

(TO: 19-12-80)

PLEASE NOTE: With this issue we introduce a new format for SELECTIONS, which will avoid duplication of similar material and fringe-group comment. Many of the clippings (especially under the subject "THE MISSION") come from marginal, extremist sources and are usually second-hand material derived from equally marginal sources. In future, this material will either be summarized or merely mentioned. We will also restrict coverage of overseas and local non-Hebrew press, since much of this material is readily available to readers of "SELECTIONS" from other sources. We hope thereby to provide more compact, economical and readable "SELECTIONS" for you. Your comments are welcome.

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 16.11.80 JOURNAL: "HA'ARETZ" HEADING: "PLANNING CAMPAIGN AGAINST THE MISSION IN RISHON LE'ZION" (This also appeared in "HATSONEH")

QUOTE: Religious and secularist circles in Rishon Le'Zion & Rehovot are planning to campaign against the Mission plague which, according to them, has been spreading in the area. These circles claim that members of the Messianic Assembly engage in persuading young people and adults to believe in the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament. Rishon Le'Zion Mayor Hanania Gibstein has sent a telegram in this regard to P.M. Menahem Begin informing him that he intends to act sharply against the activity of the "Messianic Jews." (END)

DATE: 18.11.80 (HAARETZ): "APPEALS FROM ABROAD TO PERMIT 'MESSIANIC JEWS' TO OPERATE IN ISRAEL" QUOTE: Foreign contributors (to Israel) abroad have appealed to the Foreign Ministry in Israel, demanding that the Messianic Jewish Assembly be permitted to operate in Israel, following the violent measures taken against them by religious circles. Baruch Maoz, one of the Messianic Jews who believe in the Hebrew Bible and in Jesus and are operating, among other places, in the Rishon Le'Zion area and Rehovot, had appealed to persons abroad in the wake of the actions of the Orthodox. Following the appeals of these persons, the Foreign Ministry approached the National Police Headquarters requesting that the complaints of Baruch Maoz be thoroughly investigated. Mr. Maoz has stated that if in the future force will be used against them, "with all due regret over it," he will not hesitate again to appeal to foreign elements notwithstanding the fact that it will hurt the good name of the State. (END)

DATE: 3.12.80 ("HAARETZ") "IN THE NAME OF THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL & YESHUA, ITS MESSIAH" PHOTO: On the 1st floor of this house the mission people gather in Rehovot.

QUOTE: Several weeks ago persons in the Foreign Ministry were surprised to receive appeals from various persons in the USA and Germany requesting that the assembly of "Messianic Jews" in Israel be permitted to function freely. This step was taken following a number of attacks upon the members of the assembly. The rivalry between the "Messianic Jews" working in the area of Rishon Le'Zion and both religious and secularists had received international dimensions. This appeal turned the spotlight on a phenomenon which has been agitating the southern settlements for some time. The assembly of the "Messianic Jews" believes that the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament are one, and that Yeshua (Jesus) is the Son of God and the Messiah. The people of Israel will fulfil their destiny only when they acknowledge Yeshua as Messiah. In recent years the "Messianic Jews" have been increasingly successful in attaching to their camp both young people and adults, something which has been arousing the indignation of the community leaders of these towns. A few months ago the City Council of Rehovot passed a resolution protesting the activity of the Mission in the town. Rehovot Mayor Yehazkiel Hamelekh made it clear to the "Messianic Jews" in diplomatic language that they are not desirable and it would be better for them to find another arena of activity. Rishon Le'Zion Mayor Hanania Gibstein has been working for a long time to remove the "Messianic Jews" from his town.

The activities of the "Messianic Jews" take place throughout Israel, but is especially centered in Rishon Le'Zion. In the wake of pressures, their spiritual centre was recently removed to Rehovot, and there on 52 Yavne Road they have established for themselves a place of assembly. In Rishon Le'Zion a small nucleus of the congregation has remained. In Rehovot many of the residents are Orthodox Jews, and, as would be expected, the activity of the "Messianic Jews" has aroused indignation and protests there. But the action against the "Messianic Jews" is not restricted to words. About a year ago dozens of Orthodox Jews broke into a home in Shikun Ha'mizrah in Rishon Le'Zion where the congregation was gathered, causing great damage, and beating up the "Messianic Jews" who were engaged in their worship. A witness related that the congregants returned home bruised in all parts of their body. Recently the police arrested a young Orthodox Jew who had broken into the Messianic Assembly in Rehovot to take photographs. According to the "Messianic Jews", he became unruly, breaking (MORE)

various objects. The "Messianic Jews" claim that they are harassed by threats made by various persons who call on them to leave town and the country, otherwise they will be killed.

