

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

DATE: 14.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH AM INDEPENDENT) FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: THE RIAS BYLINE: Helga Dudman

EXCERPT: Meanwhile, infrastructurewise for the religious, the municipality has completed preparations for providing a segregated (for the sexes) bathing beach next summer, as required by law, at the cost of ILL.5m. Interestingly enough, this segregated beach borders property of the Church of Scotland. And if we were mentioning the Scottish Sea of Galilee Centre, as it is called, I cannot help noting that its infrastructure, a beautifully tranquil, unpretentious and immaculately clean garden, is a source of wonder and admiration for Israelis of all persuasions. "Why can't we keep a place clean?" is the Jewish litany here. But of course a segregated bathing beach is hardly likely to be a major tourist attraction. Plans for developing the city's international tourism include the reconstruction of the promenade along the lakeshore, the area toward the Scottish Church, and the southern entrance to the city. END EXCERPT

DATE: 18.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ITEM

QUOTE: The Greek Catholic community of Toronto has offered to help finance a new church in Galilee at an estimated cost of \$500,000. END ITEM

DATE: 20.12.79 JOURNAL: YEDIOT AKHRONOT (HEBREW PM IND.) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "RELIGIOUS OPPOSE BROADCASTING CHURCH CONCERTS"

BYLINE: Menahem Barash, Our Correspondent in Jerusalem

QUOTE: The Board of Directors of the Broadcasting Authority is liable to discuss this week the matter of the concerts of church music which are being performed by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra of the Broadcasting Authority, which are now being broadcast on the radio. These concerts have stirred up sharp opposition among the religious players in the orchestra and displeasure among the religious public. END ITEM

DATE: 21.12.79 JOURNAL: MB MITTEILUNGSBLATT (TELAVIV) GERMAN LANGUAGE NEWS ITEM

QUOTE: There have been 500 converts to Judaism during the past year from among the 84,000 Christians living in Israel. There have been ten Jewish converts to one of the Christian confessions out of the 3,194,000 Jews in Israel. This was declared by Rev. Henry C. Knight of the UCCI. END ITEM.

DATE: 26.12.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "A Nursing Home for Christian Victims of Nazis Dedicated in Nahariya"

QUOTE: A nursing home for Christian victims of the Nuremberg Laws who are living in Israel was dedicated yesterday in Nahariya and named for Dr. Gertrude Luckner (photo inset), one of the Righteous Gentiles, who was the first German visitor in the State of Israel in 1951, and who laboured for the establishment of the residence. The nursing home by the seaside in Nahariya is located in a building which was a luxury villa, and was purchased and maintained with money from the Germans: Two-thirds comes from a Govt fund for non-Jewish victims of the Nazis, and one-third from Catholic clergy in the amount of 600,000 DM per year.

All of the residents have been recommended by the Ministry of Welfare. The director of the home, Elizabeth Hamko, reports that the home is an inseparable part of the activities of the Christian community. Nevertheless, it is possible here "to obtain and to sell Zionism to foreign tourists who can learn that in this home there are also Germans who speak Hebrew and who perform exemplary community service."

The aged Dr. Luckner expressed satisfaction that she had lived to see the longed-for residence in Israel after she had set up a residence for non-Jewish sufferers of persecution in Germany. Dr. Luckner was imprisoned for four years in Ravensbruck Camp after she had laboured for the rescue of Jews. Several years ago she was honoured by the planting of a tree on the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles in Jerusalem. END

DATE: 26.12.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "OPINION OF A CHRISTIAN: THE AMENDMENT TO THE ABORTION LAW SHOULD BE PASSED"

QUOTE: There are Christians of various denominations who are praying these days that the amendment to the abortion law will be passed by the majority of the Knesset. We believe that the glory of Israel is near, and that all the land of Israel was promised to the people of God. But this promise—according to the Torah—was given on condition (Lev. 18, 28-30) that Israel would not do those immoral deeds of the idolaters who were driven out by God from the Land of Canaan, inasmuch as should Israel act as they did, the land would also vomit them out.

Abortion is the murder of unborn children. Israel is absolutely forbidden from walking in the ways of the many nations. O that God would grant understanding and sanity to the leaders of Israel in order to prevent such monstrous deeds from becoming legal in the event the amendment does not pass. We are with you in your uncompromising stand and in the struggle for a good future for that people we love.

No amount of demands for the land of Israel will avail if the people of Israel refuse to fulfil the condition on the basis of which this land was given by God; namely, that they will not walk in the footsteps of the abominations of the Gentiles. O that God by means of your understanding and courage, freed from political calculations, may bless and defend your nation so that Israel will be permitted to live on its land! With respectfulness and love for Israel, JOHN WILHEM VANDERHOVEN, JERUSALEM.
END LETTER

DATE: 30.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "RELIGIOUS FANATICISM"

QUOTE : Throwing stones at cars, synagogues and churches seems to have become an increasingly popular pastime for people who wish to vent their religious bias at others. The monks at Dormition Abbey on Mt. Zion have had the unpleasant surprise on three different Saturday evenings, when coming for their evensong to the church, to find that a window--each time another one--had been smashed by a stone-throwing vandal. Stones and shattered glass were found scattered over the sanctuary. These stained-glass windows are the work of a renowned artist of Cologne, Germany, and had been put in only last spring. Connoisseurs esteem them highly.

