

(TO: 27.1.81)

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE:

DATE: 26.12.80 "KAWL HA'IR" (JERUSALEM) EXCERPT FROM ARTICLE BY POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT OF N.R.P. ORGAN: QUOTE: If we should permit a break in the framework of the halacha, and we oblige the rabbinic courts to recognize Reform conversions because of the principle of equality for all streams, then why not apply this principle to other groups as well? Take, for example, the Messianic Jews who regard themselves as Jews according to their nationality and Christians according to their religion, and they have submitted petitions to the High Court demanding that they be recognized as Jews. If these other groups seek recognition for their religious activities, why in the name of equality do ^{we} not recognize the others as well? Now, there are Reform rabbis who have called for recognition of Jesus as at least a prophet. And what is the distance between them and those groups of Messianic Jews who claim that they are also Jews? END EXC.

DATE: 30.12.80 "MAARIV" HEADING: THE CENTRAL LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND/ (in Netanya) PAGE'S SHUT-DOWN BECAUSE OF BUDGETARY HARDSHIPS, BEING HELPED BY GERMAN CHRISTIAN ORGANIZATION. EXCERPT: Very few people know that most of the funding for the library is flowing into it from a humanitarian German Christian organization called "CHRISTOPHER MISSION FOR THE BLIND..." The German-Christian organization provides us with all the needed raw material, 15,000 cassettes per year, paper for Braille books, machines for copying Braille, and more. Were it not for them, it would be impossible to make any books," says Uri Cohen, the library director (serving over 3,000 readers). (END)

DATE: 30.12.80 "MAARIV" (Similar article to above, adding details about the organization which operates worldwide in 74 lands, and is represented in Israel by Dr. Felix Teichner, who denied that the organization was missionary.

DATE: 9.1.81 "KAWL HA'IR" (JERUSALEM) HEADING: "HAS INDEED THE HOUSE OF THE APOSTATE BEEN RESURRECTED?" Summary: A 2½-page spread including four feature articles about Shlomo son of David Feingold and his ^{of means} property in Jerusalem. Feingold, an Anglican convert married to an Englishwoman, settled in Jerusalem at the turn of the century, was much involved in the development of Jerusalem outside the walls, had contact with the Ben-Yehuda family, but was much ostracized and held in contempt by many in the community for his "apostacy", which was attributed to his wife's wealth. (END SUMMARY)

SUBJECT NUMBER TWO: SECTARIANS

DATE: 2.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "THE SONS & DAUGHTERS OF PEACE" (B'NAI SHALOM) A 2-page feature article about a sect, neither Jewish nor Christian, headed by Caroline & Richard Tate, living communally in Katamon, J'lm. They claim to adhere to the commandments of Noah, accept the Old Testament, deny Christ, and are "fervent Zionists." Their commune consists of about 40 persons. (END SUMMARY)

DATE: 11.1.81 "OMER" HEADING: "B'NAI SHALOM, NON-JEWISH KIBBUTZ IN JERUSALEM" SUMMARY: This is a condensed version of the above article in simplified Hebrew.

DATE: 11.1.81 "MAARIV": HEADING: "KIBBUTZ MEMBER IN MORMON CONGREGATIONS" SUMMARY: A short article about Michael Shani, a 30-year old Israeli, who attended ^{at Utah} ^{Brigham} University to study ^{Mormon} music, his positive impressions of the sect are reported and his acceptance as a choir leader for three Mormon choirs. After 2½ years he has returned to Israel. END

DATE: 6.1.81 "MAARIV": HEADING: "FORMER ACTIVISTS IN YOUTH ALIYA: 'EMMA BERGER WAS AMONG THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTORS'" SUMMARY: Emma Berger's claim that she was invited to Israel as a result of her large contributions to "Youth Aliya" was confirmed by representatives of the movement who knew her in the 1960s. END

DATE: 2.1.81 "MAARIV": "EMMA BERGER: 'WE CONTRIBUTED TO YOUTH ALIYA AND THEY PROPOSED THAT WE BUY LAND IN ZICRON YALCOV.'" INTERVIEW ARTICLE OF SECT LEADER BY ISRAELI JOURNALIST. This five-column article describes her background as a nurse, faith healer, and founder of the group which she leads, together with her sister. She denies she has founded a sect, but claims to follow only the Bible. She describes her contacts with Jews and the "aliya" movement which brought her to Israel, in 1963.

