

SUBJECT ONE, "THE MISSION"

DATE: 23.7.79 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISLMAR" (HEBREW A.M. MAPAM) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "CHECKING WHETHER CHILDREN FROM IRAN MOVED TO MISSION"

QUOTE : The Minister of Education and Culture, Zevulun Hammer, yesterday instructed the Director of the Students Department in his office, Yitzhak Friedman, to investigate the claims of M.K. Moshe Katzav, who has said that he has information in his hands to the effect that 70 new immigrant children from Iran have arrived at the institutions of the Mission. END ITEM

DATE: 23.7.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "THE CLAIM OF M.K. KATZAV THAT STUDENTS FROM IRAN ARE STUDYING IN THE MISSION TO BE INVESTIGATED"

QUOTE : (The first paragraph as above, beginning "The Min. of Educ. & Culture...institutions of the Mission." and continuing):- The Minister has requested of the Director of the Department to investigate whether the information in the hands of M.K. M. Katzav is indeed correct, and to seek to obtain the names of the children who have reached the mission, if indeed there are such. END ITEM.

DATE: 23.7.79 JOURNAL: "SIEARIM" (POALEI AUGUDAT YISRAEL HEB AM) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "M.K. KATZAV CLAIMS: 70 CHILDREN FROM IRAN--IN INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSION:"  
MIN. OF EDUC. INSTRUCTS INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES"

QUOTE : The Min. of Education &amp; Culture....(identical to previous two-paragraph item.)

DATE: 23.7.79 JOURNAL: "HA'MODIYA" (AGUDAT YISRAEL HEB AM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "RABBI PORUSH (of Agudat Yisrael TR) IN PARLIAMENTARY QUERY TO MINISTERS OF EDUCATION AND ABSORPTION: HOW DID 70 CHILDREN FROM PERSIA ARRIVE AT THE INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSION?"

QUOTE : M.K. Rabbi Menahem Porush has submitted a Parliamentary Query to the Ministers of Education and Absorption in the wake of the news item concerning 70 children of New Immigrants from Iran who are being educated in Mission institutions. In his appeal to the Ministers Rabbi Porush expressed himself in sharp language concerning the gravity of the information about 70 children of New Immigrants from Iran being found in the Mission institutions. Rabbi Porush asked the Ministers who is responsible for the matter, whether the parents who turned their children over to the education of the Mission or whether there are other elements involved, and who they are.

The Rabbi asked further whether this incident is known to the Offices of Education and Absorption. If so, how is it that they did not prevent such a grave act hitherto? If not, what is it that they intend to do about it? Do they intend to remove the children from the Mission institutions?

Rabbi Porush also demands that <sup>suitable</sup> steps be immediately taken in order to prevent any repetition of incidents of this type in the future, and he inquires of the steps the Ministers intend to take in order to prevent the repetition of such grave incidents.

Minister of Education and Culture Zevulun Hammer today (Sun.) instructed the Director of the Students Department in his office, Mr. Yitzhak Friedman, to investigate the charges of M.K. Moshe Katzav who had said that he has in his hands information that 70 children of New Immigrants from Iran have arrived at the institutions of the Mission. The Minister has requested of the Director of the Department to investigate whether the information in the hands of M.K. M. Katzav is indeed correct, and to seek to obtain the names of the children who reached the mission, if indeed there are such. END ARTICLE

DATE: 15.7.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH AM INDEPENDENT) EXCERPT FROM FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "MAINTAINING CREDIBILITY"

BYLINE : Mark Segal (Interviewing Veteran Liberal M.K. YITZHAK BERMAN)

COMMENT: The following brief excerpt relates to SELECTIONS No. 60 (pages 1 & 2) in connection with the flurry of items linking actually or potentially Saudi-Arabia and the Mission at Zicron Yaacov in land purchases made by the Emma Berger sect:

QUOTE: BERMAN WANTS HIS PARTY TO SUBMIT AN ULTIMATUM--either the Liberal demands are met or the party will walk out. "SHARON HAS STRONG ANTI-LIBERAL INSTINCTS. HIS ARGUMENT THAT ARAB OIL SHIKHS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY UP OUR LAND HAS NO FOUNDATION. WHEN I ASKED HIM WHAT STOPPED THEM FROM DOING THAT ALREADY THROUGH AGENTS, HE HAD NO ANSWER." END QUOTE

DATE: 25.7.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR BY YITZHAK BERMAN, M.K.

QUOTE: With reference to Mark Segal's interview with me (see previous item) on Jul 15, may I point out that...with regard to the statist philosophy of Min. Ariel Sharon, who believes land should belong to the state, he expressed this view in answer to a question I submitted and not in a private conversation. As to the claim that wealthy (MORE)

people in the Arab countries would buy our land, I heard it from one of the employees of the State Land Authority and not from the Minister himself. END QUOTE.

DATE: 26.7.79 JOURNAL: JER. JERUSALEM POST ARTICLE FEATURE (EXCERPT)  
 HEADING: "IN THE KNESSET" BYLINE: Arye Rubinstein, Post Knesset Reporter  
 EXCERPT: "EMMA BERGER'S LAND". Agriculture Min. Ariel Sharon told Shlomo Gross (Agudat Yisrael) that there is no legal way of preventing Emma Berger, of a German Christian denomination, from buying tracts of land in Zicron Ya'acov. Gross, who described Berger's group as a missionary sect, said that the prices she offers are well above the real value of the land. He also said there were reports that Saudi Arabian money was involved. Sharon said a bill initiated by his ministry, which would correct the legal situation, was now under study by the Justice Ministry. He also said he had instructed the Israel Lands Administration to follow such purchases closely and find suitable solutions within the present legal situation. END EXCERPT.

DATE: 24.7.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "MK ADMITS ONLY 40 IRANIAN CHILDREN IN MISSION SCHOOLS" (SEE PAGE 1 HEREIN)  
 BYLINE: BENNY MORRIS (JERUSALEM POST REPORTER)  
 QUOTE: Likud MK Moshe Katsav yesterday admitted his mistake in claiming on Sunday that 70 Iranian children are studying at mission schools in Israel. He said that only 40 Iranian children are in such schools. At a meeting with Yitzhak Friedman, head of the Education Ministry's pupils division, Katsav admitted his mistake, pointing out that 30 of the original 70 children are attending non-missionary private schools. Friedman, who was appointed on Sunday by Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to investigate Katsav's original charge, learned that 20 Iranian children are enrolled at a mission school in Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'im and 20 others in a mission school in Jaffa.