Two months ago a threatening letter was addressed to us via THE JERUSALEM POST demanding that all mosaic and other representations be removed within a month because of the interdiction of the Tora of Moses. Unless this demand were met, the author of the letter threatened to blast church and convent into Gehenna. Why, my zealous iconoclast, don't you start your campaign with the ancient synagogues at Beit Alpha or Tiberias, or the menorah in front of the Knesset?

From the tenor of the letter, I guess that the letter was written by somebody from the U.S. I too am an American citizen. My dear countryman, what do you think would happen if you did that to a Christian church in the U.S. Even though we Christians are a minority here, Christianity has a right to be in this country, and especially on Mt. Zion, which was the cradle of Christianity. After all, it was the early Judeo-Christian community which called its centre "Mt. Zion" after the real Mt. Zion, "the Har Habayit", had been destroyed in 70 C.E.

Under the leadership of our former abbot, P. Laurentius Klein, our community has made great strides in bringing about a better understanding between Jews and Christians. Rabbis and professors of the Hebrew University have lectured regularly at our Theological Research Fraternity located on our premises. Everybody will understand such excesses of religious fanaticism and hooliganism are hardly conducive to improve the climate of the interfaith dialogue. Nevertheless, since we know that the vast majority of Israelis and their authorities do not approve of such acts, we, monks of Mt. Zion Abbey, shall continue on our path to foster a sincere reconciliation between the Jewish people and the Christian churches. SIGNED: P. BARGIL PIXNER OSB (In the Name of the Abbot and the Benedictine Community, Jerusalem.)

DATE: 2.1.80 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ITEM

QUOTE: U.S. journalist Bill Moyers, who served as White House press secretary during President Lyndon Johnson's administration, has been awarded the first Jerome Joss Communications Prize of IL 50,000 established at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, for his film on the Nes Amin commune in northern Israel. END ITEM

DATE: 6.1.80 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISHMAR" (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "SONGS FOR ISRAEL WITH LOVE"

BYLINE : Y. Ruani.

QUOTE : In contrast to the crushing PLO and Arab propaganda activity, Israeli information services in the world at large, including the Jewish Diaspora, is weak and ineffective. And ~~here~~ ^{here} we ~~disseminate~~ ^{have} others who are doing our work for us. We remember the thrilling appearance of the "Zionist" sect of Japanese who from time to time make their pilgrimage to Zion and with much zeal pour out prayers and psalms at the Western Wall, singing praises to Jerusalem and dancing to the song "AM YISRAEL HAI" (The People of Israel Live).

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During the program "As the Sabbath Departs," (which is not always on a very high standard) there appeared on our little screen the choir of "International Singers" from Colorado in America with a medley of "Songs for Israel with Love." With a fervent beat and good taste the singers of the choir sang in fluent Hebrew and in English hymns, as well as songs and choruses, old and new. The choir, which represents a Christian congregation in Denver, Colorado, has neither a cross nor other symbols of Christian ritual, and the principle of its faith is that the State of Israel is the fulfilment of the vision of the prophets of Israel concerning the revival of the Chosen People and the ingathering of its exiles to the ancestral land. Many of the members of the congregation are studying Hebrew and are diligently engaged in the study of the sources of Judaism. Amidst the surges of hatred which encompass us, it was indeed heartwarming to listen to the words of the leader of the congregation, Bob Hooley, who accompanied the choir, express the deep love of the members of his congregation for Israel and their concern for its security and prosperity.

It would seem that you can find no more encouraging and beautiful realization of the essence and place of Israel in this region and in the world than through the groups of people of various nations who gather among us from all corners of the world and sing the praises of Israel in her presence. END

SUBJECT NUMBER TWO: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: "KOL BO" (HAIFA) HEBREW FEATURE IN LOCAL JOURNAL

EXCERPT: For many years the organization "Yad L'Akhir" has laboured in Haifa on Bilu Street, and only now has moved to its new home on Rehov Beitar. From thence it promulgates Torah and Judaism throughout the north, labouring quietly and persistently against the activities of the Mission. The house hums with visitors who come to seek aid, especially in the matters of education and Judaism. Among those moving about the building are several young people, soldiers and "penitents." END EXC.

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: "KOL BO" (HAIFA) AS ABOVE

HEADING: "THE MISSION IN AFULA" BY: Zvi Gibeon

QUOTE : Two years ago a well-known attorney in town made a trip to the U.S.A. There he visited, among others, one of the churches of the sect of the Mormons, and also signed his name in the Visitors Register. As noted, two years have passed since, and behold, just recently a man entered the home of the attorney in Haifa, and represented himself as a member of the Mormon community in America, and brought with him a photocopy of the Attorney's signature in the Visitors Register of two years ago. The guest engaged the attorney in a conversation and tried to influence him to join the sect of the Mormons and to change his religion. Of course, the missionary did not succeed in his assignment, and was obliged to leave the attorney's home shamefacedly, leaving behind his calling card with his full name, Dester Solinger. END

DATE: 8.8.79 JOURNAL: SOUTH AFRICAN JEWISH TIMES (JOHANNESBURG) ENGLISH NEWS ARTICLE
HEADING: "MISSION THREAT TO JEWISH CHILDREN FROM IRAN"

QUOTE : JERUSALEM.—About 40 children who recently arrived here from Iran are now in missionary schools, the Min. of Education has acknowledged. The Ministry investigated the matter after a Likud MK, Moshe Katzav had complained that 70 Jewish children from Iran were being educated by missionaries. According to the Ministry, about 20 children are in a missionary school in Jerusalem while the others go to the Anglican mission school in Jaffa. Ministry sources said parents sent their children to those schools possibly because they had been recommended by similar institutions in Iran.