DATE: 2.1.81 "MAARIV": "WE ARE NOT MISSIONARIES," SAYS EMMA BERGER. SUMMARY: A brief article denying missionary activity but claiming an international membership, including ^{Israeli} a couple from Ashdod. She claims all her money is put to good use and not for making profits. Her sister Elsa declares: "We pay taxes and have an Israeli tax consultant. Everything is open for anyone who needs to know." (END)

DATE: 5.1.81 "MAARIV": HEADING: "TENS OF VOLUNTEERS AT EMMA'S KIBBUTZ" SUMMARY: Tens of German volunteers come each month to help in the orchards, in construction, and to spend their holidays. "I do more for Israeli tourism

than many other people," Emma Berger claims. She complains that her volunteers have to leave Israel after three months and then return, since their visas are not renewed in the country as Kibbutz volunteers are.

DATE: 5.1.81 "MAARIV": HEADING: "VOLUNTEERS FROM GERMANY COME ON HOLIDAY TO EMMA BERGER AND HELP IN FRUITPICKING AND CONSTRUCTION." (LAST IN SERIES OF ARTICLES)
SUMMARY: Additional background material about the group, the ~~XXXX~~^{nucleus} of some 25 who stay permanently, the average 60-70 monthly visitors from Germany (recently brought over 106th group led by Emma, who spends three weeks with each group and one week in Germany preparing for the next group). They complain about the so-called Emma Berger land law recently ~~xxxxxxx~~^{tabled in} the Knesset, based on "hatred and lies about us." They are only here because it is the plan of God. She points to the practical contributions her enterprises make, and have additional potential as well, and claims Israel is short-sighted about the whole matter. "We pray daily for Israel...which has no mediator with God, no High Priest, no sacrifices nor altar." (END SUMMARY)

SUBJECT NUMBER THREE: CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

DATE: 7.11.80 JOURNAL: "SHEVA" (BEERSHEVA) "DESECRATION OF GRAVES IN CHRISTIAN CEMETERY" QUOTE: "I intend to leave my wife's grave ruined and shattered despite the pain and indignation I feel. It is better that tourists and citizens see how a Christian cemetery is treated in Israel," said Hanina Gottfried, 61, from Beersheva, this week when he complained that unknown persons had desecrated the grave of his deceased wife. It has been learned that in recent weeks the Christian cemetery has been set upon and systematically desecrated by unknown persons. Hanina learned of the incident from Christian nuns in Beersheva who only occasionally visit the cemetery. Mr. Gottfried told our correspondent that from the time the Christian cemetery was opened there has been no supervision by any public or official body, something which in the past has led to the desecration of graves. The ~~cemetery~~^{small} remained in its neglected state until Christian tourists from Germany visiting there decided to contribute 50,000 shekels to the nuns to clean up the wreckage. Mr. Gottfried added that there was no point in restoring his wife's grave since it was clear that it would be desecrated again. The Beer Sheva municipal secretary, Moshe Shafrir, reacted by saying that the Christian cemetery is not under the municipality's jurisdiction but the responsibility of the Christian Department of the Min. of Religious Affairs. Adjacent to the Christian cemetery there is the English cemetery which is very well cared for by the British Embassy in Israel. (END)

DATE: 25.11.80 "DAS PARLIAMENT" (GERMANY) "THE RIGHTS & PROBLEMS OF MINORITIES IN ISRAEL" (A lengthy survey of minority groups in Israel--Christian, Muslim, Druze)

DATE: 25.11.80 "HAARETZ": HEADING: "ANOTHER ATTACK ON THE 'MESSIANIC JEWS'" QUOTE: The congregational house of the Messianic Jews on Yavne Road, 52, Rehovot, was again attacked by elements opposing their activity. Anonymous persons a few days ago broke the reinforced window of the congregational house as well as some of the shutters. The congregants decided not to make a complaint to the police in order not to generate tension with their adversaries. (END)

DATE: 25.11.80 "TROSSINGER ZEITUNG" HEADING: "A LECTURE ABOUT THE LIFE OF JEWISH CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL" (A brief announcement about a lecture to be given by Alfred Burchardt, Administrator of the "Evangeliumsdienstes fur Israel".)

