

SUBJECT ONE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 5.10.79 JOURNAL: "KOL HA'IR" JERUSALEM (HEBREW J'LM WEEKLY) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "TERROR AGAINST BIBLE-SELLING SHOP"

QUOTE: Unknown persons have smashed the window pane and broken the sign on the new Bible shop on Rehov Jaffa 17. The incident apparently took place last Thursday evening. According to one of the workers in the shop, they have been threatened and accused of missionary activity. For the two weeks preceding the incident a young man wearing a skullcap, having an American accent, entered the shop and announced: "You will be having trouble here yet."

The management of the shop has sent a letter to the Mayor with a copy to the police, in which they underscored the gravity of the act. They emphasize in their letter that the sole purpose of the shop is to distribute the Tenakh (Old Testament) and the New Testament in the vernacular and at an accessible price for everyone. The shop serves as the Israeli Agency of the World Society for the Distribution of the Holy Scriptures, and was active in Jerusalem between the years 1816-1949. In the wake of the War of Independence it was obliged to move to Haifa. In the year 1978 a decision was made to return to Israel's capital, and about three months ago the shop was opened.

According to the staff, this is not the first time that extremists have attacked their agencies. At the beginning of the 1970s a shop belonging to the Society in Ashdod was set afire. Also at previous book fairs, and especially in 1977, there were violent attacks around the book stalls of the Holy Scripture Society. END ARTICLE

DATE: 14.10.79 JOURNAL: "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" (HEBREW P.M. INDEPENDENT) FEATURE EXPOSE

HEADING: "DOZENS OF DROPOUTS IN VIENNA AND ROME ARE CONVERTING TO CHRISTIANITY EACH MONTH IN ORDER TO GAIN SUPPORT OF MISSIONARY WELFARE ORGANIZATION"

BYLINE: Ruth Schreiber PHOTO INSET: (1) Dr. Yuli Goldman (2) Soviet Jewish Emigres in SUMMARY & EXCERPTS: Most of the article deals with the {Transit Camp, Vienna

phenomenon of Soviet-Jewish emigres with Israeli visas who are encouraged to drop out allegedly by the offers made to them by various organizations, several of them Jewish, with only passing mention of alleged missionary offers, as well as the work of Dr. Goldman in trying to persuade dropouts to continue on to Israel. Following is the lead paragraph and the relevant "missionary" material in the second half of the article:

From among the 40,000 Jews who left the boundaries of the U.S.S.R. in 1978, about one-half of them chose not to emigrate to Israel. By the end of 1979 it is estimated that the number of Jews leaving the USSR will reach 55,000. About 70% of them will drop out and emigrate to other countries. While the group of immigrants bound for Israel fly out in a few days, the dropouts remain in Vienna where various organizations and bodies come to their aid, competing for the right to help them, to obtain entry visas for them to the U.S.A. or other Western countries. Besides HIAS ("Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society") which is the main Jewish executor (or administrator), also operating in Vienna are the staff of the Tolstoy Fund, an organization which assists Soviet dissidents; the staff of "Caritas," a welfare and missionary organization, and also the organization "Rav-Tov", a branch of "Neturei Karta" (an extremist ultra-orthodox anti-Zionist Jewish sect), which do everything possible to deter Soviet emigrés from immigrating to Israel. "Caritas" and also "Tolstoy Fund" provide much assistance to Soviet emigrés staying in Vienna and Rome, and offer them much better terms than those offered by "HIAS". This appears to be the main reason that many dozens of Jews are converting to Christianity each month in order to merit the attention of these bodies." (END EXCERPTS)

DATE: 22.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH A.M. IND.) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "COURTS: GERMAN SECT CAN BUILD BINYAMINA HOMES"

BYLINE: Yaacov Friedler, J.P. reporter

EXCERPTS: Haifa.- The German Christian Bethel sect headed by Emma Berger may continue building four 3-storey apartment houses in Binyamina, the Haifa Magistrates and District Courts have ruled. The messianic sect, led by a former nurse from southern Germany, has for the past 15 years been buying land and buildings in Zichron Yaacov and nearby Binyamina at above-market prices--despite opposition from some residents there who object to the group both as Germans and as suspected missionaries. The group denies any missionary intentions.The judge dismissed the claim that the houses threatened the residents' view pointing out that during his visit he had seen neglected and dirty buildings that hardly constituted a fine view at present. Nor would the new buildings add to noise and crowding... Rejecting an application for leave to appeal the magistrate's decision, District Court Judge Eugenia Vingradov said the appellants had no chance of winning such an appeal. END

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DATE: 23.10.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "THE HYPNOTIZED. ANT-^{ANT} SYNDROME: THE TIME HAS COME TO SETTLE LEGISLATIVELY
 THE MATTER OF SALE OF LAND TO FOREIGNERS"

