT A GERMAN CHRISTIAN PROFESSOR VISITING AS A GUEST OF JERUSALEM, WITH A DISCUSSION OF JUDAISM AS "WELTANSCHAUUNG", THE SECOND ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN MISSION TO ARABS AND MUSLEMS IN ISRAEL & THE MIDEAST. ENL. TRANSCRIPT 16.8.78