DATE: 9.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: LETTER TO EDITOR "ISRAEL'S CHRISTMAS GIFT" (Expression of appreciation at Israel's renovation of Via Dolorosa.)

DATE: 25.9.80 NEW YORK TIMES: HEADING: "THOUSAND 'CHRISTIAN ZIONISTS' RALLY IN J'LM" Three-column article about "Feast of Tabernacles" celebration, including interviews or quotations from remarks of Jan Vanderhoeven, Jay Rawlings, Larry Samuels.

DATE: 10.10.80 ISRAELITISCHES WOCHENBLATT, ZURICH: HEADING: "ISRAEL IS NOT ALONE." Article in Swiss-Jewish weekly about opening of International Christian Embassy.

DATE: 9.1.81 "DAVAR": "THE CLERIC AND THE (CABINET) MINISTER" Meeting of Rev. Wynn Dahoney, past president of Southern Baptist Convention, and Minister of Tourism Gideon Patt. Dr. Dahoney has organized Christian pilgrimages to Israel of fellow-Baptists. "AL HAMISHMAR": Newsbrief on same subject.

DATE: 21.12.80 "NEWSVIEW" (J'LM) "THE UNIQUE CALLING OF MICHAEL KRUPP" A feature article about a German Protestant minister active in interfaith reconciliation, married to a Jewish woman and raising their children as Jews. This is followed by an article about Christmas in Bethlehem, a visit by Sister Mary of Carmel to "The Museum of the Potential Holocaust" and a feature about "The Crusading Nun from Vermont," a staunchly pro-Israel Carmelite (Third Order). The same issue (MORE)

carries an interview article on Dominican priest Marcel Dubois under the heading: "REPAIR 20 CENTURIES OF CHRISTIAN ERROR". A discussion of his background in France, U.S.A., Israel, his beliefs about Israel and the Jewish people in the context of the divine mystery, and the struggle "to elaborate a new theology" to overcome "the damage of 20 centuries" of anti-Jewish teaching.

DATE: 26.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "TALK OF TWO PASTORS" (OIKOUMENIKOS)

A feature article in the "Christian Comment" series about Swedish pastor Ake Skoog, the new Exec. Secy of the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, and about Michael Krupp, a leader in the Jewish-Christian dialogue.

DATE: 23.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "TONGA PRINCE SEES NAVON"

News article about Crown Prince Topoutoa of Tonga in the Pacific, visiting Israel, Christian holy sites, kibbutz and solar energy facilities. Mentions strong Christian education of Tongans (most are Methodists, and "Tongans are Bible readers and feel connected to Israel.")

DATE: 25.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "A JEW AT CHRISTMAS" (BBC Correspondent Michael Elkins in Israel) Text of prize-winning talk by correspondent describing his ambivalent attitudes towards Jews and Christians in the background of his own personal life experiences in New York, World War II, Israel.

DATE: 25.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "HANDEL'S DEBT" (OIKOUMENIKOS) Article about composer Handel, emphasizing the oratorio "THE MESSIAH" and its copious citations of the Old Testament, especially noteworthy at Christmas time.

DATE: 26.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: "GOOD WEATHER AIDS BETHLEHEM FESTIVITIES" (News)

DATE: 29.12.80 "MAARIV" HEADING: "JEWISH-CHRISTIAN CONCERT IN HONOUR OF CHRISTMAS" Three-paragraph report on Christmas concert at the Hotel Dagon, Ashkelon, organized by Betty & Jim Smith, of the Baptist congregation in Ashkelon & Gaza. Rosemary Register, led a bells choir, and Liza & David Loudon of Netanya sang Jewish prayers. A small group of Arabs from Gaza also present. (END)

DATE: 1.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: "CANTORIAL CONTEST CANCELED..." A program of Jewish liturgical music as part of "Liturgica 1980" was canceled in response to criticism by the ultra-orthodox journal "Hamodiay" about Jewish singers participating in a festival which featured Christian music. (END)

SUBJECT NUMBER FOUR: "CHRISTIANS & JEWS ABROAD"

DATE: 6.12.80 PHOENIX GAZETTE: HEADING: "BAPTIST HOPES TO SMOOTH RUFFLED FEATHERS" News article about Rev. Bailey Smith of Southern Baptists and efforts at reconciliation between him and Jewish community, further explaining his controversial claims which he claims were completely misconstrued, and reporting that he had received hundreds of phone calls & letters about the controversy.