BYLINE : Israel Landers

EXCERPTS: Perhaps it is nothing but a legend, but the tale is told of animals whose enemies succeed in hypnotizing them and preventing them from fleeing. Such animals could easily have escaped, but the presence of the predator as it were paralyzes them and they wait petrified while their fate is sealed. It would seem that the behaviour of the authorities in the affair of Emma Berger in Zicron Yaacov recalls the hypnotic syndrome of those unfortunate animals. For a number of years it is known that the German citizen Emma Berger and her sectarians are buying up land in Zicron Yaacov and its environs. In a relatively short time they have succeeded in buying significant plots of land and to settle them with members of their faith. Until now the authorities have not ^{taken} ~~performed~~ a single efficient step which is likely to curb the momentum of Emma Berger and her people. At a certain stage the Jewish National Fund tried to stop the process. It turned to the veteran Hagana man, Yaacov Barzani, to frustrate the efforts of the German sect to buy. Barzani, who had much experience in buying up land from Arabs, was asked to deal in the purchase of land from Jews who were on the verge of selling their land to Emma Berger. He exerted pressures by means of persuasion and explanation, and in several instances succeeded in buying in the name of the Jewish National Fund plots of land which were designated for sale to Emma Berger. But the confrontation was not conducted on equal terms. The German sect offers for land amounts far in excess of the market price. The J.N.F. found it difficult to compete, and the landowners found it difficult to withstand the bait. The result is that relatively large tracts of land have already passed into the ownership of Emma Berger and her people. And it is possible that other foreign elements will follow in her (footsteps).

It is possible, of course, to ask: So what? Israel is a democratic country, and its citizens are permitted to do with their property as they please. If a citizen wishes to sell his land to foreigners, how can he be prevented from doing so? Will Jews, who have suffered so much from discrimination and restrictive practices, now behave like their persecutors and maintain a discriminatory policy on land purchases in their own country?

The answer is that the subject is not as it appears. Jews suffered from discrimination while they were residents of the land in which they were discriminated against, and while they sought to be loyal citizens of that land, whereas in the Emma Berger affair the issue is the purchase of land by foreigners... Even democratic countries generally faithful to the principles of equality and fraternity do not hesitate to legally restrict the purchase of land by foreign companies and foreign citizens. (The results of a study done at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, on legislative restrictions against foreign ownership in various countries of different regimes, is cited, and the reasons for these restrictions, under several headings: "Economic Arguments," "Recreation and Welfare" (as in Norway), "Social Considerations" (Switzerland), "Security Considerations" (Latin America, Switzerland) "National Reasons" (Sweden and Canada).

Why then should not the State of Israel, like many other democratic states, make legislative provisions concerning the sale of land to foreigners?... It seems to me that the State of Israel has the right to oversee its land no less, and perhaps even more, than Sweden, Norway or Switzerland oversee their lands.... END EXCERPTS

DATE: 23.10.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "RABBI OVADIA YOSEF: BURN THE NEW TESTAMENT"

BYLINE : Amos Ben-Vered, "HAARETZ" Correspondent

QUOTE : According to the Halacha one should burn the New Testament, and when a Tenach (Old Testament) is bound with it, it is to be separated from it (the N.T.), and then it is permissible to study it (the O.T.), but only temporarily. This was recently ruled by Chief Rabbi Ovadia Yosef. The ruling came in response to a query as to what is the law concerning an Old Testament (Tenach) printed by the Mission together with the New Testament.

DATE: 26.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEMPOST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "DEAF JEWS TO HOLD CONGRESS" (BY: J.P. Reporter)

QUOTE : The Jewish deaf in the U.S. are a prime target for Christian missionary activities, and their rate of conversion is much higher than that of the general American Jewish population, Alexander Fleischman, president of the World Organization of Jewish Deaf, said here yesterday in explaining the purpose of his organization. Fleischman is here to prepare the 2nd World Congress of Jewish Deaf, which will be held here in the summer 1981.... One of the primary purposes of the organization is to "inculcate in our brethren the concepts of Judaism...." END EXCERPTS

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DATE: 14.10.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEBREW P.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS ITEM

QUOTE: Today in Jerusalem the 12th International Conference of the "Beth Shalom" Union embracing about a quarter-million members throughout the world, will open. The subject of the conference, which will continue for three days, will be: "Prophetic Labours." Beth Shalom is a movement of Christians who believe in the Tenach (Old Testament) and in the bond of the people of Israel to the land of Israel, and they see in the establishment of the State of Israel and its struggles "the realization of the visions of the prophets according to the Scriptures." END

DATE: 15.10.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CHRISTIANS COME TO ISRAEL TO DISCUSS FULFILMENT OF PROPHETIC VISION":
"BETH SHALOM PEOPLE YESTERDAY CONTRIBUTED MORE THAN 4.5 MILLION I.L."

BYLINE: Yinon Shenker

QUOTE: With the singing of "Hava Nagilla", "Hevenu Shalom Aleichem," and "Adonoy Roe" the 12th Conference of the Beth Shalom Union opened yesterday. Six hundred members from Europe in a movement which embraces about 250,000 devout Christians, all of them friends of Israel, arrived in Jerusalem, escorted by their spiritual leader, Dr. Wim Malgo (58). They will remain here three days and will discuss the "fulfilment of the prophetic vision in the State of Israel," and the "prophetic scriptures."

The loud singing which echoed in the Diplomat Hotel corridors, and the Stars of David which adorned the men and women attending the conference, misled hotel guests who thought this was a group of Bonds contributors. It soon became clear to them that this was a group of Christians who believe with perfect faith in the coming of Messiah and with the firm tie of the people of Israel and the entire Land of Israel.

