

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 23.8.79 JOURNAL: "TSOFAR" JERUSALEM (HEBREW WEEKLY AGUDAT YISRAEL) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "MISSIONARY ACTIVITY UNDER THE AEGIS OF THE BUREAU OF LABOUR & EDUCATION"
 QUOTE : In a letter that the Director of the Service to the Retardate, Dr. Meir Hovav sent to the organization "Yad L'Akhir-HaPeilim" (antimissionary society), he writes that in view of the dire straits in which Jewish hostels for the retarded find themselves, the Service to the Retardate prefers to direct children suffering from profound mental retardation, as well as severe welfare cases, to the "St. Vincent" convent in Ein Karem in Jerusalem. The Service to the Retardate, which is under the administration of the Bureau of Labour and Welfare, sends retarded children to the institutions of the Mission, and thus it aids the Mission to reach tens of families in distress, and endeavours in missionary ways to alienate them from the Jewish religion and to draw them near to Christianity. The directors of the institution indeed deny this, but in fact it is known that they conduct in the place missionary activities.

In his letter Dr. Hovav points out that actually in everything connected with the children themselves there is no cause for apprehension that they are receiving religious education, inasmuch as they are at a level of severe retardation and they are not amenable to education, so that in fact there is no cause for apprehension that the children are receiving any distorted education at the place, but there is no doubt that they are exploiting the fact for missionary activity. The Service to the Retardate is under the aegis of the Bureau of Labour and Welfare and Bureau of Educa. & Culture.
 END ARTICLE

DATE: 6.11.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ITEM
 HEADING: "THE GIRL FROM EILAT REMOVED FROM THE CONVENT"
 BYLINE : Eli Danon

QUOTE : Elana Okhayon, the 10-year-old girl from Eilat who had been sent to the St. Vincent's convent in Jerusalem, has been removed from the convent, and is being transferred to a Jewish institution in the wake of a news item which was published about the affair in "MAARIV". The publication of the news item about the father of the girl, David Okhayon, who did not know where his daughter had disappeared, and afterwards learned that she was in the convent, stirred the interest of religious elements in Jerusalem who worked for the removal of the girl from the convent premises. The organization "Yad L'Akhir", which is fighting missionary activities, joined the father's struggle to release the child along with members of the Knesset and rabbis. As a result of their pressures, the welfare institutions decided together with the convent directors to transfer the girl to a Jewish institution. END ITEM.

DATE: 9.11.79 JOURNAL: "HA'TSOEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.) AN TIMISSION REPORT
 HEADING: "YAD L'AKHIM IN PETAH TIQVA LABOURING TO RESCUE FROM THE MISSION"
 BYLINE : Moshe Levy

EXCERPTS: The organization "Yad L'Akhir," Activists Centre, which includes in its midst rabbis and yeshiva students, are engaged voluntarily in various fields in the realm of returning our brethren to the sources and to make known to them the right way. The "Yad L'Akhir" House in Petah Tiqva at the centre of town is a most active centre. A visit to this house provides information about their dedicated and important labour. At this stage the team is limited, but it is hoped that in the weeks to come it will be enlarged.... Rabbi Menahem Schwartz, Chairman of "Yad L'Akhir" relates to me about a special project in which several men are engaged against the claws of the accursed Mission, with information being gathered about the activities of the Mission, as, for example, at the Baptist Village, Kibbutz "Aynat" adjacent to Rosh Ha'Ayin, and to our sorrow they are also active in hospitals and various other plants in the Petah Tiqva area. It appears that the campaign is large and the phenomenon is increasing. The Petah Tiqva branch credits itself with the removal of several families from the institutions of the Mission in Lod, and one family from Baptist Village, who have returned to the bosom of Judaism. END EXCERPTS (Balance of article deals with the Judaistic Mission to "return" or "convert" non-observant Jews to traditional Judaism.)

DATE: 11.11.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "THEY CAME FROM U.S.A. TO SEEK THEIR SON AND LEARNED THAT HE IS IN TEXAS"
 BYLINE : Mirith Dovrat

QUOTE : A telephone call on Friday from the U.S.A. brought the news to the parents of Paul Cohen that their son who had disappeared about a month ago from an ulpan at Kibbutz Revivin, under the influence of a missionary couple, is now in Dallas, Texas. Freda and David Cohen yesterday morning left for the U.S.A., intending to locate Paul

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and to clear up what happened to him. It is not clear why he had left Israel, where he had intended to settle. The young man left his wife Allison in the ulpan who has yet to learn about the latest development, and is still waiting for him to be released from the influence of the sect "Jews for Jesus" and "the divine voice which called him." The parents told the "MAARIV" Correspondent that the news about the extensive search for Paul as a result of the MAARIV reporting reached them after they had almost despaired of finding their son. They had during recent weeks combed the centres of the sectarians in Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel-Aviv. The extensive search which took place in Israel and outside as well was coordinated by the activists of "Yad L'Akhir" which works against the mission. The parents had hoped to locate the Hapitchuk couple, Christians who had represented themselves to Paul as "Messengers of God." Recently, they learned that the couple have returned to Canada, the centre of the sectarians of "Jews for Jesus." In Dallas there is also a concentration of "Jews for Jesus." END

