

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 23.5.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEBREW P.M. INDEPENDENT) NEWS BRIEF
 HEADING: "SHARON GIVES INSTRUCTIONS TO PURCHASE LAND IN ZICRON 'EVEN AN UNECONOMICAL PRICE'"
 BYLINE: Yitzhak Dayish QUOTE: The director of the Israel Lands Authority was ordered to purchase land in Zicron Yaacov even at uneconomical prices in order to prevent the taking over of these lands by the German church. The Minister of Agriculture, Ariel Sharon, issued this instruction after it became clear that this church and Madame Emma Berger were systematically buying up land in the area, plot by plot, and street by street, and paying every price asked of them. END NEWSBRIEF

DATE: 23.5.79 JOURNAL: "MABAT" TELAVIV (HEBREW) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "ISRAEL LANDS AUTHORITY DIRECTOR FAILS IN LAND PURCHASES IN ZICRON YAACOV"
 BYLINE: S. Maoz, "Mabat" correspondent in Jerusalem.
 QUOTE: The Management of the Israel Lands Authority is trying to buy up land in the Zicron Yaacov area in order to prevent the expansion of the German Church represented in Israel by Emma Berger; but without success, this was stated yesterday by Minister of Agriculture Ariel Sharon at a press conference in Jerusalem. The Min. of Agric. said that he would not support the sale of national land after being witness to the phenomenon of Israeli land being transferred to alien hands. Who can guarantee that American companies would not buy up land in Israel for Saudi-Arabian companies? he asked.

The Minister related that the Director of the Israel Lands Authority had offered sums ten times the value of the land in the Zicron Yaacov area, but inasmuch as Emma Berger is directed by non-economic motives, she succeeds in buying up lands by offering even higher prices. From the time that foreign currency regulations were removed, it is difficult to know details about the flow of foreign currency into Israel, he said. He added, in connection with the proposal of the Treasury Department to sell land, that one should not regard national land as a source for overcoming temporary Treasury difficulties, but to view the question from a long-range perspective, and to prevent take-over by elements whom we do not wish to have a foothold in Israel. (Balance of article deals with general issues, not related to Emma B.)

HEADING: "SHARON: EMMA BERGER SECT PAYING GIGANTIC PRICES FOR LANDS...Land Authorities doing Everything Possible to Purchase..."

QUOTE: The Management of the Israel Land Authorities are doing everything possible in Zicron Yaacov to frustrate the campaign of buying that Emma Berger is executing for the Christian Mission, but the Management is finding it difficult to compete with this Christian sect, which is paying prices out of all proportion to the real value of the land. This was disclosed this week by Min. of Agric. Arik Sharon. The motive for buying up the land is not economic, Sharon said. The German Christians are buying up house after house and plot after plot. The fiscal sources at the disposal of this German Christian sect are not known, Min. Sharon said. The Min. of Agric. expressed apprehension that hostile elements in the U.S.A. or Europe may stand behind the sect. He added that there is a suspicion that the source of the money is in Saudi-Arabia by means of foreign companies which support the German mission. This news caused a storm and a shock yesterday. As will be recalled, Orthodox Jewish sources have been warning about the expansion of the sect in Zicron Yaacov, but the protests were silenced. It is to be expected that there will be renewed interest in the subject now that it has been disclosed that Saudian money stands behind the purchases of land.

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DATE: 27.5.79 JOURNAL: "HAMODIYA" (AGUDAT Y. AM HEB) EDITORIAL HAYD HAYOM ("ECHO OF THE DAY")

QUOTE: A news item which was published last weekend in this paper and in another daily newspaper should have aroused more attention, but we live in abnormal times, in times when attention is focussed on great storms which distract attention from other topics. In this way the news item concerning the Christian missionary sect in Zicron Yaacov who buys up "house after house, plot after plot" was swallowed up by other news, and not a single governmental body such as the Israel Lands Authority is able to compete with the prices the sect offers for immovable assets, something which of itself is grave, but even far more grave is the suspicion raised by the Minister of Agriculture, Mr. Sharon, that behind this sect is Saudian money which comes by means of companies and institutions in the U.S.A. and Europe for the funding of these purchases. A suspicion raised by a Cabinet Member should have kindled a red light in some place, calling for investigation and a thorough search in order to get to the facts and especially to reach conclusions.