The youths in question arrived in Israel at the height of the revolution in Iran in January-February 1979. Katsav complained that the ministry failed to open special classes for them, forcing them to enrol in schools where teaching is in French and English. A ministry spokesman yesterday said that the children are from families without "strong Jewish ties" and had attended non-Jewish, English- or French-language schools in Iran. Their parents, who are still in Iran, insisted that the children enrol in foreign-language schools in Israel, according to the spokesman. The ministry's legal adviser is currently checking if anything can be done to obtain the transfer of the 40 pupils to state schools. END

DATE: 24.7.79 JOURNAL: "HAMODIYA" (HEBREW AM AGUDAT YISRAEL) FEATURE ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "IMMIGRATION IN ORDER TO EMIGRATE?" "ECHO OF THE DAY"  
 QUOTE: There is no graver absurdity than the fact that seventy Jewish children, new immigrants from Iran during the crisis in that country, have been absorbed into institutions of the Christian Mission, and are thereby subject to the danger of apostasy. This danger was almost non-existent in the country from whence they and their parents lived for many years, a danger which does not exist even today under the regime of Homeni.

Indeed, the Min. of Education yesterday announced that he had given instructions to investigate the matter. But taking into consideration the fact that the source of the information was M.K. Moshe Katsav, a member of a non-religious party, who is himself an immigrant from Persia, we must fear that the investigation resembles a postmortem, which at the very most can reveal the reasons which led to Jewish children who emigrated to the Land of Israel, with its large and widespread educational system, to go grazing in the fields of strangers... here among Jews, under a sovereign Jewish regime, being subjected to the danger of religious conversion.

No investigation and no fact can minimize the gravity and significance of the act, even should it be found out that the parents acted on their own, and that these are parents exploiting hospitality as they wait until the storm abates. There is nothing by any means to minimize the gravity and significance of Jewish children not finding any other refuge for their education than in Christian missionary institutions. How much graver it will be should it become clear that they were drawn to the Mission by means of enticements and influences forbidden by the law passed by the Knesset.

Without waiting for the results of the investigation of the Office of Education and Culture, there is a need and a place to assert that this affair causes us a profound shock, whatever the circumstances surrounding it may be. The possibility that children of the seed of Israel should be delivered to the Christian Moloch in the Land of Israel is in itself a deed which ought not to be done. In no era would we even consider the option of Jewish children being delivered to Christian educators. It has already been said that it would be well for us to ask of the people of the Christian church to let the children

of Israel alone in their native land, and to leave the function of education in the hands of Jewish educators. We have had enough of that "Christian compassion and pity", of which we have had a fistful in the lands of the Dispersion, where the Christians have made every effort, even illegally, to effect the conversion of Jewish children.

True, the secular educational system in Israel leads to the religious conversion of Jewish children to the Moloch of secularism, releases <sup>them</sup> from the yoke of Torah and commandments, and we are far from being joyful that a Jewish child is being educated to throw off the yoke in a Jewish framework, but even to the absurd there is a limit in the imagination. At least for such a child there is a prospect that he will stand up and take upon himself the yoke of Torah and commandments. But in this case there is the danger that the children will be lost to their people, and against this danger we are obliged to warn with all our strength and might.

The emigration of Jewish children to Israel from Iran at one time led to a public tempest when various elements accused "Youth Aliya" of transferring children who had studied the Torah to secular educational institutions. Then there was aggressive intervention required in order to assure that every Jewish child desiring Torah education would be able to have it without alien interference. We will not enter now into the problem of the extent of the means taken to prevent antireligious coercion. Yet in the darkest dream, we would not have accepted the possibility that Jewish children coming to Israel from Iran should be transferred to Christian institutions of the Mission in Israel.

The conclusion that is begged is that it is necessary to determine clearly the areas of operation of missionary educational institutions. The fear of the reactions of the Christians must not deter. The law designed to restrict the activity of the Mission <sup>material</sup> by means of economic enticements was passed in the face of the opposition of those same elements, who see themselves at liberty to take any action and oppose all statutory limitation. But we as Jews need not be frightened by their threats. Precious Jewish children, the remnants of the sword of Christendom in Europe, must not be the object of the Mission in Israel. We are all guarantors of their spiritual welfare and future as Jews. Let us not relax our efforts until it is guaranteed that no Jewish child will be the object of the soul hunters of the Christian church. END

DATE: 27.7.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (IEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE  
HEADING: "AT THE ANGLICAN SCHOOL IN JAFFA WE HAVE SOME ONE TO TALK TO," SAY THE TWO GIRLS (AGE 9 and 12), THE "PERSIANS"

BYLINE: Ada Cohen (UNCAPTIONED CARTOON DEPICTING IRANIAN IMMIGRANTS <sup>BY-PASSING</sup> HOUMENI ATOP A CRESCENTED MINARET AND A JEWISH SYNAGOGUE TO ENTER A SMALL BUILDING DISPLAYING A LARGE CROSS, BEING LED BY THEIR TWO CHILDREN!)

QUOTE: MK Moshe Katsav, Chairman of <sup>the Union of</sup> Iranian Immigrants in Israel, announced this week that close to 70 children from the families of new immigrants from Iran <sup>are</sup> being educated in educational institutions of the Mission. Involved are families who came to Israel during the past year from Iran. MK Katsav also announced that he had approached the Minister of Education on the matter. In the wake of this announcement we went to see one of the Iranian families, two of whose daughters were studying at the Anglican School in Jaffa. And in the wake of the visit with the family, we have several questions for MK Katsav, for the Union of ~~the~~ Immigrants from Iran, for the Office of Absorption, and for every one of the Governmental, Public, Voluntary, and other elements which speak so loftily about immigration and new immigrants, but when these arrive in the country, do nothing for their absorption. But when word of something sad gets around, like this affair of Jewish children going to a missionary school, they raise a bitter outcry.