At the opening of the conference yesterday morning, Mayor Teddy Kollek ^{at length} reviewed ^{before} the conferees the problems and achievements of Jerusalem recently, stressing the equality which exists for the three religions in the city, and the great freedom they enjoy. At the conclusion of his remarks, Kollek received a check in the amount of 100,000 D.M. from Dr. Malgo as a contribution to the Jerusalem Foundation and for the purpose of setting up a "Beth Shalom Park" in the Dung Gate region.

The last speaker was Harry Hurvitz, the Prime Minister's Advisor on Information. He detailed the position of Israel on the question of autonomy and the peace agreement, and underscored the longing of the State for co-existence with all the states surrounding us. At the conclusion of his talk a check in the sum of 100,000 Swiss Francs was conveyed to him for the work of neighbourhood rehabilitation. All in all, the members of the Beth Shalom Union contributed yesterday more than 4.5 million Israeli Pounds. END ARTICLE.

DATE: 19.10.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" FEATURE INTERVIEW ARTICLE

HEADING: "THE CHRISTIAN 'U.J.A.' FUND AND THE DOCTRINE OF 'THE WHOLE LAND OF ISRAEL' OF WIM MALGO" PHOTO INSET: Wim Malgo, Spiritual Father to 1/4 Million Lovers (of Israel).

BYLINE: Yinon Shenker

QUOTE: Dr. Wim Malgo, a Protestant clergyman, age 59, congenial, quick-thinking, and a dedicated Bible-lover, arrives in Israel at least once a year (since 1968) with some thousand Christian pilgrims. He, his friends and followers, conduct symposia in Israel's capital on prophetic topics, and contribute millions of Israeli pounds to various institutions in the State. Malgo, a native of Holland, is the spiritual father of about a quarter-million Christians throughout Europe, South America and the United States. Their worldwide movement—"Beth Shalom"—has set as its purpose to instill love for the State of Israel and for the Jewish people among the Christians of the world. Members of the movement believe completely in the Bible and in the link of the people of Israel to the Bible, and they see in the establishment of the State of Israel and in its struggles, the fulfilment of the vision of the prophets according to the Scripture.

Besides this faith, Dr. Malgo seeks to show the Beth Shalom pilgrims "the miracles which you have wrought in the Land." For some of the pilgrims the organization has established a modest hostel in Haifa and will soon set up an additional hostel in Jerusalem. Nevertheless, Dr. Malgo stresses: "We are bringing the message of Israel to Christians, but we do not engage in Israel in any missionary work, and this is one of the reasons we are boycotted by many Christians."

During their stay in Israel the members of "Beth Shalom" content themselves with the conference which they organize for themselves, with tours around the country, and with contributions they make to institutions. "This year we have brought with us a sum of about IL 5 million in Swiss Francs, which we will contribute to the hospital "Asaf Ha' Rofeh," to the "Project Renewal" (of the ^{slum}neighbourhoods) of the Prime Minister, and

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to the Jerusalem Foundation (which is developing a park which we founded near the Dung Gate)." This contribution may be added to the approximately 80 million Israeli Pounds which members of the society throughout the world have already donated for various projects in Israel besides the National Institute for the Care of Injured Extremities which was built from their money, and which was dedicated this week adjacent to the Hospital Shiva at Tel-Hashomer.

Dr. Malgo serves as a radio commentator on Radio Luxembourg and by means of his weekly programs on Bible topics he explains and demonstrates the intimate link between the people of Israel and the land of Israel, in accordance with the prophetic books, stressing the promise which speaks of the entire Land of Israel. "Either the Jews have the right to all the Land or they have no right to any of it," Malgo explains, and he has written on this topic and others related to his preaching dozens of tracts and books in German and in English.

In addition to his work as a writer and journalist, Wim ~~Malgo~~ ^{fills} every Sunday halls in the great cities of Europe, explaining to thousands in attendance the urgent need to help Israel and to donate money, employing the slogan: "Help us help Israel."

Wim Malgo was born in a fishermen's village in Holland and at the age of 14 served as deck boy on a merchant ship. When he returned to Holland after several years, he was taken to a labour camp in Austria by the Nazis. He was witness to the persecution and deportation of the Jews, and these sights left a deep impression on him. He is proud to relate that in the course of his work in the camp, he often sabotaged the Nazi machines and destroyed them as much as he could.

After completing his theological studies in Switzerland, he remained in Zurich, and there he set up his movement with the help of Dr. Ulrich Sann, who is now age 63. Wim Malgo has 12 children, the name of the youngest of them is Benjamin, age 8. Wim has a "Sabra" granddaughter by name of Jael (age 2 months). He believes in the biblical prophecies, and sees them being fulfilled in every event taking place at present. He promises to continue to labour with thousands of his collaborators for the people of Israel and for the State of Israel. END ARTICLE

DATE: 18.10.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFE" (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "GERMAN CHRISTIANS WERE PRESENT AT SECOND ("REJOICING OF THE LAW") CIRCUITS IN KIRYAT SHMUEL"

QUOTE: The second central circuits at the conclusion of the "Rejoicing of the Law" festivities took place as traditionally in the square of the Great Synagogue in Kiryat Shmuel where thousands of celebrants were congregated from the entire neighbourhood.... The Bureau of Tourism directed a group of tourists from Germany, Christians engaged in social work in the Reformed Church, friends of the State of Israel, who also labour in its behalf, to be present at the mass celebration in Kiryat Shmuel. Former Germans in the neighbourhood attended to the group, and explained the significance of the circuits (with the Torah scrolls) in particular, and Jewish values in general...END

DATE: 24.9.79 JOURNAL: "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" (HEB PM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "CAROLINE IN GIBEON: What is Caroline Dooly, a devout Christian from Maryland in the U.S.A., doing in a Gush Emunim Settlement....?"