DATE: 19.10.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN, TELAVIV (GERMAN LANGUAGE) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "MISSION TO THE JEWS: YESTERDAY AND TODAY"

BYLINE : Schalom Ben-Chorin

SUMMARY: The theologian Heinz Kreiers, Professor of Religious Pedagogy, and an active supporter of the Christian village in Galilee, Nes Amim, composed an extraordinary article entitled "Mission to the Jews: Today", in which he unequivocally declares that the time for Jewish missions is passed and the churches must recognize this and replace it with Dialogue between equal partners. "All Jewish missionary organizations must be abandoned," he writes. After the Holocaust, Christendom can no longer legitimately offer the message of love credibly to the Jews. This was also acknowledged by Bishop Helmut Class of the Evangelical Church in Germany on 1 May 1977 when he preached at the Church of the Redeemer in Jerusalem. Christians must realize how offensive the word Mission is in Israel, and that it is not only associated with works of charity, such as hospitals, but it is associated with the 2,000-year-old triumphalism of the Church (as depicted in the Strassburg church sculpture of the victorious church and defeated synagogue), and it is also linked to Auschwitz. Therefore, it is especially Germans who must awaken to the connotations of the Mission.

The second section of this lengthy article deals with the book of Klaus Mosche Pulz, a Hebrew Christian (who divides his time between Israel and West Germany). In contrast to the aforementioned theologian and bishop, Pulz takes an aggressive position which sees the mission to the Jews as the sole solution to the Israeli conflict. His book: BRENNPUNKT ISRAEL... (BURNING POINT Israel: End-time Alarm from the Perspective of a Hebrew Christian) published by TELOS-Paperback in Schwengeler-Verlag in Bernack, Switzerland, 1979. Pulz was born in 1936 in Halle/Saale. The brief biographical notice in the book does not mention how the author passed the years of Nazi rule. After the war, he became active in business in West Germany, and in 1967 came to Israel where he lived in a kibbutz. He has devoted some 40 years to the consideration of theological issues of Judaism and Christianity. The author has apparently decided to spend his time in Germany to wait out the storm before Israel's redemption is accomplished. His recipe is simple. All Jews must be converted to Christianity and then the State of Israel and the Jewish people will have peace, and as long as this does not take place, there can be no solution to the Near East problem. Thus, history is interpreted in the light of this theological scheme. The Holocaust is a punishment or a judgment for 2,000 years of obstinacy of the Jews. The return of part of the people to its God-ordained homeland is so-to-speak a last chance for conversion. Ben-Chorin also cites a reference to himself in the book which he charges shows a lack of any theological grasp on the part of the author, in claiming that Ben-Chorin attributes no divine purpose to the work of Jesus because the world has not yet experienced a full and evident redemption, and then asks if Rabbi Akiva (who hailed as Messiah the Jewish rebel against Rome, Bar-Kochba) in the 2nd Century was false for his siding with Bar Kochba, who turned out not to be the Messiah who redeemed the nation Israel. Ben-Chorin charges that the citation is taken out of context, as in other sections of the book. He also charges the author with a lack of familiarity with the Hebrew sources. Thus, his claim that a Gentile convert to Judaism must renounce his unconverted parents is unwarranted by the facts, and he cites a young German convert to Judaism by a strict Orthodox Meah Shearim rabbi who was instructed by the same rabbi to relate to his mother "like a Jewish son to his mother."

Pulz has the tendency, the reviewer charges, to alarm the Christian world with portrayals of a kind of underground existence (like the Jewish marianos during the Spanish

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Inquisition) for Hebrew Christians living in Israel, and especially so after the passage of the anti-mission legislation, who allegedly face martyrdom for witnessing to their faith. This book is merely a missionary tract full of all the old clichés of Jewish evangelism.

Pulz raises the cry for the unification of the Hebrew Christians in Israel overlooking the fact that there is a Hebrew Christian Alliance in Israel. Perhaps they are not Fundamentalist enough for Mr. Pulz. He wishes to set up his own centre, and he has contributors ready abroad. The Hebrew Christian Alliance is an international body which in May 1979 held its recent conference in Gunten, Switzerland. It is an alliance of all the Protestant Christians of Jewish origin, but today in Israel there is a not insignificant number of Catholic Hebrew Christians. It is certain that in a democratic society this minority group should enjoy complete religious freedom. It is, however, made difficult to implement the rights of such a minority with one of its spokesmen such as Klaus Mosche Pulz, taking an aggressive missionary stance, and a position which with difficulty can be countenanced by loyal Israeli citizens.

We have on the other hand the example of Eileen Dorflinger, a social worker from the U.S.A., who has been fighting since 1976 for her immigrant rights, which have been withheld because of her Hebrew Christian convictions. Yet she has traveled in many countries on behalf of Israel and evidenced devotion to the country, for which she has received from the Prime Minister recognition.

