

HEBREW CHRISTIANS IN TRADITIONAL CHURCHES

ARCHBISHOP LUSTIGER: A copy of "TRIBUNE JUIVE" ("Jewish Tribune") from Strassbourg, France (10.9.81) received here, featured a six-page interview made by Rabbi Jacquot Grunewald of Archbishop Lustiger of Paris under the heading: "IT IS IN CHRISTIANITY THAT I DISCOVERED THE TEACHING OF JUDAISM WHICH WAS NEVER GIVEN ME AS A JEWISH CHILD". The article, accompanied by photographs of the archbishop with the Pope and with some of his congregants, touches mainly on his work, theology, Jewish-Christian relations, Judaism and Christianity in France.

MANDELSTAM'S WIDOW: The "HAARETZ" weekend supplement (19.2.82) featured a three-page article by a Catholic friend of the Soviet-Jewish poet Osip Mandelstam who was destroyed during the Stalin purges. Both of them were baptized into the Russian Orthodox church and Mrs. Mandelstam, at her request, was buried according to the rites of the Church at the end of 1980, at the age of 81. Both her parents were Jewish intellectuals (her mother one of the first women physicians in Russia) and her father, a Cantohist (one of many Jewish youths conscripted for long periods of service into the Czarist army with the aim of Russifying them) converted to the Russian Orthodox church. Her poet husband, she insisted, was a convert by choice before the Revolution. "He simply believed in Christianity, and of course this influenced me also," she remarked. Mandelstam clashed with the Bolshevik regime and was eventually "swallowed up in the Gulag", she remarked. For many years she suffered as the wife of an outcast "counter-revolutionary" poet. At one point she applied for emigration visa to Israel, and on the verge of departure her request was "removed" from the files. "The only hope remaining is in the Church," she once remarked to the interviewer (Elizabeth De Monie), and there are young people reared as atheists who are now turning to the Church, and they are very many; I know them."

THE MONTEFIORE'S: In a renewed effort to transfer the bones of the renowned Victorian Jewish philanthropist, Sir Moses Montefiore, the Israeli geographer Zeev Vilnay has had contact with the family, many of whom have converted to Christianity (one is an Anglican bishop) and who oppose the removal of his bones (from Ramsgate) to Israel. (HAARETZ: 5.3.82)

ANCIENT HEBREW CHRISTIANS: One of Israel's leading Second-Temple/New Testament scholars, Hebrew University's Professor David Flusser, recently denied that any sensational discoveries had been made in connection with ancient Hebrew Christian communities in the Holy Land. "I have no doubt that Christians engaged in excavations, like Christians elsewhere, are interested to prove how deep their roots are in the Holy Land," he commented. He attributes this interest to a postwar trend "to prove the existence of a strong Jewish base in Christianity". While the purpose is laudable, one must see the findings thus far in the right proportion, and nothing "sensational" has been turned up. Nevertheless, medieval documents researched by a colleague, Prof. Shlomo Pines, indicate that Hebrew-Christian groups existed centuries after the Crucifixion, with some remnants found in the area between Syria and Iraq.

The professor elaborated: "One must understand that these were Jewish-Christians who enjoyed both worlds. They kept the essentials of the Jewish religion and at the same time acknowledged the principles of Christianity. The natural tendency of later Christians was to prove that these were detached from their surroundings and by no means characteristic of a flock." (MAARIV: 21.2.82)

JESUS AND THE JEWS

BAPTIST PASTOR AT HAIFA UNIVERSITY: Rev. Edward Sutti, the Baptist pastor in Acre, was the subject of a feature article (YEDIOT AKHRONOT: 22.2.82) under the heading of "JESUS AND THE ETERNAL PEOPLE". Rev. Sutti is a fourth-year student in the faculty of Bible & Jewish Thought at Haifa U. "I love these subjects, and I have no problem with what is written about the Jewish people," he remarks. "I believe that it is the Chosen People because I accept what is written in the Bible; and the Messiah also did not deny the Law of Moses," he adds. The father of five children, Sutti, who is 43, reports that several students, both Jewish and Arab, have turned to him for counseling. In one instance a Jewish student was planning to marry a Christian, and although he pointed out the complications which result from intermarriage, they went ahead with the marriage, but it didn't succeed and they were divorced. Young Arabs are also troubled by the changeover from village life to university lifestyles, and he tries to encourage them to hold on to the positive values of traditional life while adjusting to university life. He advocates the appointment of a regular chaplain to serve the Arab students at the university.

