

SUBJECT NUMBER ONE: "THE MISSION"

DATE: 3.2.81 "SHEARIM": "MISSION &amp; MISSIONARIES IN THE STATE OF ISRAEL"

EXCERPTS: (From "STRUGGLE", the Organ of the Activists, "Yad L'Akhirim")

Teverya and its environs are well situated on the map of missionary activity. Teverya is an important missionary centre and its activities are felt in the town. Our workers in the north devote special attention to preventive action in the town. In a special report of our local workers we read of five groups operating in town and in surrounding areas: (1) The Syvantos--the father lives in town about 16 years and is a familiar sight at the post office, despatching huge amounts of packages--which are the "explosives," the missionary material distributed throughout the country, including IDF camps in the north. Syvanto doesn't only send out; he also "receives"...contributions in significant amounts in the mail and through pilgrims coming to Tiberias, leaving sizable sums for his "holy work"...The younger Syvanto is no less active than his father, and lives in Upper Poriah, where he has bought no less than six cottages, and frequently travels abroad. Syvanto uses volunteers for missionary preaching who also labour in the town's Absorption Centre.

Maya Hulfinen:- The old lady is still "youthful" in her greedy appetite, and has bought houses and lands in Tiberias and Yavneel with the large sums reaching her from tourists from Holland, Finland and Germany, who are invited to stay at "Beth Nehama" which she bought near the "Tachmoni" school in town. In her fund-raising journeys for "the unfortunates in Israel" she even once sat in prison abroad for fraud, but none of this prevents her from inviting young Tiberians to her home and lavishing goodies upon them...in order to attract Jews to the "religion of mercy". Our workers see to it that the old lady will not overextend herself in her dubious aims, and recently they succeeded in preventing the issuance of a permit for the construction of a hostel in Yavneel, as well as other deals. (SEE BOTTOM LINES, PAGE 3 HEREIN FOR OTHER STORY ABOUT SAME WOMAN)

Shaul Zialla:- Shaul is a Jewish apostate who belongs to the sect of Jews For Jesus, lives in the Rabbi Akiva neighbourhood in town. His main occupation is "soul hunting", and he tries to draw into his net unemployed youth and families in distress. He receives a weekly wage from a group which provides him with all he needs. Zialla organizes house meetings at the home of a Jewish apostate friend in Tiberias, a new immigrant from France married to a Christian woman, in which young Jews and new immigrants from the Absorption Centre take part.

Walter the Scotsman:- Walter is a young clergyman of the Scottish Protestant Church in town, brought in in order to revive it with new force following its "decline" (which in the past served as a centre for baptizing into Christianity and a hospital, about which Tiberians tell that children born there disappeared in unclear circumstances). Walter invites young local people and from the surrounding kibbutzim to the hospice, and declares quite openly that his aim is to preach and bring them closer to Christianity. He is aided by an apostate by name of Benjamin Brenner, whose official work is to be responsible for maintenance in the place, but it appears that this is insufficient and he corresponds with young Jews in order to draw them to the Christian faith.

MIGDAL: In the nearby moshav Migdal another sect of volunteers is at work, which organizes local youth for the house meetings taking place in Tiberias. Recently they bought land and houses in the moshav to a significant extent, and an investigation is being conducted to see if they have links with Emma Berger, the missionary.

(There follow six paragraphs describing the "struggle against Meditation (TM) in Netanya, Jerusalem, community centres, etc.) (There follows a warning against one Naomi M. and foreign volunteers in a hospital: "Our branch in Beersheva is trying to rescue Naomi... the place of the Mission," where she now resides.)

Innocent-looking catalog with even more innocent titles like "In the Drugs Trap," "The Cool Pool," etc., has recently been distributed in bookshops in Israel...however, in the missionary "library" of our department we have found many of these books, published by "Yanetz," the missionaries, and distributed in bookshops throughout Israel....A circular letter has been sent to publishers and agencies warning of these innocent-looking titles published by "Yanetz." The department has also published a circular for distribution in hotels and absorption centres by our branches. As a result, we have received several complaints from hotels, and absorption centres have advised that they are swamped with Bibles containing the New Testament in the languages of the new immigrants, the problem being that Bibles in every language



are not attainable, while those of the Mission are distributed free of charge. (There follows an item about "WOMEN'S AGLOW" at Binyanei Ha'Uma in November, about which see SELECT. No. 88, page 3, and SELECTIONS 87, page 2.) END EXCERPTS

DATE: 18.2.81 "SHEARIM": "HABAD: MISSIONARY ORGANIZATIONS WREAKING HAVOC AMONG SOVIET EMIGRANTS IN THE U.S.A." (Most of the article deals with the activities of "HABAD" (revivalist Hassidic movement) to win assimilated U.S., and including Soviet Jewish settlers in the USA, for Orthodox Judaism, with an opening paragraph about the havoc being wrought among Soviet Jews in Los Angeles by missionaries, and some 200 Habad workers are engaged in counteractivity.)