Concerning "Israel Hilfe e.V.": It is hard to make a distinction between its aid to Israel and its missionary aims. Founded in Dusseldorf by Pastor Ludwig Schneider, and later led by Egon Kress, the latter has written me in a letter dated 31.8.79: "We have no other purpose but to help the Jewish people and Israel. Our tendency is absolutely not to be a Mission, as little as we intervene in political issues... We do not wish at any time to conduct a Mission in Israel. Nevertheless, when we are asked about our motivation, we cannot remain silent about our faith in Jesus Christ. It is self-evident that in such conversation ^{we} express our convictions."

There is the question of the practical consequences of this attitude. It would seem to suggest a missionary tactic. This is suggested by the emblem of this group, which displays a Star of David with the name of Jesus in Hebrew and Latin lettering. The help provided by the organization, among other things, includes the promotion of the New Testament, certainly not without missionary purpose.

Quite a different method is seen in the militant missionary Dieter Heinke from West Germany who sends his "End-time Echo" to Israel. This three-year-old monthly prayer letter is directed to Christians. But in the July 1979 issue the Jewish people is denied legitimization for its land on biblical grounds. According to Heinke, we are written off, and the promises of the Old Testament no longer have validity. The Jewish claim on Palestine is linked to the Rothschild banking house and to Chaim Weizmann who created a synthetic acetone for the English during World War I, and the price for this mass murder device was Palestine. It is no wonder that this state founded on gunpowder should be the Number 1 arms producer in the world. After the Holocaust, a German missionary to the Jews dares to say such things, adding questionable biblical citations, such as making Hosea present an antisemitic message, as he expounds the Bible.

Dieter Heinke wishes to accompany this frontal attack on Israel with friendly greetings and sends along a special Sabbath calendar, which, according to the reviewer, proves to be full of errors, which he details. One might be tempted to sit down and discuss things with people of this kind were it not altogether too typical of many missionaries who have no real familiarity with Judaism and yet wish to teach Jews. The influence of representatives of such religious subcultures outside the official churches is much greater than imagined. END SUMMARY

DATE: 13.11.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "INSULT TO THE HONOUR OF OUR FRIENDS". BY: Matanya Segal, Kfar Saba

QUOTE : I have read with sorrow and deep concern the ruling of the Chief Rabbi Ovadya Yosef to the effect that according to Jewish religious law (halacha), "the New Testament" is to be burnt, and the Old Testament bound to it is to be separated from it, and even then it is not "100%" kosher, and can be read from only temporarily. (HAARETZ/29.10)

In my work as a guide in Israel I meet with thousands of Christians who are lovers of Israel and who believe with a complete faith in its renewal and its prosperity. For them the Bible ("TENACH") is the Old and New Testaments. This summer I was invited by a Christian church, the host being a clergyman, who spoke with me by telephone from San Diego in the U.S.A., inviting me to come as soon as possible to that city in order to take part as a guest of honour in an Israeli Jewish presentation "B'DEREKH" ("ON THE WAY") which a tourist couple had composed after touring here in Israel with a tour group that I had guided. I came to San Diego, saw the presentation, and it was beautiful. There is nothing I have seen which reflects the people of Israel in their land in a better way. And this was the work of Christians for whom "their" Bible is consigned to burning, according to the honourable Rabbi Ovadya. END LETTER

DATE: 19.11.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANITY" BY + Farid Sabah, Sh'far Am

QUOTE : [With regard to the remarks of the Chief Rabbi, Ovadia Yosef, concerning the need to burn the New Testament, I wish to present the following facts: The Honourable Chief Rabbi contends that the Jewish people has suffered and been persecuted in the past at the hands of so-called Christian peoples, and I can identify with this just contention. However, this does not reflect the teaching of Jesus the Nazarene who preached love, compassion, and forgiveness. At his death on the cross he said: "FATHER FORGIVE THEM, FOR THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO." (Gospel of Luke, 23:31) END LETTER (should be 23:34)

SUBJECT THREE: CHRISTIANS AND ISRAEL

DATE: 11.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "U.S. CHURCHES CRUSH ANTI-ISRAEL VOTE"

QUOTE : (AP, N.Y.) The National Council of Churches voted unanimously Friday to delay action on a resolution accusing Israel of injustice and torture and calling for an end to U.S. aid to that nation. The council, an umbrella organization of 32 Christian denominations representing 40 million Americans, set aside the resolution until next May, when a vote is planned on a new Middle East policy. The resolution was proposed by the Antiochian Orthodox Archdiocese of North America, a small Eastern Orthodox group made up mostly of Syrian-Americans.

One source said the council "pulled out all the big guns" to avoid a confrontation. The council source--who asked not to be identified--said, "The resolution won't come up again...It had not a ghost of a chance." A group formed to combat the anti-Israel proposal appealed to the council to reject the resolution. The Christians Concerned for the NCC said the resolution was "full of distortion, fabrication and lies." They said ending U.S. aid would be "tantamount to calling for the destruction of Israel."