"JESUS WILL FIRST SAVE THE JEWS": The wife of Haifa's Chief Rabbi recently related the story of a Dutch Christian girl she was instructing in (MORE)

preparation for conversion to Judaism. After a considerable period had elapsed, the "rabbinit" felt the candidate was ready for the final recommendation that she be formally converted, when a chance question elicited the information that "the main reason for her desire to convert to Judaism was her unassailable faith that the Messiah--who was, of course, Jesus--would first of all save the Jews, since he was a Jew by origin, and therefore she wanted to be Jewish! What won't people do to save their souls?" (VOICE OF HAIFA: "YEDIOT" Supplement) 15.1.82

CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM

DR. GEORGE GIACUMAKIS: Under the heading "REACHING FOR THEIR ROOTS", the JERUSALEM POST ran a feature article (15.2.82) on Dr. Giacomakis, President of the Institute of Holy Land Studies on Mount Zion. The son of Greek immigrants to the U.S., Dr. Giacomakis is an Evangelical Christian who has followed the late Dr. Douglas Young as director of the Institute, which has had some 4,000 students since its founding. Students take courses in ancient Israelite history, Hebrew, Judeo-Christian & Islamic studies.

ROBERT CRAIG: The "CHRISTIAN COMMENT/OIKOUMENIKOS" feature of the "POST" featured an article (25.2.82) on the "versatile parson," the present minister of St. Andrew's Church of Scotland in Jerusalem. Dr. Craig has been an Army Chaplain with the Scottish Battalion in Mandatory Palestine, a university teacher and a administrator in Africa for several decades. The article also describes the work of the Church of Scotland in Israel--in Jaffa (Tabetha School), Tiberias (Centre) & in Jerusalem.

"NOT BY BREAD ALONE": When French President Francois Mitterand and his entourage visited Jerusalem, they were received with bread and salt and wine. Originally, bread and salt were the basic ingredients but the wine was added when U.S. President Carter visited, relating the wine to Genesis 12:18, the story of Melchizedek and Abraham. When it was noted that bread and wine are basic ingredients in Christian worship, it was decided to retain the salt to remove all anxiety about religious or theological complications. (HAARETZ: 4.3.82)

CHRISTIAN EMBASSY: A spate of reports dealt with the daubing ... of the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem in early March. Swastikas were painted and excrement daubed on the walls of the Embassy building by extremists believed to be connected with the Jewish Defence League of Rabbi Meir Kahana, who have mounted a campaign against the Embassy and its leaders because of their alleged "missionary" intentions. The police have begun investigating the affair, while the Jerusalem Mayor Kollek angrily denounced the perpetrators as "extremists who have no place in a free and sane society." Municipal workers were promptly despatched to clean up the Embassy quarters. The matter was also brought up in the Knesset by Opposition members of that body. (HAARETZ, AL HANISHMAR, YEDIOT AKHRONOT, JERUSALEM POST: 3-4/3/82) Following the attack on the Embassy, "HAARETZ" correspondent Akiva Eldar produced a feature article about the Embassy, its staff, its aims, funding, etc., under the heading "THE ZIONIST EMISSARIES OF JESUS" (HAARETZ: 5.3.82) The writer concludes his feature: "In the midst of ... the isolation and paranoia a strange sect arises which characterizes itself as an embassy representing people and not states. While the leaders of the Gentiles are not inclined to show us much grace, perhaps nothing is left for us but to find comfort with these good Christians (of the Embassy)."

"A CHRISTIAN ZIONIST": "As a British expatriate, I write in sorrow to deplore the fact that THE JERUSALEM POST should sink to the level of the "gutter press" by publishing the photo of the Princess of Wales in your issue of Feb. 19th..." SIGNED: A CHRISTIAN ZIONIST, Jerusalem. (4.3.82)

CHRISTIANS PRO ISRAEL

"BETH SHALOM": "FROM BETH SHALOM (House of Peace) TO THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL: A DECLARATION OF SUPPORT AND TRUE FRIENDSHIP FROM A QUARTER-MILLION CHRISTIANS WORLDWIDE..." A full-page advertisement in "HAARETZ" (14.3.82) in the name of 1,500 representatives of "Beth Shalom" congregations numbering 250,000 "true friends of Israel throughout the world", gathered in Switzerland & Germany on 22-23/2/82, called upon the people of Israel and its government, "on the basis of our common faith in the Holy Bible," not to yield to external pressures to yield territory in Judea, Samaria, Gaza, the Golan Heights, and to reconsider its withdrawal from Sinai by the 25th April inasmuch as "we believe that Sinai is holy soil for Israel wherein the LORD revealed to His people Israel and spoke His Word to Moses on Mt. Sinai." SIGNED: Dr. Wim Malgo, Beth Shalom Society for Study of the Scriptures in Israel, POB 290 Zurich, Switzerland.