Baruch Maoz, one of the activists of the "Messianic Jews" claims that in the past the police have not acted forcefully against the attackers of the assembly, and therefore he appealed to various sources abroad, among them U.S. Congressmen, to press upon their governments to influence Israel to permit the activity of the "Messianic Jews". The appeal bore fruit. Israeli embassies in various countries (especially in the USA) reported to the Foreign Ministry these appeals, the Foreign Ministry appealed to the National Police HQ, requesting that protection be given to the "Messianic Jews." Baruch Maoz warns that if there is a feeling that the official bodies are not extending the required protection to which they are entitled as citizens, they will have no alternative but to appeal to world public opinion, even though this will hurt the good name of Israel. "Israel is dear to us, but if there is no alternative, we will have to do it," says Maoz.

The main factor operating against the "Messianic Jews" is the organization "Yad L'Akhir", which incorporates within it the activists of the Torah camp and works, among other things, against missionary activity in Israel. "Yad L'Akhir" denies that they operate violently against the "Messianic Jews". "This is not our way," they say. Their activity is centered in information gathering about persons who stand behind the Mission and publicizing it in order to promote consciousness of the danger lurking. "Yad L'Akhir" operates in a manner reminiscent of an espionage service. Its people are "planted" in the midst of the Mission, and material from these sources is transferred to thick files. They view Baruch Maoz as a central figure motivating the "Messianic Jews."

Maoz, nicknamed "Ricky," changed his name from Elimelech after his father, ^{who was} a senior official in the postal service, was embarrassed by the activities of his son. Baruch Maoz was a member of Kibbutz Eilat, and following his military service he worked at Timna Mines, where he was injured. While hospitalized, he was influenced by a member of the organization, afterward going to work at a Messianic Jewish school in Haifa and then studied the subject in Britain. At present he is engaged in promulgating Messianic Jewishness. He also sponsors Messianic literature in Hebrew and edits the Messianic organ "Mayayt L'Ayt". Maoz and another Messianic Jew living in Nes Ziona, David Tel-Zur, say that although attempts are made to pin the label of "Mission" on them, they are not missionaries, and they do not belong to any church organization or other ecclesiastical identity. Neither do they convince people to adopt a faith by means of money or any other material assistance. "Nevertheless, we are commanded by the Word of God to call upon ^{all} men to repent and to accept His words, which are the Hebrew Bible and the New Testament."

Baruch Maoz, David Tel-Zur, and their families, do not seem any different from any other Israeli. They even serve in the I.D.F. They claim there are thousands of believers like them in Israel, but they have no exact figures since many keep their faith secret because of the fear of threats and ostracism. The "Messianic Jews" promulgate their beliefs at prayer services, worship, Bible study. They claim that these gatherings are not public, but everyone is welcome to come and to listen. They also speak with many people about their faith and promulgate it. The "Messianic Jews" deny that "Messianic" elements abroad fund their activities. They claim that they receive only \$200 per month from two congregations in the USA. This sum helps them maintain their place of assembly in Rehovot, whose monthly rental is approaching 2,500 shekels. Most of their activities are funded by themselves, but "Yad L'Akhir" claims that they receive much aid from sources in Germany & England.

The neighbours of David Tel-Zur told us that when members of the congregation gather at his home, tens of people appear, and they fear that one day a violent struggle will develop between the Orthodox Jews and the Messianics near their home. The neighbours take care that their children should not be too close to the family in order to avoid any influence by them. David Tel-Zur himself says that his children, who study at a regular school, know and understand the faith and only ^{derive} benefit from it. Meanwhile, everyone waits expectantly to see how matters will develop. Facing the "Messianic Jews" seeking to extend the company of believers are the area residents, especially the Orthodox ones. It may very well be that a clash between the two sides is unavoidable. (END)

NOTE: An editorial comment/under the heading of "THE MISSION RAISES ITS HEAD" appeared on 8.12.80 in "TEARIM", the organ of ultra-orthodox Poalei Agudat Yisrael.