The family which we met in one of the cities of the Shefala (lowlands) are 4 souls: Father, mother, and two daughters, age 12 and 9. The family is living in a small wretched room, beside which is a dark narrow kitchenette and <sup>closed</sup> terrace. Piled on a closet in the room are several valises, all the possessions of the family. Looking at these valises, one can understand at once that this family has known better times. A valise often serves as a calling card for a traveler, and the calling card of the Iranian family we visited is the "card" of a good home.

The conversation with the girls was held in English, while the father and mother speak neither English nor any foreign language besides Persian. The two charming little girls, pretty and alert, served as our interpreters. At first we spoke with them through the openings of the shutters on the terrace since the family was fearful of granting admission to a stranger. It was only after lengthy explanations that they opened the door of their house. and the first question we presented to them was...

Christian school, and not to a Hebrew school in the city where they live? The reply can be an indication of the care the family received, and casts light on the problems that immigrants who are not altogether immigrants confront in Israel.

"We left Iran six months ago. At first we traveled to England. After several weeks, we saw that we would not be able to live there because of the high cost of living, and we came therefore to Israel. We love Israel and want to settle here. But we have problems that haven't yet been solved. The girls speak English, because they went to an English school in Iran also. During the three months we were in England we placed them in a private school and paid about IL 6,000 per month tuition for the two of them. When we came to Israel, it was almost the end of the school year, that is the third trimester of the year, and we therefore decided to register them again in an English school, since they didn't know any Hebrew, and we wanted them to find some friends to talk to. Also, we were worried that they wouldn't lose the credit for the school year. They completed the year with excellent marks."

And what then? What will be with the coming year of studies in about five weeks? Will they return to the English-Christian school in Jaffa, or will they be integrated into a local Hebrew school? "In the Jaffa school we paid IL 2,000 per month tuition for the two of them. In comparison to the tuition in England, this seems to us quite inexpensive. We know that in the Jewish school we won't have to pay any tuition, but we still don't know where we will be living. It's hard to continue in this place in any decent way. We are very much hoping that the girls will be able to attend a Hebrew school. But the question is: Who will help them in Hebrew? How will they be integrated into the society without any knowledge of the language? How will they be able to learn all the subjects without any basis in Hebrew?"

The head of the house is still unemployed. Little by little they are consuming the scant savings they brought with them. In Iran the father dealt in the rug trade. It was for this reason that he first traveled from Iran after the Houmeni revolution to England, because he had traded with this country, and he had connections and acquaintances there. In Iran the girls had not studied at a Jewish school, so that the parents saw nothing unusual in sending the girls to an English-Christian school in Israel.

In this connection a question comes up: Did those who engage in absorption of new immigrants try to dissuade them from sending their daughters to the school of the Mission? Was there anyone who offered the girls lessons in Hebrew in order to ease their absorption into the country? Was there anyone who came to see to it that this family had a Jewish social life, as well as other families like them? Why are they coming now with complaints to the Office of Education as to why it permits Jewish children to study at Christian schools? Are we helping them in their absorption into the country?

When we asked the girls whether they liked the English-Christian school in Jaffa, the reply was positive, instantaneous, and with a smile: "Yes, we have someone to talk to there. After school we have no friends because we don't know Hebrew." From the girls we learned that in the Jaffa school there are about 30 other Iranian-Jewish schoolchildren studying there. They also added: "There is no religious coercion at all. We don't pray nor study the New Testament or anything Christian." Nevertheless, it is clear that the fact that they are students at a missionary school in which many of the children of foreign diplomats are studying adds nothing to the "Jewish consciousness" of the girls, and is not easing their spiritual absorption into the land.

The members of the family we spoke to, who for obvious reasons did not want their names publicized, have left their large family behind in Iran. The parents, uncles, brothers and sisters, grandparents, are all still there, and they have only roundabout and scattered information about them. It is known that some of them have been deprived of their homes and businesses. This is news that is hard to call good news. They submit themselves to the verdict. The parents of the two girls look like a gracious young couple who want to be absorbed as new immigrants and to begin a new life in Israel. The father asked me where I could help him find work. "It's hard to remain idle without a thing to do, without a knowledge of the language and without a profession, and just to consume one's savings. Israel is wonderful, and we're hoping that we can settle down quickly," the daughter translates her father's remarks.

They asked me for my telephone number, which I gave to them. But I would rather pass their address on, as well as the addresses of all those other families who have reached us from Iran, to those same elements whose duty is to handle them and to help them, whether it be the Former-Iranians organization or the official absorption agencies of the Gov't (MORE)

and the Jewish Agency. True, these are not new immigrants who have come to the Maabarot (primitive transit camps of the 1950s...TRANS), nor are these immigrants from distressed countries who have arrived by way of the Immigration Dept of the Jewish Agency and receive the standard attention. These are not Vietnamese, refugees from decrepit boats on the high seas. These are Jewish refugees who have fled their country and have come to us, and are sitting here on their suitcases alone and forlorn...not on Jewish Agency beds, not in Absorption Centres, but in a flat which they have rented with their own money, and are eating on their own account, and paying the tuition of their daughters with good money. It appears that the sin of these "Persians" is that they came to Israel as tourists, and for this reason the official bodies are ignoring them, or may not even know about them. END

DATE: 26.7.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ITEM  
 HEADING: "FORTY JEWISH CHILDREN WHO EMIGRATED TO ISRAEL FROM IRAN ABSORBED IN THE MISSION"  
 QUOTE : About 40 Jewish children who have recently emigrated from Iran to Israel have been absorbed in the Mission. This was reported this morning on the "Voice of Israel" radio station. It was stated that twenty of the children have been absorbed in the Jerusalem mission, and the others sent to the Anglican mission in Jaffa. The Bureau of Education is following the matter. END