(MORE)

"MORAL MAJORITY" MOVEMENT: A delegation of 38 "Moral Majority" leaders, headed by Ronald Godwin, Executive Vice-President and Chief Operations Officer of the group, toured Israel and the territories and met with top officials, including the Prime Minister, in preparation for a national campaign to promote tourism, Christian pilgrimage and study of Israel among the organization's millions of members and friends. Godwin quoted the Prime Minister as saying to him that the support of Christians in Europe and the USA "is vital to Israel" and that he hoped that an international conference of Christian leaders who support Israel would soon take place here.

"Though we mostly focus on social issues, one of our primary organizational planks is support for Israel & the U.S. Jewish community," Godwin stated, "but we also have a deep appreciation for the Arab people, and we do not want to be seen as signifying an anti-Arab stand; the contrary is true." The visit of the group was organized in cooperation with Israel's national airline "El-Al".
(JERUSALEM POST: 24.2.82; "DAVAR": 21.2.82)

In a highly critical feature article, the JERUSALEM POST's Helga Dudman lambasted the account by World Zionist Organization promoter Charley Levine of "his Zionist caravan tour through the (U.S.) West Coast last year." (POST: 17.1.82) Among other things, she criticizes his "discovery" of the obvious: "That slick Arab propaganda is not all that effective. That Christian fundamentalists are very pro-Israel. (For this you need a caravan? It's obvious from any old American newspaper, Israeli TV, even from the Readers Letters of THE JERUSALEM POST...the regular address for messages from Christian friends of Israel.)" (POST: 28.2.82)

A Los Angeles reader of "HAARETZ", Prof. Ejud Finkelstein, responds to the letter of Joshua Auerbach of Ramat Gan who had criticized his ^{first} letter to the paper denouncing Israeli honours to Rev. Jerry Falwell. (SEE SELECTIONS 99, page 6, under heading of "JERRY FALWELL") Finkelstein claims he was misinterpreted by his critic. ^{More} Jews now live in the Diaspora of the U.S.A. than in Israel, where they enjoy full and equal rights with other citizens. Any movement designed to impose morality based on Christian doctrine or to re-establish the ties between religion and State must eventually lead to discrimination against Jews. Furthermore, the attempt to link the Almighty to "irrelevant matters", such as the Israeli victory in the Six Days War, may very well offend those who fell in that war and did not believe in the Almighty, and also belittles the ability of Israel to deal with her enemies. Faith in God does not make a person supportive of Israel, since among extreme believers (such as the Naturei Karta sect) are to be found extreme adversaries of the State of Israel. (HAARETZ: 9.3.82)

DANISH CHRISTIANS: Seven Hebrew-speaking Christians from Denmark are currently working with lonely Jerusalem elderly "to pay back a bit for the pain that the Christian world has caused the Jewish people throughout history." A group of the Danish volunteers was received by Israeli President Navon at his residence, and he called them a model of volunteerism and an inspiration to Jews and Christians. The leader of the group, Benedicte Strung, coordinator of the Danish Christian volunteers, told the president that a former volunteer now teaches Hebrew in Copenhagen to 100 students. The volunteers are members of "ORJET OG ISRAEL" (THE WORD & ISRAEL), Danish Christian fundamentalists. In addition to helping the aged, the ORJET organization ~~has~~ planted a forest in Israel, assisted a Kibbutz, aided a Jerusalem hospital, helped the blind, published magazines in support of Israel, and regularly meets with Scandinavian tourists. (JERUSALEM POST: 12.3.82)

STAR ^{television} "VOICE OF HOPE": In a surprise move, "HIGH ADVENTURE" leader George Otis appeared at the "VOICE OF HOPE" studio in South Lebanon with Pat Robertson of the Christian Broadcasting Network (CBN) of the U.S.A., one of the largest in the world, to announce that he had donated the station to CBN. It appears that the decision to turn the ownership over to CBN stems from Otis' inability to raise the standard of broadcasting and to improve the quality of the films shown on the TV station. (HAARETZ: 12.3.82)

THE JIM BAKER SHOW: Jim Baker, a Protestant minister from the U.S.A. and owner of a broadcasting centre, has begun to allot an hour of broadcasting daily to Israel. During one broadcast there was an interview with Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The Jim Baker Show has 15 million viewers. In the wake of ties with staff of the Israeli Office of Tourism in the USA, some 3,000 U.S. Protestants will be coming to Israel in September escorted by Jim Baker who will be televising their pilgrimage directly to the U.S. on his network. Last Friday, Baker met with U.S. President Ronald Reagan in connection with a national project to collect and distribute used clothing for the poor by means of the churches.