BYLINE: Hayim Shivi PHOTO INSET: Caroline Dooly

EXCERPTS: There are those who claim she is a missionary, an emissary of the sect of the Quakers. She was the first to arrive about two years ago to the Gush Emunim settlement in Gibeon, but few of her neighbours understand what she is doing there. It is said that she hears voices which command her how to act. She is accused of keeping company with Arabs in the area, and bringing them into the settlement, and going out to their homes. There are those who call her a woman of valor, and there are those who see her as an actress, a rare counterfeit of a biblical figure. And really, what is Caroline Dooly, a devout Christian from Maryland, USA, doing in the Gush Emunim settlement in Gibeon?
Caroline Dooly, age 45.....speaks....

"In Maryland we had a big farm, a house with 7 rooms and 3 baths. I left everything gladly, and I don't regret it for a moment. Only one thing hurts me. There are people here who refuse to even greet me. It's a disappointment. I was sure that Jews would have learned more from their suffering, that they would be more open to strangers, that they would be sensitive and unprejudiced. I do have many friends here, but there are those who won't speak to me. Maybe it's because I'm a Christian, or maybe because they simply don't believe that I just left everything behind and came here to Judea which God promised to Israel...."

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NEIGHBOUR "A" (requests anonymity... "this is a small place"): She presented herself as Ruth the Moabitess. At the beginning she didn't say anything about being a Christian. She appeared one day with the children. She said that there are voices which speak to her from the Bible and command her what to do. She was always more Zionist than everyone else, always more nationalistic slogans on the door. Don't ask me who she is, because I don't know. In my estimation, she is a woman who is pretending to be what she is not.

CAROLINE DOOLEY: During World War II my mother was active in the attempt to save Jewish children in Europe. After the war Father returned with pictures of the Holocaust, and this affected me very much. We began to love Zionism, to be involved in demonstrations for Israel and for Soviet Jewry. In 1972 my husband and I took the children, 2 boys and 4 girls, and came to Israel. We burned our bridges behind us, and I also lost my American citizenship. The family in the USA were sure we were doing something foolish, they simply didn't understand. The encounter with a new society, a new language, and a different reality, was hard. It did something to my husband, something broke inside of him, and he became a different person. A short time after we came, he left home, actually abandoned us. We had lived then in Netanya, a good town, but it wasn't for that we had left Maryland. On the 28th Sept. 1977 I arrived at Gibeon, to the unit on this hill, I and my children, the first pioneering family of Gush Emunim on the soil of Judea, in the land which God gave to His people. I love the Bible. I am slandered that I am a missionary, but I don't identify myself with any church."

NEIGHBOUR "B": (I'm not sure that it's permitted for me to speak with you.") You're asking what we are asking ourselves.... True, she identifies with everything that is going on here, but that's only on the surface.

CAROLINE DOOLEY: This land was promised to us by Divine Providence. This is the Land of Israel, and nothing will change that, not even Jimmy Carter. Here justice, peace and fraternity will develop. "For out of Zion shall go forth the Law and the Word of God from Jerusalem."... There are wonderful people here, special people. There are those who come to me and say: 'Caroline, stop trying to prove yourself, stop trying so hard, it's enough.' Look at these pictures. My son served in the I.D.F. in a combat unit. My daughter also did military service. Both of them had brilliant records in service. When we arrived here, there wasn't even gas for cooking, no electricity, and I didn't speak a word of Hebrew. Afterwards, another family joined up, and little by little others began to come. Now it's luxurious compared to what it was two years ago. But the feeling then was wonderful, we were pioneers. Today we moved to a block with three rooms. Do you know who came to help me? Arabs from the neighbourhood. They saw me dragging my belongings on my back, and they came to help. When I wanted to pay them, they said it wasn't necessary. So what if I speak with them? Tell me why not? That's why we're neighbours. I met an Arab in the grocery, and I said to him that here, as it is written in the Bible, justice shall blossom. He looked at me bitterly and said: "Yes, when you are here on our land." I said to him: "Do you know who walked about these hills? King David." From the look in his eyes, I saw that he knew exactly what I meant. Why all these slanders that I am a missionary? Zionism is my religion, Zionism and love of Israel. True, a wonderful thing happened to me, I met other Christians who love this land and Israel, the Beth Shalom people. But believe me, I have no connection with that or any other church.... (There follows a description of Gibeon by the reporter.)

When I arrived (at Caroline's new flat)... ^{pretty} the golden-haired daughters were silently moving belongings. The eldest suddenly stopped wearily. "Mother has a moving bug, we are always moving. Look, this is our story for the past 25 years."

NEIGHBOUR "C": ("There is nothing against her, but if you write, put a question mark beside her.) ... You have to understand, the fact that there are those who won't speak to her has nothing whatever to do with her being a Christian. This settlement underwent a severe social crisis, and there was a period when Jews didn't speak with Jews. There were those who thought she was identified with one of the (rival) groups, and they wouldn't speak with her, but that's over with... the problem with her is that she is just strange. In a place like this which is the thrust of the national struggle she consorts with Arab youths.... she is capable of going out with one of them to a cinema. Of course I favour good neighbourliness, but each one in his own framework. In the Arab sea surrounding us we must preserve our national distinctiveness.... They (the family) have no roots...."