DATE: 31.7.79 JOURNAL: "HAAHETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ITEM  
 HEADING: "YOUTH ALIYA: THE IRANIAN CHILDREN STUDYING IN THE MISSION HAVE NOT DROPPED OUT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS"  
 QUOTE : "With all due regret, Youth Aliya is unable to prevent Jewish children <sup>who come from Iran</sup> from studying in the Mission," Yosef Shapiro, head of Youth Aliya, stated in response to reports which have recently been published, according to which tens of Iranian children are being educated in the institutions of the Mission in Israel. "Contrary to what has been published, these children have not dropped out of the institutions of Youth Aliya," Shapiro said, "but were directed to the Mission institutions by their parents or relatives, and Youth Aliya is unable to intervene. Some of these children have studied in Christian institutions in Iran." Shapiro added that Youth Aliya had passed on information concerning this phenomenon, and notwithstanding, no one took any step to prevent it. "Instead, various bodies, institutions, and persons preferred to turn over the information to the media, something which is liable to damage the whole matter of the emigration of children to Israel from Iran. This is in absolute contradiction to the policy of Youth Aliya which from the beginning of the Aliya from Iran has tried with all its might to implement a news blackout on the subject." END

DATE: 31.7.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "JOSEPH SHAPIRO, HEAD OF YOUTH ALIYA: IRANIAN CHILDREN STUDYING IN THE MISSION HAVE NOT DROPPED OUT OF OUR INSTITUTIONS"  
 QUOTE : "With all due regret... (identical to previous item until "news blackout..." and additional material as follows):- In response to the accusations of persons from the kibbutz movement, according to which Youth Aliya is preventing Iranian youth from being directed to secular institutions and prefers to direct them to religious institutions (See DAVAR 26.7), Yoske Shapiro stated that "this accusation is grotesque. The parents who send their children from Iran are those who determine the kind of education they will receive, and we always respect the wishes of the parents. An absurd situation has developed," Shapiro added, "in that ultra-orthodox circles are conducting a campaign against us because, according to them we are directing religious children to secular institutions whereas certain persons in the kibbutz movement are accusing us with the very opposite. The truth is, as stated, that in the matter of directing the children we act as the agents of the parents. The very fact that the two sides are casting accusations at us only proves the rightness of our way."

Meanwhile, it was announced that 300 of the 900 Iranian children who came to ultra-orthodox institutions in the U.S.A. without their parents have dropped out of these institutions and - it is not known what has become of them. In the Youth Aliya institutions in Israel about 700/youths <sup>Iranian</sup> have been absorbed to date who have arrived without their parents.

DATE: 1.8.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "NO PROOFS OF CHILDREN BEING IN INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSION" END ARTICLE  
 BYLINE : "Davar" Correspondent

QUOTE : The Bureau of Education & Culture has found no verification of the claims of MK Moshe Katsav that 70 New Immigrant children from Iran are in the Mission. The Director of the Students Dept in the Bureau, Yitshak Friedman, has investigated this claim, and has submitted his findings to Minister Zevulun Hammer. Friedman says that after clarifying this matter in recent days he has come to the conclusion that none knows of more than one family who came from Iran, which has two daughters studying at a non-Jewish school in Jaffa.

The staff of "Yad L'Akchim" (antimissionary society TRANSL) which engages in the location of Jewish children who may be found in non-Jewish institutions, is the one which ~~gave~~ <sup>gave</sup> MK Katsav this erroneous information, for which they have no proofs. The Director of the Anglican School in Jerusalem declares that his school has not absorbed one single child from Iran. The Director of the Scottish School in Jaffa confirmed that there have been four students from Iran in their school, two of whom left last year and only two girls from the same family remain. The Bureau of Education intends to contact the family with the two girls in the Scottish school in order to convince them to transfer the girls to a Jewish school and to assist them in their absorption into Israel. END ARTICLE.

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: DAVAR (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "NOTWITHSTANDING THE DENIALS, KATSAV: TENS OF CHILDREN OF NEW IMMIGRANTS IN THE MISSION."

BYLINE : Tova Tsimoki, Davar Correspondent

QUOTE : In a letter that was sent yesterday to the Minister of Education, Zevulun Hammer, MK Katsav charges that notwithstanding the denials of the Minister, there are <sup>tens</sup> ~~tens~~ of children of new immigrants in the institutions of the Mission. Katsav based his remarks on the remarks of the head of the Division of Youth Aliya in the Jewish Agency, Yosef Shapiro, who confirmed that tens of children of new immigrants from Iran are studying in these institutions. END ITEM

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "HAAFAETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "WHERE ARE THE IRANIANS?"

QUOTE : MK Moshe Katsav again charged yesterday in a letter to the Minister of Education and Culture, Zevulun Hammer, that despite the denials broadcast on the radio, "there are tens of new immigrants from Iran studying at church institutions, and instead of confronting the <sup>serious</sup> problem, they reply to him that they are not studying in the Mission but in non-Jewish schools in Christian surroundings." MK Katsav claims that the head of the department of Youth Aliya, Yosef Shapiro, has confirmed that tens of children of new immigrants from Iran are studying in these institutions, and the matter was verified in a news article by Ada Cohen in MAARIV on the 27th July. (See P.2 herein) END ITEM

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "HA'MODIYA" (HEB AM AGUDAT YISRAEL) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "OFFICE OF EDUCATION: THERE ARE NOT SEVENTY CHILDREN FROM IRAN IN THE MISSION-- ONLY TWO GIRLS... 'YAD L'AKHIM' GAVE ERRONEOUS INFORMATION"

QUOTE : The Office of Education & Culture found no confirmation to the charge that there are 70 children of Iranian new immigrants in the Mission. As will be recalled, MK Rabbi Menahem Porush submitted a Parliamentary Query on this subject, and it was also reported in the name of MK Moshe Katsav that 70 Jewish children who had emigrated to Israel from Iran are studying in the Mission in Jerusalem and in Jaffa. In the wake of the publicity, the Minister of Education & Culture instructed the Director of the Students Division in his office, Mr. Yitzhak Friedman, to investigate this charge and to submit his findings.

Mr. Friedman states in the report that he submitted to the Minister of Education that after he clarified the matter he came to the conclusion that no one knows of more than one family who have come from Iran, with two girls studying at a non-Jewish school in Jaffa. (THE REST OF THIS IS IDENTICAL WITH PREVIOUS ITEM WHICH APPEARED UNDER DATE 1.8.79 in DAVAR UNDER HEADING: "NO PROOFS OF CHILDREN..." FOR WHICH SEE BOTTOM PAGE 5 HEREIN)

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "SHEARIM" (HEB AM POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL) NEWS ITEM

NO HEADING: THIS IS A BRIEF TWO-LINE PARAGRAPH SUMMARY OF THE PREVIOUS ITEM.