It is still unclear whether the Ministry can do anything about the matter. If the children are here as "tourists"—and many Iranian Jews are staying in Israel under this status—the Ministry can do nothing. However, if the parents registered as immigrants, the Ministry might decide to enforce the compulsory education law and have them transferred from their present schools. However, no action is contemplated before the Ministry has taken legal advice. END ARTICLE (SEE SELECTIONS No. 62 for details on which story apparently based. Min. Educ. eventually acknowledged only two in Christian schools and denied MK Katsav charges.)

DATE: 7.1.80 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGLISH AM IND) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "KEREN YALDENU UNDER EDUCATION MINISTRY"

EXCERPTS: Keren Yaldenu ("Our Children's Fund) 24 youth clubs have recently been accorded Educ. Min. sponsorship, it was announced yesterday. Following a recent agreement between the Ministry and K.Y., the clubs will retain their independent status...K.Y. was founded in the early 1950s to counter activities of missionaries...EXC. (MOHE)

DATE: 20.12.79 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISHMAR" (HEB AM MAPAM) MUSIC FEATURE "ON MELODIES"

HEADING: MUSIC FROM...JERUSALEM FROM THE CHURCH BYLINE: Ayyah Sachs

EXCERPTS: The Evangelical-Lutheran Church in the Old City of Jerusalem...The new probst of this church apparently decided to continue tradition (of good organ music) of church music only, and of course with the stress on the religious side. The Jerusalem audience apparently received this with favour and filled the church completely. The program was made up with good taste and expertise, with the skill of the participants utilized efficiently and in a well-balanced manner...The concert concluded with a chapter of Psalms for soprano, tenor, choir and instrumental ensemble by Handel in the eternal spirit of the Bible. END EXCERPTS.

DATE: 20.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "JNF CHRISTMAS TREES DISTRIBUTED TODAY"

EXCERPTS: Jerusalem's Christians will receive free Christmas trees today courtesy of the Jewish National Fund...Another 1400 trees will be available for diplomats, foreign correspondents, and Christian institutions. These trees can be had today at the JNF's Eshtaol tree nursery near the Shimshon junction. END EXC.

DATE: 23.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "BETHLEHEM, NAZARETH DECORATED FOR HOLIDAY"

BYLINE : Haim Shapiro & Yaadov Friedler, J.P. Reporters

EXCERPTS: Workmen yesterday put the finishing touches to Christmas decorations in Bethlehem as the town prepared for its annual inundation of tourists and pilgrims...Festivities begin tomorrow when the Latin Patriarch arrives in a procession from Jerusalem...and the colourful entourage of notables, monks, Christian scouts and mounted police is due to escort the Patriarch into Bethlehem an hour later...12 local and foreign choirs and musical groups will give a concert in the (Manger) Square...some of the concert will be included in a worldwide tv presentation by Israel TV and foreign networks. Climax of the evening for most will be the High Pontifical Midnight Mass in St. Catherine's Church adjoining the Grotto of the Nativity celebrated in Latin with some sections read in Arabic, English, Italian and French...According to Fr. Ignazio Mancini, director of the Christian Information Centre, an increasing number of Catholic groups prefer to attend midnight mass led by their priests in their own languages. In Nazareth, economic uncertainty and the cold, wet weather have dampened the pre-Christmas spirit. But there will be a full program of prayers and traditional celebrations for the 5,000 tourists and UN personnel expected here on Xmas Eve...On Christmas Eve masses will be celebrated in eight large churches...In the afternoon Mayor Tewfik Zayad will hold the traditional reception at the Nazareth Cinema, where he will be joined by Archbishop Maximus Saloum, head of the Greek Catholic community and Antoin Shaheen, director of the Govt Tourist Office in Nazareth...The city's main streets have been decorated and illuminated...carols will be broadcast over a loudspeaker network in the evenings. END

DATE: 25.12.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) EDITORIAL

HEADING: "CHRISTMAS 1979"

EXCERPTS: To Christian citizens of Israel, to our Christian neighbours in the areas, and in South Lebanon, to pilgrim guests, we send greetings at Christmas, the most important of Christian festivals. We are proud that they may celebrate it properly with free access to their holy places which are in the province of Israeli rule, from which last night the message of the festival went out to all corners of the Christian world. In an era in which fanatical fundamentalism casts its heavy shadow upon the world, there is special significance to the reinforcement of religious tolerance, to the deepening of understanding and the advancement of human values and the love of peace which is at the foundation of religion. Mankind was never in greater need of these values than in our era. This Christmas marks the close of a decade which did not excel in religious tolerance and which began with unnecessary suffering and distress upon the earth. We have no guarantee that the coming decade which begins in a few days will be any better in the field of international relations. ...