DATE: 18.2.81 "HATSOEHEH" (SAME ARTICLE AS ABOVE IN ABBREVIATED FORM.)

DATE: 8.2.81 "MAARIV": "MISSIONARIES EXPLOITING DISTRESS OF DROPOUTS AND EMIGRANTS FROM ISRAEL IN VIENNA AND WINNING SOULS FOR CHRISTIANITY." "Exposé" about 20 "Jewish families fallen into the net of the missionaries"; enticements by missionary groups like the Mormons, a group named "CAMPHILL" which maintains village communes for unfortunate children in the USA and Europe, and also the Catholic relief organization "CARITAS". Jewish organizations are unable to cope with the problem inasmuch as about 80% of the Jews are Israelis without refugee rights or benefits and the local Jewish community is too small. Other Jewish organizations remain non-responsive, except for "HABAD."

DATE: 9.2.81 "HATSOEHEH": "ORTHODOX JEWISH YOUTH FIGHTING MISSION PENETRATION INTO B'NEI BRAK". At an assembly of ~~the~~ <sup>the (B'nei Akiva) movement</sup> working for the rescue of Jews from the Mission held in Beth Bamberger in B'nei Brak, the chairman of the Religious Council in B'nei Brak, Rabbi Shlomo Zimroni, warned that the Mission had fastened its claws into the religious town of B'nei Brak. He related that in the neighbourhood of Pardes Katz, children were being transported to the Mission schools. Mr. Zimroni welcomed the initiative taken by the B'nei Akiva graduates and the young women in the war against <sup>plague of the</sup> the Mission. The head of the Dept of Education of the municipality of B'nei Brak, Rafael Maruvka... <sup>noted</sup> ~~noted~~ ways to fight this plague and to uproot the Mission in sophisticated ways. He expressed appreciation for the devotion of religious youth in defence of the values of Judaism... (END)

DATE: 22.1.81 "ZOHAR" (J'LM): "DISMAY AT ATTEMPT TO CHANGE RELIGION OF NEW IMMIGRANTS" QUOTE: Great indignation was expressed against secularist elements who have attempted to influence new immigrants from a hostile country to transfer their children to secularist educational institutions. The absorption dept. of Agudat Yisrael, the "Peilim" and the "Peilim of the USA" have reported serious incidents involving attempts to change their religion to the extent that the immigrants were told that "you don't have to be religious in Israel."

DATE: 8.2.81 "DISCOTHEQUE RABBI SEEKS REVOLUTION FOR LOST YOUTH" (JERUSALEM POST) EXCERPT: Rabbi Yitzhak David Grossman (of Migdal Haemek)... won international attention for posing as a hippie to coax a former yeshiva student out of a Christian mission, and for venturing into discotheques to reach <sup>confused and</sup> troubled youths.

DATE: 22.2.81 "HA'MODIYA": "MISSIONARY PROPAGANDA IN CASSETTES"

QUOTE: Recently, many complaints from Rabbis and others have been received in the Dept of the Struggle Against the Mission of the Peilim of Yad L'Akhirim about the receipt of cassettes in the mail on which are recorded English-language missionary preaching. Following investigation, it has been disclosed that thousands of cassettes are arriving at post offices in Israel, the sender being Michael Chill of Indiana, USA. It will be recalled that about a year ago a mass mailing of propaganda was sent from Canada to rabbis and public figures. Also arriving from Switzerland and Austria are Hebrew letters from known missionaries for <sup>exchange of</sup> correspondence.