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "NO PROOFS OF CHILDREN BEING IN INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSION"

(THIS IS IDENTICAL TO THE NEWS ARTICLE APPEARING IN DAVAR AS NOTED ABOVE...p.5 <sup>here-</sup> <sub>in</sub>)

DATE: 25.7.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "PROPOSING 'SOLUTION' TO YOUNG COUPLES SEEKING FLATS--CONVERT TO CHRISTIANITY AND EMIGRATE TO CANADA"

QUOTE : Charges of breaking promises, a humiliating attitude on the part of the authorities and brutal physical injuries on the part of the police were raised yesterday by representatives of the young couples who on Sunday morning blocked the central intersections in Tel-Aviv. <sup>said</sup> "All our lives we have lived in the slums, and now we want to smell the northside," <sup>said</sup> Zvon Algerasi, Chairman of "Galam" (anagram for the organization "Roof for the Young People of the Centre of the Country" TRANSL). This is an organization representing about 500 families who live in <sup>small</sup> rented rooms for young couples, which was set up from funds contributed by "Robins" in Jaffa-Gimmel, Neve Eliczer and in Tel-Cabir.

Algerasi spoke at a press conference at Sokolow House in Tel Aviv. With him appeared David Halgoah and Herzl Barzani. The representatives of the young couples asked "pardon of the public for the suffering caused" as a result of the gigantic traffic snarls which developed in the city in the course of the demonstration. "We are not criminals and seeking violence," they stated. According to them, they were attacked by the police. Among the spokesmen there was also an IDF invalid who, according to him, was beaten by the police near his home.

The spokesmen described the via dolorosa they passed over before they decided to go out to the streets to demonstrate. They explained that this group of young couples had to pass difficult criteria in order to merit a rental flat of 60 metres square. The project involved a promise to the young people of a permanent dwelling after a period of savings of five years duration. This promise was given when they entered the "Robins Dwellings" in 1977. At that time they had paid a monthly rental of IL 150.- in addition to a monthly savings plan in the Bank Tefahot in the amount of IL 300. (There follows a description of their contacts with the Tel-Aviv municipal authorities and the complications which developed as a result of the spiralling inflation. The article concludes with a quotation including the curious remark upon which the headline is based, as follows:)

The General-Director of the "Misrad Hashikun" (Housing Bureau), Mr. Alback, made it clear that we will be required to take out a linked mortgage of IL 700,000, which is above our means," said Mr. Algerasi. "They propose to us that we convert to Christianity and then emigrate to Canada. There are those who are weighing this enticing proposal," the spokesman said. "If they will not help us, then we shall degenerate into poverty and the social gap will widen," he warned. END ARTICLE

DATE: 28.7.79 JOURNAL: "HAMODIYA" (HEB AM AGUDAT YISRAEL) PARLIAMENTARY REPORT  
HEADING: "CAMPAIGN TO CURB LAND PURCHASES IN THE HANDS OF THE MISSION"

QUOTE : Concerning the campaign of the Govt offices to curb the phenomenon of land purchases in the hands of the mission, there was a report last week by the Minister of Agriculture on the Knesset podium when he replied to a parliamentary query of MK Rabbi Shlomo Yaacov Gross. Minister Sharon related that his office has initiated a proposed law to correct the legal situation at present in everything connected with the activities of the Mission, and especially the activities of the Emma Berger sect, which is buying up lands at extravagant prices in Zicron Yaacov far above the actual value. The Minister stated that the proposal is under discussion among official sources in the Justice Dept.

Minister Sharon also disclosed that instructions have been issued to the Israel Lands Authority, which is under the supervision of the Ministry of Agriculture, to watch closely the land purchases of the type made by the Emma Berger sect in order to find a solution which will curb them in accordance with the existing legal situation.

MK Rabbi Gross who raised the issue with the minister has claimed on the basis of the publication of a news item in "HAMODIYA" that the sect is buying up "house after house and plot after plot," and demanded an investigation of the (financial) sources of the sect. The Minister of Agriculture replied to the questioner that his department does not engage in examining the fiscal sources of the sect, and admitted that in view of the present legal situation he has no juridical instruments at hand to prevent the above-mentioned purchases. The sole possibility that remains is to prepare for juridical activities for curbing the purchases, and this is being done at present by the Ministry of Agriculture in cooperation with the Justice Dept. Alertness will be required of the representatives of the Agudat Yisrael party to speed up the realization of the proposed legal amendment of the Minister in order to deal with the situation properly. END ARTICLE

DATE: 29.7.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM NRP) EDITORIAL  
HEADING: "REMOVAL OF IMMIGRANT YOUTHS FROM THE MISSION"

QUOTE : The 70 young people from Iran who are being educated in Israel in institutions of the Mission, have they been unable to find Jewish absorption institutions in Israel which can absorb new immigrants in sufficient numbers? There exists a special department in the Jewish Agency for Youth Aliya and for its absorption into Israel. There are many agencies which deal with the absorption of youth. Agricultural enterprises absorb children and immigrant youth. According to one report, the youths who are being educated in the Mission places were directed there by their parents. If the information is true, then this is truly an astonishing thing, that Jewish youth from Iran, the children of a rescue aliya from a Diaspora in which a hostile regime exists, having come to Israel, have been directed to the agencies of apostasy of the Mission. And how do the Jews of Iran in Israel reconcile themselves to this shame, even if the parents of the youths have sent them to the Mission? They must be removed from thence with maximum speed. We may assume that

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contact with the parents will enable their removal on their own once suitable places of absorption are prepared for them. It is most strange that the Jews of Iran who have brought their children to Israel should have them educated in the Mission!

