

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

DATE: 23.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST(ENGLISH A.M. INDEPENDENT) FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "CONTROVERSIAL LAW" CHRISTIAN COMMENT/OIKOUMENIKOS

QUOTE : Proposed legislation relating to religious liberty, now in a Knesset committee, was a subject of intense discussion at a jointly-sponsored public forum in Jerusalem last week. The UCCI, the Israel Office of the AJG, and the Israel Interfaith Committee cooperated in the meeting at the Hebrew Union College. Chairman was Prof. Emeritus Hans Klinghoffer, President of the Assn for Civil Rights. A central feature was an address on "LAW AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY" by Herbert A. Kerrigan, a lawyer from Edinburgh and professor at the University of Southern California.

The uniqueness of Israel as a Jewish state was acknowledged by Prof. Kerrigan at the beginning. "I am accepting the clear fact that Israel is a Jewish state, and that the necessary corollary of that is the fact that the Jewish faith has, and must have a special status in Israel as the religious expression of the national identity. In my Anglo-Saxon bias, I am tempted to regard it as the 'established religion' which gives it a status apart from other faiths, but does not in any way mean that, by that fact, religious liberty is to be denied to others. I would further submit that both in international law and in practice, this existence of established forms of religion is well recognized, and is not regarded as objectionable, unless and until the established religion seeks to become the exclusive religion or so behaves as to be oppressive to minorities."

Prof. Kerrigan discussed some of the legal principles affecting religious liberty and their practical expression in the laws of a state. Finally, he dealt with questions related to the means of enforcement of this legislation. Since Israel has no constitution, minorities in Israel are understandably interested in the Human Rights Basic Law, which may be considered by the Knesset. In its present formulation, it reads: "Every person is entitled to freedom of religious belief, freedom of the worship of God, and freedom of practice of his religious obligations."

How important is it that certain principles of freedom be embodied in such a statute? Is a person threatened if there is no enacted legislation which clearly states his freedoms? Dr. Shimon Shitrit of the Hebrew University asserted that "much depends on the innovation of the judiciary, the concept of civil liberties which prevail in the country, the social climate, and basic political commitment to human freedom." Judging by these criteria, declared Shitrit, Israel has a record which can be positively acclaimed, as much as that of the British.

If the proposed basic law on religious liberty is adopted, Shitrit believes that the courts will adequately elaborate on it in specific cases. It is significant that the U.S. for example actually has just two statements directly related to religious freedom, and the fact that no religion shall be established as the official state religion. In specific cases, the courts have elaborated and interpreted what those two statements mean. Thus, he suggests, one should not be overly concerned if the Human Rights Basic Law is a brief one. The judiciary can be trusted to do its job of justly applying the principles.

Why is there concern about the issue of religious liberty? Perhaps, in part, it is because of the alleged tendency of the orthodox Jewish parties to impose legislation which stifles pluralism within Judaism. This is seen by many Christians as a threat to religious freedom. Prof. Yitzhak Englard of the Hebrew University stated that the major difficulties in implementing the principles of freedom are related to the "unique nature of Israel as a Jewish state." The real problem is among those who are Jews—observant or non-observant, Orthodox or Conservative or Reform.

Rev. Henry Knight, responding on behalf of the UCCI, spoke of the concern for liberty by the Christian minority in Israel, presently numbering about 84,000 nationwide. This minority is, of course, primarily Arab. Aside from their particular needs, one could also draw attention to Christians of Jewish parentage. To safeguard the liberties of all, asked Knight, why shouldn't Israel have a Bill of Rights similar to others in the Free World? Particularly disturbing to many Christians is what they view as the distorted image of the impact of "the mission." "Fantasy has outstripped fact and created wierd distortions," asserted Knight. "If last year followed the pattern of previous years, 400 to 500 persons converted to Judaism, mainly for reasons of marriage. Of the 3.1 million Jewish population, under ten converted to the Christian faith," he maintained. "There ~~may~~ have been others who for various reasons did not register a change, but that number would be small...The converts to Judaism are portrayed as acting out of honourable motives, with no external encouragement or inducement, while the ten converts to (MORE)

Christianity are depicted as 'enemies of the people' who were subjected to unworthy enticement..." Judging by reactions, one would think that the conversion numbers were reversed.

One cannot make a myth disappear by legislation, but when a minority feels it is misrepresented, its concern for affirmation of basic liberties is increased, including the freedoms of conscience and association. Are these already sufficiently stated in the Declaration of Independence of 1948? Dr. M. Bernard Resnikoff, Director of the American Jewish Committee's (AJC) Israel Office, pointed out that section 3 of that document states that "the State of Israel will guarantee the freedom of religion (and) conscience.." While that statement was not "law," it stated principles which have been upheld and applied by the courts. Another crucial question: In all the discussion about freedom of religion, should one also draw attention to the need of freedom from religion, if desired?

Local Christians and their friends in many circles in Judaism feel that the proposal for legislation affirming basic religious liberty is a vital, attainable goal. It would certainly be widely heralded, both here and abroad. (END FEATURE ARTICLE)

SUBJECT TWO: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: "CAHN YERUSALAYIM" (JERUSALEM HEBREW WEEKLY... "MEARIV" HE-
HEADING: "THE RABBI REMOVED CHILDREN FROM THE MISSION" (LATE D)

QUOTE : A gay torchlight parade last week from Bikah-to-Geulim direction to Rehov Ein Gedi in Talpiot moved along with a festive escort of a Torah scroll which had been transferred from the "Heichal Avraham" Synagogue in Bikah to the Yeshiva and Hostel of "Toldot Yitzhak", which has absorbed six young men who had been gathered out of the educational institutions of the Mission. The Yeshiva (Jewish religious seminary) was dedicated at the former Carmi residence hotel, and is headed by Rabbi Shlomo Dayan. Dayan himself "threshed" the various missions and gleaned out of them the Jewish children, most of whom had come from broken homes.

At the dedicatory ceremony, the Sephardic Chief Rabbi, Ovadya Yosef, Deputy Mayors Rabbi S.A. Shaulson and David Bergman, Council Member Amram Haroush, and Religious Council Head Gedalia Schreiber, participated. The institution is very heavily in debt, and for the present lacks governmental support. The Chief Rabbi stressed this in his remarks....when he noted that it was not enough to take the matter to heart; one had to open his pocket as well. END

DATE: 4.12.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEBREW AM IND) NEWS BRIEF
HEADING: "THE MISSION HAS SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF A SEPARATE BEACH IN TIBERIAS"
BYLINE : "Haaretz" Correspondent in the Galilee

QUOTE : The Scottish Mission has solved for the Tiberias Municipality and its head, Mr. Yigal Bibi, of the National Religious Party (NRP) the problem of a separate beach for Orthodox Jews. The Municipality for years has been seeking a place on the seashore where men and women could bathe separately. The Municipality was unsuccessful in its efforts to locate a more suitable place than that which is under the authority of the Scottish Mission, and the Mission personnel hastened to demonstrate their good will. END ITEM

DATE: 22.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTERS TO EDITOR
HEADING: "THE MORMONS" (A) Mildred Hand, Jerusalem.