DATE: 1.3.81 "HAMODIYA": "MISSIONARY ACTIVITY IN REHOVOT AND NES ZIONA"

QUOTE: Recently, information has been received by Yad L'Akhirim, Rehovot branch, concerning the missionary activity of Baruch Maoz, "Yehudi Meshikhi" one of the heads of the Messianic congregation in Israel. He has opened a house for meetings in Rehovot and also begun to operate in Nes Ziona, this following his expulsion from Rishon Le'Zion by the citizenry (sic!). His activity is concentrated especially among families in distress. In the J'lm offices of "Yad L'Akhirim" it was decided on several courses of action: Activating neighbours through an attorney appealing to the municipality and others to remove the Mission plague from their town, and also to publish notices with the photograph of Baruch Maoz with the caption "WARNING! MISSIONARY!" in order that the public may beware. (END)

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SUBJECT NUMBER TWO: SECTARIANS

EMMA BERGER: DATE: 29.1.81 "MAARIV": LETTER TO EDITOR defending Emma Berger and appealing for <sup>reciprocal</sup> tolerance to the same extent that Jews enjoy in the Diaspora. Signed Shaul Samucha. R.Gan.

DATE: 13.2.81 "MAARIV": "THE HOLY OF HOLIES OF EMMA BERGER". (This is a 3-page full-length feature article with 4 photographs about the community in Zicron Yaacov headed by Emma Berger. Most of it is based on attendance at a wedding ceremony and reception at the community house for a young German couple, members of the sect, with additional background information about the sect, its founder, its present situation, etc. The article is relatively objective and reportorial, and also contains quotations of Emma Berger at the ceremony and to the journalist. (END SUMMARY)

MORMONS: DATE: 4.2.81 "ISRAEL NACHRICHTEN" (TELAVIV) "THE MORMONS & THE JEWS" This is a report of a meeting in Haifa at which a lecturer, with slides, spoke about Mormonism, its roots, and its relationship to Judaism. A full, two-column summary of the talk is given, including history, beliefs, contemporary status,

SUBJECT NUMBER THREE: CHRISTIANS IN ISRAEL

DATE: 14.1.81 "HAARETZ": "CORNERSTONE LAID FOR VOLUNTEERS' HOSTELS IN KFAR HAHORESH" QUOTE: In the presence of the German Ambassador in Israel, Mr. Klaus Schutz, and members of Kfar Hahoreh in Jezreel, a cornerstone was yesterday laid in a hostel for volunteers staying in the area. A Christian organization for adult education in Bavaria, Germany, has undertaken to contribute 150,000 DM for the building. (END)

DATE: 29.1.81 "AL HAMISHMAR": "NON-JEWISH GERMANS TRYING TO BUY HOUSES AND ENTERPRISES IN GALILEE" SUMMARY: Attempts by a group of Germans to buy property in the area of Tiberias were stymied by the head of the council in Migdal and by the Israel Land Authority. The German group was formed ten years ago under the name of "THE SOCIETY FOR THE HANDICAPPED CHILD", working with some 20 retarded children, but later split into two groups, one of which sought to buy property, but they were warned not to do so. According to council head Joseph Barlav, if the purchases were approved, then Migdal, which is holy to Christians, would in ten years become a German colony and no longer Jewish. A reference follows to an allegedly parallel situation in Zicron Yaacov, where non-Jewish Germans headed by Emma Berger acquired <sup>large</sup> tracts.

DATE: 10.2.81 "AL HAMISHMAR": LETTER TO EDITOR. A response to the foregoing article by a citizen of Migdal, Shaul Melekh, who denies that the Germans are trying to take over Migdal, reviews their many helpful activities; building renovation, <sup>took part in</sup> new construction of youth club, repair of public shelters during Yom Kippur War, work at the Government institution for the retarded, setting up of a workshop and rehabilitation aid to the retarded. All this is done voluntarily without remuneration, their sustenance provided by German Christians, very pious, who identify with Zionism, who are organized in South Germany, study Scripture, believe in the biblical prophecies, promote pilgrimages to Israel. They have no connection with the group of Germans in Zicron Yaacov, headed by Emma Berger. (END SUMMARY)

DATE: 6.2.81 "HAARETZ": "GERMAN ZIONISTS IN THE HOUSE OF TRUMPELDOR" The article gives a very different picture of the group described in the foregoing letter, but is based on an interview with Gunther Gottschalk, who denies "any connection between our being here in Migdal and the New Testament, nor any connection between us and the New Testament." Gottschalk denies being a Christian, although coming from a Lutheran family background, and attacks the N.T. as antisemitic. His main work is with the retarded, which began in 1963 near Tivon, and he also helped set up "Shavei Zion", a hostel for victims of Nazism. His present activity is with an Israeli-based society, "The Society for the Needy Child," which is funded from Germany.