Caroline Dooley: A pioneer? An eccentric? A pretender? A missionary? An idealistic lover of Israel? With God are the answers. END ARTICLE

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SUBJECT THREE: "MORMONS"

DATE: 14.10.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ITEM
 HEADING: "MORMONS DEDICATE MEMORIAL MONUMENT ON MOUNT OF OLIVES"

QUOTE : The first of many groups of thousands of Mormons who will be arriving this month in Israel arrived on Friday. The group will dedicate the memorial centre of the community which is on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The Mormon community obtained some 20 dunams of land on the Mt. of Olives from the Government where it set up a memorial monument. At the head of the Mormon group is Bailey Caspar, one of the world leaders of the Mormons, and a former world golf champion and remains one of the game's leaders.

DATE: 14.10.79 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISHMAR" (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS ITEM (AS ABOVE) END

DATE: 22.10.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "2,000 MORMONS FOR CEREMONY IN ISRAEL"

BYLINE : Jerusalem Correspondent of "Haaretz"

QUOTE : More than 2,000 members of the Mormon sect from the USA will arrive in Israel on special charter flights and special luxury liner due to arrive in the Port of Ashdod, in order to take part in the dedication of a park in memory of Orson Hyde on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. Present at the ceremony will be Jerusalem Mayor and Director of the Jerusalem Foundation, Teddy Kollek, the president of the Mormon church, Spencer Kimball, representatives of the Orson Hyde Fund, and members of his family from Salt Lake City, Utah, who contributed to the setting up of the park, and invited guests from Israel and abroad. The park stretches out on a plot of 20 dunams on the northern slopes of Mt. Olives.

DATE: 22.10.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: 2000 MORMONS FROM USA FOR PARK DEDICATION ON MT. OLIVES"

(Similar report as above)

DATE: 25.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "MORMONS DEDICATE PARK ON MOUNT OF OLIVES" (PHOTO: Mormon Church Pres. gives

BYLINE : Abraham Rabinovich, J.P. Reporter (Jlm Mayor Kollek sculpture of Noah)

SUMMARY: Report on above-mentioned dedication "in the memory of a church apostle who had prophesied on that site more than a century ago the revival of a Jewish state with Jerusalem as its capital." Mayor Kollek told the Mormons that the return of Israel was "not only fulfilment of ancient prophecy but an indication of what a determined people can do if they don't lose their ideals through the generations." There is also a brief description of a City Hall reception for the Mormon leaders, attended by the U.S. consul general in Jerusalem, Michael Newlin. The article concludes with statistics about the Mormons: The church numbers some 4 million members in the world, twice the figure ten years ago. There are 200 in Israel, including 90 American students on a study programme. A new church is planned for Beersheba to serve Americans coming to work on the Negev air base project. There are branches in Jerusalem, Herzliya, and Galilee. END

DATE: 22.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "ORSON HYDE"

BY: Michael Plotkin, Jerusalem.

QUOTE : With reference to your article of Oct. 17 on the scheduled dedication of a 20-dunam park on the western slopes of the Mt. Olives in honour of Orson Hyde, I wish to call attention to some facts about Orson Hyde which your reporter failed to mention: Hyde, one of the earliest international missionaries of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, visited Jerusalem in 1841 in the course of a 20,000-mile missionary journey, the main purpose of which was to carry the gospel to the Jews. Naturally, Hyde's famous prayer for the return of the Jews to the Holy Land, which he uttered from the top of the Mt. Olives, reflected his concern over the stubbornness of the Jews in clinging to their faith: "Grant, therefore, O Lord, in the name of thy well-beloved Son Jesus Christ, to remove the barrenness and sterility of this land...and let Thy great kindness conquer and subdue the unbelief of Thy people. Do Thou take from them their stony heart, and give them a heart of flesh, and may the sun of Thy favour dispel the cold mists of darkness which beclouded their atmosphere."

As a Jerusalemite who suffers, apparently, from the malady of a stony Jewish heart, I do hope that the municipal authorities, who have invested so much planning and enthusiasm in the park and given it their blessing, will be kind enough to erect a fitting memorial plaque on the site--one that will highlight Orson Hyde's true relationship with the Jewish people.

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SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR: CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

DATE: 7.9.79 JOURNAL: "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "THE CHRISTIAN PACIFIST WHO DESERED I.D.F.--35 DAYS IN GUARDHOUSE"
 BYLINE: Mordecai Gilat, "Yediot Akhronot" Correspondent.