QUOTE : It is both inaccurate and unfair to attribute the purpose of Hyde's historic journey to the Holy Land...to some scheme on his part or the Church he served to proselyte the Jews and win them away from Judaism, as both Michael Plotkin and Rabbi Rubin R. Dobin in their respective letters imply. In fact, there is documentary evidence to show that the mission of Orson Hyde, singularly unique in Mormon history, had but one central ^{purpose} ~~idea~~ in mind: to pave the way among Christians and Jews alike for the return of scattered Israel to its patriarchal homeland in fulfillment of all the prophecies. This was clearly revealed in the letter of authorization given Orson Hyde at a church conference in Illinois on April 6, 1840 by Mormon prophet Joseph Smith. The Orson Hyde Park created by the J'lm Foundation and financed by Mormon friends of Israel (who believe in the return) was meant to be a place of meditation for all who treasure J'lm...As a 5th generation Mormon, whose forefathers often suffered persecution...I hope that Orson Hyde's mission will be accepted in its true light, and the park appreciated for its ^{true} intent.

(B) Binyamin Gonen, Tel Aviv: As a Jew born in Israel with many Mormon friends here, I can testify that the 4 million Mormons in the world truly love Israel (which) forms part of their faith. These true friends of Israel are of inestimable value to our country. (MORE)

CHRISTIANS PRO ISRAEL: SUBJECT NUMBER TELE

DATE: 23.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "WAKE UP, JEWS!"

SIGNED: Murdoch Macmillan, Toronto, Canada.

QUOTE : How sad that the mother religion of both Moslems and Christians is not cherished more by its so-called adherents! Does not the Bible promise you a land from El Arish to the Euphrates—on condition you observe the laws of the Bible? Then why does your paper want to "give back" divinely given land when you have so little of it? The world press is bombarded with PLO propaganda to the effect that you displaced a million Palestinian Arabs and made them refugees. You don't tell the world how Jews from Arab countries, a million or more, were fleeced of their wealth and persecuted (and still are in Iraq and Syria) and were welcomed into Israel. You fail to tell the world that those Jews left behind more land and wealth than all the Arabs who fled Palestine. You fear to take over the "occupied" lands you conquered, but you neglect to tell the world that there is a Palestinian homeland for Arabs: It is called Jordan, and is 75% of the Palestine Mandate, created by Britain in 1922, but really part of Israel.

Don't be fazed by the glamour of the PLO, a bunch of cut-throat killers. There are millions of refugees in the world, but only Arabs and the PLO get a hearing. Wake the conscience of the world, wake up and tell the story as it is. Wake up your Jews to be Jews. Be proud of what you have contributed to the world over the last 4,000 years. The Arabs contribute oil, you contributed civilization. END LETTER

DATE: 23.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) BOOK REVIEW

HEADING: "A FRIEND AT COURT"

BOOK TITLE: "THE PRINCE AND THE PROPHET" By Claude Duvernoy. Preface by André Chouraqui
Translated from French by Jack Joffe, JLM, "CHRISTIAN ACTION" (POB 3367)
142 pp. IL 150.-

REVIEWED BY: André Schneuwly, a Swiss Evangelical
Industrialist, and Pres. "Christian Action for Isr."

QUOTE : Who today remembers the amazing British clergyman who played a central role in the life of Theodor Herzl, being placed by God at the side of the Zionist prince to be, for nine years, his prophet and his strongest spiritual support? As André Chouraqui writes in his preface to Dr. Duvernoy's book: "Without William Hechler's generosity, patience and efficient friendship, without his attention to messianic signs, without the certitude of sharing a common prophetic mission, Herzl might have stumbled. Without the prophet's firm hand opening the first doors, the decisive doors, Herzl, just like Moses and Jonah confronted by a Divine call, might have been tempted to flee from his destiny."

William Hechler was born to missionary parents in Benares, India, in 1845. Ordained in the Anglican ministry, he spent many years in Nigeria, Sweden, Germany and England, where through the good offices of an aunt who was a nurse at the royal court, he was recommended to the Grand Duke Frederick of Baden, who appointed him his private chaplain and tutor to his two little sons. Hechler's last chaplaincy was at the British Embassy in Vienna, and it was thus that he met Herzl, a few days after the publication of "DER JUDENSTAAT." Having many illustrious connections, he offered his services and friendship to the initially sceptical author, and it was thanks to him that Herzl met, among other leading political and ecclesiastical figures, the grand duke who was to become Kaiser Wilhelm II.

In moments when Herzl felt betrayed and bitter, the chaplain would spur him on with words of encouragement: "God chose you. You will succeed. Your people will get its promised land. God is with you." And when Herzl died, Hechler was the last person, apart from the family, to see him. It was to him that, within a few hours of his death, Herzl entrusted his spiritual testament to the Jewish people: "tell them, tell them all, that I gave my heart's blood for them."

Herzl had promised to take Hechler to visit the Holy Land and to give him the Anglican bishopric of Jerusalem. One dream proved to be as illusory as the other, but the chaplain remained faithful to Zion, and attended successive Zionist Congresses as a guest of honour. He spent his last years in penurious retirement in London, surrounded by Zionist pamphlets, maps and charts—and a thousand Bibles in every conceivable language and

in 1895, through cabalistic calculations based on the Book of Daniel, Hechler had foreseen that 1897 would be a fateful date in contemporary Jewish history. That was to be the year of the 1st Zionist Congress. In 1913, he told Martin Buber in Berlin: "Your fatherland will soon be given back to you. For a serious crisis will occur, whose deep meaning is the liberation of your messianic Jerusalem from the yoke of the nations.."

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We are moving towards a world war..." And a few months before his death, he told Nahum Sokolov's family: "Part of European Jewry is going to be sacrificed for the resurrection of your biblical fatherland."

Claude Duvernoy opens his book with a chapter tracing the Protestant fore-runners of Zionism since the time of the Reformation and containing some enlightening theological reflections on the way in which God leads history, including Jewish history, to salvation. "The Zionism of Christian inspiration," he writes, "should be much more than a movement of sympathy for a people that has suffered too much... There are numerous biblical passages in the Hebrew canon to which Jewish Zionism can relate itself, and which the Church should equally accept... The psalm of the Jewish Passover, "IF I FORGET THEE, JERUSALEM," is addressed to the Church as well as the Synagogue, since to forget Jerusalem means to lose the messianic hope, and thereupon to lose the prophetic sense of history..."

At the end of the book the author gives a fascinating Christian-Zionist bibliography, containing some 70 titles dating back to 1535. Among the authors are Isaac de la Perrière, Isaac Newton, Thomas Newton, Joseph Priestley, the Prince de Ligne, Lord Shaftsbury, Benjamin D'Israeli, George Eliot and Laurence Oliphant. He concludes by expressing the wish that he may see William Hechler's remains re-interred in Jerusalem, close to those of his prince. For on April 26, 1896, Herzl wrote in his diary: "I would like the Jews to show him gratitude in a grand manner." Such an act would have a considerable effect on relations between London and Jerusalem, between the Protestant world and Zion. (END REVIEW)

DATE: 28.11.79 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISHMAR" (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CONGRESS FOR PEACE OF JERUSALEM OPENS"

BYLINE: G ABRIEL STERN, "Al Hamishmar" Correspondent

QUOTE: Last night the 2nd International Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem opened at the capital's Hotel Diplomat in Jerusalem. The congress opened in the presence of some 400 members of Evangelical denominations, mainly from the U.S.A., from several European countries and from South Africa, who believe in the sanctity of the Hebrew Bible and divine teaching, in the fulfilment of the biblical promises to the Jewish people by means of the State of Israel, and in the need to deepen the Jewish roots of Christianity. Professor Douglas Young, Jerusalem "Worthy", and until recently President of the American Institute of Holy Land Studies on Mt. Zion, opened the Congress and was its moderator.