DATE: 10.10.80 "JEWISH JOURNAL" (B'KLYN NY) "EVANGELISTS DEDICATE CHRISTIAN EMBASSY"

DATE: 18.11.80 "JEWISH HERALD" (JO'BURG, S.Af.) "A GLIMMER OF HOPE" (CHRISTIAN EMBASSY)

DATE: 1.2.81 "YEDIOT AKHRONOT" PHOTO STORY: Chuck Smith of California meets with P.M. Menahem Begin, and presents check of \$500,000 for aid to Israel defence, tourism, settlement and the Dead-Sea canal project.

DATE: 6.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: "JERUSALEM UNITED" LETTER TO EDITOR BY JAN & WIDAD VAN DER HOEVEN affirming the unity of Jerusalem under Israeli sovereignty in response to "the implied criticism of the unilateral unification" by Israel of the new U.S. Secy of State Haig.

DATE: 2.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: "FINNS GIVE HOUSE IN TIBERIAS TO YAD VASHEM" A group of Finnish Protestants headed by Tekla Maria Holpainen, 79, (SEE PAGE 1, para. 2 herein)



handed the deed to their house in Tiberias to Yad Vashem as a gesture of atonement to the Jewish people and support for the State of Israel.... "We are not missionaries," Holpainen stated. (END EXCERPT)

FALWELL & "NEW RIGHT": 19.2.81 "MAARIV": "Rev. Falwell, head of "MORAL MAJORITY" IN U.S.A. on a visit to Israel. (NEWS ITEM)

20.2.81 "HAARETZ": "REV. FALWELL, INFLUENTIAL IN USA: 'NO AGREEMENT CAN RE-DIVIDE JERUSALEM'. EXCERPT: "I am sure that Pres. Reagan will be a better friend of Israel than any previous president, Rev. Jerry Falwell stated upon arrival for a brief visit to Israel.... Jerusalem is the capital of Israel, he stated. "Not the Camp David Agreement nor any other agreement will change this, and I hope that it will never be divided." He also denied that either he or his movement ("MORAL MAJORITY") is antisemitic, and pointed out that there is no growth in antisemitism in the U.S. He also stated that there is no chance that anyone in the Regan administration would be reconciled with antisemitism.... Falwell arrived at the head of a group of 350 members of his congregation for a week-long tour. He will also meet with the Prime Minister, the Chairman of the Knesset and of the Labour Party.

DATE: 20.2.81 "YEDIOT AKHRONOT": "CONSERVATIVE PREACHER FALWELL ARRIVES IN ISRAEL: 'I AM NOT ANTISEMITIC'"

DATE: 22.2.81 "JERUSALEM POST": "TV EVANGELIST SAYS HIS VAST AUDIENCE SUPPORTS ISRAEL." (Interview article with Rev. Jerry Falwell, dealing mainly with his views about Israel and Jews and Evangelical Christian support for Israel.)

DATE: 25.2.81 "HAARETZ": "FOR DEMOCRACY & MOTHERHOOD: REV. FALWELL DISTINGUISHES BETWEEN THE RELIGIOUS RIGHT OF WHICH HE IS PART AND THE POLITICAL RIGHT"

(Interview article with Falwell by Hebrew reporter.)

DATE: 28.11.80 "JEWISH JOURNAL" (B'KLYN NY): "REPORT ON THE NEW CHRISTIAN RIGHT" (By: Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum)

DATE: 23.2.81 "HAARETZ": "50 RELIGIOUS LEADERS & REPRESENTATIVES CALL ON GOV'T OF ISRAEL TO AID FREE LEBANON" A group of some 50 Moslem religious leaders from South Lebanon, guests of Min. Relig. Affairs in J'lm, along with representatives of Major Haddad, called for aid in their warfare for the liberation of South Lebanon from foreign forces....

DATE: 8.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: Fr. Francis Furlong, director of Pontifical Biblical Institute in J'lm, said there were 10 Catholic orders for men and 17 for women active in Jerusalem today. They are divided between contemplative and active, including the operation of schools, hospitals, care centres for aged and infants.