We will not enter now into an investigation of the underlying crisis of Zionism which is at this time expressed by the pursuit of Mammon on the part of persons holding property and land. Those who for the sake of filthy lucre are selling Israel's soil to aliens

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testify of themselves that they are willing to sell their own birthright for the sake of a mess of pottage. They make a mockery of all the ideals in whose names their fathers and grandfathers purchased the land of Zicron Yaacov and gave themselves up in devotion for it. If those people were observers of the commandments, we would remind them of the halacha which forbids the sale of land in the Land of Israel to aliens. But what may we do when the sanctity of the Land of Israel is forfeit in the eyes of those who have grown up in the ideals of secular Zionism?

At the beginning of the battle against the activities of the Mission in Israel various charges were made, among them the suspicion that the Mission could develop into a front for spies. This suspicion was rejected by Government sources even after a well-known missionary was seized smuggling a child across the lines of divided Jerusalem of those days. Had the man not been wounded by a landmine, it is doubtful if he would have been discovered. It was his good fortune that it was an Arab boy involved. But who can guarantee that Jewish children have not been smuggled across the border? This question was regarded among us with reservations, and there were those who saw in it for some reason an expression of "fanaticism" as it were. Until this latest fact appeared when a member of the Govt of Israel publicly raises the suspicion that Saudia is funding the unrestrained purchases of Emma Berger in Zicron Yaacov. We dare not regard lightly this involvement of the Mission, which is seeking not only to hunt souls in Israel but also to rob the land from Israel.

It is indeed strange that at a time that Israel is struggling for her rights on this land in political battle, there are those who take lightly the attempt of aliens to buy up land with the aid of an Arab source of unlimited financial means. Who will guarantee that similar efforts are not being made by Christian sects in other places?

In such a situation when suspicions of this kind are aroused, we must return to the proposal to prohibit missionary activity in Israel in order to prevent the sale of land to alien elements. True, there are circles in Israel which are prepared to surrender on many issues and principles for the sake of the "principle" of democracy, but we assume that they are a minority, a very vociferous minority, but insignificant in the wider public, and we must re-examine the attitude towards the entire topic of the Mission, all the more as we see time after time that they have not at all given up on winning souls among Jews, for the most part by monetary means and by bestowing favours. Is it for this purpose also that they obtain the support of Saudia or the other oil emirates, whose entire aim is to undermine the foundations of our existence in the Land of Israel?

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DATE: 10.6.79 JOURNAL: "HAMODIAY" (AGUDA HEB AM) NEWS ITEM
HEADING: "CURBING THE EXPANSION OF THE CHRISTIANS"

QUOTE : A request to prevent the expansion of the Christian sect of Emma Berger in the Zicron Yaacov settlement is included in the Parliamentary Query submitted by M.K. Rabbi Shlomo Yaacov Gross to the Prime Minister. The Questioner seeks to know whether the Office of the Prime Minister has investigated the sources of this Christian sect. The question was raised by Rabbi Gross after publication of the news in "Hamodiya", according to which the Israel Lands Authority finds it difficult to compete with the Christian sect of Emma Berger, who is buying up land at fantastic prices in Zicron Yaacov, far and beyond its real value.

Rabbi Gross continued, citing the news item, in which it was stated in the name of the Minister of Agriculture that "the sect is buying up house after house, plot after plot, while its monetary sources are unknown...and there are those who connect the monetary sources of the sect to Saudi funding." The Questioner asks the Prime Minister to clarify what truth there is in these rumours, and also what the Prime Minister has a mind to do in order to curb the continuing Christian expansion in Zicron Yaacov. END

DATE: 27.5.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM NRP) NEWS BRIEF
HEADING: "CHILDREN OF IMMIGRANTS IN INSTITUTIONS OF THE MISSION"

QUOTE : There has reached the Chairman of the Committee for the Investigation of the Structure of Basic Education and the Reform, Yitzhak Yitzhaki, information, according to which, children of immigrants from the USSR are studying in educational institutions of the Mission. He has submitted an urgent motion to the agenda which will be discussed next week.

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DATE: 31.5.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "ISRAELIS BESIDE THE CHURCH"

BYLINE : Shaul Schiff. NOTE: THIS IS A SIX-PARAGRAPH ARTICLE ON THE ALLEGED INVOLVEMENT OF ISRAELIS WITH THE SCIENTOLOGY SECT IN LOS ANGELES. THE INFORMATION IS SAID TO BE BASED ON A REPORT SENT TO THE JEWISH AGENCY & W.Z.O. (AUTHOR OF REPORT NOT CITED) THE SECT IS SAID TO HAVE ATTRACTED ISRAELI STUDENTS IN L.A., A CLERK IN THE ISRAELI CONSULATE & ISRAELI EMIGRANTS TO THE U.S.A.