DATE: 4.11.80 "WOMEN'S AGLOW FELLOWSHIP": COMMUNICATED ANNOUNCEMENT JERUSALEM POST

DATE: 9.11.80 "HATSOEHH": "WHAT HAS 'MISSIONARYISM' TO DO WITH BINYANEI HA'UMA?"

Article complaining about the rental of "Binyanei Ha'Uma" for "Women's Aglow", "a clearly Christian missionary organization." Since the hall is owned by the World Zionist Organization, it could have "politely" refused to hire it out to a group whose "declared aim is to win souls for Christianity and to found ^{new} branches of the organization, in Israel as elsewhere." (SEE ALSO SELECTIONS 87, page 2)

DATE: 16.11.80 "HAMODIYA": Letter from Haym Ariel of the Division for the War against the Mission of the Yad L'Akhirim Activists, describing ^{unsuccessful} efforts to prevent holding of "missionary conference" at Binyanei Ha'Uma, and appealing for alertness in face of "intensive missionary activity at the hotels of the city by pilgrims and missionary guests leaving behind much variegated missionary material in rooms and lobby of hotels." Hotel managers, rabbis and religious council of J'lm have been forewarned. There is also a need for volunteers to keep an eye open & report.

DATE: 24.11.80 "HAMODIYA": "CONCERN OVER MULTIPLICATION OF CHRISTIAN & MISSIONARY CONFERENCES IN JERUSALEM." Reference made to Mormon, "Christians for Judaism," (Colorado organization), Pentecostal conferences in Jerusalem; also group of 50 Christian musical performers from Canada, guests of the Jewish National Fund. Anti-mission society (USA-based) expressed concern that these conferences resulted in increased mission activity, some of whose people remain behind to missionize.

DATE: 20.11.80 JERUSALEM POST: Full-page ad inviting public to "Holy Spirit International Conference of United Pentecostal Church International under the slogan of 'THE WHOLE GOSPEL TO THE WHOLE WORLD'".

DATE: 17.11.80 "DAVAR": "WAR AGAINST MISSION" Exposé of "Jews for Jesus" in the Baltimore (USA) area headed by Moshe Rosen, describing briefly Jewish community reaction in opposition, led by Rabbi Yitzhak Lebenbraun.

DATE: 7.11.80 JERUSALEM POST: "MANDARINS, JEWS & MISSIONARIES: THE JEWISH EXPERIENCE IN THE CHINESE EMPIRE." Book Review by Geoffrey Wigoder.

SUBJECT NUMBER TWO: SECTARIANS

DATE: 20.10.80 "MAARIV" MORMON DELEGATION TOURING ISRAEL. Led by a world ~~golf~~ ^{golf} champion, 23 Mormons toured Israel, expressed affinity to Jews as "brothers" since Mormons claim descent from tribe of Joseph.

DATE: 24.10.80 "HAARETZ": THE MORMONS ARE COMING. A two-full-page feature article about the sect in connection with choirs, history of sect, exotic, bizarre teachings, Book of Mormon, and lengthy reference to Israeli anthropologist, Joseph Gilead, who spent time in Utah, as source for material. "They're Christians, and their church is called by the name of Yeshua (Jesus) the Nazarene," he states. They are also very pro-Israel, prophecy-minded, "and wonderful and influential people in the USA. The people of Israel have no better friends than the Mormons," he states.

