

DATE: 5.12.78 JOURNAL: OMER (VOWELED HEBREW A.M. LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CHRISTIAN LEADER FROM JERUSALEM PRAISES ISRAELI POLICY"

QUOTE : Dr. Douglas Young, founder of the Institute for Holy Land Studies, a Christian Evangelical seminary in Jerusalem, yesterday praised the policy of Israel, saying that for Jews and Christians "there is no problem" of living together in Israel. The well-known Christian leader, who has lived in Jerusalem for the past eight years, stressed that Israel honours those paragraphs in its Declaration of Independence guaranteeing the rights of all citizens.

In the hearing of a group of Jewish leaders in Chicago, Dr. Young said that the State of Israel has made great expenditures in order to rehabilitate Christian holy sites in Jerusalem following the reunification of the city in 1967. He also noted that Israel is promoting Arabic studies among Palestinian refugees, many of whom are transported by buses to schools in Jordan and Egypt in order that they may be enabled to study at universities in those places. He also stated that the World Council of Churches is basically a pro-Arab organization which tends to stand beside the PLO terrorists on all issues. END ARTICLE

DATE: 1.12.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEBREW A.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "CHRISTIAN ORGAN WRITES ABOUT PAPAL RELATION TO JEWS"

QUOTE : The monthly journal "Alrabata", the organ of the Greek Catholic Church in Israel, discloses that during the Second World War the new pope, John Paul II, saved many Jews from the hands of the Nazis. According to the journal, which appeared yesterday, the new pope had concealed many Jews in hiding places, prepared Identity Certificates for them, and supplied their wants. The monthly also discloses that in 1968, at which time an antisemitic wave swept Poland against Jewish writers and intelligentsia, the new pope stood beside them and defended them with courage.

In an editorial article the monthly journal declares that neither Israel nor the Jews have anything to be anxious about because of the Polish origin of the new Pope inasmuch as he is a man of faith and great moral integrity. "Not only is he not anti-semitic, but quite to the contrary," the article states. END ITEM

DATE: 5.12.78 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH A.M. IND.) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "WHY MUST SADAT BUILD ON MT SINAI?"

BY : Fr. Bargil Pixner, O.S.B., Dormition Abbey, Mt. Zion, Jerusalem.

EXCERPTS: The very laudable desire of Pres. Sadat to build on Mt Sinai a shrine (or three shrines) where Jews, Christians and Moslems could worship together or in proximity the God of Moses, Jesus and Mohammed, has found a vast echo in the world...But there is a serious objection made by Archbishop Damianos, the abbot of St. Catherine Monastery and its fraternity....The monastic community fears that such a venture would change forever the sacred and mystic atmosphere surrounding their mountain. Tourists by the thousands would be flocking to the area, restaurants and hotels...planes and helicopters... As a monk, I understand their feelings. They have left the world to be there in the desert alone with God. They earnestly beg the interested parties to build the new sanctuary of the three monotheistic faiths on another holy site in the Sinai....May I be permitted to suggest for the Shrine of Peace another site, namely, Mt. Serbal. It is the most beautiful peak of the Sinai massif, 2070 m. high, just south of the Oasis of Firan overlooking the Red Sea. (He then offers arguments why Mt. Serbal would be acceptable to Jews, Christians and Moslems, on the basis of ancient traditions, geographical factors, archaeological discoveries, and contemporary advantages for all groups.)

END LETTER

DATE: 1.12.78 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (GERMAN LANGUAGE) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "INTOLERANCE IN ISRAEL"

BYLINE : Schalom Ben-Chorin

SUMMARY: The writer defends himself against attacks by intolerant people that by his promotion of Christian-Jewish understanding he has compromised his Judaism so that one Rabbi Gotthold, who served many years in the Min. of Religious Affairs, characterized him as a kind of "sui generis"--neither Jewish nor Christian. Another person charged him with promoting Christian propaganda in Israel which seemed to remove him from the pale of Jewishness. He charges his Orthodox opponents with violation of basic Jewish teaching concerning an "evil tongue" (lashon ha'ra) and "causeless hatred" (sinat hinam) and quotes from the text of the Daily "18 Benedictions" (Shmone-esray). He expresses regret that the small "Jewish Council in Israel for Interreligious Consultations" has met with such little support from Establishment Judaism in Israel notwithstanding the importance of contacts with various Christian groups desirous of finding a modus vivendi with Judaism. "this is not propaganda for Christendom but a lifework for Judaism." END