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DATE: 12.6.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IHD) FEATURE ARTICLE
 HEADING: "'JEWS FOR JESUS' IN PLACE OF ZIONISM" PHOTO INSET: A GROUP OF AMERICAN YOUTH
 BYLINE: ELIYAHU SALLETER BELONGING TO THE HARE KRISHNA SECT IN L.A.

QUOTE : The doctor who supervised the distribution of the poisonous beverage and who injected the deadly poison into the veins of those who refused to commit suicide in Jonestown in Guiana was a Jew. The founder of the movement, "Children of God," a sect of "New Christians" of which Qaddafi is so fond, is David ("Moses") Berg. The leader of the movement, "Jews for Jesus," is Moshe Rosen. And one of the heads of the "Unification Church" of the Korean minister Moon is Dr. Moshe (U Nu, according to his new name) Dorst.

The movement of new religious sects is flourishing in America. It is estimated that in the past decade there have been founded no less than 1,300 religions and sects of various kinds, beginning with those which are very close to recognized and respected churches, continuing with groups of believers in the "religions of the East," until the rites of magic and modern Satanism....In most of them Jews hold important positions, not only in the ranks of leadership, but especially among the believers. The cries of alarm that the sects are endangering the existence of Jewish life in America are no doubt exaggerated, but in the opinion of all those involved in the matter, the percentage of Jews in these movements is far and away larger than the percentage of Jews in the general population of America. There are thousands of young men and women involved--and the story of each one is in the nature of a family tragedy which has led to the loss of a son or daughter.

On the surface, the Moonies, the members of Hare Krishna, and the "new Christians" of various kinds represent a late 1970s edition of what took place ten years ago...the flower children, the hippies. But the difference between the two generations is substantial, and the parents are also aware of this. The hippies were victims of social alienation, an expression of negation of the materialist way of life. They abandoned the world of their parents, and in its place created a new society--a fragile one--with their colleagues. The members of the sects, on the other hand, see in their teachers and leaders a positive substitute for parents and the values of their parents. The alienation is greater, more accusatory, and therefore more painful. The antisemitic overtones in some of the main sects only underline this alienation and pour salt on parental wounds, and on the consciences of the Jewish establishment. Exact statistics of the number of Jews in the sects are not available...and the number of Jews also varies from group to group, but estimates vary from between 10 percent to 45 percent of the members. By comparison, the Jews today comprise about 3 percent of the population in the U.S.. From among the hundreds of groups, there are five which are considered to be the most important, and among them there is a significant Jewish membership:

HARE KRISHNA: Estimated membership of about 3,000 "committed" members...estimated that the number of Jews in this group is much above 10 percent, perhaps even 20%. Among the "parallel" sect of the Guru Maharishi the Jews comprise about 30 percent.

"CHILDREN OF GOD": Claim membership of about 5,000. A not insignificant portion come from Jewish families despite the antisemitic coloring of the movement.

"SCIENTOLOGY CHURCH" Claims 600,000 membership (but experts appraise the hard core at about 10,000...the largest percentage of Jews in it come from the Middle Class.

"JEWS FOR JESUS" (and parallel groups of "HEBREW CHRISTIANS", such as the House of the Gate of Peace, "the Children of Yeshua", "Beth Joshua") are appraised at about 10-15,000, with about 10-15% of them Jews, but there are "congregations" in the New York area where up to 40% of the worshippers are Jews. These groups recruit believers not only among youth but also among the aged in hospitals and Old People's Homes. Their activities both anger and embarrass the Jewish leadership inasmuch as contrary to the other groups they offer "counterfeit goods": They do not claim to be Christians, that is to say that those who join them must change their religion, but that they are a sect or group of believers that belong to Judaism.

"UNIFICATION CHURCH" (Rev. Moon)...Jewish organization activists estimate that up to one-third of them are Jews.

There are other small groups with a larger percentage of Jews. At the "Tibetan Monastery" in Colorado 60 percent of the monks are of our people. At the "Spiritual Council for Social Development" in Philadelphia half of the members are Jews.

(There follows a very negative summary of the physical and ~~intellectual~~ mental extremism of the sects and the victimization of their adherents for the aggrandizement of the leaders, and the threat they constitute to the Jewish community in America.)