Q UOTE: Avram Simon, a Christian deserter from IDF, whose tale of woe was published in our newspaper was put on military trial and sentenced to 35 days in the guardhouse. Simon is a Christian pacifist, age 28, who emigrated to Israel more than 3 years ago. In 1978 he was called up for service in the IDF, and when he refused to bear arms, he was put on trial and sentenced to 15 days detention. A few days after his release from prison, Simon deserted, and only through the intervention of M.K. Shulamit Aloni and of a senior social worker in the Tel-Aviv municipality, did he turn himself in. He did this after the IDF authorities promised to try to solve his problem if he turned himself in. But it appears that this promise was not kept. As a result, when this Christian soldier was again ordered to present himself at a combat unit, he again deserted. Three weeks ago the Military Police succeeded in catching Simon, and removing him to a military prison, where he was sentenced to 35 days in the guardhouse. Despite the fact that the IDF authorities are aware of the fact that the family of Simon is still in Roumania, and that he is alone in the country and without shelter, no decision has yet been taken as to how to deal with him after he completes his sentence. END

U.S. Blacks in Israel: DATE: 19.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "SUPPORT OF LEBANESE CHRISTIANS LAUDED"

QUOTE: KIBBUTZ AYELET HASHAHAR.--Bayard Rustin, Pres. of the A. Philip Randolph Institute and one of the American black leaders visiting Israel, yesterday praised Israel for its defence of Lebanese Christians. He told this to Major Sa'ad Haddad, Commander of the Lebanese Christian forces, who met with the delegation. "I feel I must apologize that we Christians did not defend your country, and, as a Christian, I must salute the State of Israel for its defence of the Christians," he said.

Knowing that the survival of the Lebanese Christians depended on Israel, Rustin said his group would go back to the U.S. with two major goals: The first was to ensure that Israel remains free and strong, with all that that entails. The second object was to explain that the heavy burden of the defence of the Christians of Lebanon lies on the shoulders of the people of Israel at a time when Christians were not defending that country. END

DATE: 19.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE ("OPINION" FEATURE)
 HEADING: "PLO THREAT TO U.S. BLACKS"

BYLINE: Bayard Rustin (Pres. A. P. Randolph Inst.)
 EXCERPTS: ".....Jackson and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) Pres. Jos. Lowery also seem to believe that the long-festering Mideast problem is rooted chiefly in some communications breakdown, or perhaps in stubbornness born of human pride. Therefore, they say, they have attempted to act as mediators and peacemakers between the PLO & Israel. Addressing worshippers at a Lutheran church in Jerusalem, Jackson said: "I shall appeal to the PLO to stop their tactics of terrorism, to recognize Israel's right and need to exist, to articulate its own goal for self-determination and a homeland, and to fight for peaceful co-existence." While Jackson's appeal to the PLO to shun violence has a genuine quality about it, it is largely meaningless.....If Arafat, as the result of moral argument, should miraculously experience a conversion and disavow terrorism, it is doubtful that the Soviet Union would allow PLO control to remain for long in the hands of a born-again pacifist. To approach the Mideast problem as a problem of "hardheartedness," then, is at the least unproductive, no matter how well meaning.....

The Rev. George G. Higgins of the U.S. Catholic Conference, who has been in the forefront of civil rights struggles, expressed other pertinent concerns when he wrote: "To cut the black community away from its longest and strongest ally in the struggle for equality at a time of crisis is, in the long range view, self-defeating. Before going down the road of legitimizing the use of terrorism as a political tactic, the heirs of Martin Luther King's doctrine of non-violence might well want to reflect on who ultimately will be the beneficiaries of a split in the black-Jewish coalition...." END EXERPTS

SUBJECT No. FIVE: CHRISTIANS AND CHURCH NEWS (GENERAL) IN ISRAELI PRESS

DATE: 26.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "ANTI-ISRAEL RESOLUTION ON NCC AGENDA"

EXCERPTS: NEW YORK (JTA).-- The National Council of Churches (NCC) will consider a resolution that calls for the suspension of U.S. aid to Israel when its governing board meets here next month, it was announced yesterday...a resolution by the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Diocese of North America that calls for the suspension of aid until Israel "complies with (MORF)

international law and guarantees the human rights of Christians and Moslems in Israel and the occupied territories." The meeting Nov. 8-10 at the Roosevelt Hotel also will hear the first report of a special panel recently created to consider NCC positions on the Mideast.

The NCC has been under fire from major Jewish and non-Jewish figures for refusing to suspend Archbishop Valarian Trifa from its board unless he is convicted in an upcoming trial on charges of having withheld important information in his immigration and naturalization applications. Trifa, who heads the Rumanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, has been accused of the mass murder of Jews in Bucharest in 1941 and other atrocities while he was a leader of the Rumanian fascist Iron Guard. END

D. USSR: DATE: 15.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "MOSCOW AND ISLAM" (Moscow's pro-Moslem foreign policy may be in for major change)
 BYLINE: Mikhail Agursky

EXCERPTS: Signs point to a shift in the Soviet Union's pro-Moslem foreign policy. They suggest the possibility of a return to the traditional Russian pro-Christian orientation that existed until World War I. Until that war, Russia conceived of herself as the exclusive guardian of Eastern Christianity and the custodian of the Holy Places. In fact, a dispute over the control of the Holy Places in Jerusalem and Bethlehem was one of the ostensible causes of the friction between Russia and Britain that led to the Crimean War in 1855. There was general agreement in Russia that she must protect the Holy Land and Eastern Christianity from Moslem suppression. The foreign policy turnabout took place after the Revolution when an anti-Christian, pro-Moslem line manifested itself.... For a short period Stalin attempted to return Soviet foreign policy in the Mideast to the traditional line of the czars. But Khrushchev again actively committed the USSR to the Moslem cause in the Mideast and elsewhere. The anti-Christian policy was particularly evident in Africa when the Soviet mass media supported the persecution of Christianity in the Congo, Sudan, Uganda & Guinea....