DATE: 5.1.80 JERUSALEM POST: "RETURN TO SENDER" (Wim Van Leer) Feature article defending Rev. Smith and pointing out that N. Perlmuter of the Jewish Anti-Defamation League had cleared him of anti-semitic intent. Van Leer denounces attempts to "vilify him (Smith) as an anti-semitic" because of his fundamentalist views and "claim of a monopoly of revealed truth...the common denominator of all religions including Judaism."

DATE: 24.12.80 "DAVAR": "WHOSE PRAYER DOES GOD HEAR?" A lengthy 5-column feature article from an Israeli correspondent in USA analyzing the right-wing of the Evangelical movement, its alleged bigotry, symbolized by Bailey Smith, the existence of a more moderate wing in Evangelicalism, the problem of the "Moral Majority Movement" for the Jewish community, the complexity of the U.S. Christian scene with liberal Christians (more congenial socially and theologically to the Jewish community) strongly influenced by pro-Palestinian stances, the staunch support of Evangelicals like Falwell who is representative of an impressive Evangelical mainstream for Israel. It is a matter of walking a tight rope, the writer concludes, and seeing how things develop. It may be that the turn rightward in America may prove very evanescent. (END SUMMARY)

DATE: 21.12.80 JERUSALEM POST: "ANTISEMITISM SWEEPING RELIGIOUS RIGHT IN U.S." Three-column article based on writing of Tom Driver, Paul Tillich Prof. of Theology and Culture at Union Theological Seminary, N.Y.C., in magazine, "Christianity & Crisis". Driver wrote that "the most pro-Israel group in American Christianity is also the most antisemitic." Driver calls on Jews & Christians to "cease claiming to be the specially chosen instruments of God in this world." Reform Rabbi Schindler is also quoted in attacks upon "new right Christians" whose rise he links to "the most serious outbreak of antisemitism since World War II."

DATE: 26.12.80 JERUSALEM POST READER'S LETTER "DISTURBING DISTINCTION"
Pres., Veterans of Jewish Legion (WWI) protests Falwell award by P.M. Begin.

- DATE: 28.12.80 JERUSALEM POST READER'S LETTER "CHRISTIAN FUNDAMENTALISTS"
"Bible-believing"
(1) Christian volunteer protests Rabbi Schindler's attack on fundamentalists.

- (2) Pres. International Assn of Christians for Israel, Bellingham, Washington,
Harold W. Dart, defends Evangelicals against Schindler attack, and decries
call for "a new coalition" with NCC, Catholics & Blacks with pro-PLO stance.

DATE: 9.1.81 JERUSALEM POST "OF FOES & FRIENDS" Feature article by Shmuel Katz
Defends Moral Majority movement, Dr. Falwell & other pro-Israel Evangelicals,
denounces Schindler attack & cites Jewish leadership defence of Evangelicals.

DATE: 10.10.80 KANSAS CITY JEWISH CHRONICLE EDITORIAL "EVANGELICALS & JEWS"
Expresses Jewish perplexity about Evangelicals, especially Orthodox Jews, of-
fended by their evangelizing of Jews, their call for a "Christian America," yet
sharing their views on moral issues (abortion, ERA) and especially cheered by
their staunch support for Israel. "Perhaps Jews should join with them when there
are grounds for agreement, and oppose them vigorously where we differ,"

DATE: 9.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "LEFTWING U.S. CLERICS CONDEMN ISRAEL"
News article about Massachusetts-based group called "The Search for Justice &
Equality in Palestine" which delivered statement by 400 clerics & religious figures
to President-Elect Reagan & Israel Embassy in Washington calling for talks be-
tween PLO & Israel & USA and accused Israel of "incidents of injustice".