Many of the groups have an antisemitic character. There are those whose venomous antisemitism is directed both at the Jews and at the State of Israel. "The Children of God" (who enjoy the support of Qaddafi) teach their adherents that "Jewish banking interests" rule the Western economy and are guilty of inflation and unemployment problems. "The Unification Church" of Moon, for example, promulgates "religious" antisemitism about "the treachery of the Jews" who "rebel against God" and thus "serve Satan." In the Moon manual, "The Divine Principle" it is stated that the six million Jews murdered in the Holocaust are "an atonement for the sins of the world and for the guilt of the Jews for the killing of Jesus." There are those like the "Jews for Jesus" with an intimated antisemitism: Judaism is defective. The acceptance of Jesus fulfills it.

(There follows a brief analysis of the failures of the Jewish community to supply answers to spiritual longings of Jewish youth, & the article concludes:)

"We do not properly evaluate the thirst of the youth for content in life, for a challenge, and for sacrifice, says Rabbi Rudin (of the A.J.C.). "We are not alert to the loneliness that exists outside in the world of young people." Jewish education does not satisfy these young people with answers to their questions. Israel and Zionism does not provide them with the challenge. END ARTICLE.

DATE: 24.6.79 JOURNAL: "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" (HEB PM IND) FEATURE

HEADING: "JEWS FOR JESUS WINNING SOULS FOR ISRAEL..."

QUOTE : I am walking in the street, and before me is a group of young fellows and girls dressed in T-Shirts inscribed "ISRAEL" and "I AM A JEW". They are singing Hebrew songs and calling out to passersby to believe in God. They are also distributing explanatory tracts. And what do I learn? That these good Jews are none other than... a group that believes that Jesus is the Messiah of Israel. In short, they are members of the sect "JEWS FOR JESUS" which has a branch also in Israel, and Jewish circles claim that they serve as an instrument in the hands of missionaries to convert Jews from their religion. They claim that they are nothing but true Jews, putting on phylacteries every morning, wrapping themselves in a prayer shawl and dreaming about aliya to Israel. But... Jesus is the Messiah...

What is written in their tracts? Let's quote a few gems:

"Jesus made me "Kosher!" I was born a Jew and I will die a Jew. That's what I heard and that's what I said. But for me Judaism was: Saturday instead of Sunday, Passover instead of Easter, the Shema instead of the Our Father, Circumcision instead of Baptism...always something instead of something else...Jesus is the reason for us to want to be more Jewish. We believe now even more in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, in the revival of the Jewish people and the establishment of the State of Israel, because the words of the Jewish prophets helped us to believe in Jesus..."

And so forth and so on, as written in the tracts of the sect, founded by Moshe Rosen. Who is this Moshe Rosen? They say that he was a very Orthodox Jew, who became enchanted with a Christian girl and wanted to marry her. When he came to his Rabbi and asked him to perform the wedding rite, the Rabbi drove him out. "Is that the way it is?" Moshe said, according to the legends. "I will teach all the Jews a lesson." So he went and founded the "JEWS FOR JESUS", and afterwards he married the "shiksa" (Gentile woman) in a civil ceremony.

DATE: 21.6.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) FEATURE ARTICLE . END

HEADING: "THE MISSION BOASTS"

BYLINE : Eliyahu Zahavi, "Haaretz" Correspondent in Scandinavia

QUOTE : COPENHAGEN--"Mission to Israel" is the name of an independent arm of the Protestant Church Mission which engages in the conversion of Jews in the world and in Israel. When in 1978 the law limiting missionary activity was approved by the Knesset in Israel, an outcry was raised in the world concerning democratic social principles. The outcry subsided when those engaged in missionary activity realized that there was no intent to invoke the law in order to bring a missionary to court in Israel inasmuch as Israel does not wish to expose itself to additional criticism in lands which are considered friendly to Israel.

The Norwegian people numbers four million persons, and holds the world record for the number of active missionaries in the world in relation to its size. The journal "AFTEN-POSTEN" published at the end of 1978 the substance of a report of the Secretary of the "Mission to Israel" concerning the activities of the Mission in Israel. From this evidence it is clear that the Mission has expanded its activity, and at present there are some 20 missionaries employed in Israel who receive their wages from the funds of the "Mission to Israel" in Norway (most of them support themselves by another occupation, and only a minority are employed full time).