The assurance of free access to all the holy places of the Christian religion as well as for members of the Muslim religion in every area of Israeli sovereignty has always been a prime political principle and moral obligation accepted by us, which was reinforced by our consciousness of deprivation when access to Jewish holy sites in Jerusalem was denied us when Jordan ruled there. And just as we have been careful in this matter until now, so we will continue to take care in the future as we cultivate religious tolerance and work toward a political settlement (of the regional conflict). END EXC.

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DATE: 27.12.79 JOURNAL: "EHEV EREV B'EILAT" (HEBREW LOCAL WEEKLY) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "CHRISTMAS PARTY FOR THE CHILDREN OF EILAT"

QUOTE : "Tourops" Company from Austria, which is accustomed for many years to contribute to local children on Christmas Eve, approached Ruth Segal for the purpose of making a contribution also to Eilat. It was decided that the contribution would be for a club for distressed youth in Neighbourhood Alef. Representatives of the company assembled the tourists in Eilat (who arrived via the company) in the Rubin home, where children from the club were waiting for them. The children sang for them, there was also an accordionist, and the Youth House choir. The amount of IL 30,000 was collected, which was turned over to Ruth Segal. Indeed, it was a gesture of good will by a tourist company whose work ties it to Eilat. END ITEM

DATE: 30.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS ITEM

HEADING: "NAVON RECEIVES CHRISTIAN HEADS"

QUOTE : Pres. Yitzhak Navon on Friday received the heads of the country's Christian communities, greeting them on the occasion of the new year. Also present at the reception was Religious Affairs Minister Aharon Abuhatzira. Navon told the Christian leaders that international conferences held in the capital this year had all stressed the freedom of religious belief in the city and the free access enjoyed by all to its sacred shrines. The city of peace, Jerusalem symbolized peace in the entire region as Israel and Egypt moved along the road to the goal that was the dream of all, he said. END ITEM

DATE: 30.12.79 JOURNAL: "AL HAMISHMAR" (HEB AM MAPAM) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "RECEPTION FOR HEADS OF THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES AT PRESIDENTIAL RESIDENCE"

BYLINE : Gabriel Stern, "Al Hamishmar" Correspondent.

EXCERPTS: Yitzhak Navon, President of Israel, expects that in about another two months he will be accepting the credentials of the ^{first} Egyptian Ambassador on behalf of President Muhammad Anwar Sadat, at the Presidential Residence of Israel, and he expressed the hope that peace with Egypt is only the beginning of a peacemaking process between Israel and its neighbours. The President spoke at the annual reception for the heads of the Christian communities in honour of Christmas and the Civil New Year. Among those present was also the Ambassador-Designate to Egypt, Eliyah Ben-Elissar.

In the course of his remarks about the need for mutual understanding and respect among members of all religions, the President disclosed that in 1963 he had spent a week at a centre of Buddhist reflection in Burma and described it as a profound experience....

Navon also sent greetings to the many pilgrims now in Israel and received with special heartiness the mayor of Toledo (Spain), Don Juan Ignazio de Missa Ruez and his wife. He had come to Israel in the company of the head of the renewed Jewish community in his city, Hajwal Toledano, and after the speeches raised a toast of wine with MK Shmuel Toledano, whose family stems from Toledo...

The reply address was delivered in the name of the Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictus I, age 88, who is the dean of the community heads, whose remarks betrayed an aggressive tone. He indeed thanked the Min. of Relig. Aff. for his promise to guard the status quo in the holy places and for his forceful condemnation of attacks on religious institutions (the reference being mainly to the Russian Church), but added: "With profound concern and anxiety" the church which had offered up many sacrifices of its saints in the course of the centuries, was faced with the recent murder of the monk Philomenius in a holy place, Bir Yaouf near Shechem, and it was necessary "to take all possible measures to prevent criminal acts and sacrilege like this, and to guarantee the security of the holy places and men of the cloth." He avoided identifying the culprits who it appears were Arabs, and thus his remarks implied criticism of the authorities. The reception was directed by the Director of the Dept of Christian Communities in the Min. of Relig. Affairs, Daniel Rossing.

The Armenian Patriarch, Elisha II, attended....the Latin Patriarch, Yacov Beltriti, did not attend, in accordance with his custom, but sent his representative in Israel, Bishop Hanna Caldani. The representative of the Greek-Catholic patriarchate in Jerusalem, Archimandrite Lutafi L'kham, was accompanied by the Galilee Archbishop Maximum Shaloum...In the colourful assemblage of bishops and community leaders (Syrian Orthodox, Ethiopians, Anglicans, Lutherans, Baptists, etc.) the absence this year also of the Egyptian Coptic community was evident notwithstanding the process of normalization of relations between Israel and Egypt. The background to this is (MOHE)

the perennial dispute over the Bir-a-Sultan site. As will be recalled, the Coptic pope, Shanuda III, again declared recently that he would not permit Coptic pilgrimage to Jerusalem as long as the situation remains unresolved in favour of his community. END EXCERPTS