DATE: 18.1.81 AL-FAJR: HEADING: "ZIONISM & THE NEW CHRISTIAN RIGHT" (Larry Ekin)
Full page-and-half feature article on various facets of "New Christian Right"
in America based on book (unnamed) by Jeremy Rifkin & Tel Howard, and listing
about a dozen most prominent "rightist" groups, with special emphasis on their
pro-Israel stance and support, including "Christian Embassy" & "Voice of Hope."

DATE: 25.12.80 "HAARETZ" Feature article taken from N.Y. Times about the
Jewish community of Cochin & Karela in India, and the Christian presence in the
area throughout the Christian era, beginning with St. Thomas to Protestantism.

DATE: 13.1.80 JERUSALEM POST: HEADING: "31 NATIONS CHOOSING J'LM BIBLE CONTEST
HOPEFULS" News article about 5th Jerusalem International Bible Contest 1st July 81
open to Jewish & non-Jewish participants, organized by Govt Information Centre.

DATE: 31.10.81 JEWISH TIMES (BALTO. MD.) "CHRISTIAN-JEWISH TALKS REVIEWED"
Summary of a talk by Rev. Allan Brockway of the WCC at the National Interreligious
Affairs Commission meeting with the American Jewish Committee.

DATE: 21.11.80 NEW YORK TIMES: "CHURCH LEADERS' MIDEAST APPEAL" Letter to Editor
Explanation of NCC Mideast policy by Claire Randall, General Secretary.

DATE: 22.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: "BRITISH FUNDAMENTALISTS" Letter to Editor
Statement of pro-Zion orientation of "the fundamentalist Protestant Christians
of England" from A. James, Liverpool.

DATE: 23.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: "FRIEND OR FOE?" Feature article by Alexander M.
Schindler, Pres., Union of American Hebrew (Reform) Congregations. Rabbi replies
to his critics for his attacks upon America's "Moral Majority" & Rev. Jerry Falwell.

DATE: 25.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: "CHRISTIANELPHIANS" Letter to Editor (Andrew Wilson)
Requests information for research on this sect and any Christians in early
19th Century who postulated return to Zion of Jews. Write: 12 Tilstone Close,
Kingsgrove, Stoke on Trent, ST74HU, U.K.

SUBJECT NUMBER FIVE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 21.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: "POSTSCRIPTS" Dr. Seymour Lachman, Chairman of New
York's Community Relations Task Force on Missionary Activity, reports on wide range
of books, calendars, records, cassettes that "bear deceptive Hebrew names and Jewish
symbols." Listed are: "LIBERATED WALLING WALL" & "JERUSALEM PLAYERS" (products of
"JEWS FOR JESUS!"), "HOUSE OF DAVID," Lakewood, N.Y., clearing house for Israeli-
style arts-crafts material for missionary groups.

DATE: 23.1.81 "KAWL HA'IR" (JERUSALEM) "ASSISTANCE TO MISSIONARY ACTIVITY" (LETTER)
QUOTE: In the feature on "Holidays" (19.12) edited by Eli Shai, under the heading
of Christmas Prayers, the editor gave considerable information about the masses cele-
brated in some of Jerusalem's churches, including their addresses, and inviting Jews
to participate in these masses. For a moment I thought I was reading a publication
produced by a Christian organization, many of such I have been "privileged" to receive
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in the framework of missionary harassment. Permit me to note that the churches mentioned in the article which celebrate the "masses" are just the ones who drive a wedge within the Jewish people and are active in its midst, and especially in Jerusalem, in missionary activity. And Mr. Shai also writes in his column: "Only in recent years have Jerusalemites begun to understand that they dwell in a place which comes to the mind of every Christian throughout the world on the 24th December, the traditional birthdate of ... the Nazarene. This awareness is expressed in the interest that Jerusalemites have manifested in what is taking place in their city on Christmas Eve. The number of Israelis visiting midnight mass in various churches has grown and grown, and in recent years there have been churches where the number of Jewish Israelis in attendance exceeded the number of Christian worshippers."