The council, which includes most major Protestant and Eastern Orthodox bodies in the U.S., has proposed talks between the U.S. and the PLO. The resolution accused Israel of filling Israeli jails with 5,000 political prisoners, of inequality and injustices against non-Jews, and of rejecting the "right of the Palestinians to self-determination... of their homeland." END ARTICLE

DATE: 12.11.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF AMERICA DISCUSSES APPEAL TO GOVT TO STOP AID TO ISRAEL"

BYLINE : Mordecai Barkai, "Davar" Correspondent in the U.S.A.

QUOTE : WASHINGTON (SPECIAL TO "DAVAR")--The NCC (Protestant and Eastern Orthodox) discusses this weekend a proposal to call upon the USA Govt to cease all aid to Israel because it is violating the rights of man in the occupied territories. The resolution was submitted to the Council by the Antiochian Archdiocese in New York. This is the most extremist/anti-Israel resolution that has been discussed until now in the church council in the U.S.A., a council which is a branch of the World Council of Churches. Since 1974 the N.C.C. of America has been demanding of the U.S. Govt to enter into direct talks with the PLO. The Eastern Orthodox Churches Council has long been demanding U.S. recognition of the PLO as the national leader of the Palestinians.

Sharp opposition to the anti-Israel resolution has come not only from Jewish bodies in the U.S., but also from churches who are members of the NCC in America, as well as from other churches outside the NCC. Under the influence of the Council Secretary, Clair Rendall, an additional resolution to co-opt the PLO representative at the U.N. to the Council's directorate with the status of observer was withdrawn. However, the NEW YORK TIMES notes that even if the anti-Israel resolution fails or is amended, a deterioration in relations may be anticipated between Israel and U.S. Jewish leaders on one side and younger leaders of the Council, many of whom are blacks, on the other. The Andrew Young affair has no doubt contributed to this deterioration. END ARTICLE

DATE: 14.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) INTERVIEW FEATURE
 HEADING: "ACTOR GAINS FRESH INSIGHT" PHOTO: EMMET ZIMBALIST Jr...A HEARTY ENDORSEMENT
 BYLINE: Judy Siegel/J.P. Reporter

EXCERPTS:Israel, however, is one experience that Zimbalist heartily endorses. During an interview in Jerusalem's Diplomat Hotel, he waxed poetic about the beauty of the landscape and the friendliness of the people.... "As a Christian on his first visit to Israel, I came drawn by God the Son--Jesus, but I got a much greater sense of God the Father--Jehovah, which in my mind had been vague." This confession may puzzle those who always thought that his name was Russian-Jewish. Zimbalist explains that his parents formally left Judaism when in their 20s and christened him as an Episcopalian when he was a baby.

Halachically still a Jew, as the son of a Jewish mother, Zimbalist now regards himself as a "born-again Christian." "I had stopped being an Episcopalian years ago. But last year I had insomnia one night and turned on the TV set. I watched a religious show for the first time, and I began to be persuaded." Now Zimbalist goes to church at least twice a week. He never thought of asking his parents (his mother died in 1938, but his father is now 90) why they left the Jewish faith. He was particularly impressed by the open access and maintenance of the Christian holy places around the country. He says he would like Jerusalem to remain united. ENDEXCERPTS

DATE: 15.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST ANNOUNCEMENT
 QUOTE: THE SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS FOR THE PEACE OF JERUSALEM is to be held in the capital at the end of this month, with representation from evangelical Christians from all over the world.

DATE: 18.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "U.S. BLACK MINISTERS WANT ISRAEL'S WITHDRAWAL"
 QUOTE: DETROIT (AP) More than 1200 black ministers ended a week-long conference on Friday with a call for Israel to withdraw from Arab territories occupied in 1967. Their position paper also said the U.S. should recognize the PLO as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The ministers further called for the U.S. to deport the deposed shah of Iran "as quickly as possible," adding that President Carter's administration should "end its harassment of Iranians in America." The National Black Pastors' Conference claims it represents some 15 million black Americans. END

DATE: 16.11.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (IEB AM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE SHABBAT SUPPLEMENT
 HEADING: "FINGER OF GOD" BYLINE: Edna Edito
 PHOTOS: Vera Etzion (1) On improvised platform in the shadow of eucalyptuses, U.S. and Israeli artists appear in a program which will be viewed by 60 millions. (2) Haddad views a happening.... (3) Eightyear old Haj whose parents traveled to Beirut and did not return (4) Singer Louise Jay from the U.S. appearing in South Lebanon.
 QUOTE: Little Haj, the 8-year-old Lebanese boy, who lives in the village of Klea near the "Good Fence", tasted this week the flavour of real joy. For the first time in many months a sad and pensive smile creased his childish face, and the dull ~~glare~~ ^{look} in his mature eyes, taught by suffering, brightened suddenly. The alert child, with a strong instinct for survival, has been compelled to care for himself, and even to look after his younger brother by several years. About half a year ago his parents traveled to Beirut to visit relatives, and since then all trace of them has been lost. Suddenly, his sharp eye discerned a strange ^{unfamiliar} happening, not far from his village, in the area of "Free Lebanon" near the "Good Fence." His curiosity got the better of him, and cautiously he made his way along the goat lane leading from his village to a wooded area of cedars, when he was captivated by the sight of a group of active people, speaking English, Hebrew and Arabic in an odd mixture, working on setting up complicated TV cameras, dazzling spotlights and various microphones. A group of workers hammered away at long logs, building an improvised platform. But what especially captivated the young Christian refugee was the colourful Christmas decoration hung on Lebanese Christmas trees and sparkling from afar.