DATE: 30.12.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR) NEWS ITEM
 HEADING: "MARATHON ON THE SUBJECT OF JUDAISM AND CHRISTIANITY ON NEW YEARS EVE"
 QUOTE : On New Year Eve there will be conducted a marathon on the subject of Jewish-Christian relations in connection with the Centre for Culture and Education of the Histadrut in cooperation with the Centre "Roots" for Jewish Studies. The marathon will take place in Beit Sokolow between the hours of 7:30 and midnight. Among the lecturers will be Professor David Flusser and Prof. Shlomo Neeman of the Tel-Aviv University, who will lecture at the opening session. Fr. Prof. Marcel Dubois of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, who will describe his experiences as a priest and citizen of Israel, Rabbi Professor Levi Yitzhak Rabinowitz (Editor of the Encyclopedia Judaica) will speak on the account of Judaism with Christianity. The Director-General of the Min. of Relig. Aff., Israel Lippel, will describe the situation of Christianity and Christians in Israel. The marathon will conclude with a symposium with lecturers and audience taking part. END ITEM.

DATE: 6.1.80 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) NEWS BRIEF
 HEADING: "BOMB DEFUSED AT GETHESEMANE"

QUOTE : A large bomb was dismantled harmlessly after being discovered on Friday morning at the Gethsemane Church in East Jerusalem. A priest at the church found the bomb attached to a door at about 7.30 a.m. and a police bomb squad arrived within minutes. A senior officer said that the bomb would have caused extensive damage to the ancient church had it exploded. END ITEM

SUBJECT ^{THREE} (B): CHRISTMAS IN IRAN

FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES WIRE SERVICE CLIPPINGS PUBLISHED IN HEBREW PRESS:

DATE: 24.12.79 JOURNAL: "HATSOFEH" (HEB AM N.R.P.)

HEADING: "SIX CLERGYMEN FROM U.S.A. GOE OUT TO TEHERAN TO WORK FOR RELEASE OF HOSTAGES"
 Athens byline refers to unofficial delegation including Jimmy Allen of So.Bapt., Methodist Bishop Clifford White, Chas. Kimball, Harvard U. Islamic Studies, Thos. Ricks, Georgetown U. Iranian & M.E. Studies, and others.

DATE: 25.12.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR)

HEADING: "CLERGY DELEGATION HAS MET WITH HOSTAGES...U.S.A. REQUESTS SECURITY COUNCIL STEPS AGAINST IRAN"

TEHERAN BYLINE. Wire Services story about meeting between three U.S. clergy escorted by Algerian Archbishop and hostages followed by U.S. Govt steps being taken in the matter and general information related to the affair.

DATE: 26.12.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND)

HEADING: "CHRISTMAS CAROLS IN CAPTIVITY: THREE CLERGYMEN MET WITH TEHERAN HOSTAGES. MYSTERY CONCERNING NUMBER OF HOSTAGES"

TEHERAN BYLINE: More detailed account of visit of U.S. clergy and Algerian archbishop with hostages who spent five hours with them "singing Christmas carols, praying, discussing football....The clergymen complained that the students holding the hostages for 53 days now refused to permit group prayer and complained that at a certain stage they inserted propaganda into the meeting....Pres. Carter send holiday greetings to the captives. Rabbi Avraham Hirschberg of Mexico City arrived in Teheran in effort to meet with Jewish hostages.

DATE: 26.12.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR)

HEADING: "CLERGYMEN FOUND ONLY 43 HOSTAGES IN EMBASSY BUILDING"
 TEHERAN DATELINE: (Same report as previous one above)

DATE: 28.12.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND)

HEADING: "CLERGYMEN MET WITH ONLY 43 OUT OF 50 HOSTAGES"

WASHINGTON DATELINE: Discussion of question of missing seven hostages and reaction of several to student captors described as "rebellious" although not permitted to speak of anything political by captors.

DATE: 28.12.79 JOURNAL: "DAVAR" (HEB AM LABOUR)

HEADING: "CLERGYMAN: HOSTAGES SHOWING SIGNS OF REBELLIOUSNESS"

TEHERAN DATELINE: Same report as previous one above with additional international/political details about the whole affair. (NOTE)

SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR: CHRISTIANS AND ISRAEL

DATE: 23.12.79 JOURNAL: "HAARETZ" (HEB AM IND) NEWS BRIEF
 HEADING: "THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH IN SWEDEN: NUCLEAR REACTORS PREFERABLE TO DESTRUCTION OF ISRAEL AT HANDS OF ARABS"

BYLINE: "Haaretz" Correspondent in France.

QUOTE: PARIS, 22/12 (SPECIAL TO "HAARETZ"). The Christian Church of Sweden has changed its position and withdrawn its opposition to the use of nuclear reactors. Radio Sweden reports that the new position of the church stems from the fact that in the Church's view the money gained from petrol is being used by the Arab states in their struggle against Israel, and is being contributed to the PLO, which aspires to destroy Israel. "From the moral standpoint, the consideration of the survival of Israel takes priority over the danger inherent in the use of nuclear reactors," the Church feels. END ARTICLE

DATE: 27.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST (ENGL AM IND) LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: "HISTORICAL FOOTNOTE"

BY: Ephraim Lotan, San Jose

QUOTE: It is a known fact that Israel is supporting the Christian (Costa Rica) population of Lebanon. Israel is harshly criticized even by friends (including the U.S.) and accused of contemplating the establishment of an independent state on part of the territory of Lebanon. What is unknown to the general public is that the idea of Israel's support of Christians in Lebanon and the establishment of a Christian separate state came originally from the Vatican. The undersigned was personally involved in this.