DATE: 23.12.80 "GOTTINGER TAGEBLATT": THE SITUATION OF CHRISTIANS IN HOLY LAND A German-language survey of the situation of the variegated Christian community.

DATE: 20.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: "STAIRS ENSURE SAFE BAPTISMS IN JORDAN (RIVER)" A new installation on the bank where Sea of Galilee & Jordan meet, used for baptisms.

DATE: 17.2.81 J'LM POST: "FINANCING FOR HAIFA'S \$250m. BIBLELAND PARK ARRANGED" U.S.-based Christian & Jewish sponsors agree to finance Bibleland Theme Park.

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

DATE: 24.12.80 JEWISH ECHO (GLASGOW, SCOT.) "SUPPORT FROM SWISS PROTESTANTS" Report on pro-Israel Protestant Church movement, the "SCHWEIZ ISRAEL SHALOM"

DATE: 13.11.80 JEWISH CHRONICLE (PITTSBURG PA) "CHURCH LEADERS BACK AN 'ENDANGERED ISRAEL'" (Report on "Statement of Concern" by Catholic, Evangelical, Protestant theologians convened by an interreligious group/and held at a Religious Convocation in Support of Israel", hosted by the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai Brith.

DATE: 13.11.80 (AS ABOVE) "NCC MIDEAST POLICY 'DISSERVICE TO PEACE'" (A Statement issued by National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council in response to NCC Policy Statement on Mideast which is attacked because of <sup>OUT</sup> collective distress".

DATE: 13.11.80 JEWISH WORLD (ALBANY NY) "COUNCIL OF CHURCHES 'LEGITIMIZES' PLO"

DATE: 14.11.80 INERMOUNTAIN JEWISH NEWS (DENVER COLO.) "NCC POLICY DENOUNCED"

DATE: 14.11.80 JEWISH JOURNAL (BKLYN NY) "URGE CHRISTIANS TO RALLY BEHIND ISRAEL, JEWS"

DATE: 14.11.80 SOUTHERN JEWISH WEEKLY (JACKSONVILLE FLA) "CHRISTIAN SOLIDARITY"

DATE: 14.11.80 - DITTO - "CHRISTIAN LEADERS URGE SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL"

(Last three stories relate to Christian "Statement of Concern" referred to above)

DATE: 20.11.80 JEWISH NEWS (NEWARK NJ) "CHRISTIANS PRESENT GIFT OF FRIENDSHIP TO ISRAEL"

DATE: 18.1.81 AL-FAJR J'LM: "U.S. CHURCH URGE AID CUTS TO ISRAEL, TALK TO PLO"

(Report on pre-PLO statement by anti-zionist interreligious USA faction)

DATE: 2.2.81 J'LM POST: "CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR ISRAEL" Letter denouncing WCC.

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DATE: 4.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: "ON THE ROAD FOR ZIONISM" Feature article about "Israel Caravan" in U.S. "Bible Belt" among Jews & Christians, information campaign, partially accompanied by Christian Zionist Jay Rawlings (in Georgia/Texas); much interest among fundamentalist Christians in prophetic implications of Israel, Bible ties, very pro-Jewish.

LUSTIGER (Jewish Archbishop): DATE: 2.2.81 J'LM POST: "EX-JEW MAY BECOME FRENCH CARDINAL" (News item) DATE: JLM POST 3.2.81 "FORMER JEW TO BE ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS" DATE: 6.2.81 J'LM POST: "PARIS ARCHBISHOP 'STILL A JEW'" (Report from Jewish Telegraphic Agency) DATE: 15.2.81 "NEWSVIEW" (J'LM) "OUR BROTHER THE ARCHBISHOP" (Cover story) NEWS VIEWPOINT: Issue focus on newly appointed Archbishop of Paris "IT'S ALTOGETHER TOO MUCH..." Feature article from Paris about reaction to new Arch. ("The unbelievable, the inconceivable has happened; a son of Polish immigrants, a converted Jew, has become the Archbishop of Paris.")

