

SUBJECT No. 1: MISSIONS

DATE: 12.5.78 JOURNAL: CHICAGO JEWISH POST & OPINION LETTER TO EDITOR  
 HEADING: "LEADING MISSIONARY ASKS REPEAL OF LAW ON ACTIVITIES IN ISRAEL"  
 BYLINE : Jacob Gartenhaus, Intl. Board of Jewish Missions, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37104  
 (See Selections No. 40, Subject 1, Same Heading for identical item.)

DATE: 12.11.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR  
 HEADING: "LUDICROUS SITUATION" BY: Martin Blumberg, Kibbutz Kfar Blum  
 QUOTE : We are new immigrants, having arrived here some 1½ years ago. My wife recently attended an ulpan at the Kiryat Shmona Absorption Centre. There she met another student-- a woman living in Rosh Pinna who, it transpired, belonged to the Jews for Jesus movement. Her husband's calling in life was to convert Jews to Christianity, he himself having been born a Jew and having "seen the light." I feel very strongly about students like that, learning the Hebrew language in a heavily subsidized institution, and then attempting to take Jews away from Judaism. I propose that some type of screening be done so that this type of situation is ended. Whilst I believe in democracy, I don't see why, as a Jew, I should contribute through taxation for this type of person to learn Hebrew." END

DATE: 16.11.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "TA POLICE INVESTIGATE HARE KRISHNA CULTISTS"  
 BYLINE : Arthur Kemelman and Aryeh Rubinstein, J.P. Reporters.  
 QUOTE : Tel-Aviv police are questioning 2 members of the Hare Krishna sect, investigating complaints that the group persuades minors to change their religion and violates marriage and compulsory education laws. Int. Min. Yosef Burg told the Knesset yesterday that a member of the sect has been told by police that minors will not be permitted to enter two Tel-Aviv flats the Hare Krishna people use for worship. It is assumed that the minister was referring to the powers given to the police under the anti-missionary law, which allows them to act on the strength of a complaint from the parent of a minor. It is unclear, however, whether this has been done in coordination with the attorney-general, who has to approve any use of this law in practice.

He was replying to a motion for the agenda by Likud MK Yitzhak Yitzhaki. Yitzhaki told the House of the case of a 14-year old girl, an outstanding pupil in a prestigious North T.A. school, who joined the sect two months ago. She was brainwashed, he said, left school, and is due to be married on Saturday to the head of the sect—who has some 20,000 wives, Yitzhaki said. Burg said that the police were aware of the problem raised by Yitzhaki, and would do their duty. But they could not be expected to take the place of parents, who have the main responsibility for educating and looking after their children.

Police say there have been several complaints recently about the sect. One woman who tried to retrieve her daughter from the group's headquarters was told that if she complained to police she would get hurt, and was warned that the group had links with the Italian Mafia. The following day, she told police, she found a swastika and a skull painted on her door. Complaints have also been received about fictitious marriages taking place to allow minors to sleep with adult members of the sect, police said. This week police raided two apartments used by the Hare Krishna people on Rehov Hayarkon and Rehov Weizmann in Tel Aviv. A 28-year old Israeli was arrested at the first address and a 24-year old American who had married a 14-year old girl according to the sect's rituals at the second. END ARTICLE

DATE: 20.11.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "HARE KRISHNA MEMBER WON'T BE CHARGED"  
 BYLINE : Arthur Kemelman, J.P. Reporter.  
 QUOTE : TELAVIV--Police will not file charges against a 24-year old American member of the Hare Krishna sect who had been arrested on suspicion of seducing a minor and causing a minor to change her religion, it was reported yesterday. The police spokesman said no charges would be filed because of lack of evidence, but the spokesman said the investigation would continue. The American was arrested last week when police raided two apartments used by Hare Krishna members on Rehov Hayarkon and Rehov Weizmann in Tel Aviv. The raid was partially the result of complaints about the sect received by the Irgun Peilim-Yad L'ahim (Organization of Activists--Helping Hand), according to a spokesman for the anti-missionary activists. The spokesman said the organization had cabled Int. Min. Yosef Burg and T.A. police chief Moshe Tiomkin, urging them to take action against the sect. Many of the complaints from the 15 families dealt with youngsters who dropped out of school because of involvement in the sect's activities, the spokesman claimed. END