It was with great enthusiasm that Major Sa'ad, Commander of the Christian militias in the South Lebanon enclave, was received by the assemblage. He appeared in uniform and removed his hat only during the reading of the Bible. Haddad accused the Christian world of apathy over the Lebanese situation where, according to him, Christianity faces extinction, and he attributed this apathy to fear connected with Arab oil. But the Arabs cannot drink oil, Haddad stated, but are in need of American wheat. While the Christians had been of no help to Lebanon, they had received help only from Israel, the Jewish state, he said.

Dr. Israel Carmona, one of the Congress leaders, recited a special prayer for rain in Israel in view of the danger of drought. He also stressed that there must be recognition of the rights of all the peoples in the region; nevertheless, Jewish settlement in Judea and Samaria is legal, just as Americans who live in Santa Barbara, where he lives, are there legally. He called on all Christians, including the Vatican, to recognize Jerusalem as Israel's eternal capital. Tomorrow evening the Prime Minister, Menahem Begin, is due to put in an appearance at the Congress, which will conclude on Friday with a festive ceremony on Mt. Zion. END ARTICLE

DATE: 28.11.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "AT INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS IN JERUSALEM: HADDAD WARNS AGAINST HOUMENISM AND ITS PLO PARTNER"

QUOTE: Major Sa'ad Haddad, Commander of the Christian militias in South Lebanon, sounded a vigorous and forceful warning against Islamic fanaticism of the Houmeni brand, and its PLO partner, to the Western world, and which threatens all of humanity. The warning was heard at the 2nd Christian International Congress for Peace, which opened yesterday at the Hotel Diplomat in Jerusalem. Some 400 Christian Evangelists (sic.) ~~took~~ ^{are taking} part in the Congress, and have come from the U.S.A., Europe and South Africa, uniting behind the Hebrew Scriptures, with united Jerusalem and with the State of Israel, in the Evangelistic tradition. Major Haddad, who addressed the Congress, expressed astonishment at the fact that the Christian world remains silent in the face of the acts of murder committed by the Palestinians and the Syrian Army in Lebanon, his homeland.

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He also disclosed that some time ago he had reached agreement with the central Lebanese authorities in Beirut about deployment of a Lebanese Army force to South Lebanon in order to take up ^{the} position of the Palestinian terrorists. When this was known to ^{the} PLO and Syria, however, they prevented the implementation of the agreement, "and yet they charge that I am delaying the return of the Lebanese central authority over South Lebanon."

The participants at the Congress were greeted by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, ^{and by} Dr. Israel Lippel, General-Director of the Ministry of Religious Affairs. (END ARTICLE)

DATE: 28.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "HADDAD DENIES TELLING VILLAGERS TO HIT UN"

BYLINE : Haim Shapiro, Jerusalem Post Reporter

QUOTE : Major Sa'ad Haddad, Cdr. of the Christian forces in Southern Lebanon, yesterday denied a news report from Sidon that he had called on Southern Lebanese villagers to throw the UN forces out of South Lebanon and had asked them to stop paying taxes to the central Lebanese Govt. Haddad made the denial to reports shortly before speaking to almost 400 evangelist Christian supporters of Israel attending the Conference for the Peace of Jerusalem at the Jerusalem Diplomat Hotel.

Speaking to the delegates, Haddad warned that Moslem fanaticism, such as that of Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, posed a new threat to Christianity in the Middle East. He reminded his listeners that much of the support for Khomeini had come from the PLO. He called on the U.S. to show no fear of an Arab oil boycott. The Arabs have oil, but the U.S. has wheat, he declared. "Let them drink their oil," he said. He called on the delegates to press their governments to support the cause of a free Lebanon. END

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: "JERUSALEM POST" (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BEGIN DECREES 'FANATICISM' IN IRAN"

BYLINE : Jerusalem Post Reporter

QUOTE : P.M. Menachem Begin told a gathering of Christian supporters of Israel last night that the same fanaticism that motivates the mobs in Teheran to break every rule of civilization impels the "so-called Palestinian revolution." Speaking at the Congress for the Peace of Jerusalem, Begin also contrasted the 19 years in which the Jordanians desecrated the Mt. of Olives, destroyed synagogues, and kept Jews from praying at the Western Wall, with the present situation in which all faiths are free to pray at their holy sites. Some 400 evangelical delegates to the congress from all over the world are due to ascend Mt. Zion today to declare their commitment to an undivided Jerusalem. END

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "U.S. GROUP HERE TO SING FOR IDF"

QUOTE : With guitars, flutes, trumpets, drums and even a portable organ, the 15-strong International Singers have come from Denver, Colorado, to sing for the Israel Defence Forces. The group, members of the Faith Bible Chapel, all paid their own way. Under the leadership of their pastor and his wife, Bob & Carol Holly, (should be Hooley TR) they rehearsed for four months, learning the Hebrew words to Israeli songs. END

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: DAVAR (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "BEGIN: THE FREE WORLD MUST LEARN THE LESSON OF IRAN"

BYLINE : Tova Tsimuki

QUOTE : Prime Minister Menachem Begin last night denounced the holding of the American hostages in Iran, underscoring that "there is in this phenomenon a grave warning signal to the entire free world, which is obliged to learn the suitable lesson from it." The Prime Minister was speaking at the 2nd International Congress of Christian Evangelists for the Peace of Jerusalem at the Hotel Diplomat in the capital. He also made reference to recent events in the Muslim world, and stated that the whole world should be concerned by what was happening. "The freedom of men is at stake. We are witnesses to an outburst of fanaticism and blind hatred. All the basic human values in the world are being trodden under foot before our eyes," Begin stated.

The Prime Minister also added that the Muslims are humiliating the American people, but there is a lesson and a moral to be learned from this. He noted that the Palestine Liberation Organization is "that black reaction of the same fanatics called revolutionary." He said that he was hopeful that perhaps now there were people in the world, and especially in the United States, "who will understand better the situation of Israel, which lives constantly under the shadow of terror." END

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DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFE" (HEB AM NRP) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BEGIN: THE IRAN AFFAIR--A WARNING SIGNAL TO THE ENTIRE FREE WORLD"

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In response to the proposal raised at the U.N. by a number of states to annul the peace agreement between Israel and Egypt, the Prime Minister stated that notwithstanding the protest against peace which was heard at the U.N., "we will continue the peace process between Israel and the rest of her neighbours." END ARTICLE

DATE: 28.11.79 JOURNAL: "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "HADDAD APPEARS IN CAPITAL AND IS RECEIVED WITH AN OVATION:

THE SOUTH LEBANON MAJOR ADDRESSED AMERICAN EVANGELISTS AND ASKED THEIR AID"

QUOTE : Rivi Tavori, "Yediot Akhronot" Correspondent.