DATE: 1.12.78 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (WEEKEND SUPPLEMENT HEB PM IND) FEATURE
 HEADING: "FROM CHRISTIANITY TO JUDAISM, AND FROM SOCIOLOGY TO THE NURSING WORLD"
 BY LINE : Dov Goldstein (PHOTO INSET: Nurse Claudine Aden)
 SUMMARY: This is a feature story about a Gentile nurse from Belgium who met an Israeli medical student, fell in love, converted to Judaism, married, completed his medical training, settled in Israel, began raising a family, she later studied nursing, to which she is passionately devoted. END

DATE: 20.10.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEB AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "AT 35TH CONFERENCE OF "KNOW THE LAND": FIRST PUBLICATION OF NEW INSCRIPTION FROM CITY OF DAVID. (YADIN: THE SCROLLS CAUSED SHOCK TO MANY INVESTIGATORS)
 EXCERPTS: "There were certain scrolls uncovered in the past to which attention had not been paid. The first one to notice the additional sect on the basis of the scrolls in the Cairo Geniza (burial place attached to Synagogue for ^{holy} scrolls no longer considered fit for ritual use. TR) without knowing a thing about the existence of Qumran in his day, was Professor Schechter. Prof. Ginsburg, on the other hand, felt that a sect was involved which was not congenial to Judaism. And indeed, for the first time material was uncovered which shed new light on Christianity, and not a positive light for several investigators. Catholic investigators drew some conclusions from this, but not the Protestant investigators." These were remarks made by Prof. Yigal Yadin during his lecture on the 30 years of research into the Scrolls.

Prof. Yadin stressed the shock that the Scrolls ^{had} caused to investigators because of the discovery of writings additional to the Apocrypha literature. There were those who recognized the influence of the Essenes on Christianity, whereas it became clear that Jesus was anti-Essene and opposed the whole doctrine of the sect concerning ritual purification and defilement. Nevertheless, it did influence Christianity. From the members (of the Essene sect) Jesus also received the concept of hatred of enemies (in the Sermon on the Mount) Sic! According to Yadin, the Christians also received from the Essenes the concept of redemption. He also concluded that the Temple Scroll is a canonical book. The Essenes were pacifists like Neturei Karta (an extreme Orthodox Jewish contemporary sect which is anti-Zionist and anti-Israel), because they believed that the war (against Rome) was not their war. They believed that the coming war would bring redemption, Prof. Yadin stated. END EXCERPT

DATE: 9.11.78 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEB AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "INAACCURATE QUOTATION"
 BY : Sabah Farid, Shefar-am
 QUOTE : At the 35th Congress of "Know the Land" Prof. Yigal Yadin cites the words of Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount. According to Prof. Yadin, Jesus said: 'One is to hate one's enemies' (HAARETZ 20.10) However, in Chapter 5, Verse 43 of the Gospel where the Sermon on the Mount is given, it says: "YOU HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS SAID, 'LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOUR AND HATE YOUR ENEMIES'. AND I SAY UNTO YOU, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES, BLESS THEM THAT CURSE YOU, DO GOOD TO THEM THAT HATE YOU, PRAY FOR THEM THAT PERSECUTE YOU." END LETTER

TRANSLATOR'S NOTE: Mr. Farid reports that subsequent to ^{the publication of} his letter, Professor Yadin published a letter clarifying what was a garbled newspaper version of his remarks. A copy of same is not yet available. (SEE SUBSEQUENT SELECTIONS 47, bot.p.2)

DATE: August 1978 JOURNAL: "AMI" (Journal of World Union of Progressive Judaism)
 EXCERPT: "Peace will undoubtedly bring about a major realignment of political parties encouraging an emphasis on domestic social and economic policies (in Israel) rather than the almost exclusive focus on foreign affairs. In this realignment the capacity of the religious parties to wield influence far beyond their proportional representation may weaken. The non-Orthodox population will not be so willing to compromise in favour of the rabbinate and the religious parties when the consequences do not affect policies of war and peace.

Peace will make necessary a revision of attitudes toward non-Jews. The recent passage of an aberration called the Missionary Law, a law medieval in character, impossible to implement, inflicting severe damage on Israel's image and undermining the political support of Israel's position among Christian groups, is characteristic of attitudes of Jews living as a small defenseless minority in an oppressive society rather than as a majority in a democracy which must learn to accommodate divergent systems of belief in the course of preserving civil liberties for all. END EXCERPT (Rabbi Richard G. Hirsch, Exec. Director, World Union of Progressive Judaism, Jerusalem.)