DATE: 7.11.78 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHRONOT (HEBREW P.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS ITEM  
 HEADING: "GROUP OF CHRISTIANS FROM U.S.A. WILL ENLIST CONTRIBUTIONS FOR HADASSAH"

QUOTE : A group of 180 Christians from Texas and the American Southwest, headed by Rev. Hilton Sutton, Chairman of the organization "MISSION TO AMERICA", visited during the past weekend at the Medical Centre "Hadassah" in Jerusalem. Group members toured all the wings of the hospital, and expressed their profound appreciation of what they had seen. They took the occasion to announce that as a result of the great impression made upon them, as well as their love for the city of Jerusalem and for the State of Israel, they would in the near future enlist contributions for the Hadassah Hospital, "in order that you will be able to develop more and more this fine institution."

The Chairman of "MISSION TO AMERICA", H.H. Sutton, expressed his deepest appreciation especially for the Chagall Windows in the Synagogue of the Hadassah Medical Centre in Ein Carem. "These windows are actually one of the most exalted artistic expressions of the spirit of Israel and of the ethical contribution of the Jewish people throughout the ages," he said. END ITEM.

DATE: 9.11.78 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (HEB. AM MAPAM) NEWS ITEM  
 HEADING: "BRIDGES FOR PEACE" BYLINE: Gabriel Stern

QUOTE : A festive dinner on the occasion of the retirement of Professor Douglas Young from his position as first president of the American Institute for Holy Land Studies on Mount Zion, which he had set up twenty years ago, and the installation of his successor, Professor <sup>George</sup> Giacomakis, age 41, was held at the beginning of November at the Hotel Diplomat in the capital. Young, who is 70, a Protestant clergyman with the title "Jerusalem Worthy", a staunch friend of Israel and Zionism, will continue his ties with the Institute as Professor for Jewish-Christian Relations. At the same time he has set up, together with his wife, a new organization by name of "BRIDGES FOR PEACE", which seeks to deepen Christian understanding (especially in the U.S.A. and in Canada) in matters concerning Israel and Judaism. He is about to depart on a tour of these countries on behalf of the Ministry of Tourism.

A long line of admirers extolled his merits, among them Daniel Rossing, who conveyed the greetings of the Minister of Religious Affairs, Issachar Ben-Yaacov, representing Mayor Teddy Kollek, Dr. B. Resnikoff, of the American Jewish Committee, and David Efrati from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The latter presented the celebrant with the new book of Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, "TO LIVE WITH THE BIBLE", and remarked that the author would inscribe a dedication in it upon his return from the peace mission in Washington. To date hundreds of students have studied at the Institute for one-year periods, and about 10,000 in short courses. END ITEM.

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DATE : 7.11.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "MUDSLINGING MARKS END OF RISHON LEZION CAMPAIGN"  
 BYLINE : Yitzhak Oked, J.P. Reporter.

QUOTE : RISHON LEZION--The election campaign in Rishon Lezion ended in a mud-slinging free-for-all, with most of the mud aimed at incumbent Mayor Hanania Gibstein and his independent list, and the Alignment and its mayoral candidate, Meir Gat. Gibstein was being attacked by all other parties running--Alignment, independents affiliated to Mapam, Likud and National Religious Party. They all claimed that despite the fact that Gibstein's independent list had a majority of 11 out of 15 seats in the outgoing municipal council, he had not done enough for the city, especially in building, and looking after the environment.

One of the chief critics was Shai party local chairman BARUCH MAOZ. In a paid advertisement in a local newspaper he called on Shai supporters to vote for the Alignment candidate. Questioned by THE POST about reports that he was a "missionary," Maoz admitted that he is what is called a Hebrew Christian, and that he works and makes a living from trying to spread his faith. He emphasized that the law does not prohibit him from doing so, and that he does not mix his work with politics. Meir Gat, running for mayor on the Alignment list, told THE POST that he had not known that Maoz was a missionary, and that he had signed an agreement with him on a party basis. END ARTICLE. TRANSCRIPTION 25.11.78/mb

DATE: 6.10.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN T.A. (GERMAN LANGUAGE) FEATURE ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "IN BACKGROUND--JERUSALEM" BYLINE: SCHALOM BENCHORIN

SUMMARY: This is a review of the political and religious issues centering in Jerusalem because of its significance to Jews, Christians and Moslems. The writer presents background material of an historical, religious and political nature, concluding that the problems can be solved by interreligious cooperation without internationalization. A