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The Mission has centres in three cities: Jerusalem, Tel-Aviv, Haifa. Of special note in the report of the Secretary of the Mission is the appeal of "a group of residents in Dimona" requesting the opening of a branch in their town. The budget of the "Mission to Israel" for the year 1979 will grow by 15% and will reach a sum equivalent to IL 25,000,000. The Chairman proposes the rental of a hall in Jerusalem in order to concentrate in it the work of the Mission.

The candid report of the activities of "The Mission to Israel" testifies to the fact that the heads of the Mission are not worried and do not lend much significance to the decision of the Knesset. It is a fact that since this decision was made nothing has been made known of the application of the law. And in any case, the missionaries are operating out of a conviction of mission, and it is inconceivable that they would limit their activities if the law were invoked against them. The candid report given to the Norwegian press testifies to the feeling of self-confidence and the desire to boast of achievements.

In this connection, it is worth mentioning that "The Mission to Israel" in Denmark has manifested much hesitancy concerning its activity in Israel, not exactly because of the decision of the Knesset, but because of the internal religious debate within the Mission which revolved around the question of whether the Mission had a right to operate among the Jews in Israel. Because of this debate the Danish missionary activity in Israel has been stalled, and its main activity in recent years has been among North African Jews living in South France. The Mission operates in Marseilles and in Nice, and its activity among Jewish migrants from the USSR living in Rome is also reported. END ARTICLE.

SUBJECT TWO: CHRISTIANS AND ISRAEL

DATE: 23.5.79 JOURNAL: AL HAMISHMAR (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWSBRIEF

HEADING: "CHRISTIAN WOMAN SEEKS EXEMPTION FROM I.D.F."

QUOTE : Does a young Christian woman, a Lutheran, have an obligation to military service in the I.D. F. by the terms of the Law of Defence Service even though she claims that religious consciousness prevents her from doing military service? This unusual subject was discussed yesterday in the High Court for Justice in Jerusalem yesterday. Involved is a young woman, a resident of Natanya, the daughter of a Christian mother and a Jewish father, who was married in a civil ceremony to a German citizen. She was called for military service in the IDF but requested exemption. She was then told that she must act the way Jewish young women do who declare that they cannot serve in the IDF because of conscience or religion. She did so, but the Army officer notified her that she must serve. At this point the young woman appealed to the High Court. The Justices decided to defer rendering a decision in the petition in order to enable the petitioner to submit to the High Court within seven days a copy of the affidavit she had submitted to the court in

Netanya. END

DATE: 23.5.79 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHRONOT (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "CHRISTIAN WOMAN CLAIMS EXEMPTION FROM IDF--FOR RELIGIOUS REASONS"

QUOTE : Does a young woman, A Christian Lutheran....(identical with above report with a few more details, as follows:) The defence attorney declared that the document (affidavit) is not in his possession, but he noted that the claim of the petitioner in the affidavit was that she does not have the possibility to keep the commandments of the Lutheran faith to the same extent that Jewish servicemen and women can keep the commandments of the Jewish religion. The Defence also added that the petitioner and her husband had commended matrimonial procedures in West Germany and soon expected the official process to be completed. At this point Justice Shlomo Asher commented that he did not understand why the Petitioner was prevented from serving in the IDF since, as far as he knew personally, there are many Lutherans in various countries the world over doing service in their various forces without any reservations. Justice Vitkon also expressed his opinion that if the Petitioner intended to claim that Christians in the IDF must be provided the same religious facilities that Jews receive, then such claim is without prospect. The judges finally decided to defer rendering their decision in the petition in order to enable the petitioner to submit to the High Court within seven days a copy of the affidavit delivered to the Court in Netanya, and also a corrected petition in which she would detail exactly what are the religious reasons which prevent her from serving in the IDF. END

DATE: 21.6.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "THE WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES" SIGNED: The Rev. G. Douglas Young, Ph.D.
DIRECTOR, BRIDGES FOR PEACE, J'LM

QUOTE: In your issue of June 8th, there was a story by your Ian Black under the heading "US EXPECTED TO ASK BIR ZEIT'S REOPENING." One sentence among others caught my attention: "Bir-Zeit also receives financial support from a number of U.S.-based organizations, including the World Council of Churches."