PHOTO : Commander of Christian Forces in South Lebanon, Major Sa'ad Haddad, Addressing International Congress for Peace, Which was Held in Jerusalem.

QUOTE : "Please exert pressure on your government. Make it clear to America who are their true friends. Ask the President of the U.S.A., Jimmy Carter, to give a hand to the people of Free Lebanon," Major Haddad yesterday appealed to 400 American Evangelists, friends of Israel, at the Hotel Diplomat in Jerusalem.

Dressed in military working garb, Major Haddad was received with an ovation. "I am happy to meet with you here in Jerusalem, the city of God, the city of peace and brotherhood," he said. "Perhaps you are wondering how it is a soldier speaks to you about peace; but without force and without war--it is impossible to keep the peace."

Major Haddad reviewed the situation in the Lebanese enclave. "The Syrians want only one thing: to annex Lebanon. Therefore, they have turned our lives into a hell. The terrorists have taken over our country, and do in it what they want. We received them as refugees, and now they want to drive us out," he said. "The Christian world stands aside. The U.S.A. does not understand that if it should stop sending its wheat to the Arabs, they would be forced to drink their oil." END ARTICLE

DATE: 2.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "REMEMBERING WILLIAM HECHLER"

BY: Otto M. Lilien, Rehovot.

QUOTE : In his review of Claude Duvernoy's book, "THE PRINCE AND PROPHET" (23.11), Andre Schneuwly asks who today remembers the amazing British clergyman...? I do...very vividly. The Rev. Wm. H. Hechler was a great friend of my father E.M. Lilien. The friendship had started at one of the first Zionist Congresses and lasted till the beginning of World War I. I remember Hechler visiting us frequently in Berlin in 1912 and 1913 when I was 5 years' old, and I listened to the discussion over the lunch table when he and father talked about Zionism, politics and the Bible. However, one remarks in the review is wrong. The Grand Duke of Baden never became Kaiser Wilhelm II. He reigned in Baden from 1856 until his death in 1907. He was an uncle of Kaiser Wilhelm II, and he arranged the meeting of Herzl and the Kaiser in Palestine in 1898. The Grand Duke was interested and sympathetic to Herzl's ideas under the influence of Hechler who was his chaplain. END

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DATE: 2.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS"

BY: DAVID ALIER, Waitsfield, Vermont

QUOTE : I wish to express my appreciation and respect for the people of Israel who have once again shown themselves to be "a light unto the nations." They were one of the first nations to take in the refugee boat people from Vietnam and now in a faltering economy beset with inflation and boycott, they have summoned over a million dollars in aid to the Cambodian refugees. This sympathy and generous response to the desperate needs of humanity are an example to our so-called Christian nations of what Jesus expects of us. As you continue to bless others, our prayers are that you in turn will be richly blessed. END

DATE: 3.12.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "MEMORY OF FRENCH COUPLE PERPETUATED IN ASKELON"

QUOTE : The memory of a Christian couple from France who perished more than a year ago in an auto accident in Switzerland has been perpetuated by the Askelon municipality with the naming of a street after them. Pierre Dubolz and his wife Lilly, Bible-devotees, were active in "Christians for Israel", visited Askelon, and saw it as a fulfilment of prophecy. END

SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR : CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

DATE: 25.11.79 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISHMAR" (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "RECEPTION FOR PRESIDENT OF HOLY LAND INSTITUTE"

BYLINE: Gabriel Stern, "Al Hamishmar" Correspondent

QUOTE: A reception in honour of the new president of the American Institute for Holy Land Studies, Professor George Giacomakis and his wife, on Mount Zion, and in honour of the first president of the Institute, Prof. George Young, who has been awarded the title of "Jerusalem Worthy", and has gone into retirement, was conducted by the Director of the Israel Office of the American Jewish Committee, Dr. Bernard Resnikoff, at "Beth Shalom" in the capital.

The new president, who is an American of Greek extraction, served until now at the California University as professor, and is an expert in Mediterranean studies. The retiring president recently established a new institution called "Bridges for Peace," which cultivates improved relations between Jews and Christians. Next week he will serve as host locally to the Second International Congress for the Peace of Israel, in which Prime Minister Menahem Begin and Mayor Teddy Kollek, among others, will address.

Among the guests at the reception were: Deputy General-Director of the Foreign Ministry Hanan Braun, the director for Ecclesiastical Affairs in the Foreign Ministry, David Efrati, the Director for the Dept of Christian Communities, Daniel Rossing, senior public figures and clergy, among them the ^{new} Lutheran Arab bishop Daoud Haddad, the Greek Orthodox Archimandrite Theophanos, who was happy to be able to speak in his native tongue with the guest of honour. "The Institute is unique in that it serves as a live laboratory in the Land of Israel and among the people of Israel for understanding the Christian heritage," Giacomakis stated. The Institute was founded by Young in 1963, and many thousands of students have taken long and short courses under its auspices. END

DATE: 27.11.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "AMERICAN COUPLE FROM 'VOICE OF HOPE' STATION WED IN MARJAYOUN"

BYLINE: Bat-Ami Hamizrahi, "Haaretz" correspondent in Upper Galilee

QUOTE: A young man and woman from the U.S.A., employees at the radio station "Voice of Hope" operating in South Lebanon, were wed yesterday in Marjayoun in a Christian ceremony. The pair (Lorraine and Gary Hull) were wed in an impressive ceremony which was held in the Protestant church of Marjayouh, conducted by the Rev. George Otis, who is the head of the church and a contributor to the radio station. Major Haddad was best man, and afterwards he and local clergy signed the ^{special} wedding certificate which had the unique superscription: "FREE LEBANON." Taking part in the ceremony were many local people, guests from abroad and journalists.

Radio "VOICE OF HOPE" ^{has} announced that Major Haddad has ordered the prohibition of pornographic activity in shops of the region of Nakura, near the UNIFIL camps. Tens of Lebanese, both Christian and Muslim, have set up flourishing businesses in the area, with shops and stalls selling various products sought after by UN soldiers, as well as a number of new restaurants. The UN soldiers have been wont to screen imported European pornographic films in most of the shops and restaurants. Major Haddad has decided to put a stop to it, charging that the UN troops are corrupting the morals of the local citizenry. The radio station also announced that on the 29th November the inhabitants of the south of Lebanon will conduct giant demonstrations facing the UN headquarters in the wake of the order of Secretary-General of the UN Waldheim to UN units to observe "Palestine Day" on that date. END

DATE: 27.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

PHOTO STORY: Gary Hull, 24, married Lorraine Killey, 20 in church in the South Lebanese town of Marjayoun on Sunday. The two first met in Dallas, only to part and meet again two years later by pure chance on Sunday last June in church in Jerusalem. Hull, a broadcaster working for the South Lebanese Voice of Hope radio station, left the U.S. for Israel after breaking off contact with Lorraine, and she came here without knowing that he had preceded her. In the picture the bride and groom flank their best man--Southern Lebanon militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad. On the left is the bride's mother. The Hulls plan to live in Kiryat Shmona (in Israel). END

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DATE: 19.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) MUSIC REVIEW

HEADING: "VELVET VOICES"