Now, Jews certainly do not visit such places of worship because they have become bored, but as a result of the extensive activity of the churches, trapping in their nets young and old, depressed classes and intellectuals among the people. What is particularly shocking is that their number is continually increasing and they even constitute a majority over against the Christians in attendance. All of this takes place here in the Holy Land and in the Holy City. What a pity that the estimable writer Mr. Shai gives both encouragement and expression to these matters in your weekly magazine, which has both religious and secular readers who utterly abhor missionary activity. These things only constitute an achievement for such churches, who will certainly file them in their file folders and will boast of their accomplishments. EPHRAIM BEN-AHARON.

ELI SHAI REPLIES: I do not share the sense of beleaguement and missionary phobia that the esteemed correspondent holds dear. The filing of this report or any other in the filing folders of church clerks who in the future will boast, as it were, of their accomplishments, is not my concern. Common life in a city sacred to believers of the three ^{great} monotheistic religions can only be possible on the basis of tolerance and mutual respect. It is therefore worthwhile that Jews, Muslims, and Christians visit one another and get to know the various ^{freed} religious institutions linked to Jerusalem. Perhaps in this way they will be ^{freed} from the prejudices and superfluous suspicions which have no basis in reality. END

DATE: 26.1.81 "SHEARIM" (QUOTATION FROM "HAMA'AVAK"--"IN BATTLE"--the organ of the Activists-Peelim organization, "Yad L'Akhir") HEADING: "WHO STANDS BEHIND THE MISSIONARY PENETRATION IN REHOVOT?"

QUOTE: Recently tempers have flared in Rehovot against the background of the mission plague which has penetrated the town and caused a ferment, fistfights and arrests. On Yavne Road, 52, a meeting hall and prayer centre of the "Messianic Assembly" has opened, and Rehovot, which until then was almost untouched by the plague of the Mission, found its place on the map of missionary activity. The man responsible for this ferment is Baruch Maoz (Efrima), known by the nickname "Ricky". Maoz, about 40, is a well-known figure in the community of apostates in Israel. In his youth he was a member of Kibbutz Yotvata in the Negev where he stayed after completing his military service. While working at Timna mines he was injured, and while lying in the hospital he was influenced by a missionary, which led to his being baptized into Christianity. He moved to the missionary centre "Beth-El" on Rehov HaGefen in Haifa, and afterward journeyed to the town of Wald (?) in England where he completed ^{studies at} a special school for the clergy and missionary preaching.

Maoz has a dubious past. In 1960 he was found guilty of theft and house-breaking from the branch of "Near Ha'Oved". Also among Christian institutions he has moved from sect to sect in unclear circumstances. Nevertheless, Maoz has consolidated his position in the Messianic community of Israel, and at present is among the leaders of the community, and actually one of its spokesmen. He has founded the publishing house "HaGefen" and is very active in publishing and distributing missionary literature. Maoz is also the publisher of the Messianic organ "Mayayt L'Ayt." In recent years Maoz resided in Rishon Le'Zion, developing his missionary activity there, but the citizens expressed their abhorrence for such an undesirable citizen in various ways. This, however, did not inhibit him from forming alliances with various personages in Israeli society in his own area and in the country at large. Thus he headed the Democratic Party list in the local elections in Rishon Le'Zion, and only after his identity was exposed was his candidacy removed. When he realized that Rishon Le'Zion

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was not receiving him properly, he moved to Rehovot, where he bought a luxurious flat on Skolnik Street (which led to friction with his fellow-congregants) and to a place of assembly and prayer in (Rehovot) Lavne Road. As soon as he arrived in Rehovot, local opposition to the newcomer was organized, in the course of which several local residents were arrested. The one-sided intervention of the police in favour of Maoz, thanks to his ties with the district police officers, was also the subject of a complaint submitted to the Minister of Interior and Police, Mr. Burg.