DATE: 30.10.80 "MAARIV": MUSIC CLOSE TO HEAVEN. A friendly review of Mormon choir in Israel, including some dubious historical information (the Mormon "prophet" Joseph Smith is "converted" to ^{Joseph Schmid} of the 1890s!) and social background of Mormon life. (END)

SUBJECT NUMBER THREE: CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

DATE: 1.12.80 "HAARETZ": YOM KIPPUR AT KIBBUTZ NIR ETZION. QUOTE: 100 Swiss Christians will come next Yom Kippur to the Orthodox Jewish Kibbutz Nir Etzion near Haifa to fast alongside the members of the kibbutz. The group, all of whom are friends of Israel, have already reserved places at the local guesthouse. (ALSO IN NRP JOURNAL "HATSOEHH")

DATE: 11.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: A Christian Englishwoman who broadcasts abroad from Jerusalem...Joan McWhirter...on more than 100 Christian stations weekly across the USA...married to Rev. Jas. McWhirter, Anglican...honoured as Distinguished Citizen of Jerusalem.

DATE: 10.10.80 "TIMES HIGHER EDUCATION SUPPLEMENT" (LDN) Fr. Dubois' Ironie Elevation. (SEE SELECTIONS 87, page 5, headed "CLASSROOM CLERIC").

DATE: 18.12.80 "HATSOEHH": SPOKESMAN OF CHURCHES IN JERUSALEM. A sympathetic obituary sketch of life of late Greek Orthodox Patriarch Benedictos II, stressing his correct attitude towards Israeli authority, ^{alleged} suspicion of Vatican policy in Jerusalem, and maintenance of Greek rather than Arabic character of local hierarchy.

DATE: 14.11.80 "VOICE OF NEGEV" (YEDIOT SUPPLEMENT) PHOTO STORY: Vandalism of Christian cemetery in Beersheva. Complaint by local citizen. A number of incidents of tombstone vandalism have occurred in the past.

DATE: 4.12.80 "HAARETZ": MK WIRSCHUSKY TO EDUCATION MINISTER: DISRESPECT & HAUGHTINESS IN PAMPHLET ABOUT CHRISTIANITY. (MORE)

A pamphlet about ancient Christianity in a special edition of the Ministry of Education & Culture has stirred ^{much} criticism among Members of the Knesset who have seen it. M.K. Mordecai Wirshuvsky (Shinui) has appealed to the Minister of Education & Culture, Mr. Zevulun Hammer, in writing, complaining of "disrespect and tasteless haughtiness." Mr. Wirshuvsky especially refers to the many passages in which Christianity is presented in a pseudo-scientific and critical manner, totally ignoring the fact that it is a religion held sacred by hundreds of millions of persons. Jesus, for example, is asked what right he has to speak in the name of Heaven, and reveals that he sees himself as Messiah. Here is the language of the text: "Jesus did not declare himself openly but "turned things about" so that his disciples would declare this to him." Again it is written in the pamphlet: "Jesus refused to give a sign that he is the Messiah, yet he began to behave as though he were Messiah"—and as evidence of this—"He sent two of his disciples to fetch him a donkey." Mr. Wirshuvsky proposes that the Minister of Education act to bury the pamphlet and to prepare other material worthy of the subject and of the intelligence of Israeli students. (END)

CHRISTIANS PRO-ISRAEL: JEWISH NEWS (DETROIT MICH) 19.9.80 OBITUARY OF DOUGLAS YOUNG, "A Christian Defender of Israel whose courage is unforgettable..."

DATE: 1.10.80 NEW YORK TIMES: Jerusalem March, with several paragraphs dealing with Evangelical Christian participation from 25 countries, setting up of Christian Embassy, and ^{also} Christian militiamen from Lebanon. (Also JEWISH ADVOCATE, Boston, Mass. "CHRISTIAN EMBASSY IN JERUSALEM" 2.10.80, and KANSAS CITY JEWISH CHRONICLE, K.C., Mo. "EVANGELICALS SHOW SOLIDARITY WITH ISRAEL" 3.10.80)

DATE: 7.11.80 "KOL YERUSHALAYIM": International pro-Israel Christian Conference

DATE: 23.11.80 JLM POST (INTL) United Pentecostal Church Intl Conference J'lm

DATE: 20.11.80 "BABAYIT" JERUSALEM: CHRISTIAN EMBASSY OPENED IN JERUSALEM

DATE: 28.11.80 JERUSALEM POST CHRISTIAN COMMENT: "PILGRIMS' PROGRESS" Contrast between Christian pilgrimages, such as WOMEN'S AGLOW (with little interest in modern Israel) and Korean Sister Choi and Ruth Hefflin group on Mt. Zion with eschatological emphasis and involvement in present-day events.