BYLINE: Yohanan Boehm, Music Critic

EXCERPT: Every four years the choir of Japan's Christian Friends of Israel, numbering close to 40 members, presents us with a program of Japanese music and Israeli songs. Every time--now it was the third visit--we are overwhelmed by the precision, discipline and dedication of everyone involved. The voices in the choir have a velvety quality, blend beautifully and never sound strained. Intonation and enunciation (at least in the Hebrew songs) is always clear and clean, and dynamics range from the nearly inaudible to quite strong decibels....An exhilarating experience...END EXCERPTS

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

HEADING: "SOLIDARITY IN JERUSALEM WITH U.S. HOSTAGES IN TEHRAN"

EXCERPTS: Hundreds of Jerusalemites, including schoolchildren and Christian clergymen yesterday attended a rally in the capital's Liberty Bell Garden expressing solidarity with the U.S. hostages in Teheran and condemning terrorism....On Saturday, Jerusalem Jews recited Psalms 10 and 71 as part of their Sabbath liturgy...END EXCERPTS

DATE: 22.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "GOV'T SEEN LEANING TOWARDS COPTS IN J'LM CHURCH DISPUTE"

BYLINE: JERUSALEM POST STAFF

QUOTE: The Govt is understood to be moving towards a more pro-Coptic attitude in the longstanding dispute between the Coptic and Ethiopian churches in Jerusalem. Authoritative sources told the JERUSALEM POST yesterday that the various ministries involved in the issue were currently reconsidering Israeli policy, which has traditionally upheld a status quo favouring the Ethiopians. The dispute between the 2 sects originated more than 150 years ago. It concerns rights of access to and passage thro' certain buildings and courtyards abutting on the Church of the Holy Sepulchre. After violent altercations between the sects in 1971, the High Court of Justice gave a ruling in favour of the Copts. But the Govt stepped in and held up execution, leaving the disputed Dir el-Sultan passage and monastery under the control of the Ethiopians. Early this year the Copts applied once again to the High Court, challenging the Govt's right to intervene. But the court held that the Govt had acted within its powers, and had not been remiss in seeking a satisfactory solution to a problem which obviously had delicate political and international overtones. (The article concludes with political observations about the issue in relation to Israeli relations with Ethiopia, past and present, and Egypt, and noting Egypt's Foreign Minister Butros Ghali is a Copt.)

DATE: 2.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "JERUSALEM DENIES BLAME FOR DAUBING AT RUSSIAN CHURCH"

QUOTE: Gov't officials in Jerusalem have rejected assertions by the Russian Orthodox Church in Moscow that the Israel Govt is to blame for recent daubing incidents at the Russian church in Jerusalem. Israel Lippel, Director-Gen. of the Min. of Religious Affairs, said the Russian assertions, carried by the Tass news agency last week, contradict the church's own oft-repeated praise of Israel for its protection of the holy places in J'lm. Lippel and David Efrati of the Foreign Ministry both said there had been no formal protest lodged by the church over the daubings, believed to have been the work of Meir Kahane's Kach movement. The Tass report said that church officials had protested to the Israeli Govt about "vandalism and harassment" against church facilities and personnel in Jerusalem. Tass quoted Metropolitan Juvenal of Krutitsky and Kolomensky, head of the Moscow patriarchate's department of external ecclesiastical relations as saying: "These bandit outrages cause damage to buildings for worship in holy places in the territory of Israel, and moral damage to the personnel of the mission--clergymen and nuns." The archimandrite Mikilae, head of the Russian Orthodox Church in Jerusalem, is currently in Moscow. Lippel said the archimandrite had called on him to bid farewell, and their meeting had been warm and friendly, as were relations in general between the church and the Israeli authorities....and his ministry had asked the police to step up their patrols at the Russian church. END

DATE: 5.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "TWO HELD FOR CHURCH VANDALISM"

BYLINE: Rob't Rosenberg, J.P. Reporter

QUOTE: Police have arrested two teenagers suspected of vandalism at the Russian Orthodox church in Jerusalem's Russian Compound. The two 16-year-olds...were arrested on Monday night and are suspected of spray painting slogans on the church walls..saying "Russians go home," and "Let my people go..." Members of Rabbi Meir Kahane's Kach movement in the past have been implicated in vandalism of Russian Orthodox facilities. Police yesterday refused to link the 2 teenagers to the Kach movement...END (MORE)

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DATE: 27.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BAD TIMING FOR PONTIFF'S VISIT TO TURKEY THIS WEEK"

SUMMARY: The article with an Istanbul (UPI) dateline describes Turkish preparations for the Pope's visit to the country, with apprehension expressed concerning its "bad timing" because of "a sort of feud going on between Arab countries and the Christian world, and Turkey is in a difficult situation" (with a 93% Moslem population) with rival Moslem sects.

DATE: 28.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "POPE AIMING AT CHURCH UNITY AS HOSTILITY GROWS IN TURKEY"

SUMMARY: Article with Ankara (REUTER) dateline discusses ^{scheduled} meeting between Pope and Eastern Orthodox Patriarch Dimitrios to end 925 years of schism ^{and} to promote unity between the world's 750 million Roman Catholics and 250 million Orthodox. Meanwhile, an escaped ^{Turkish} student extremist threatened "I will definitely shoot the pope," while Armenian groups have also made threats against the visit, relating it to the Turkish massacre of Armenians during World War One.

DATE: 29.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "POPE ARRIVES IN TURKEY DENYING THREATS TO LIFE."

SUMMARY: ANKARA (AP) Dateline, Pope's arrival described. He states: "Love is greater than danger...and it is necessary I go there now (he had stated en route)...for ecumenical reasons." Security precautions described at length.

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "POPE URGES UNITY WITH THE ORTHODOX CHURCH"

SUMMARY: ISTANBUL.-- Appeal by Pope to Catholics and Orthodox to end nearly millennium of estrangement at meeting with Greek Orthodox Patriarch. Also at Catholic chapel in Ankara urged Christian-Moslem collaboration "in the bettering of mankind." Some 90 students protested Pope's visit to St. Sophia museum, and called for former Catholic church to be used again as mosque (as after Moslem conquest).

DATE: 29.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "GREEK CHURCH URGES 'IM STATUS QUO'"

BYLINE : Special to Jerusalem Post

QUOTE : The Greek Orthodox Church would like to see Israel, the Arab states, and the great powers joining in an international guarantee for the "religious status quo" in Jerusalem. Ideally, the church would favour an extra-territorial arrangement for the holy places of all three faiths in Jerusalem. "But we leave the political side to the politicians," the Metropolitan Meliton of Chalcedon told Jerusalem journalist Ulrich Sahn in a recent interview in Istanbul. The Greek Orthodox Church's main concern, he said, is to see the status quo, as between the three faiths and as between the various Christian denominations in the Christian shrines, guaranteed. Metropolitan Meliton is a leading figure in the patriarchate of Constantinople, and represents the Church in matters of "foreign policy." He noted that, under the Greek Church's system of "autonomous" patriarchates, responsibility for policy on Jerusalem rests directly with the patriarchate here, Patriarch Benedictus. But he indicated that there were no differences within the church on the Jerusalem question. Meliton observed pointedly that "no one Christian denomination can be the spokesman for the Christians in Jerusalem in any international forum." This was a reference to Pope John Paul II's recent remarks at the UN. END