According to the announcement of the secular kibbutz movement, it was proposed to the Jewish Agency that they are ready to absorb children and young people without restrictions, but the reply given them was that "most of the children and young people come from homes of a traditional religious background, and therefore they are not being directed to secular settlements." Now, see, seventy young <sup>people</sup> absorbed into the agencies of the Mission! The Jewish Agency gave an apt reply in its refusal to send children and young people who are observant of Jewish tradition to secular kibbutzim. It would be a dreadful wrong to convert them from the religion and tradition of their fathers. It is of concern to know the extent of participation of religious absorption agencies and religious kibbutzim in the absorption of the children and young people from Iran. According to the report, those who are being educated in the Mission agencies were not at first within the framework of Youth Aliya but reached there (at the Mission), as previously stated, through their parents. Their deliverance from the Mission is a most urgent obligation. END EDITORIAL

DATE: 1.8.79 JOURNAL: "HAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "BUREAU OF EDUCATION INVESTIGATION: ONLY TWO GIRLS FROM IRAN STUDYING AT NON-JEWISH SCHOOL... NO CONFIRMATION OF MK KATSAV CHARGE THAT 70 CHILDREN OF NEW IMMIGRANTS FROM IRAN ARE TO BE FOUND IN THE MISSION"

QUOTE : The Bureau of Education and Culture has found no confirmation of the claim of MK Moshe Katsav who charged that 70 children of new immigrants from Iran are to be found in the Mission in Jerusalem and Jaffa. (ARTICLE IDENTICAL WITH NEWS REPORT ON PAGE 4 BOTTOM & TOP PAGE 5 from "DAVAR" HEADED: "NO PROOFS OF CHILDREN...")

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: "JERUSALEM POST" (ENGLISH AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "ONLY TWO IRANIAN GIRLS ATTENDING MISSION SCHOOL"

BYLINE : Benny Morris, Jerusalem Post Reporter

QUOTE : The Education Ministry has denied Likud MK Moshe Katsav's charge that dozens of newly-arrived Iranian children are studying in mission schools. It wound up an investigation into the charge on Tuesday. Katsav alleged 10 days ago that 70 Iranian children were enrolled in Mission schools in Jaffa and Jerusalem. Katsav later modified his charge to say that only 40 were attending mission schools, and the remaining 30 were in private schools.

Yitzhak Friedman, chief of the ministry's Pupils Division, headed the investigation. He concluded that, "as far as I can ascertain," only two sisters were enrolled in a "non-Jewish school in Jaffa." The ministry intends to "approach" the two girls' parents to persuade them to transfer the girls to a Jewish school, a ministry spokesman said yesterday. But Katsav stood by his charge. He said yesterday that 15 Iranian children were enrolled in a mission school in Jerusalem's Rehov Hanevi'im and 25 were enrolled in the Scottish and French schools in Jaffa. He admitted that it was unclear whether the latter two schools are missionary or simply "foreign" schools. END ARTICLE

DATE: 30.7.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "WIEN A BEAUTY QUEEN KIDNAPS A MISSIONARY"

BYLINE : Zeev Yafet PHOTO INSET: The Mormon clergyman, Kirk Anderson, with "Haaretz" Correspondent.  
 SUMMARY: This is a review of a sensational British case during the past year of a Mormon missionary from the U.S.A. allegedly kidnapped by a former beauty queen from Wyoming in Britain and raped, the Mormon presently living in a kibbutz and ministering to the Mormon students who come to Israel in groups. The beauty queen and her male collaborator are being charged by the British authorities, and the case is due to be adjudicated.

#### SUBJECT TWO: CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

DATE: 1.6.79 JOURNAL: "THE JEWISH RECORD" (ATLANTIC CITY, NJ) NEWS ITEM  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN SETTLERS IN ISRAEL DISCUSS HOLOCAUST ON TV TODAY"

QUOTE : "The People of Nes Anin," a moving one-hour documentary, on "Bill Moyers Journal" on Public Broadcasting System, Educational Channel 12, has been scheduled for showing tonight, 9:00 o'clock to 10:00 p.m., according to the Federation of Jewish Agencies.

"What is the Christian responsibility for anti-Semitism <sup>and</sup> For the Holocaust?" These significant questions are answered in provocative fashion by a group of Christians now residing in this Israeli village. Moyers probes the motivations of this unique group which settled in Israel after World War II. Now the community is welcome among the Israeli population, and sees itself bringing to the attention of the Christian world its responsibilities for antisemitism and for permitting the Holocaust. END ITEM

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DATE: 27.7.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH AM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "NEW RIGHT EVOKES OLD FEARS IN FRANCE"

BYLINE : Robin Smyth/Paris

EXCERPTS: "For 30 years the understanding in French national life has been that the Right governs and the Left thinks," wrote the left-wing weekly "Le Nouvel Observateur" in a long and deeply troubled cover story about a new arrival on the French intellectual horizon. What worried the magazine's investigators was the smooth invasion of the leftwing intellectuals' territory by a group of new elitists, new anti-Marxists, new pagans and perhaps neo-Fascists who call themselves the New Right....But the rightist newcomers, with their rejection of equality, their contempt for the "Judeo-Christian" tradition, and their search for the West's "Indo-European" roots, are boldly reviving notions that have led an isolated, outlawed existence since the liberation....The New Right reject both Jesus and Marx and purveyors of egalitarian doctrines. (Louis) Pauwels ("novelist, director of the Saturday colour magazine of the conservative "LE FIGARO" and patron of the New Right" ) insists that he has no wish to make his magazine an exclusively rightist forum, and some of the liberals on "Figaro's" staff are now hitting back. Jean d'Ormesson, "LE FIGARO" editor, announced in his column in the magazine that he belonged to "the cursed race of liberals." He declared: "I feel myself to be Judeo-Christian." END EXCERPTS

DATE: 30.7.79 JOURNAL: "SHEARIM" (HEB AM POALEI AGUDAT YISRAEL) EXPOSE ARTICLE

HEADING: "MOST DANGEROUS REFORM MACHINATIONS"

QUOTE : There is no limit to the dangerous machinations of the Reformists (within Judaism). They engage in all sorts of activities, if only to becloud the Jewish consciousness of the masses of Jews. They have one aspiration: The general assimilation, Heaven forbid, of the Jewish people. Concerning the latest Reform machination the following report is found in the newspaper "Davar", as follows: (SEE ALSO SELECTIONS No. 60, 2nd item under "C" on p.8 headed: "TORAH SCROLL LAY BESIDE THE CROSS...")