(The writer then refers to "an acute demographic crisis inside the USSR with Moslems increasing rapidly while the Slavs decline.) The first radical break in the Soviet Union's pro-Islam foreign policy came when the Russians shifted their support to Ethiopia away from Somalia. Despite the fact that both countries were politically radical, their conflict was perceived by both sides as an extension of the traditional Christian-Moslem struggle, with the USSR fearful of the Red Sea turning into an Islamic Sea. (The writer then refers to other signs expressing "nervousness" among Soviet leaders about Moslems inside and outside the Soviet Union, and he asks: "Do they mean that Soviet foreign policy is returning in this part of the world to the traditional Russian support for the Christians?") END

DATE: 12.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "JESUS SHIRTS DON'T SUIT COMMUNIST IDEOLOGY"

EXCERPT: MOSCOW (HEUTE) Young Russians wearing crosses and Jesus T-shirts, apparently bought from tourists, a growing fad among Soviet youth, were warned yesterday by the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" that they are violating the canons of official ideology... which it indicated was sweeping the country. One reader wrote of seeing a young mother in the Moscow underground who was not only wearing a cross, but had also taken her 6-year-old child to church to buy one for her. END

D. MOTHER TERESA: DATE: 18.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "NOBEL PEACE PRIZE TO 'SAINT OF GUTTERS'"

SUMMARY: An AP report filed from Oslo about the award of the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize to Mother Teresa, Calcutta's Saint of the Gutters for her work among India's poor. She told reporters that she planned to use the prize money to build more centres for lepers and the destitute. There is a brief biographical account of her life and work, and concludes: For decades she has given the poor of Calcutta's slums medical care, schooling, a bowl of gruel, a slice of bread, or just a clean place to die. END

DATE: 19.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE ON MOTHER TERESA

HEADING: "THE POOR MUST KNOW THAT WE LOVE THEM"

EXCERPTS: Her followers regard her as a saint, but the 69-year old nun tells them with a disarming simplicity that what she does is God's work.... She came to India 50 years ago to teach... and stayed on to work in the Calcutta slums... and founded a new religious order, the Missionaries of Charity. Today the order runs more than 120 homes for unwanted children and dying destitutes in India and around the world. She says: "It gives me great joy and fulfilment to love and care for the poor and neglected.... The poor do not need our sympathy and pity. They need our love and compassion.... Poverty is the result of selfishness of those who have and want to have more at the expense of those who have less and less. God is love and His love is for His people. He has put enough in the world to feed and clothe them all." END EXCERPTS. (MORE)

E. THE POPE: DATE: 4.10.79 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEB AM IND) EDITORIAL

QUOTE: "The enthusiastic welcome accorded the people of all faiths to the Pope in the U.S. points to the fact that he is given credit as a potential leader in reviving universal human values. Though his appearance in the U.N. was impressive, it will be known only at the conclusion of his tour whether he has succeeded in attaining a standing beyond that of a church leader, and become a spiritual inspiration to persons of all faiths."

DATE: 4.10.79 JOURNAL: DAVAR (HEB AM LABOUR) EDITORIAL

QUOTE: "From an Israeli point of view it can be noted with satisfaction that the Pope in his U.N. address called for settling international conflicts peaceably and came out against terrorism...but the political weight of his statements should not be overestimated."

DATE: 7.10.79 JOURNAL: MAARIV (HEB PM IND) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "POPE GREETS ISRAEL AMBASSADOR WITH 'SHALOM'"

BYLINE: Yuval Elizur (Washington Correspondent)

QUOTE: At a diplomatic party at the Apostolic Delegation in Washington, Pope John Paul II last night held the hands of Israel Ambassador Evron and wished him and the people of Israel, "Shalom." The Pope added that his strong feelings for the Jews stemmed from the days of his youth in Poland, and that he could not forget the atrocities committed against the Jewish people in his country. The gesture was the talk of the evening. Earlier, 55 Christian clergymen in the U.S. had called on the Vatican to recognize Israel. END

DATE: 12.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) FEATURE "CHRISTIAN COMMENT"

HEADING: "LETTER FROM THE POPE"

SUMMARY & EXCERPTS: Anything that Pope John Paul II states or writes that concerns Jerusalem is naturally followed with keen local interest. One letter, which reveals the Pontiff's personal interest in the Ecumenical Institute at Tantur, Jerusalem, can now be made public. OIKOUMENIKOS

(There follow excerpts from a communication to the Chairman, Fr. Theodore H. Osburgh, of the Institute's Executive Committee, to express gratitude for the work there and to stress the importance of cooperative theological research: "One of the areas where cooperation is very desirable is that of theological research," he wrote, "research which has in view a deeper understanding of God's plan for realizing salvation in history and a better knowledge of the consequences of this plan for the Church today.") The rest of the article deals with various persons and works involved at Tantur, with a reference to an encyclical published by the present pope dealing with "the search for Christian unity." Some of the problems are noted as well as the positive aspects, and the article concludes with a 2-paragraph discussion of the theological conflict between evangelicals/ Protestants and Roman Catholic/Orthodox churches over the concept of Mary as Mother of God, since "evangelicals and Protestants reject many of the statements made by church councils and in papal declarations" on the subject. A recent study entitled "Mary in the New Testament" by R.C. scholars is welcomed, published by Fortress Press and the Paulist Press. END