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With his gaping eyes he strokes these ornaments, and in a hushed voice asks to be permitted to help in the work. Quickly the young leader is joined by all the village children, and he distributes tasks among them, running about the area, filling the role of producer, little but efficient.

The TV crew, permitted to set up shop in the area after coordination with senior sources in the IDF, the Foreign Ministry, and the Christian militiamen of Major Hadad, were feverishly preparing the production of a giant TV happening to transpire in the sight of thousands of South Lebanese villagers. The production team of the Christian Broadcasting Network C.B.N. had arrived in sun-drenched Lebanon straight from showy America, in order to film a unique Christmas program--a gesture of solidarity and good will between Christians from different ends of the world. The program, with the participation of ^{many} American and Israeli artists, will be telecast from coast to coast in the U.S.A. this coming Christmas Eve before the eyes of about 60 million viewers on 240 TV stations in the United States, South America, Asia, and the Far East.

The idea for the filming of a TV happening in the presence of the citizens of South Lebanon, experienced in suffering, and for whom entertainment shows have not been their regular portion for the more than five years that war has raged on their soil, was born in the mind of Grant Livingstone. He is an aged Christian, a resident of West Jerusalem, who about a year ago set up a small organization (which comprises only 20 members) named "CHRISTIANS FOR LEBANON". Livingstone who normally serves as a free-lance correspondent, who files news stories for a radio station in Canada, about a year ago organized together with Bruce Kasidan of the Dept of International Cooperation in the Foreign Ministry, and with the kind assistance of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kellek, a Christmas Mass at the Tower of David in Jerusalem. This was designed to direct the Christian world's attention to the suffering of the Christians in Lebanon. About 700 Christian believers ^{from Jerusalem and around about} took part in the mass, and funds contributed were transferred to the militiamen in South Lebanon. However, Grant Livingstone did not rest on his laurels. About a year ago he sent a letter to the Director of CBN, the American Christian Broadcasting Network, and proposed to him the idea of filming a TV program in South Lebanon which would reflect the suffering of the inhabitants of this splintered, divided and ruined land. Perhaps such a program would promote sympathy and solidarity among the Christian population in the United States (for the Lebanese). "The Letter from the Holy Land" reached Dr. Pat Robertson, station director. About a month ago

the Christian station in Portsmouth, Virginia was visited by Uzi Peled, General Director of Tel-Ad, Jerusalem, who supplies the American station with production services and filming service in Israel. The two began to discuss the matter, and thus the idea to conduct a big happening for the inhabitants of Free South Lebanon was born. It would be filmed in Israel and broadcast on Christmas Eve for millions of viewers. Inasmuch as Christmas was around the corner, it was necessary to make all the preparations for the production of a project of this extent with despatch. Uzi Peled flew immediately back to Israel to make the necessary arrangements, and the Americans began to organize swiftly, recruiting dozens of artists to help out, who agreed to take part in the event at a minimal salary and expenses for their time in Israel.

The American Christian TV station CBN was founded about 12 years ago on the day that Jerusalem was reunited during the Six Days War. The station's staff, all believing Christians, and sworn friends of Israel, saw in this fact "the finger of God." The man who heads the station, Dr. Pat Robertson, a former successful lawyer, is the son of Senator Robertson of Maryland. Pat Robertson relates how one day, while he was still engaged in the practice of law, God revealed Himself to him and commanded him to promulgate the New Testament by means of television. Robertson abandoned a successful law office, a secure economic position, and a stormy social life, traveled to Portsmouth, Virginia, and embarked on a new life there. With the help of loans and contributions, ^{which} Robertson succeeded in raising in various and strange ways from several sources, he succeeded in setting up a small TV station which has developed in gigantic strides during its 12 years of existence, and has become today one of the most advanced TV stations in the world from the standpoint of its structure and technology. CBN is now reckoned as the fourth largest network broadcasting in the U.S. It broadcasts with four TV stations in Boston, Dallas, Virginia and New York, and is about to open a fifth station, the last permitted by American statute.

In addition, the network people purchase time on 163 TV stations telecasting from coast to coast in the U.S.A., and on 125 radio stations throughout the continent. CBN is the first international network in the U.S. ^{broadcasting} ~~telecasting~~ outside the continent. The station broadcasts by means of a satellite to 15 TV stations in South America, a more (MORE)

them Brazil, Colombia, El-Salvador, Puerto Rico, and the like, and on nine TV stations in Asia and the Far East, among them Manila, the Philippines, Hong Kong, Taiwan, and others. CBN is also the first TV network in the U.S.A. which broadcasts to these stations of her; not by means of microwaves, as is customary among most of the world's stations, but by means of satellites. At the disposal of the Christian network is modern perfected equipment including, among other things, two large studios, each one 1,000 sq.mtr. Only 3% of the regular income of the station comes from commercials, while the largest part of the standing budget required to operate an enterprise of such a size is met by the contributions of Christian believers throughout the U.S. The station broadcasts programs of a Christian religious nature in addition to regular programs of the kind that would be seen on any other TV station. The personnel of the station are all of them Christians who are total abstainers from alcohol, smoking and drugs. The station also has a ^{special} department which censors sections of various programs which are contrary to ~~morals~~ or with basic violence.