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS BRIEF

QUOTE: A group of Roman Catholic priests have "excommunicated" Honduras' ruling military junta in protest against the deportation of an American-born Jesuit. The Rev. Guadalupe Carney was deported for allegedly organising peasant unions. END

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "CRACKDOWN IN MOSCOW"

BYLINE : John Morrison/Moscow

EXCERPTS: ...Miss Velikanova, an important backstage figure on the dissident scene for the past ten years, has been closely associated with the Helsinki group, though not formally a member. Fears that her arrest might be part of a broader crackdown were raised by the detention of Fr. Gleb Yakunin, a dissident Russian Orthodox priest, and Antanas Terleckas, a Lithuanian nationalist. Yakunin, 45, who is married with 3 small children, first clashed in 1965 with the Orthodox church hierarchy, which operates like all Soviet religious communities under the close supervision of the state. He is the leader of an

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unofficial "Christian Committee for the Defence of Believers' Right" in Moscow, which has chronicled what it terms restrictions on religion...Between them, Miss Velikanova, Fr. Yakunin and Terleckas, could be said to represent three separate strands of Soviet dissent--intellectuals demanding Western-style human rights, religious believers and nationalists....Potentially more serious from the Communist Party leadership's point of view is the more deep-rooted religious and national dissent represented by Yakunin and Terleckas...

According to the Helsinki (monitoring) group, many prisoners are elderly members of breakaway religious sects such as Pentecostals, Jehovah's Witnesses and 7th Day Adventists. Rejecting the officially-registered and obedient church hierarchies, they lead a semi-outlaw existence and even manage to print religious literature on underground presses. Vladimir Shelkov, leader of the breakaway Adventists, was jailed at the age of 83 last March in Tashkent, and is now serving a 5-year sentence for anti-Soviet slander and violation of articles of the criminal code covering religion. END EXC.

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) BOOK REVIEW
 HEADING: "THE SPANISH CONNECTION" REVIEWER: S.A. Seruya
 BOOK : THE JEWISH GUIDE TO SPAIN: By Juan G. Atienza, Madrid, Altalena, 294 pp.
 EXCERPTS: Atienza's book--written in Spanish and now translated into English and French--comes at a very appropriate time. Spain is now a democracy, and freedom of expression encourages a new focus on controversial subjects, including the role of Jews in Spanish history....In a special chapter, he traces the history of the Jews in Spain from the 1st Century BCE to 1492. There are illuminating pointers to the city of Toledo ("the 2nd Jerusalem") to the beautiful garden city of Granada built by Jews and Arabs, to the splendour of cultural and economic life in the majestic city of Cordoba. The epochs of fruitful co-existence between Jews, Christians and Arabs are an inspiration to this day.

Under Christian as well as under Arab rule the Jews of Spain had their ups and downs. They had outstanding achievements in poetry, medicine, astronomy, mathematics and philosophy. There were times when they felt at home in Spain. But they suffered rude shocks again and again....END EXCERPTS

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST MUSIC REVIEW FEATURE/MUSIC & MUSICIANS
 HEADING: "SACRED SEASON" BY : Yohanan Boehm
 EXCERPTS: The coincidence of Hanukka and Christmas last year inspired the management of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra to make an addition to its seasonal program--Musica Sacra, which involved special programs concentrating on liturgical and religiously inspired subjects of Christian and Jewish content....After the great success of last year's week of Musica Sacra, the organizers became even more ambitious, according to Yehuda Fickler, director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra and moving spirit behind this enterprise, ^{AND} this year's presentation will comprise no less than 9 choirs with 400 choristers, and 10 singer-soloists. And the "week" will be extended to 10 days to connect Hanukka with Christmas. Between Dec. 19 and Dec. 29, eight musical events will take place, with the accent on local music. (A lengthy 2-column listing of music, composers, conductors and performers, locale and dates of performance and occasional ^{background} comments follows the introduction, and concludes as follows): The visiting choirs will perform also on Christmas Eve ^{at} Manger Sq. in Bethlehem, but the traditional Choir Marathon organized by the Tourism Ministry in previous years to accommodate all choral groups visiting Israel at this time has been given up in order not to compete with the Musica Sacra days. According to Fickler, many choirs from many countries have applied to participate in this event, but only a few can be accepted owing to schedules and finances. It looks like a crowded but exciting schedule, as the IPO and the Israel Chamber Orchestra are also holding their regular subscription concerts during this period, and the Church of the Redeemer in the Old City will present three concerts of vocal and organ music (the Christmas Oratorio will be sung there, too). END EXCERPTS

DATE: 2.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS BRIEF
 HEADING: "POPE NOT PLANNING VISIT TO BETHLEHEM"
 QUOTE : ROME (REUTER) Pope John Paul yesterday denied reports that he might say midnight mass in Bethlehem on Christmas eve. Reports in the Italian press in recent weeks said the pope was considering a Christmas visit in Bethlehem. END

DATE: 3.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

LEADING: "NABLUS MONK'S MURDER PROBED"

QUOTE : The police and security services are investigating the apparent murder of a Greek Orthodox monk whose body was discovered Friday in a grenade-shattered cell in the Jacob's Well monastery near Nablus. The monk was apparently killed by blows from an axe as well as knife wounds. Despite the evidence of a grenade having exploded in the small room, no shrapnel was found in the body. The grenade was apparently of IDF manufacture. Investigators suspect that the incident may be connected to PLO terrorist activities and note that the monk has been at the monastery for the past six months. In that period there was a noticeable increase in the number of terrorist attacks in the vicinity of the monastery. END

DATE: 4.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

LEADING: "SPECIAL UNIT TO PROBE MONK'S DEATH"

BYLINE : David Richardson, J.P. Reporter

QUOTE : A special investigative team has been set up by the Nablus police to investigate the murder of the Greek Orthodox monk Palaminus Hasafis, whose severely mutilated body was discovered in Jacob's Well monastery on Friday. First impressions were that the 68-year-old monk had been killed in a grenade explosion. But subsequent investigations showed that he had been axed or stabbed to death. The monk had served in a number of Greek Orthodox monasteries in Israel over the past few years, and had been at the Jacob's Well monastery on the outskirts of Nablus for the past six months....the appointment of a police investigative team indicates that ordinary criminal motives have not been ruled out, according to one police source. END

DATE: 7.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE

LEADING: "QUAKER ENEMY: SHMUEL KATZ LOOKS INTO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE QUAKERS' AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE, AND CONCLUDES THAT WITH FRIENDS LIKE THESE, ISRAEL DOESN'T NEED ENEMIES."

EXCERPTS: One of the shocks of our generation has been the discovery that within the Quaker movement, renowned as a society of gentle, pacifistic "friends of humanity," a strong organization has been built to help the cause for the destruction of Israel. To most people the revelation came in 1970 when that organization--the American Friends Service Committee--published a "report" entitled "Search for Peace in the Middle East." It is a virulent anti-Zionist document, replete with anti-Israeli mendacities. Its authors called on Jewish Americans to refrain from supporting Israel and cloaked its antisemitism with the hoary pretence that they were merely warning Jews to beware of an antisemitic "backlash." The American Jewish Congress and the Anti-Defamation League published a devastating analysis of the Quaker "report." Prof. Arnold Soloway and Edwin Weiss and Gerald Caplan wrote of the document: "Inconvenient facts are innocently omitted, however essential such facts might be to an understanding of the issues. Whole sections of pertinent historical facts are simply left out where their inclusion would have threatened or destroyed the authors' thesis....And it is full of 'factual' data tending solely to prejudice the reader against Israel. The authors reserve their pejoratives solely for the policies, actions and structure of the Israeli Govt and for Israel's Jewish supporters in the U.S."