Concerning the danger of Maoz's appearance in Rehovot, we sounded the alarm by means of notices and placards in Rehovot, in which we stressed that, besides his oral and written missionary activity, he serves as the spokesman of the Messianic sects, and as such, he defames the Jewish ^{throughout the Christian world} people in Israel as the "persecutor of Christians", and fights every attempt to restrict the activities of the missionaries in Israel. He stirred up a tempest in a teapot in the wake of the law ^{against} enticement to conversion, even though the law is impossible of implementation, and published notices in the foreign press about the persecution of Christians in Israel. In this way he tries to kill two birds with one stone; to become the representative of the Messianic sects and to attract the inexhaustible sources of funds from those abroad who support missionary activity; and on the other hand, to "frighten" the Israeli Foreign Ministry by demonstrating worldwide Christian support for missionary activity. This has proved to be very effective itself, since as soon as the (anti-missionary) law was enacted, the Attorney General ^{announced} that no file would be opened against missionary activity without the approval of the Attorney General. But most of all, it is important that the citizens of Rehovot should ignore the "global politics" that Maoz is conducting, and the funds streaming in to him, and make it clear to him again and again that he is not wanted in their midst. (END)

DATE: 18.1.81 "MAARIV" HEADING: 'EMMA BERGER' (LETTERS TO EDITOR)

Response by H. Ariel, "Yad L'Akhir" anti-mission activists (Peilim) to series of articles about Emma Berger. Claims to have proof of her missionary activities in Haifa (Bat-Galim) notwithstanding her alleged denials of missionary activity, also know of Jews involved, Rebuke to those who sold for "filthy lucre the heritage of the fathers who with blood and tears (consecrated) the soil of our holy land..." (END) Followed by brief letter denouncing Germans and Jews selling to

DATE: 27.1.81 "MAARIV" LETTER: "THE TRUE AIMS OF EMMA BERGER" /then.

An "explanation" of the true beliefs of the sect on the basis of the alleged New Testament claim that Christians are the true Israelites, which explains all their strange practices, their avoidance of contact with Jews or Hebrew, etc.

DATE: 21.1.81 "SHEARIM" HEADING: "WILL THE PASSION FOR LANDBUYING OF EMMA BERGER BE STOPPED?" A lengthy three-column article about Berger, the sect, its alleged beliefs, in the background of the proposed law to control property and land purchases by foreigners in Israel, the so-called Emma Berger Law, which when enacted will bring to an end "the wicked plotting of Emma Berger."

ASSORTED ITEMS: (A) GALILEE PRIEST (Fr. Elias Chacour) AL-FAJR/ ^{Date: 21.1.81} Interview article Melkite priest explains program for aid to Palestinians, expresses bitterness over Zionism, church hierarchy; claims to be a pacifist. Promotes "encounter" groups between tourists and local Arabs.

B. "AMERICAN COLONY" "Kawl Ha'ir" (J'lm) ^{Date: 23.1.81} Two-page feature about American Christian group which settled in Holy Land in 1881 (the Spaffords), lived communal life in Jerusalem, founded clinic and other aid projects, and now run American Colony Hotel.

C. CHRISTIAN EMBASSY. South African Jewish Times. Editorial article.

D. NES AMIM. Local Acco paper in article about Dutch holiday at Nes Amim. 12.12.80

E. LITURGICA 1980. JERUSALEM POST Letter (Y.Landau) Protesting cancelation of cantorial concert due to Orthodox Jewish pressure on interfaith musical event.

F. A CHRISTIAN IN JERUSALEM. "HEALITES" (TELAVIV) Dossier/19.12.80 A feature article by Fr. Marcel Dubois, Director of the Faculty of Philosophy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, about Jerusalem, Christians and Jews, Israel, hope.

G. CHRISTIAN CHOIR FOR ISRAEL. Jewish Herald (Jo'Burg, S.Af.) Report on Canadian Glad Tidings Temple choir raising money for "adopted" kibbutz. DATE: 22.10.80.

H. BENELECTOS. Struggle for succession in Greek Orthodox Church. "KANN" 23.1.81

I. CLERICS STUDY. J.POST 22.1.81. 16 priests from Rome's Pontifical Biblical Institute from 12 countries complete 7-month study program at Hebrew University, Jerusalem.

J. EAST GERMAN PROTESTANTS. NEW YORK TIMES. 13.11.80 Threats to curb church.

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