About 17 years ago I was on my way from New York to Israel and stopped for a couple of days in Paris to see my cousin. He advised me that Col. Claude Arnault wanted to see me on a very important matter. During World War II, Col. Arnault (a Frenchman) served in Winston Churchill's Headquarters with the honorary rank of general. When I met him in Paris, he was serving in the intelligence services of the Vatican. The main subject of the conversation was Lebanon. Col. Arnault described the political, economical and social situation of Lebanon and the increasing influence of the Muslims. The only way to secure the future of Christians in Lebanon, he said, was to have a separate state, and for this, he added, "we need support of Israel."

I interrupted him to ask if "we" meant him or the Vatican in whose service he was working. His answer was clear: He was speaking in the Vatican's name, and the purpose of the meeting was a request to pass this idea to our Prime Minister or/and our Chief of Staff. (I knew both of them personally, a fact of which Col. Arnault was aware.) The next day I arrived in Tel-Aviv and called on the Chief of Staff. Two days later contact was established with Col. Arnault in Addis Abeba (where he was attending a conference of Arab and African countries) to follow up the matters discussed in Paris. About a year later I was invited to attend a dinner party given in honour of Col. Arnault at the Tel-Aviv Sheraton. END LETTER

DATE: 4.1.80 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST BOOK REVIEW

HEADING: "THE EIGHTH CENTURY PROPHETS (By B.W. Anderson, London, Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, 111 pp.)"

BYLINE: L.I. Rabinowitz

EXCERPT: The book seems out of place on a Jewish bookshelf, even though it deals with the four prophets, Amos, Hosea, Micha and Isiah (or at least the first portion of Isaiah, as the author fully accepts the higher critical view of its dual authorship). The book is published by the Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge, and seeks from the standpoint of Christian theology, to examine "the relation between Israel's scriptures and Jesus Christ." The author argues that since "it is not enough to say that prophecy is 'fulfilled' in the Christian Gospel, we must also understand the prophetic word in its original situation in life." Only one Jewish scholar or thinker, Abraham Herschel, is referred to, in passing...END EXCERPT

SUBJECT NUMBER FIVE: CHRISTIANS AND SOVIET JEWS

DATE: 20.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "LONDON GROUP SEEKS RELEASE OF LENINGRAD THREE"

QUOTE: LONDON.- A nun and two rabbis will be among a delegation which will call on the Soviet ambassador here today to request the release of the last three defendants of the Leningrad hijacking trial who still remain in prison. Still imprisoned are Joseph Mendelevich, an Orthodox Jew, and his two Christian friends, Yuri Fiodorov and Alexei Murzhenko. Rivka Drori, Mendelevich's sister has come from Israel. END (MOHE)

DATE: 20.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "SYNDROME OF HATRED" (Mikhail Agursky explains the link between the anti-Solzhenitsyn attitudes of some Soviet dropouts and their decision not to settle in Israel.)

SUMMARY & EXCERPTS: This is an introduction to an accompanying article by Alexander Solzhenitsyn which he requested be published in Israel. It relates to the so-called "third emigration" of Soviet Jews, among whom are those who attack Solzhenitsyn's belief that a Russian national religious revival could be the only alternative to the present regime, and accuse him of a kind of incipient Khomeinism. They have some supporters among Soviet emigrés in Israel in a Russian-language periodical "Vremya i My" (Time and We) which attacks Zionism "as a harmful ideology... Nearly every issue has had at least one antizionist article and one against Solzhenitsyn, thus showing a syndrome of dual hatred... and this syndrome is aggravated by the fact that Solzhenitsyn has attacked the phenomenon of dropping out and expressed his sympathy for Zionism & Israel."

"Solzhenitsyn is first of all a Christian fundamentalist, and Israel occupies a central place in his thinking, besides being an attractive example of a state that has found its roots after much secularization and even denationalization. If it is possible in Israel, it is also feasible in Russia." The article goes on to describe the Russian writer's displeasure with "uprooted assimilated Jews" who have no real loyalty to their own or any people and who are "harmful agents of denationalization."

HEADING: ALEXANDER SOLZHENITSYN ANSWERS HIS CRITICS: "THE PERSIAN RUSE"

EXCERPT: Taking shape among the most recent emigration from the Soviet Union is a group of authors who out of hostility, fear or a rejection of religion in general, or of orthodoxy in particular, dread above all that the latter will become a significant spiritual influence in Russia. Their views have found a following among certain prominent Western journalists. It would appear that before their eyes stands the example of Poland where the Church beneficently holds sway over the souls of a nation despite an oppressive atheistic dictatorship, or that of Israel, where religion has been accorded an influential role in spiritual and civic education. But they ignore these examples as though what is permitted other nations is not possible for Russia. Frightened by the possibility of a distinctly Russian religious awakening (which has actually been taking place under the fatal burden of Communism), these authors, from the safety of their refuge, hasten to disparage our renaissance in the minds of Western readers. These individuals and their quills shamelessly link orthodoxy with antisemitism, even going so far as to identify one with the other.