The "report" proved to be the guideline for increasingly active AFSC intervention in the Arab-Israel conflict. Its broad scope emerges from a remarkably painstaking study by sociology professor Rael Jean Isaac published in last month's MIDSTREAM. The "Friends" carry out an impressive countrywide propaganda campaign on behalf of the Arabs--above all on behalf of the PLO. Their concentration on promoting the PLO cause was given specific expression in 1975 when AFSC adopted "a formal decision to make the Middle East its major issue." They have pursued their purpose in an endless series of conferences, seminars and symposia. A Jewish participant in such a conference in 1977 then described the open and unchallenged antisemitism displayed there....During the Yom Kippur War, with Israel in dire straits, the AFSC called for rejection of its urgent request for arms. It had, in effect, writes Dr. Isaac, been lobbying for the destruction of Israel.

In 1974 the AFSC went into action "in the field." It opened an office in Jerusalem under the banner, of course, of humanitarian purpose but in fact to render aid and succor to Arabs engaged in anti-Israel activities and to subvert Israeli authority. Thus Ann Moseley Lesch was sent to serve in Jerusalem. She already had a record of pro-PLO sympathy. In Jerusalem she prepared files of "information" which she subsequently published in pro-PLO publications. But the major thrust of her activity (writes Dr. Isaac) "was to build up a PLO infrastructure under the very nose of the Israeli military administration." While serving in Israel, Ann Lesch also went on a visit to Lebanon to meet Yasser Arafat....

Timidity and secretiveness at the Foreign Office...enable the Quakers to persist in their activities....While the projects themselves were innocent--a market in Halhoul, a library in Hebron, a water irrigation project near Nablus--the effect and apparent intent was to build up a PLO leadership cadre, since only avowed PLO sympathizers^{could} obtain money.

None of the AFSC directors sent to Jerusalem has been a Quaker. Ann Lesch, her successor Jim Fine, and then Jean de Muralt were not chosen for their religious devotion, but obviously, rather for their hostility to Israel. Indeed De Muralt, in a remarkably frank interview with Dr. Isaac soon after he resigned, described his predecessor Jim Fine as "more Palestinian than Arafat."

The most active component of the AFSC office in Jerusalem has been the "Community Information and Legal Aid Centre." Despite its innocuous title, the Centre handled only political problems--to help captured PLO members and to initiate, encourage and finance Arab legal actions against the Israeli Govt(which, whatever the result, are always good for some anti-Israel publicity). A typical case was that of Mohammed Burkan...By the time the case ended, it was established: first, that the house had been a Jewish house as late as 1938; second, that he had left the house from which he was supposedly expelled at a much earlier date; and third, that he had staged the "expulsion" for TV cameras. The court suggested that the AFSC-paid lawyer ought to be tried for transgressing the ethics of his profession. The Burkan case strikingly presents a microcosm of the whole Arab-Israeli dispute over Palestine....It illustrates the unblushing Arab use of the big lie to suit the national purpose. Only there is no Supreme Court to render justice, and what the Arabs lack in evidence, they make up for in the superior persuasiveness of oil, and there are always Jews available to help them, just like the gullible TV crews who rushed to help the Quakers 'establish the legitimate rights' of Mohammed Burkan. END ARTICLE EXCERPTS

DATE: 2.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS BRIEF

QUOTE: The Voice of Hope radio station in Southern Lebanon recently announced that Christian Militia leader Major Sa'ad Haddad was conducting a campaign against the pornography business which has grown up around UNIFIL bases in the Nakoura region. It was reported that Christian and Muslim merchants have established numerous emporia where the UNIFIL troops can purchase pornographic materials, or watch European-made blue movies while sipping cognac or coffee. Haddad, the radio reported, wants to halt the movies, and claims that the UNIFIL troops are having a bad moral influence on the area. END

DATE: 7.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST SUPPLEMENT FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "FIDDLIN' IN LEBANON: The sunny, pastoral images of American Country & Western music stand in marked contrast to the war-torn area of Southern Lebanon that surrounds radio station WORLD (sic...should be WORD), the VOICE OF HOPE.

BYLINE: Harry Wall PHOTOS: VOH Spokesman Francis Rizk. (2) Gary Hull. (3) DJ Kathy Pollack and daughter. BY: Richard Lobell, Photographer

EXCERPTS: You're cruising down the blacktop feeling mighty fine listening to Merle Haggard, Waylon Jennings and some of that good time C&W music on the radio. You hear a disc jockey give the station and call number "WORD, 936 on your dial" in a West Texas drawl... Between the pickin' and fiddlin' and the bayin' and the ballads, a pre-recorded voice delivers a psalm with all the fervour of a Bible Belt preacher. And then it's Johnny Cash and the Cash family singing the spirituals....The deejay cuts in to declare: "This is the VOICE OF HOPE coming to you from the Valley of the Springs in Free Lebanon."

The VOICE OF HOPE, a nonprofit Christian radio station in the C&W Middle South style, has been in operation since last March. It's there to bring the Word to the Christians of embattled South Lebanon--the word of the Gospel and of Major Sa'ad Haddad...The station is located at an isolated and abandoned one-storey building near the deserted village of El Khiam, not far from the Good Fence. Its outer walls are pockmarked with bullet holes and adjacent to it stands the shell of a house almost completely gutted by artillery shells--a few of the scars of the war that has ravaged this region in recent years...

"The goal of our radio is that our brothers in Beirut hear our voice," says Francis Rizk, spokesman for Haddad's mini-government. Rizk then goes on to explain that the news is broadcast 3 times a day in Arabic, and that there are 2 hours of Arab programs daily. The station is sponsored by High Adventure Ministries, a multimedia Christian organization headed by American millionaire George Otis. According to Rizk, the idea was spawned last year when, during one of his many visits to Israel, Otis met Haddad. When the American asked what he could do to help, Haddad replied, "We could use a radio station." A few months and about half a million dollars later the VOH was on the air. Although it's similar to the Voice of Peace in name, mission-orientation, and use of foreign disc jockeys, Rizk says that the Lebanese station has had no contact with Abie Nathan. "But

we do have a common belief," he adds....In the broadcasting booth, a disc jockey wearing headphones sits in front of the modern console, his hands moving continuously from the reel to reel tape recorders to the turntables and assorted switches...

"We're Christians and believe that the Christians in Lebanon need our moral and physical support," explains Gary Hull, 28, who came here from a radio station in West Texas. A self-described "Christian Zionist" ("I was a member of the Zionist Organization of America") Gary had been living in Jerusalem before joining the station. "I met George Otis in Jerusalem last year," says the low-key DJ. "He told me of his plans to open the station. I said I was interested, and by the time we opened, had encouraged a few friends from Texas to come over...." Gary thinks that the Christian world is ignoring the plight of the Lebanese Christians because of insufficient or distorted information about the situation and because of "spiritual blindness." "People who make a stand for Israel and care for the Lebanese Christians are a minority," acknowledges Gary, a born-again Christian who quit pre-medical studies at the University of Pennsylvania to study Bible in Dallas.