Adjacent to the studios, Dr. Pat Robertson has established a university for the science of communication and religion. Students at this university are "good Christians" who, upon completion of their studies, find employment at the station. The most popular program on the station is called "700 Club." This is a daily interview program conducted by the station director Pat Robertson, now in its 12th year. It was on this program that the suffering of the Christians of South Lebanon was described for the first time in a feature story prepared for them recently by the Tel-Ad studios in Jerusalem on the subject of the Good Fence.

The director of the station could not find the time himself to take on the production work in South Lebanon, and appointed for this purpose two of the key men on the station, Jerry Horstman, a senior program director, and Michael Little, a senior producer. The American production crew arrived in Israel a few days before the performance, and began filming with the technical crew of the Tel-Ad studios and with the massive assistance of Major Hadad, several documentary sections which will be integrated into the entertainment program. The Americans documented an interview with Major Hadad, Commander of the Christian militias, a day with a Christian family of villagers, the head of the family being a farmer and a fighter with the Palanges. From day to day he goes out to fight in his tank, and when the shellings are over, he returns to his home, parks his tank in front of his house; likewise, stories about the radio station "VOICE OF HOPE" (which won a generous contribution of 100,000 dollars from CBN) will be integrated into the program, and the Good Fence clinic.

The program producer Michael Little was very surprised at what was happening in South Lebanon when he visited this week for the first time in his life in the area. "The media in the U.S., and especially the reports carried on the news editions, present the American viewer with a distorted picture of the situation. It is clumsy, hard to grasp, confused and absolutely unclear concerning the events of South Lebanon," Michael Little thinks. "The average TV viewer who is unfamiliar with the intricacies of the war cannot find his way through the complex events which are presented to him in a foggy manner. The Christian world cannot therefore identify with the suffering of the Christians in South Lebanon and provide aid for them," he thinks. Michael Little hopes that the big entertainment happening filmed this week in Israel will help significantly to arouse the American public from its slumber. Immediately following the conclusion of the ~~screen~~ ^{screen}ing of the program, CBN will announce a big collection campaign on behalf of the Christians in Free South Lebanon.

During the week preceding the event, the soldiers of Major Hadad took care to make it known among the ^{many} villages of South Lebanon, and he decided that this would be insufficient, taking a considerable risk on himself by announcing the TV happening on hourly broadcasts of "Voice of Hope" radio station. Road Blocks were put up along the whole way as much as possible to prevent hostile forces from entering the area, and interfering with the good time. Inasmuch as the program was filmed on South Lebanese soil, a war-torn area, insurance companies refused to insure the expensive film equipment of the Tel-Ad studios, and studio director Uzi Peled decided to gamble and take the risk on himself by bringing the equipment into the area. Only the mobile broadcasting unit was stationed on the other side of the Good Fence in Israeli territory several meters from the place where the event took place.

On Saturday afternoon, as the last-minute preparations were being completed, thousands of Christian villagers from South Lebanon began to stream into the area of the filming. There were old men dressed in rags and young men in jeans and olive-coloured
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uniforms, women in colourful village costumes and children en masse. All of them arrived on horses and donkeys, in vehicles and on foot. Fighters in the Christian militias and their families arrived at the film site in their "family vehicles"...the tanks, armoured cars, and command cars. The noise and tumult were unbearable. The place became one huge bazaar with the villagers being given the opportunity of meeting one another in the framework of a social event. The joy was great, and the production crews could barely stop the young children trying to "snatch" something from the cedars with their sparkling Christmas decorations. Only Haj, the little Lebanese refugee, manages to prevent the looting. It was a bright day, with a warm sun striking their heads and lighting up the dazzling ornaments with a blaze of colours. Among the audience there were distinguished guests invited to the happening: Major Haddad, Commander of the Christian militias, Francis Rizak, spokesman for Free Lebanon, the Mayor of Kiryat Shmoneh, Mr. Avraham Aloni, village leaders, clergy, Lebanese mayors and Israeli mayors sitting side by side. The tumult was great, and only when Francis Rizak mounted the platform and requested that the audience "sit down on our precious soil," did things quiet down.