"OUR BROTHER THE ARCHBISHOP": An open letter to the Archbishop by extreme Israeli nationalist (Dr. Israel Eldad) reprinted from "YE DIOT AKHRONOT" ("I have no complaint about your belief...that the kind-hearted Jew Jesus was the Redeemer...but where is the Redemption?...Speak out..shout the holy shout against (the calls for holy war against Israel, French policies in the Mideast)...Jewish blood is more precious to you than Arab oil...") "WHAT'S NEW IN THE CHURCH?" (Reprinted from MAARIV) G. Benjamin: An emotional response, largely negative: "But however forgiving we can be to the Almighty who abandoned us in our bitterest hour, we have no forgiveness for our own deserters...Still...the current Pope certainly doesn't seem to be cut after the pattern of persecutors, and the Archbishop (a potential Pope) certainly doesn't seem to be of that stripe either...Can we not...believe that at least he kept his "Jewish heart"? ...He still knows that the sum total of this world is Jesus times six million..." "STRANGER THAN FICTION: Hanoch Bartov (MAARIV) "Perhaps we shall do best to view the appointment of Jean-Marie Lustiger within its political context by way of a riposte to the resurgence of antisemitism, as a gesture to that "other France", la magnifique France éternelle." (Magnificent, Eternal France) "PUZZLEMENT" (HAARETZ): Nathan Donvitz. "In the eyes of the Jews he's an apostate; in the eyes of the French, he's a former Jew....A French TV interviewer simply couldn't digest the prelate's Jewishness...The new Archbishop made no bones about the fact that...he still considers himself a part of the Jewish people."

"YET ANOTHER SUCCESS STORY": Maurice Carr. An interview with Samuel Lustiger, second cousin of Archbishop, manager of cold storage depot in Tel-Aviv, Holocaust survivor. "The Germans wiped out virtually my whole family, yet I cannot hate all the Germans; I cannot hate at all....I do so much want to speak to (the Archbishop). I saw him on TV and heard his Hebrew greeting to Israel, SHALOM U'VRACHA. He is surely a refined, a sensitive man." (END EXCERPTS & REPRINTS IN NEWSVIEW)

DATE: 20.2.81 "AL HAMISHMAR": "GOOD LUCK (MAZAL TOV) TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF PARIS" A sympathetic Question & Answer interview plus commentary by a Jewish Correspondent in Orleans shortly after the appointment of Lustiger as Arch. of Paris. The interview had originally been scheduled to discuss a wartime document recently uncovered wherein a Nazi (French collaborationist) official had promised the local Bishop of Orleans protection for the Lustiger family. The promise was not kept and Mrs. Lustiger was soon after deported to Auschwitz where she died. The archbishop had not been previously aware of such document. He was sheltered by a devout local Catholic family and decided on conversion before his mother's deportation, a conversion "not against Judaism but against nothing at all"--his parents being thoroughly anti-religious; unhappy though they were at his conversion, they finally agreed when he was 14. After working in a factory for a time, Lustiger returned to study and decided on the priesthood, eventually becoming the pastor of Catholic students in the Sorbonne, in which position he led many pilgrimages to Chartres in France and to Israel, and until two years ago thought he would finally settle in Israel. "Before you is seated a Jewish Christian who is absolutely identified, and now more than ever, with his lifework," he told the interviewer. It was only his appointment as Bishop of Orleans which prevented his settling in Israel. "The fundamental approach of the Christians to Judaism veers between ignoring their Jewish roots, as if the child were born without parents, and between denunciation (of Judaism) because of its non-recognition of the divinity and Messiahship of Jesus. I have no doubt that Judaism and Christianity are not rivals; they can and will live side by side in peace....and I have chosen what seems to me an authentic path, to which I will cleave because it represents the full truth of my life." The writer reports that he has made another appointment to speak with the new Archbishop for "a deeper and more comprehensive discussion". (END EXCERPTS)



DATE: 24.2.81 MAARIV: "PARISIAN PRIEST HAS JEWISH GRANDFATHER" NEWS ITEM

The Archbishop of Paris Jean Lustiger is not the only Christian clergyman in France with Jewish blood<sup>flowing</sup> in his veins. At the Plaza Hotel this week in Tiberias Pastor Shaw of Paris, a Protestant clergyman, is a guest whose grandfather was Jewish. Rev. Shaw heads a French organization called "Food for the Hungry" and is very active in behalf of the Christian residents of South Lebanon as well as for the State of Israel. Last November he contributed IS50,000 for medical equipment in the North as well as two ambulances for use at the "Good Fence." He has also made medical contributions during this visit and also donations for widows.