He came to Israel a year ago, and last week was married in Marjayoun to Lorraine Killey, an American whom he met in the U.S. two years ago and bumped into again by chance in Israel. "We think that we can accomplish something here. The VOH will snowball and the results will help revitalize Lebanon," believes the American. Plans are underway, he says, to jack up the two transmitters from the current power output of 10,000 kw. to 30,000 kw. The broadcasts are now on the air around the clock. And Otis has announced the intention to open a TV station to broadcast in colour early next year in southern Lebanon....News reports are culled mainly from Israel Radio, the BBC, and Voice of America, and the JERUSALEM POST. "We would like to have wire service tickers, but can't get them in Free Lebanon," complains Gary....

What impact has the station had until now? "It's hard to say," answers the lanky Texan. "We can't get mail from Beirut, Amman, or Damascus, but we know we are reaching them. UNIFIL soldiers play us a lot. Most of the response is from the kibbutzim." The programs consist of 15 consecutive minutes of music ("about 80% C&W, the rest Gospel," says Gary) followed by a pre-recorded psalm. "We just got the New Testament on tape, and hope to play the whole Bible eventually." The music is "censored" at High Adventure headquarters in California, presumably to insure against any references to drugs and sex, themes which appear frequently in pop music.

The station's American employees live in Kiryat Shmona and commute daily into Lebanon through the Good Fence. Although Southern Lebanon has been relatively quiet recently, there is the occasional shelling from PLO strongholds across the Litani River. In the event of an escalation of hostilities or terrorist infiltration, the radio station could be a prime PLO target, Gary shrugs. "We have dedicated ourselves to the work of God and are following His guidance. The Lord will protect us," he declares confidently. ("Not to mention with a little help from Zahal," mutters the arvu liaison officer in Hebrew)...END EXCERPTS

DATE: 7.12.79 JOURNAL: "KAWL HA'IR" (JERUSALEM HEBREW WEEKLY) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "ENTRANCE TO JEWS FORBIDDEN AT NOTRE DAME CHURCH RESTAURANT"

QUOTE : "Entrance to Jews Forbidden!" This sign is not yet hanging at the entrance to the new restaurant opened about a month ago at the Notre Dame Church opposite the New Gate in the wall of the Old City. But the guard at the entrance has received explicit instructions to permit the entrance of Arabs and tourists only. "They've told me not to permit Jews to enter," the guard explained to our newspaper correspondent, when he tried to enter the restaurant. One of the clergy also who had arrived at the gate refused to permit entrance to the place, and even reprimanded the guard for continuing to argue with those seeking entrance.

About a month ago when the restaurant was dedicated, present at the dedication were Mayor Teddy Kollek, Director General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs Israel Lippel. A diplomatic incident occurred during the ceremony when the Vatican representative knowingly ignored during his address the persons who had deigned to honour the occasion with their presence. In response to the incident, the Foreign Ministry protested to Dr. Richard Matthias, the German priest who is the representative of the Pope in Israel.

The restaurant, which has been granted the 4-star category by the Ministry of Tourism, principally serves tourists from abroad, some of whom are directed to it by the Ministry of Tourism and the Ministry of Agriculture. Because of the special status of the church, which is extra-territorial, the restaurant is not obliged to pay any kind of taxes, and is not furnished with a municipal business permit. Nevertheless, the church enjoys the services provided by the Municipality and the Govt, such as water, electricity, etc.

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The hotel and restaurant ^{manager} ~~owner~~, Elias Shahada, asked to react to the affair, made it clear that the restaurant is open to everyone, and there is no discrimination practiced. Nevertheless, he promised to check out what has been taking place....It should be noted that because of the exemption from taxes and the special conditions the church enjoys, the restaurant benefits from the unequal competition vis-à-vis other restaurants in town which had ^{cheaper} appealed to the same tourist public, which now prefers the church restaurant.

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MISCELLANEOUS:

(A) ABORTION: DATE: 3.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "IF I WERE A WOMAN..." BY: WIDAD VANIERHCEVEN, JERUSALEM
 QUOTE : Yes, I am a woman, and I do not need Ralph Schoolman to speak for me (on the issue of abortion as per article published in POST). Usually when a man and woman unite sexually, there is a chance that pregnancy would result. It is the exception and not the rule that a woman is forced to have sexual relations with a man against her will...When I get pregnant and choose to abort, I am not only dealing with my life, but also with the life of my unborn child. When does human life start? Is it not the second that the Almighty allows the egg and sperm to unite? That means that if I terminate that life, I am killing.

Has Hitler not killed enough Jewish children? Must now the Israelis continue in his steps and kill their own unborn children? Does not Israel need her children, knowing how outnumbered they are by her enemies? Is life really sacred in this country, or is this just an empty slogan? Must Israel follow the blindness and immorality of the heathen world in legalizing abortion? I am amazed that the JERUSALEM POST has even taken the trouble of publishing such a weak article as that of Ralph Schoolman. His arguments for abortion are nonsensical. As an Arab Christian who stands behind Israel, I hope and pray that the terrible disgrace of this murderous practice and its legalization will quickly be removed from this country. END LETTER

(B) BIBLE DATE: 4.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "CANCER RESEARCH WITH FIG EXTRACT" BY: Sam Lottner, Petah Tikva
 EXCERPTS: On November 14 you published an article entitled "BIBLICAL CUE TO CURE" by K.P. Hong of the AP in Tokyo. (SEE SELECTIONS 69, page 10, Item B) It described the success of clinical trials of 200 cancer patients using a drug extracted from figs. The Japanese doctor, Mutsuyuki Kochi, director of a hospital outside Tokyo, told that he first noted the possible use of fig in cancer treatment while reading a chapter of the Old Testament in which King Hezekiah had a boil treated with the fruit. Dr. Kochi started development in 1962, 17 years ago. I would like to set the record straight. The first cancer research tests of a "fig extract" were based on the same Biblical source and were conducted by Dr. S.B. Ullman of the Hebrew University, J'lm. His results were published in an article entitled "Some pharmacological and biological effects of the latex of ficus carica L." in "Experimental Medicine and Surgery," Vol. III, No.1, Feb. 1945. Tho' the results were preliminary, he was able to state that "the most important and interesting property of ficus carica latex is the growth-inhibiting effect of the latex on transplanted benzpyrene sarcoma in albino rats." (Some more experiments after War of Independence by Dr. Ullman until 1952.) In 1956 Dr. Ullman filed a patent on "A new approach to chemotherapy of human cancer." A monograph...was sent in 1957 to more than 1500 hospitals, medical centres, universities and cancer research specialists throughout the world, including Japan. It is most fortunate that the research which Dr. Ullman wanted to pursue has been continued and has borne fruit....It is hoped that this article may stimulate our own research efforts, for it was in this land that King Hezekiah was healed, and it was in this people's Bible that the event was recorded, and it was again in this land that research efforts were first initiated, and from the Hebrew University that the results were first presented to the world at large...
 END LETTER EXCERPTS

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