"Fifty rabbis, clergymen and nuns took part in an interreligious worship service which took place at the beginning of the month in the St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Manhattan. The worship was conducted by the minister of the church, Ralph A. Peterson and Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman of the Central Synagogue. The worship service was organized by a joint committee set up a few months ago to set up guidelines for Jewish-Christian worship. In the committee there were representatives of two organizations--the Union of American-Jewish Congregations (a Reform organization) and the National Council of Christian Churches. The Jewish-Christian service opened with the sounding of a Christian hymn and included the Christian credo, the "Shema" (HEAR O ISRAEL) and the reading in Hebrew and English of excerpts from the Book of Deuteronomy."

The news is given within the framework and headline of "JEWISH-CHRISTIAN WORSHIP" without denouncing the machination, as if to "bless" such precedents, and this is indeed a danger. One must be apprehensive lest such precedents will <sup>but</sup> the abyss of difference between Judaism and Christians. This is indeed a fearful scandal, uniting the reading of the "SHEMA" (HEAR O ISRAEL) with, on the contrary, the <sup>Christian</sup> credo. For many generations Jews were burnt at the stake by Christian clergymen because they would not deny their faith in the Unity of God, their souls expiring with the proclamation of this Unity in the "SHEMA YISRAEL" (HEAR O ISRAEL), and now, behold, this sacrilege! This admixture of the pure prayer of the Unity of God with, to the contrary, that of the Christians! Indeed, this is a morbid, insane machination which only the Reformists are capable of attaining to. And in the Land of Israel there are those who wish to recognize Reform "conversions" (to Judaism). O, you blind ones in the Knesset and in authority--open your eyes wide and see: These are the Reformists!

END EXPOSE.

DATE: 2.8.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE ("CONTEXT")

HEADING: "PLEA TO OBERAMMERGAU"

BYLINE : Lynette Shifman (SPECIAL TO THE JERUSALEM POST)

EXCERPTS: "I had never encountered so much hate, lies and ugliness. I sat through it in amazement and then I decided to do something." David Plotnik was referring to the Oberammergau Passion play which he attended nine years ago. The play, which depicts the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus, is performed every 10 years in the German town of Oberammergau, 70 km southwest of Munich. Plotnik was horrified to see that it portrays the Jews as evil, conniving killers of Christ. American-born Plotnik heads a small group of Israelis who recently sent letters protesting the antisemitism of the production to the Pope, the Catholic Academy of Bavaria, the burgenmeister of Oberammergau and West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt. Plotnik, who has organized protest groups in the U.S. is now drawing on that experience in his campaign to inform the Israeli public about the play. He asks people to sign petitions and then periodically writes or telephones them. He estimates that about (none)

two percent of those who sign the petition join his group. The organization has a nucleus of 20 active members in Tel-Aviv, Haifa, Ashkelon and Ashdod. Each has a list of about 25 other who are willing to hand out leaflets and gather signatures for the petition. The group plans to organize protest rallies on various campuses and in front of the German Embassy in Tel-Aviv, and to write letters to various governmental and religious authorities. "I am hoping to get Israelis involved in this issue," said Plotnik, "but it is quite difficult. Many Israelis feel there are enough problems and some are more vital than the anti-semitic content of the Oberammergau Passion Play."

Manny M. Wolfe, who now lives in Israel but grew up near Oberammergau, recalls the ugliness which accompanied each Passion Play produced in that town of 4,700. As a youngster, he was taunted by Christian children with "Jew boy, Jew boy, you killed Christ," and after watching the play a gang of 13-year-olds tried to crucify a 7-year old Jewish boy returning from Sabbath services, he said....

Plotnik wants the town to go back to <sup>the</sup> Rosner version (a Benedictine monk who wrote a version in 1750 which depicted the "Jewish people as representing mankind torn between heaven and hell," and showed that not all Jews were evil, avaricious and against Jesus.) "So far we have tried to pressure German authorities and Christian religious leaders. I think the time is ripe for a change in the 1980 Passion Play, especially after the German reaction to the telecasted "Holocaust" program and the passage of the retention of prosecution of Nazi murderers," he said....

Albert Spiegel, cultural attaché of the West German Embassy in Israel, believes that the texts should be changed to avoid misunderstanding, but feels that the play doesn't have a great impact today because it is only seen by a select audience.

The people of Oberammergau are divided on the issue of revising the text. The burgermeister opposes the idea because the "Daisenberger version reflects the New Testament as it is written." He fears that any changes may cause harm to the community's only industry-- the Passion Play, and its attendant tourist trade...

The play, 18 hours long with 18 separate acts and numerous tableaux and musical embellishments, is too complicated to change for the 1980 production, according to the burgermeister. Hans Meier, a woodcutter and producer of the Passion Play, promised "to make drastic changes in the Daisenberger version to conform as far as possible to the proclamation of the Second Vatican Council regarding relations between Jews and Christians." But Plotnik is not sure that even drastic changes will suffice. END ARTICLE

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ALSO NOTE: REPEATING POSTSCRIPT TO SELECTIONS NO. 59, THAT THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UCCI HAVE DECIDED THAT DUE TO THE INFLATIONARY SPIRAL THERE WILL BE A MODEST CONTRIBUTION REQUESTED FROM READERS OF THIS CLIPPINGS SERVICE IN THE AMOUNT OF THIRTY FIVE (IL 35.-) ISRAELI LIROT (OR US\$4.50 ABROAD) PER ANNUM FOR THOSE WISHING TO CONTINUE TO RECEIVE THE SELECTIONS. YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE APPRECIATED IF IT HAS NOT YET BEEN FORTHCOMING.