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Since in the opinion of the Israel Defence Ministry, this Arab school in Judea has been the centre of pro-terrorist (PLO) activity in Israel for over five years, one wonders how and why an organization of churches like the WCC can support it? Such actions by the WCC are not new to them. They have been going on for years. As long ago as Oct. and Nov. 1971, the "Readers Digest" carried two exposés by its research team of WCC activity. The first carried the title, "Must our churches finance revolution?" with a subtitle, "Preaching the gospel of racial justice, the WCC is using church power and church funds to back insurrection in the U.S. and Africa. Is this what Christ taught?" The second was entitled, "Which Way the WCC?" with the subtitle, "Has this 'ecclesiastical U.N.' become just another platform from which communism seeks to flay the free world?"

When or how often has this Council openly attacked anti-Israel (anti-Jewish) terrorism or taken any position that could have been remotely displeasing to imperialist Moscow with its anti-human rights policies against the Jews and others? Why should churches support revolutions by terrorist groups and their methods? Why should they aid the enslavers of men by their silence? END LETTER

DATE: 5.6.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR
 HEADING: "CHRISTIANITY & JERUSALEM" SIGNED: FR. CLAUDIO BARATTO, Director, "IA TERRA"
 QUOTE: In your editorial of May 24, there is an expression which seems strange to every Christian. You write: "Jerusalem is Jewry's first and only Holy City, Christendom's third--after Rome and Bethlehem--and Islam's third--after Mecca & Medina."

It is really odd to make such a gradation: Rome--Bethlehem--Jerusalem. For Christians, there does not exist any gradation between the Holy Places. Whatever might be the objective reason behind a gradation, for them there are no places anywhere more holy than Jerusalem with its Via Dolorosa, the Cenacle, the Mount of Olives, the Temple and the Calvary, which are not only tied to the most important events in the life of the Saviour, but are the starting points for the structure of Christianity. Rome has a holy character in the history of the Christian faith, while Bethlehem, Nazareth and Capernaum are linked to its origin. Jerusalem portends this religion, is its place of birth and the stage of the supernatural destiny of man. END LETTER

DATE: 15.6.79 JOURNAL: HATSOFEH (HEB AM N.R.P.) NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "CHRISTIAN WORLD INTEREST IN JERUSALEM INCREASING"
 BYLINE: Batya Carmi PHOTO INSET: Israel Lippel, Direc.-Gen. of Min. of Relig. Affairs.
 QUOTE: The Christian world is increasing its interest at present in the position of Israel on, among other things, such topics as the Mission Law, the status of the holy places in Jerusalem, the ties between the State of Israel and the Christian world, the attitude of the State of Israel to the Christian communities, and more. One of the questions asked of the Director-General of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, who has just returned from a tour of England and Scotland, by the Office Director of the Archbishop of Canterbury had to do with the attitude of the State of Israel to the Christian communities. There was a certain tone of criticism to be sensed in his remarks. In his reply Mr. Lippel said that at times the Government has been criticized for its policy to preserve the status quo in Israel it has sometimes practiced discrimination in favour of the Christian communities to the disadvantage of the other communities. There is separate education, a separate religious jurisdiction, customs privileges, etc, all for the purpose to preserve the good ties with the Western world which is for the most part Christian. During the debate Peter Schneider was also present. He is one of the leaders of the Anglican church.... In his reply the man admitted that his information was not complete and he thanked the Govt of Israel.

Most of the activity of Mr. Lippel during his tour was concentrated on the political sphere--explaining the position of Israel in the question of Jerusalem, the political problems of the people of Israel. The status of Jerusalem was a subject which was brought up from time to time.... The State of Israel has an interest to enlist the maximal international support, especially of Christian elements, on the side of our position vis-à-vis Arab demands. In Jerusalem there are various religious groups living together and there are demands made by religious and secular elements for privileges.

A second point is on the plane of dialogue between Jewish leaders and persons and international Christian elements, with Jewish elements labouring to restrict indoctrination of an antisemitic character in studies and in Christian seminaries as well as in ceremonial prayers.

Dirac-Gen Lippel went on his visit to the heads of the Anglican and Scottish churches en route to the USA, continuing the visits and meetings he had made a year ago with the heads of the Orthodox Churches in Germany, Greece and Turkey, and with high-ranking persons in the Vatican in Rome where Mr. Lippel visited twice this year as a member of the Israeli (MORE

delegation for the coronation of the Popes John Paul I and John Paul II. With the aim of strengthening the ties with the Anglican Church and the Scottish Church, Mr. Lippel was a guest of the Scottish Church. He arrived there during the week that Scotland observed its national holiday and was preparing to hold its election for the new Scottish head of the Church and other office holders in the Church. The heads of the Scottish Church had their conference in Edinburgh, the city of popular festivals and celebrations.