F. CONVERTS: DATE: 25.10.79 JOURNAL: "YERUSHALTON" (HEBREW JERUSALEM WEEKLY) FEATURE

HEADING: "TO WALK IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS" (The new record of Bob Dylan casts light on the turnabout of the American protest singer) BYLINE: Moshe Ben-Harosh

SUMMARY & EXCERPTS: "It can be Satan and it can be God, but you've got to serve someone...". With these words Bob Dylan opens his new record, which is mostly a religious record, representing a new direction in the colourful personality and with its many changes of Bob Dylan. During the course of his work religious faith was a factor with which he had to contend with, and already in one of his first songs, "With God on our side," he says with a measure of satire: "If God is in our side, then He will stop the war." (There follows a discussion of other religious songs he had composed which the writer claims were not regarded seriously by critics as religious songs.) With this record he declares himself on a new way which he has chosen, which shows the various aspects of a penitent, but not a penitent returning to Judaism (the original faith of Dylan) but to Christianity, which is surprising in view of the fact that in recent years Dylan revealed an increasing interest in Judaism (notwithstanding the fact that he ignored Judaism in the 1960s). This is what he stated in a 1976 interview: "I'm interested in the significance of the Jew. The Jews are a Semitic people, but they are different because many people hate them. There's something going here that's hard to explain." Likewise, he visited here in Israel in-cognito and showed interest in various yeshivot (religious Jewish seminaries), and even donated money to them. In the light of all this, it is hard to explain what caused him to draw near to Christianity.... (There follows a review of the particular songs in the record, the ir themes, music and intent.) The last song is the most interesting and tranquil of all, "When He Returns". It is the clearest statement of his faith in Jesus... Dylan proves with this record that despite his 18 years of musical creativity he is still the best songwriter in the pop world and every record he produces arouses new interest. END

DATE: 26.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST BOOK REVIEW
 HEADING: "THE CONVERT'S TALE" BOOK: "Shoure Ha'Ir" (The City Guardians) By Ruth Blau
 BYLINE: Michael Nolan (Reviewer)

SUMMARY & EXCERPTS: This is the review of the book by the French woman Madelaine Perraille who converted to the most extreme brand of Orthodox Judaism, the antizionist Neturei Karta sect, and married one of its leaders, and she who was involved in a cause celebré a generation ago, the smuggling out of a Jewish child from the country to prevent his education in a "heretical" Orthodox environment. Eventually the child was recovered and restored to his parents. She remains some kind of leader in the eccentric Neturei Karta community.

The author's gift for misrepresenting (or misunderstanding) her opponents' point of view doesn't help much either. When explaining her reasons for abandoning Christianity she quotes the 5th commandment (HONOUR YOUR FATHER AND MOTHER), and contrasts this to "the words attributed to the founder of Christianity: 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate his mother and father he cannot be my disciple.'" The words seem unequivocal and pretty damning for Christianity, or at least they do until one includes the words that Ruth Blau chooses to ignore. The passage actually reads... (Quote LUKE 14:26) The added words and the continuation of the passage make it clear that what Jesus was saying was that the service of God is more important than worldly considerations, and this interpretation is backed up by the parallel passage in the Gospel of Matthew which reads: "He who loves his father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

Her attacks on her opponents for holding views that they do not actually hold (Christianity's attitude towards parents is in fact much the same as Judaism's, indeed it upholds and emphasizes the importance of every one of the Ten Commandments) is matched by the author's inability to carry her arguments to their logical conclusion. So it is that she can say in one part of the book that Israel was created not miraculously but because of the waves of shock that followed the Holocaust, and then later quote a rabbi who said that the death of the six million was God's punishment for the sin of Zionism...." END EXCERPTS

RG. GERMAN CHRISTIANS: DATE: 14.9.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) GERMAN LANGUAGE
 HEADING: JUDGMENT AND REDEMPTION BYLINE: Schalom Ben-Chorin FEATURE ARTICLE

SUMMARY: This is a critique of an autobiography of a contemporary German Protestant theologian Walter Kunneth, which discusses various aspects of the reaction of Germans to the Third Reich and to their modes of theological thinking as it succeeded or failed to live up to the biblical criteria. The writer is distressed by the attempt to create a dichotomy between faith and works which seems to be evident in the theological stream reviewed, especially as it distinguishes between the ecclesiastical and the civil. He traces some of this to the attitude of Luther who belittled the teaching of the Epistle of James which so strongly insists on the faith that is manifest in works.

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DATE: 18.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTERS TO EDITOR
 HEADING: SUPPORT FOR POLICY IN LEBANON BY: Tom & Jeanne Longworth, Huntington Beach,
 EXCERPT: Some of our Govt leaders, and even worse, some who call (California) themselves Christians, are condemning your actions in the Lebanon....As citizens of the United States, Gentiles and Christians, we want you to hear our small voice, and know that we support and stand behind you. END EXCERPT.

DATE: 19.10.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE
 QUOTE EXCERPT: "Burg gave notice of his intention to bring up the question of Jerusalem in his talks with Khalil. "I shall explain to him that Jerusalem is mentioned in the Bible nearly 700 times, but is not once mentioned in the Koran. This would seem to me to settle the issue." END

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