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SUBJECT 3. "CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS"

DATE: 21.6.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN TELAVIV (GERMAN) READERS' LETTER  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL"

SUMMARY: The letter is a response to an article appearing in this paper entitled "Christian Zionists in Israel" by S. Bein. The writer protests against the use of the term inasmuch as "Zion" and "Zionism" are exclusively related to the Jewish people. While Christians may legitimately have a theoretical interest in the subject, they should have no active involvement, neither should they be founding settlements here. "Has this land not lain waste for thousands of years until the rightful people returned home? Should not the Jews alone create the new Zion? I think we have demonstrated quite well that we can accomplish the work without any help!!!...If these "friends" really want to help, then they have a place in the great German Reich much important work to do....(in resisting neo-Nazism)..." The writer concludes with the demand that non-Jewish elements should not intervene in a Jewish enterprise. SIGNED: WERA KAPLAN, RAMAT GAN

DATE: 26.7.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN TELAVIV (GERMAN) READERS' LETTER  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS IN ISRAEL"

SUMMARY: This is a reply to the above-mentioned letter of Wera Kaplan, which it is charged must be very painful to Christian friends of Israel and cannot go unanswered. "There have been Christian Zionists from the very beginning of the Zionist movement," he writes, and refers first to the British Chaplain in Vienna, Rev. Hechler, who was an active helper of Theodore Herzl. "Nahum Sokolow, in his book, "HISTORY OF ZIONISM" (London 1919, Bdl) noted a whole galaxy of Christian Zionists, as did N.M. Gelber, in his work "The Pre-history of Zionism" ("VORGESCHICHTE DES ZIONISMUS" Wien 1927)." He also refers to the significance of "Nes Amin" near Nahariya as "an important point of contact for friends of Israel known throughout the world." The writer warns that any strictures against Christian friends in Israel can only have a <sup>very</sup> negative effect on Diaspora Jewry who can suffer from the effects of strictures against local Christians in Israel. He concludes: "Only a Jew for whom the Bible is altogether alien can take such a negative stance towards Christian Zionists, for such a person has clearly not read the prophetic word:

"THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS: IN THOSE DAYS TEN MEN FROM THE NATIONS  
 OF EVERY TONGUE SHALL TAKE HOLD OF THE ROBE OF A JEW SAYING, 'LET  
 US GO WITH YOU, FOR WE HAVE HEARD THAT GOD IS WITH YOU.'" (Zechariah 8:23)

LETTER SIGNED: SCHALOM BEN-CHORIN, JERUSALEM.

DATE: 9.7.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEBREW A.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN CLERGYMAN FROM FRANCE: 'ISRAEL HAS NOT DISPOSSESSED ANYONE'  
 ('IN THE PREVIOUS CENTURY THERE WERE MORE JEWS IN JERUSALEM THAN MUSLIMS OR CHRISTIANS')"

BYLINE: "Haaretz" Correspondent

QUOTE: "The State of Israel has not dispossessed anyone," Fr. Michel Riquet, a Jesuit clergyman from France, stated in a lecture that he delivered last week at "France House" of the Hebrew University upon receiving an honorary doctorate. "Tel-Aviv did not even exist before the arrival of the <sup>Jewish</sup> pioneers, and the Valley of Jezreel was a swamp. Turkish statistics and Franciscan statistics prove that at the end of the previous century there were more Jews in Jerusalem than there were Muslims or Christians. The Jews were driven out of the Old City of Jerusalem by soldiers of the Arab (Jordanian) Legion in 1948."

Fr. Riquet's sympathy for the Jewish people began a long time before World War II, and it finds expression to this day in articles, speeches, and the many works that he has performed for the Jewish people and the State of Israel. At present, Fr. Riquet summed up, 4,000 years after Abraham there are in the world 15 million Jews, a billion Christians and 500 million Muslims. All of them regard Abraham as their father and wish to serve his God. Nevertheless, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob entered into history thanks to the Jewish people, and this is something that Christians and Muslims must not forget.

DATE: 11.7.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN CLERGYMAN'S OPINION ABOUT ISRAEL"

QUOTE: "The State of Israel has not dispossessed anyone," Fr. Michel... (as above) (Additional material:) "The Jews never entirely left the Land of Israel in any period," Fr. Riquet added. He is one who rescued many Jews during World War II, and fought against the Nazis in the ranks of the French Resistance, was even caught and sent away to the concentration camps of Matthausen and Dacau....Concerning his stay in the concentration camps, he does not elaborate. One of the most shocking experiences he had was his encounter with the Jews of Hungary who were brought in masses to the concentration camp and did not stop daily public prayers notwithstanding the frightful conditions in which they were kept.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

- A. DATE: 5.7.79 JOURNAL: JERUSHALTON (HEBREW WEEKLY IND) FEATURE ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "NUNS IN JEEPS IN FLOWERY DRESSES"  
 BYLINE: Dalia Sharon PHOTO INSET: "The nun Zina on the steps of St. Joseph:  
 'The traditional nun's habit I've given to  
 another nun.'"  
 SUMMARY: A sympathetic full-page story describing St. Joseph's convent on Rehov Ha-  
 Nevviim in Jerusalem, its history and of the order which it is a part of, the life  
 of nuns ("to demonstrate to the surroundings the Gospel of God and of Jesus which is  
 reflected in the work of the nuns"), the external changes such as ordinary attire  
 replacing traditional habits of the nuns, their contacts with Jews, Muslims and other  
 Christians, as reflected in an interview with Sister Zina, who also speaks fluent  
 Hebrew, "and listening to her it would be hard to detect the trace of a foreign accent  
 in her speech." END
- B. DATE: 5.7.79 JOURNAL: "JERUSHALTON" (HEB WEEKLY IND) FEATURE ("PEOPLE")  
 HEADING: "THE RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE A LA PAUL SOLOMON"  
 PHOTO: PAUL SOLOMON: "The dark night of the soul."  
 SUMMARY: A three-column review of an American "guru" who has come to Zion with "wonder  
 medication" for the world's ills, who was to lecture for one week in Jerusalem and Tel-  
 Aviv, based on "the apparent feeling that the end of the world is nigh." Solomon is  
 a Baptist clergyman who has abandoned organized Christianity following a spiritual  
 crisis which he terms "the dark night of the soul" under the impact of the Christian  
 mystic, St. John of the Cross. There is also the suggestion of parapsychological powers  
 contained in the literature of his Israeli liaison. Solomon has also founded a "New Age  
 Movement" and "Fellowship of the New Light" to propagate his vision. END
- C. DATE: 27.7.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE  
 HEADING: "A TRAGICOMIC PERFORMANCE"  
 EXCERPT: During World War I a correspondence developed in the London TIMES as to whe-  
 ther Christianity had failed. Israel Zangwill--intervening, as a Jew, with some dif-  
 fidence in the discussion of such a topic--suggested that Christianity had not failed;  
 it had just not been tried. In Israel today it may be said with absolute certainty  
 the Likud policy has not failed; no serious attempt has been made to implement it...  
 END EXCERPT (BYLINE: Shmuel Katz)

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