Mr. Lippel was received at the Centre of the Scottish Church by the heads of the Church, among them Prof. Thorons and Dr. Brody, the Moderator—he was the church head who was a candidate and was elected. An official reception was arranged in his honour. Mr. Lippel toured the church institutions of Edinburgh as well as Scottish cultural and public installations... In the theological library there were books of Rabbinic Responsa and ancient Jewish religious literature.... After the conquest of Jerusalem by the British Gen. Allenby dedicated the Scottish Church in Jerusalem near Mt. Zion, and by special instructions from Scotland a tablet was fixed to the memory of Robert Bruce (Scottish national hero) wherein this story (of Bruce's desire that his heart be buried in Jerusalem) WAS INSCRIBED.

Mr. Lippel was interviewed also by the local press and several times by the BBC. He was asked about the Mission Law, the status of the holy places, the peace talks with the Arab countries, the relations between the State of Israel and the Christian world, etc. Concerning the sympathetic attitude of the Scots towards Israel, Mr. Lippel reported to the Israeli Ambassador, Abraham Kidron, in London. In London Mr. Lippel was a guest of the Council for Israeli-Christian Relations and the Interfaith Committee of England. During all of his meetings he was accompanied by one of the aides of the Archbishop of Canterbury. He also met with the Archbishop of York, and the head of Westminster Abbey. It was there he learned that the Archbishop of Canterbury would complete his term of office this year and retire, and that his place would likely be filled by the Archbishop of York.

Mr. Lippel was the guest of the head of the Westminster Church. From the church, in the company of the family of the head of the church, they observed the royal procession when the Queen came to receive the new Government at swearing in ceremonies. The Chief Rabbi of England, Rabbi Dr. Emmanuel Yacovovitz, and the Israeli Ambassador in England, received regular briefings of the visit. END ARTICLE

DATE: 8.6.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) GERMAN FEATURE

HEADING: "BEFORE JERUSALEM'S DOORS" BYLINE: SCHALOM BEN-CHORIN

COMMENT: In the main this is a literary feature article on various aspects of Jerusalem.

DATE: 15.6.79 JOURNAL: THE JERUSALEM POST NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "ARAB LUTHERAN CHURCH ELECTS BISHOP"

BYLINE: Haim Shapiro, Jerusalem Post Reporter

QUOTE: The Arab Lutheran congregation in Jerusalem yesterday announced the election of its first bishop Rev. Daoud Haddad, originally of Lebanon. The move marks the independence of the Arab church, which has been a member of the German association of Lutheran churches. A German "propst" (a position between pastor and bishop) has hitherto led both the Arab congregation and the local German- and English-speaking congregations. Haddad is to be installed by the Bishop of Berlin, Dr. Martin Kruse, in a ceremony this fall which will also mark the 70th anniversary of the founding of the congregation. There are some 1,200 members in Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Beit Jala, Beit Sahur, Ramallah and Amman. Haddad, who was born near Zahle in Lebanon, studied at the Schneller teachers' training seminary in Jerusalem and completed his theological training in Switzerland and Germany. END

DATE: 20.6.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST POSTSCRIPTS FEATURE

EXCERPT: The Rector of St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Eden, North Carolina, the Rev. Warwick Aiken, Jr., sends along the transcript of a recent radio broadcast by the Liberty Lobby, a Washington-based propaganda outfit. Rev. Aiken has protested the broadcast to the Lobby and to his local radio station, and commented on it in a recent Sunday sermon. He also told the Lobby to "think a gain about those very special people, the Jews. God is on their side, and He will have some very hard things to say eventually to those who are not." One selection from the transcript should be enough to give one an idea of the liberties which the Liberty Lobby takes with history: (There follows a quote^{of} a Nazi-style denial of the reality of the Holocaust... "there never was any gassing of Jews... during the war...")

DATE: 17.6.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (GERMAN) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "THE JERUSALEM COMMITTEE--KEEPERS OF THE HOLY CITY."

BYLINE: SOPHIA WYATT

COMMENT: This is a lengthy article about the Jerusalem Committee, its work, its members, its achievements, etc.