DATE: 26.2.81 "POLISHING ISRAEL'S IMAGE" (J'LM POST) Feature article about Yisrael Lippel, organizer of Jerusalem Institute for Interreligious Relations & Research. "There is a special place at the present for a dialogue between Judaism and Christianity, Lippel notes...The Institute even sent a cable of congratulations to Jean-Marie Lustiger, the Jewish-born newly appointed Archbishop of Paris. 'Naturally we are sorry he converted,' Lippel noted, 'but at least he saw fit to dwell on his Jewish heritage...' Lippel stresses his group does not confine its activities to Christians (but includes interest in Moslems, Karaites, and is considering "ways of forging links with the controversial Black Hebrews of Dimona").

DATE: 12.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: "LABOUR'S RELIGIOUS COMPROMISE" Feature article EXCERPT: When the new archbishop of Paris claims to be a Jew, despite his conversion to Catholicism, few recall the burning issue in Israel 20 years ago. Then, a Carmelite monk, Daniel Ruyssen, hero of the Polish Underground, claimed entry into Israel under the Law of Return...The controversy that ensued was the beginning of the prolonged battle between secular and religious parties over the legal definition of "WHO IS A JEW"?, still a smouldering political issue today. (END EXCERPT)

DATE: 13.2.81 J'LM POST: "CATHOLIC TALMUDIST" (CHRISTIAN COMMENT/OIKOUMENIKOS) Feature article about Brother Pierre Lenhardt of J'lm's Ratisbonne Monastery, a specialist in Talmud, who also heads a team of Catholics promoting Jewish studies at the Ratisbonne Study Centre on an international, interdenominational basis.

SUBJECT NUMBER FIVE: CHRISTIANS IN NEWS (GENERAL)

DATE: 10.12.80 NEW YORK TIMES "METROPOLITAN REPORT" (Feature article about Bethany Baptist Church in Brooklyn, 4000-members, Black community.

DATE: 25.1.81 J'LM POST NEWS ITEM: Interfaith service organized by U.S. Consul-General in J'lm to give thanks for safe return of 52 U.S. hostages from Iran.

DATE: 25.2.81 THE TIMES LONDON "NEW ANGLICAN VIEW ON REMARRIAGE EMERGING" Discussions in the General Synod of the Church of England.

DATE: 28.2.81 INTERNAT'L HERALD TRIBUNE (PARIS) READING: "BIBLICAL LIFE" Article about non-denominational Bible Museum at Herengracht, Amsterdam, Holland.

MISCELLANEOUS

DATE: 2.1.81 JERUSALEM POST: "UNSIGHTED VISIONARY": Book Review of "A CLASSIFIED CONCORDANCE TO THE BIBLE IN FOUR VOLUMES" Arranged & Edited by Elezer Katz.

DATE: 6.2.81 JERUSALEM POST: "GENTILE FACE OF HEBREW", Feature about 16th Century Christian-Jewish collaboration which provided some of the foundation-stones of modern Hebrew printing.

DATE: 20.2.81 J'LM POST: "AN ABSURD EQUATION" Article about N.U. historian Prof. Joshua Praver rejecting comparison of State of Israel with Crusader Kingdom.

DATE: 1.3.81 "YE DIOT AKHRONOT": "BAPTIZED YOUTH TO PRISON FOR REFUSAL TO SERVE (IN I.D.F.) ON RELIGIOUS GROUNDS: CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR FROM NETANYA SOUGHT EXEMPTION ON GROUNDS THAT HE DOES NOT IDENTIFY WITH THE STATE & INTENDS TO STUDY IN SEMINARY" QUOTE: An 18½-year-old youth, baptized into Christianity, educated in a missionary institution, and intending to study at a seminary for clergy, was sentenced to 14 days in the guardhouse for his refusal to serve in the IDF. C.O. Joseph Kony sought exemption from IDF service on religious grounds, was put on trial and sentenced to 14 days in guardhouse. In prison Joseph Kony has gone on a hunger strike, and intends to make his struggle public so that the military authorities permit him to leave Israel and study abroad in a seminary. His attorney, Avraham Fachter had appealed to the military authorities and sought exemption for Kony, arguing that Kony is a Christian, feels himself a Christian, does not identify with the State, and therefore should be exempt from service...The son of a Christian mother and Jewish father, Kony came to Israel with his parents from Roumania, but the father left the family and Israel ten years ago. J.Kony was baptized into the Greek Orthodox Church in Jaffa and educated as a Christian... (END TRANSCRIPT 10.3.81/mb)