Moreover, recently they have been resorting to a base political device that I call a "Persian ruse": the atrocities of Islamic fanaticism in Iran are affixed like a stigma to the brow of re-emerging orthodoxy in Russia and are flung like Persian sand into the eyes of those who lift their foreheads from the ground and arise to their knees.... But it is precisely we, the victims of Communist fanaticism, whom no fanaticism can ever attract. You will not find in any of the actions or utterances of Russian religious and cultural leaders of today a single nuance similar in structure to the religious thought and authority presently in power in Iran....

Perhaps the most intolerant, rash and boisterous of those hurling accusations in the French and German press is the Parisian Prof. Yefim Etkind. There are people who, while intellectually very advanced and politically very keen, are entirely lacking in spiritual development, particularly in their perception of religion. They have as it were an inadequate perception mechanism. This alas is the kind of stunted development Etkind displays when he likens orthodoxy to Leninist ideology. In all other respects he functions within the channels of the Persian campaign, ascribing to me statements which are in no way mine.... This campaign against a Russian religious renaissance can poison the consciousness of the Western reader since it prompts him to hear and abhor precisely those forces in our country which alone represent an insoluble problem for the Soviet government, and which alone are capable of establishing durable, peaceful neighbourly ties with an unoppressed Europe. The reverse side of this campaign--reconciliation with ruling Communism as the "lesser evil"--is indeed a tenuous expectation when communism parts its jaws and prepares to swallow. END
(TRANSLATED FROM "RUSSKAIA MYSL" No. 3283 of Nov. 22, 1979, page 3.)

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SUBJECT NUMBER SIX: QUAKERS & ISRAEL

DATE: 20.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR

HEADING: THE A.F.S.C.

BY: RICHARD SILVERSTEIN, JERUSALEM

EXCERPTS: I am writing to express my dismay at Shmuel Katz's report on the activities of the American Friends Service Committee (AFSC--Quakers) in his column of Dec. 7th. (SEE SELECT. No. 70, page 11, headed "QUAKER ENEMY") His attack upon the charitable projects and community organizing that AFSC has engaged in--in Israel and the W.Bk-- must be labeled for what it was: a brutal hatchet job....I heard Jim Fine, the present AFSC director in Jerusalem, give a balanced reasonable report on the Mideast at the University Methodist Church in Los Angeles during this past summer. If Mr. Fine is not a Quaker, as Katz states, it was nevertheless clear to me that the man's views on the Mideast stem from sincere religious convictions about the necessity for peace and justice for both Arabs and Israelis. The AFSC director is not a PLO supporter...Fine expressed a balanced view of the Mideast and deep concern for the security of the State of Israel. The AFSC helped arrange legal counsel for the Arab inhabitants of Rujeib, whose land was expropriated for the Eilon Moreh settlement. If such aid is to be labeled as conducive to "the destruction of Israel," then I am afraid that the thousands of Israelis and Jews outside Israel who welcomed the High Court decision to dismantle the settlement must be labeled as "traitors." The American sociologist, Rael Jean Isaac--on whom Katz relies for much of his evidence in his indictment of the AFSC--has accused some American Jewish groups....Her definition of Israel's interests is remarkably similar to that of the Gush Emunim spokesman for the Eilon Moreh settlers...no wonder Isaac and Katz are so disturbed with AFSC...

END EXCERPTS

DATE: 31.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST LETTER TO EDITOR (Philadelphia)

HEADING: "THE QUAKERS' TRUE VIEWS"

By: John Sullivan, /Associate Exec. Secy AFSC

EXCERPTS: We read Shmuel Katz's "Quaker Enemy" with shock and dismay. His article is an especially vitriolic assault in a year-long campaign by factions who share Mr. Katz's political views to misrepresent and defame the AFSC....Mr. Katz cites the publication in 1970 of "Search for Peace in the Middle East" by the AFSC and other Quaker groups as the primary "revelation" that "within the Quaker movement...a strong organization has been built to help the cause for the destruction of Israel." "Search for Peace"...includes an appeal to the Arab states to affirm categorically "their acceptance of the State of Israel as a sovereign and internationally recognized reality in the Middle East..." and appeal to the Palestinians likewise to accept Israel and "to recognize that attempts to destroy Israel can only bring more suffering and more injustice..." (There follow detailed denial of other charges in the Katz article relating to anti-Israel and antisemitic bias and the article concludes): We look forward and work toward the day when Israelis and Palestinians will co-exist in genuine equity and peace, in the context of a comprehensive settlement that will open a new era in the Mideast. For that day to come, an open and honest discussion of the issues of Mideast peace is essential. The McCarthyesque attacks of Mr. Katz and like-minded critics do not make that discussion any easier. END EXCERPTS.