DATE: 31.10.80 Israel Interfaith Committee awards. (JERUSALEM POST)

ST. ANDREW'S SCOTTISH CHURCH JUBILEE CELEBRATION

DATE: 28.11.80: "AL HAMISHMAR" FEATURE ARTICLE, History and background of St. Andrew's, Presbyterianism, Scottish ties to Holy Land, from Medieval to modern times. DATE: 1.12.80 "JERUSALEM POST": JERUSALEM JUBILEE FOR A PIECE OF SCOTLAND."

DATE: 30.11.80 JERUSALEM POST: SCOTTISH CHURCH OBSERVES 50TH ANNIVERSARY

DATE: 3.12.80 "MAARIV": PHOTO STORY OF BAGPIPER, MAYOR KOLIEK, CHURCH DEGNITARY

DATE: 3.12.80 "DAVAR": Scottish Church head, Wm.B. Johnston, received at Presidential Residence in Jerusalem by Pres. Navon.

DATE: 7.12.80 "AL HAMISHMAR": SCOTTISH PRAYER FOR PEACE AT ST. ANDREW'S

DATE: 4.12.80 "TEMPO" (TELAVIV) SEMI SH THEOLOGICAL INSTITUTE IN JERUSALEM: A visit to the most beautiful garden. Feature article in Spanish about Institute.

DATE: 19.12.80 "KAWL HAIR" (J'LM): "VI A DOLOROSA" (A Book Review of a Hebrew work about Via Dolorosa ("Derekh Ha'yisurin") published by Ariel, J'lm, with several quotations cited from the Gospels.

DATE: 19.12.80 "KAWL HAIR" (JLM) Descriptive article about forthcoming Christmas services in Jerusalem, times and places, and recommendations for holiday visits, and notes that several Jerusalem churches have more non-Christian Israeli Jewish visitors for Christmas services than Christian congregants. Recommends several places. Follows with article about week of sacred music, "Liturgica", with details.

DATE: 21.11.80 "AL HAMISHMAR": CHRISTIAN CONCERN OVER LEGISLATION

Deep concern was expressed at the annual conference of the UCCI (the umbrella organization of some 20 Protestant churches and institutions in Israel) held in Tiberias, over the aims indicated by recent Israeli legislation. Among other things, in view was the law relating to the purchase of land by "undesirable" aliens, the amendment to the Citizenship Law, which permits the cancelation of citizenship for "disloyalty" to the State, the amendment to the law against terror which makes the expression of opinion an offence, and also the law which proclaims "the heritage of Israel" as a basis for rulings in law similar to that obtaining in several Islamic lands where the "shariya" (Islamic religious law) rules. Also raised was the request that the Friendly Societies Law which replaces the Ottoman Society Law not be applied to religious organizations. As is known, most of the Protestant congregations are registered as Ottoman Societies in view of the refusal of the Govt of Israel to grant them recognition as communities (MOHE)

like the Catholic and Orthodox churches (excepting only the Anglican Church which has received official recognition). The Baptist Church head, Dr. Robt Lindsey, was re-elected as chairman of the Council. The new Genl-Secy is Joseph Haines, a Menonite clergyman serving at the Scottish Hospital in Nazareth. (END)

DATE: Oct 1980 JEWISH COMMUNITY NEWS (ELIEVILLE, ILL) EVANGELISTS DEDICATE A 'CHRISTIAN EMBASSY'. DATE: 23.10.80 "ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN" TELAVIV

AT THE OPENING OF THE INTERNATIONAL CHRISTIAN EMBASSY: 'ISRAEL IS NOT ALONE'

DATE: 14.11.80 PHOENIX NEWS (ARIZONA) CHRISTIAN EMBASSY OPENS IN JERUSALEM

DATE: 6.11.80 "BAMAHAHE" (IDF) CHOIR AMBASSADORS OF GOOD WILL. Brief article

about Faith Bible Church "International Singers", Colorado, perform for soldiers.