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MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

- A. DATE: 31.5.79 JOURNAL: THE JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE (CHRISTIAN COMMENT/OIKOUMENIKOS)
 HEADING: "LEVITICUS SCROLL"
 COMMENT: This is an article about "the longest single Dead Sea scroll in paleo-Hebrew script" called "the Leviticus Scroll" which is being studied jointly by American Biblical scholar and Southern Baptist Ken Mathews and Prof. David Noel Freedman, editor of the "Biblical Archaeologist" and director of the Program on Studies in Religion at the Univ. of Michigan and professor in the Dept of Near Eastern Studies.
- B. DATE: 4.5.79 JOURNAL: MAARIV (HEB PM IND) FEATURE ("TWO MINUTES WITH THE PAST")
 HEADING: "THE LIONESSE" BYLINE: YITZHAK ZIV-AV
 COMMENT: This is a story of an old Safed family of Safed, the Levison family, two of whose sons became ministers in the Scottish Church, to the consternation of their Jewish mother. Nahum and Leon Levison nevertheless "did not become estranged from their origins, and even found ways of transmitting help to their mother in Safed...and during World War I served British Intelligence in the Middle East..."
- C. DATE: 7.5.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (GERMAN) TELAVIV
 HEADING: "ECUMENICAL STRIVINGS" BYLINE: SCHALOM BEN-CHORIN
 COMMENT: This is a reply to a reader who complains about Rabbi Ben-Shorin's attendance at an ecumenical service allegedly "wrapped in a Hebrew prayer shawl (tallit) and skullcap underneath pictures of Jesus and a Crucifix." Rabbi Ben-Chorin denies that he took part in such a service, but the service he took part in was held in a Protestant Reformed Church in Flensburg, which he compares to the Baptist Church in Jerusalem or St. Andrew's where Pres. Carter worshipped, which he suggests his critic can see for himself. He also calls for greater participation in such ecumenical activities to promote greater understanding of Israel and Judaism.
- DATE: 18.6.79 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHRONOT (HEB PM IND) FEATURE NEWS ARTICLE "AMERICA
 HEADING: "TORAH SCROLL LAY BESIDE THE CROSS IN THE CHURCH WHILE THE AMERICA"
 CANTOR RECITED "HEAR O ISRAEL". BYLINE: AHARON SHAMIR
 QUOTE : It's no secret that many American Jews want to be like the Gentiles. But when the matter reaches religious issues, it begins to be grotesque. There were found a number of Jews, among them such as glory in the title "Rabbi", who have decided that for the sake of peace between religions and fraternity among the nations, it is proper that Jews and Christians should pray under one roof, and that each group should participate in the worship of the other. For the Christians who agreed to the experiment it was simpler. They also believe in God, and what does it matter to them to say together with the Jews, "HEAR O ISRAEL, THE LORD IS OUR GOD, THE LORD IS ONE." But when it came to the saying of "Our Lord Jesus," in the Christian style, it appeared that...there are problems.
- In the experimental prayer conducted about a week ago in the Lutheran Church of St. Peter on Lexington Avenue in Manhattan, there was another problem which came up: Beside the large cross standing on the altar there was set as a balance a Torah scroll. And again, for the Christians it did not seem extraordinary inasmuch as the Torah is, after all, "the Old Testament", which is an inseparable part of the "New Testament." But the Jews, among them the "Rabbis," even though they are Reformed Rabbis, did not feel comfortable at the foot of the cross.
- The experimental prayer came about after a year of consultations and formulations which were accepted by the committee in which Rabbi Balfour Brickner, Rev. William Wyler, and the nun AmPatrick Warr served. It appears that the procedures which were fixed were not successful. At the symposium which was conducted after the service, a number of Christians said that "it was an honour for us that a Torah scroll was brought to the Church," and even the Cantor Edward Graham claimed that he was offended by the two crosses hanging above him. There were also Jews who said: "Why not?" They are willing to accept Christian symbols on their part. An instructive comment which was accepted as a guideline for the future was heard from Cynthia Bronson, the Deaconess of the Episcopal Church, who proposed common prayer to God alone, but, she said, to take into account the feelings of women fighting for equality-- not to refer to God as "Our Father which art in Heaven..." END
- D. DATE: 20.6.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (NEWS ARTICLE
 HEADING: "JAPANESE SCHOLAR FETED FOR AIDING ISRAEL TOURISM"
 BYLINE: Kinue Weirstein, J.P. Reporter.
 COMMENT: This is about Rev. La Kaichi Baba, Japanese Bible Scholar, translator, leader in Japanese Free Methodist movement, writer and teacher of Bible and Holy Land subjects, pilgrim leader, honoured by Min. of Tourism. END TRANSCRIPTIONS 29.6.79/mb