DATE: 4.1.80 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST FEATURE ARTICLE

HEADING: "PHONEY ARGUMENT"

BYLINE: Aryeh Rubinstein

EXCERPTS: I am not an expert on the PLO-proclivities of the Quakers, but I know a phoney argument when I see one. Anyone who takes the trouble of comparing Shmuel Katz's article, Quaker Enemy, with John Sullivan's rebuttal will, I think, agree that that description of Sullivan's reply is no hyperbole....The American Jewish Congress & the Anti-Defamation League...published an analysis of the AFSC "report," "Search for Peace in the Middle East (1970). That analysis found the Quaker report to be "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 government and for Israel's Jewish supporters in the U.S."...His (Sullivan's) disclaimer that the report "includes an appeal to the Arab states to affirm their acceptance of the State of Israel as a sovereign...reality" has a hollow ring.... Maurer, who was an observer at an AFSC conference in Feb. 77 wrote in the Nov. 77 issue of MIDSTREAM: "Jewish participants were asked to tolerate some antisemitic remarks in order to keep the lines of communication open." Sullivan in his reply ignored the fact that this was a specific charge....At that conference the two speakers given maximum public exposure were PLO representative...and our own Mattiyahu Peled of the Israeli-Palestinian Peace Council, who was on a 2-week tour under AFSC sponsorship....Sullivan is also silent on Katz's statement that none of the AFSC international affairs representatives in Jerusalem were Quakers and were presumably chosen for their hostility to Israel....END EXCERPTS

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SUBJECT NUMBER SEVEN: CHRISTIAN/NEWS IN ISRAELI PRESS

DATE: 11.12.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "NOBEL WINNER CONDEMNS ABORTION"

EXCERPT: Mother Teresa, the 69-year-old Albanian-born nun, yesterday received the 1979 Nobel Peace Prize, and in her speech of acceptance condemned abortion as the greatest destroyer of man in the world today...In her speech...Mother Teresa called on King Olav and the audience to pray for and to stand by the unborn child. She said she accepted the Nobel prize on behalf of the unwanted poorest of the poor...END EXCERPT

DATE: 27.12.79 JOURNAL: "MAARIV" (HEB PM IND) NEWS BRIEF

HEADING: "CHRISTIANS SEEK TO ADOPT JEWISH BABY" BYLINE: Razi Gutterman, New York.

EXCERPT: A Jewish hassidic couple from New York have appealed to the courts to stop the process of adoption of a Jewish baby by a Protestant clergyman and his wife.... They claim the authorities have acted illegally in deciding to turn over the 1½ year old child to the Lutheran clergyman from Long Island. After an initial session on Christmas Eve the court ordered a delay in the adoption process until further clarification.

DATE: 27.12.79 JOURNAL: ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) GERMAN LANGUAGE BOOK REVU

HEADING: "STORY OF DUTCH CHRISTIAN WHO WAS GERMAN PRISONER IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS"

SUMMARY: This is a review of a book "NACHT UND NEBEL" by Floris B. Bakels, a Dutch Christian, a resistance fighter during World War II who was imprisoned by the Germans and witnessed wartime atrocities committed by them personally. The manuscript, in its German edition, was submitted to ten German publishers before one was found ready to publish it, S. Fischer Publishers. "What Germany did to our country and our people between 1940 and 1945 (by means of) the National Socialist demonism, cannot be forgiven in 100 years nor forgotten in 1,000 years," the author writes. END SUMMARY

DATE: 30.12.79 JOURNAL: "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" (HEB PM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "MISSIONARY WOMAN WITHOUT CLOTHES"

BYLINE: Aharon Shamir, Our Correspondent in New York.

SUMMARY: A short news article about an American woman who allegedly works as a strip-tease artist in a New York nightclub preaching for fifteen minutes before each performance. She calls herself a missionary using the gifts she has. END SUMMARY

DATE: 7.1.80 JOURNAL: HAARETZ (HEB AM IND) NEWS ARTICLE

HEADING: "TWO CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATIONS FROM FRANCE "ACKNOWLEDGE" THE PART OF THE CHURCH IN THE PERSECUTION OF THE JEWS"

BYLINE: Ayliahu Maisi, "Haaretz" Correspondent in France.

EXCERPTS: Two Christian organizations in France who work for Christian-Jewish friendship have published a joint announcement of a resolution which "acknowledges" the part of the Christians (especially the Church) in the persecution of the Jews, and asks God's pardon and that of the Jews....Among other things, it is stated in the joint resolution that the two groups "seek not only to have this step be an example to the largest number of Christians, but that also the churches will adopt this stand officially." END EXCERPTS.

MISCELLANEOUS: POETRY

DATE: 30.11.79 JOURNAL: JERUSALEM POST BOOK REVIEW (REVIEWER: DAVID MESHAR)

EXCERPTS: A verse sequence on Biblical themes is not a particularly original scheme, and KAREN GERSHON no doubt recognized this when she began constructing "COMING BACK FROM BABYLON" (Gollancz £3.95) a series of two dozen poems...It is a lyric, often moving and exciting, sometimes annoying collection of verse....For all its accomplishments there are a couple of disappointing aspects to Gershon's poetry...Gershon's insistence on giving her work a Christian context—and what is more, connecting that solitary Jewish victim on the cross with the six million more recent ones. Sarah's throat is "weighted with Auschwitz and Christ crucified," Ruth lives in a time "before Auschwitz and crucifixion," and even the binding of Isaac represents not only the "flow of Jews who are sacrificed," but Jesus, too, "nailed to the cross." Belaboured and painfully obvious, this poetic apostasy is disconcerting, but reveals nothing, has no meaning.

As a child, Karen Gershon fled Nazi Germany to settle in England; her first volume of poetry, THE RESTLESS YEAR dealing with the Holocaust won a number of awards, including an invitation to visit Israel. Since 1968 she has lived in Jerusalem. END EXC.