DATE: 16.11.80 HAMODIA: WILL INVESTIGATE WHETHER CHOIR ENGAGES IN MISSIONARY ACTIVITY

Brief article reporting suspicions by ultra-orthodox ^{antimission} activists on basis of alleged complaints that "International Singers" missionizing, and investigation of charges.

DATE: 17.11.80 "DAVAR": "TO ISRAEL WITH LOVE FROM THE "SINGERS". Friendly feature article about "International Singers" and their voluntary concerts, esp. for IDF.

DATE: 25.11.80 "AL HAMISHMAR": Glad Tidings Temple choir from Canada in Galilee.

SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR: CHRISTIANS AND ISRAEL/JEWS (ABROAD)

A. "RIGHTWING" POLITICS. - DATE: 2.10.80 JEWISH ADVOCATE (BOSTON MASS) "NEW RIGHT POLITICS: THE EVANGELICALS & THE JEWS" Cynical derision of "Moral Majority" movement tied in with Baptist Bailey Smith's remarks about Jewish prayers & God.

DATE: 17.10.80 JERUSALEM POST: ANTISEMITISM IN THE 80s: Reference to Bailey Smith's remarks in survey of antisemitism.

DATE: 7.11.80 JERUSALEM POST: RIGHT-MINDED FRIENDS IN WASHINGTON: Feature article about "Moral Majority," "New Right," Rev. Falwell and pro-Israel Fundamentalists.

DATE: 9.11.80 "HAARETZ": Request for debate in Knesset about decoration ^{to be} granted by P.M. Begin on behalf of Israel to leader of allegedly antisemitic sect, namely, Rev. Falwell. M.K. Hayka Grossman (Alignment) objects and claims that "this support (for Israel) is based on the belief that the Christian Messiah is to appear again." DATE: 9.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: EVANGELICAL FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIANS.

Letter to Editor protesting attack on Rev. Jerry Falwell, Moral Majority movement, and advocating recognition of pro-Jewish, pro-Israel stand of Evangelicals.

DATE: 11.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: Letter to Editor denouncing award to Falwell.

DATE: 17.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: DITTO defending "Moral Majority" (JAN W. VANDERHOEVEN)

DATE: 23.11.80 JERUSALEM POST: "SCHINDLER RAPS BEGIN MEDAL FOR U.S. RIGHTWING LEADER"

DATE: 19.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: "ELECTRONIC PULPIT" (Win Van Leer) 1 1/2-page feature article weekend supplement about USA radio/TV Christian programming, cynical and satirical, with some attempt at objectivity, interviewing several personalities.

DATE: 16.11.80 "MAARIV": "HEAD OF LARGEST PROTESTANT CHURCH IN THE WORLD: 'I DON'T KNOW WHY GOD CHOSE THE JEWS'". Rev. Bailey Smith, president of the ^{Council of} Southern Baptist Churches, said in radio broadcast in Oklahoma that the Jews have "funny noses" and he doesn't know why God chose the Jews, but that's God's business. Amen!" Smith told the "Dallas Morning News" that he made his remarks in jest after someone teased him about his bald pate. Smith admitted, however, that as president of the largest Protestant church in the world, he is aware of the fact that everything he says is news, and he should never have said what he did, even in jest. Smith also said that he loves the Jews and believes that they are a "special people". "I'm not an anti-semiter, and everyone who says that I am is an irresponsible person." (END)

B. CHRISTIANS & "PALESTINE": DATE: 29.11.80 "AL FAJR (J'LM): "CHRISTIAN RESPECT FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS" (Pro-Palestinian statement supporting "their option for a secular democratic state" and denouncing "the so-called Christian Embassy in J'lm" by "Swedish Christian Committee for Palestine," Jerusalem, 20.11.80)

DATE: 29.11.80 "AL FAJR" (JLM) U.S. NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES BOOSTS PALESTINIAN CAUSE" (Report of NCC policy statement on Mideast).