Everyone waits expectantly. Rizak and Hadad ^{USE} the occasion to thank the production crew in the name of the citizens of Free Lebanon. "This happening," says Hadad, "reminds us that we are also ordinary human beings yearning for some good entertainment from time to time. We also have the right to live like other free people throughout the world!" Hadad and Rizak express the hope that this coming Christmas will bring with it a message of peace, not only for Lebanon and the Near East, but for the entire world. When the speeches are finished, the artistic program commences under the leadership of the American singer, Roger Wills. One after another on the improvised platform, to the tumultuous sound of the villagers, there appear the Galilee chorus, the pantomimist Julian Shagran, Stephanie Busan (an American songstress married to a Lebanese who had emigrated to the U.S.), a dancing troupe from Israel, the entertainer Tsipi Shavit, ^{young} the Israeli violinist Eyal Shabar, age 15, and many others. The filming continues for a long time, and despite the intermissions and the frequent repetitions of various sections of the show again and again, the villagers do not lose their patience, but follow with wondering eyes whatever is happening.

At the conclusion of the filming, when the ^{Tsayta} ~~song~~ chorus sings the song "To the Life of this people" ("Le'hayai na'am ha'zeh"), with its double entendre, one of the soldiers of the Christian militias confides to us: "Until now we were fearful of assembling in large crowds in one place. For five years we have always gathered in small groups, secretly, far from the view of the terrorists. Today a new leaf has been turned in the annals of Free South Lebanon. We're no longer afraid to come together and to rejoice." END FEATURE.

DATE: 21.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST OPINION ARTICLE

HEADING: "THE ISRAELI CONDITION" (...chides Israelis...) BYLINE: Magen Broshi

EXCERPT: ...Not long ago, THE JERUSALEM POST published a review of a book entitled:

"IN THE HOLY LAND WITH JESUS." (SEE SELECTIONS No. C, p.12 Item B. dated 14.9.79)

The reviewer (Paul S. Sharon) found several faults with the book, but what really angered him was that the author (an erudite Franciscan friar) failed to mention that Jerusalem was the capital of Israel. This omission, the reviewer felt, had a deep political significance and would make the U.S. State Dept very happy.

Why should this pious, lavishly illustrated album deal with the present-day status of Jerusalem? Should one expect a book on Emperor Augustus to mention the fact that Rome is also Italy's capital today? END EXCERPTS

SUBJECT FOUR: CHRISTIAN NEWS IN ISRAEL PRESS (Selected)

DATE: 4.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "BIBLIE COLLEGE OPENS"

BYLINE: JERUSALEM POST REPORTER

QUOTE: Christians of all denominations recently joined together to open the Bethlehem Bible College for lay residents of the West Bank. The school, which is presently located in the town's Lutheran Church, has received the backing of Greek Catholics, Episcopalians, Lutherans and Roman Catholics. Most of the students are primary or secondary school teachers. END ITEM

DATE: 11.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "MOTHER TERESA RETIRED IN INDIA"

EXCERPTS: NEW DELHI (AP).- Mother Teresa, India's "Saint of the Gutters", had it all her own way on Friday on a hectic visit to the capital to receive congratulations from Govt leaders, politicians and diplomats on winning the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize. F.M. Mishra (MORE)

invited the 69-year-old R.C. nun to lunch, then changed plans at her request. Instead, the minister and his aides were coaxed by her into distributing food at a home for 140 dying and destitute persons in the slums of outer Delhi, one of 158 such centres operated by Mother Teresa's order in four continents. Later the "Living Saint," as many call her, drew tearful silence followed by stormy applause at a UN conference promoting improved status for women with a short, moving speech, urging love for all humankind, particularly the poor and helpless....END EXCERPT

DATE: 11.11.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "JORDANIANS PREVENTED CHRISTIAN CHOIR FROM ENTERING"

BYLINE : Bat-Ami Hamizrahi, Upper Galilee Correspondent of "Haaretz"

QUOTE : The Jordanian Govt did not permit a Christian choir to participate in a big show produced by the Christian Television Network from the U.S., CBN, in South Lebanon. The Christian singers were about to appear before King Hussein, in South Lebanon, and at the foot of Mt. Sinai, but when this was made known to the authorities of Jordan, they prevented their coming to Amman. The Jordanians bought up the flight tickets scheduled to bring the choir to Jordan. At the show organized near the Good Fence, singers from the U.S. and Canada as well as songstress Zippi Shavit from Israel took part. Also participating were dance troupes, and other artists, ~~xxx~~ on a set which included two tanks, sandbags and a ruined house. It will be screened throughout the U.S. on 240 TV stations linked to the CBN network in the framework of a special Christmas program. END ITEM (SEE PAGE 5 HEREIN, FEATURE ARTICLE "FINGER OF GOD")

DATE: 19.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "FORMER POLISH JEW BECOMES BISHOP OF ORLEANS, FRANCE"

QUOTE : PARIS (JTA).--A former Jew was enthroned bishop of one of France's most important sees on Saturday. French Catholic circles view the Jewish-born bishop as the rising star in French Catholicism, and speak of him as a possible papal successor. The new prelate, 54-year-old Mgr. Jean-Marie Lustiger, was appointed by the pope to be bishop of Orleans. The historic city houses France's main cathedral, that of Jeanne d'Arc. However, the town was the centre of antisemitic rumours a few years ago.

Jean-Marie Lustiger was born into a Jewish family of Polish origin. His parents arrived in France in the early twenties. At the time of the German invasion, his parents took him to Orleans where a Christian family was prepared to hide him. In 1941, at the age of 15, he decided to convert to Catholicism, the religion of his foster parents. After graduating from high school, he worked for a year in a factory, and then attended the Sorbonne, where he graduated in philosophy. At the age of 24 he entered a Catholic seminary, and was ordained in 1954.

The new bishop never speaks about his Jewish origins, and declines to grant personal interviews. Those who know him well say that he refuses to go into "personal matters" and is also afraid to hurt the feelings of the Jewish community. He never mentions his real parents, and it is generally believed they died in a Nazi concentration camp after their deportation to Poland. END ARTICLE

DATE: 19.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "POPE PLANS VISIT TO TURKEY"

QUOTE : VATICAN CITY (AP).--Pope John Paul II yesterday told a crowd of 40,000 he will go to Turkey late this month as a proof of his desire to promote unity of all Christians. Addressing the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square for his Sunday noon blessing, the pontiff said: "Today I will want to give you great news. The pope will go shortly to the East. At the end of this month I will go to Turkey. I will visit first Ankara, the capital of that great country...afterwards I will go to Istanbul to visit his holiness Patriarch Demetrius I and to participate in the celebrations of St. Andrew, Patron St. of the church of Constantinople." The Vatican said he planned to go to Turkey Nov. 28-30. It will be the 4th trip abroad of Pope John Paul II. He has already visited Mexico and Santo Domingo, Poland, Ireland and the U.S.....The two churches (Greek Orthodox & R.C.) split over theological disputes centuries ago. Theologians from both churches currently are involved in long-term talks aimed at uniting two of the main branches of Christianity.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

(A.) DATE: 11.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "MORMON ACTIVITIES"

QUOTE : As a part-year resident of Israel, BY + Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin, Herzliya (Lawrence, NEW YORK)
I rejoice with all men of good will at the million-dollar park that the Mormon Church
of the United States dedicated in Jerusalem. Israel is indeed fortunate that so many

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Christian groups from every part of the world are displaying such friendliness and encouragement to the Holy Land and to its people. As Chairman of the "JEWS FOR JEWS" Organization in the U.S., however, I must bring the Mormon Church gift into its proper perspective. Our organization seeks to expose and combat the dangerous and nefarious activities of cults and missionary groups which seek to entrap and convert our Jewish brethren.

The Mormon Church of the Latter Day Saints has never made a secret of the fact that one of its main religious tenets is to actively evangelize and energetically convert non-Mormons, especially Jews. In fact, the prophet Orson Hyde, for whom the Jerusalem park is named, clearly made this conversion pledge the main part of his prophecy declaration from the Mount of Olives on October 24, 1841.

I must regrettably report that our Organization has received complaints from scores of Jewish families in many parts of the country agonizing over the unfair and unethical methods used by the Mormon Church missionary teams in trying to turn members of their families away from Judaism and snatch them for the Mormon Church. It is most important therefore that we accept the generous gift of the Mormon Church in its proper perspective. END LETTER

(B) DATE: 14.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BIBLICAL CLUE TO 'CURE'"

BYLINE : K.P. Hong/Tokyo

QUOTE : A Japanese bacteriologist has announced that he has developed a drug over the past 17 years that provides a "permanent cure" for cancer that has not reached an advanced or terminal stage. Dr. Mutsuyuki Kochi, 66, director of a hospital outside Tokyo, told a Japan Cancer Society symposium that his medicine--which he said is extracted from figs--is able to halt the growth of cancer and to eventually turn cancerous cells into normal ones. Moreover, he said, the substance, which he called B-Cyclo-Dextrin Benzaldehyde (CDBA), has been shown in tests to have no side effects.

Kochi has discussed his cancer research in the past, but his report to the cancer society was his first formal announcement to a medical group....He said the report was based on his own clinical trials in which he treated about 200 patients during the past 2 years and 10 months....More than 50% of his patients, he said, were terminal cases who were not hesitant to submit to clinical trials. "These cases have achieved amazingly favourable results," he said, although he did not claim that any of them recovered. Last February Japan's Health and Welfare Ministry gave five national hospitals permission to try the drug in treating volunteer cancer patients. Kochi said it would be up to the government to report those results.

He said his patients were mostly elderly men and women who had undergone other treatments for cancer, including surgery for some. "With CDBA they have recovered to a state, usually within a period little more than a year, in which tumours stopped growing and no further/cell divisions were seen...I would call that state permanent cure," he said.

Kochi first noted the possible use of figs in cancer treatment while reading a chapter of the Old Testament in which King Hezekiah had a malignant boil treated with the fruit. He said he developed the fig extract in 1962 with the aid of activated charcoal and acetone, and found it effective in experiments on mice afflicted with Erlich carcinoma, a form of cancer....Kochi said that with CDBA, "malignant tumours are changed into foreign matter and cease growing." This phenomenon of differentiation takes place not only in the tumour itself but in the tumour cells of the whole body. (A.P.) END.
(SEE II KINGS 20:7; ISAIAH 38:21)

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