DATE: 27.11.80 JERUSALEM POST: "WHAT THE PLO REALLY WANTS" (Interview article with two PLO leaders, "Abu Iyad" and "May Sayegh" EXCERPT: (Sayegh) As a Christian, I studied religion and know what's in the Bible...Palestine was called Canaan then...After the Jewish invaders (of Canaan) were finally expelled from Canaan, the original Canaanites were still on the land." ENDEXC)

DATE: 14.11.80 JEWISH CHRONICLE (LDN) "CHURCH GROUP BACKS PLO" (NCC Report)

DATE: 15.11.80 AL-FAJR (JLM) "U.S. CHURCH BODY VOTES SUPPORT FOR PLO" (NCC REPORT)

DATE: 7.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: "NORWAY CHURCH FOR ISRAEL'S EXISTENCE" (Ev. Luth. Church)

DATE: 7.12.80 DITTO "ARAFAT INVITED BY U.S. CHURCHES" (Report from Beirut)

DATE: 7.11.80 JOURNAL D'ISRAEL (TELAVIV) THE JUDIO-CHRISTIAN DIALOGUE

DATE: 9.11.80 DITTO "APOSTOLIC FRATERNITY" IN SPAIN ENCOURAGES PILGRIMAGE TO ISRAEL"

SUBJECT NUMBER FIVE: CHRISTIANS IN THE NEWS (GENERAL ITEMS):

DATE: 19.8.80 NEW YORK TIMES "EVANGELICALS TURNING TO POLITICS FEAR MORAL SLIDE
IMPERILS NATION: GOVT SEEN AS FAILING TO REFLECT CHRISTIAN ATTITUDES"

(One of series of articles on the emergence of extremely conservative evangelical Christians as a political force.)

MISCELLANEOUS:

A) DATE: 10.10.80 ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN (TELAVIV) WOMEN AND RELIGION

Feature article on the subject: (a) among pagan Greeks (b) among Christians and (c) among Jews.

B) DATE: 19.11.80 "DAVAR": MEDALS TO BE CAST ON CHRISTIAN SUBJECTS"

In 1981 a series of about 9 medals will be cast on Christian themes in connection with various events, and the two first medals will be cast in Feb. or Mar. '81.

DATE: 29.11.80 "SHEARIM": GOVERNMENT SPONSORED CHRISTIAN MEDALS: WHY? (Reference to foregoing news item about Christian medals and protest against the "scandal". "There are enough Christian medals in the world, and it is not our function to be Christian agents.")

C) DATE: 23.11.80 "SHEARIM": "LET THE CELEBRATION OF THE CHRISTIAN 'SYLVESTER' BY JEWS CEASE!" (Letter denouncing Jewish participation in Christian festivities at Christmas, New Year, and the like.)

D) DATE: 28.11.80 "KAWL HA'IR" (JLM) PHOTO STORY OF THE "LAST SUPPER" BY JEWISH ARTIST PAINTED OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS AT THE CHURCH OF THE DORMITION, MT. ZION.
ARTIST: Ernst Fuchs

E) DATE: 14.12.80 "DAVAR": "JEWS IN THE MIDDLE AGES MADE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO WESTERN CIVILIZATION: Professor from Haifa University disputes the current view that contacts between Jews and Christians were restricted to the economic sphere." (Feature article on the research and conclusions of Prof. Arye Gravols.)

F) DATE: 5.12.80. JERUSALEM POST: "LINE ON THE LAKE"

EXCERPT: By the time two kibbutzim, Ein Gey and Ginossar, began their attempts (at fishing) in the late 1930s, the methods were still, as Nun puts it, "just as they were in the Gospels--the same boats, the same nets, the same processes." (The New Testament...is one of the best sources on early fishing and the conditions of the sea.) END EXCERPT.

G) DATE: 18.12.80 "AL HAMISHMAR". "GUIDE TO AMERICA AND THE HOLY LAND"

The attempts of various Americans to establish settlements in the Holy Land during the past and present centuries has been researched and published for the first time in the first volume of a new scientific journal called "Guide to America & Holy Land Study". The journal is the fruit of cooperation between the Institute for Contemporary Judaism of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and the Jewish Historical Society in America. The volume just published is called "The American Presence", and it includes diaries written by ^{American} Evangelists, pilgrims, clergy and missionaries. It fleshes out the variegated ties which were maintained between the U.S.A. and the Holy Land during a period of some 150 years. (END)

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