("MABAT" TELAVIV: 24.2.82)

CHRISTIAN FRIENDS

DUTCH CHRISTIAN RESCUERS OF JEWS IN HOLOCAUST: 25 Dutch citizens were honoured in a ceremony in Amsterdam, many posthumously, for the rescue of Jewish individuals, couples and families during the German occupation of Holland in World War Two. The cases included a Roman Catholic teacher, a clergyman (who was later arrested by the Germans for his rescue work among Jews) and others. (JERUSALEM POST: 21.2.82)

BELGIUM: The doyen of the St. Joseph Church in Antwerp was the guest of honour at the dedication ceremony of the Jewish-Christian Friendship Grove in the northern Negev. The grove was planted by Jewish & Christian citizens of Belgium as the first step towards strengthening the bonds between the Jewish community, the church, and the Christian community in Flemish Belgium. (JERUSALEM POST: 25.2.82)

SECTS AND CULTS

"The cult threat has grown to alarming proportions," states Dr. Seymour Lachman, a Jewish activist who notes that there are 2,500 identified cults and missionary groups in the U.S.A. Aware of the danger posed by these cults, some of which propagate antisemitic views, the New York Jewish community last year set up a task force headed by Martin Dannz, a sociologist. As its name suggests, the Task Force on Missionaries and Cults warns Jewish communal leaders about missionary and cult activities insofar as they affect Jews. Los Angeles also has a Jewish task force on cults and missionary activity in addition to a cult clinic. In Florida a course on cult awareness is taught in the Jewish schools. In Baltimore two Jewish organizations used an 85,000 dollar grant to establish Project Friend, which provides counseling and information about cults.

The N.Y. Task Force on Missionaries & Cults recently reported that several of the cults were establishing centres in Israel to attract young Israelis and American tourists, and that several young Israelis visiting the U.S. had been ensnared by the Unification Church. "A significant number of Israelis have become involved in such groups as the Church of Scientology, the Unification Church and the Divine Light Mission. Israelis visiting the USA are recruited and indoctrinated here and then sent on proselytizing missions to Israel," a Jewish anti-cult leader was quoted.

Rabbi James Rudin, assistant national interreligious affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, believes that as many as 30% of the members in the cults are young U.S. Jews. He notes that Moses Darst, president of the Unification Church, is Jewish, as are other leaders of the "Moonies." Most of those who get into the cults are young members of the upper middle class, very intelligent and idealistic. Several analysts have concluded that the breakdown of the American-Jewish family unit, coupled with the fact that Jewish religious and social institutions are not intellectually and spiritually attractive to the young Jew, make the cults a major source of interest. (JERUSALEM POST: 4.2.82)

HARE KRISHNA IN TIVON: Some 15 young people (10 of them Israelis) have quartered themselves in Kiryat Tivon (some 18 km from Haifa) where they live according to the principles of the Hare Krishna sect. Five are former members of kibbutzim. A "resistance" movement of concerned citizens and parents has been developing in opposition to the Hare Krishna and other sects. At the sect's headquarters in Kiryat Tivon there is no excitement over the opposition to them, and they have no intention of moving out. "We are not threatening Judaism. All we want is to do good to people-- Jews, Christians, Muslims," they declare. (HAARETZ: 26.2.82)

JEWISH PENITENTS: At a recent conference of psychologists in Haifa University the subject of Jewish "baalei t'shuva" (lit. penitents or Jews "returning" to the practice of Orthodox Judaism) was discussed as a subject of psychological investigation. It was compared to the studies of conversion among Christians during the past century as epitomized by the work of William James, "VARIETIES OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE". An attempt was made to get beyond stereotypes and discover the variegations in the religious profile among penitents and converts. Their backgrounds are extremely diverse. However, a very common phenomenon is the reaction to ultra-liberal upbringing where every value is an "open question"; also a re-discovery or initial discovery of ethnic identity may play an important part in "penitence". "Revelatory" experiences are minimal among Jewish penitents but more frequent among Catholics. One psychologist saw the entire phenomenon as an expression of the crisis in Israeli society with people engaged in a constant

quest, moving from place to place--Yoga, astrology, penitence... Many of the penitents tend to exaggerate the dimensions of the personal crisis which led them to "penitence" in order to intensify the dramatic effect of the turning point. They will claim they were at the point of suicide, or that upon entering the Yeshiva (religious seminary) they were "born again", or that they felt "a sudden closeness to God". The yeshivas engage in heavy "missionary" work, and a portion of the missionaries are the penitents themselves.

An investigation of the penitents gathered around two well-known rabbis (Rabbi Elbaz of Jerusalem and Rabbi Grossman of Migdal Haemek) suggests to one psychologist that they are not "conjurers" or magicians, just better social workers. Unlike secular social workers, the rabbis seek a change of values in their "clients" and not just a change of behaviour. They redirect the basic social hostility in their people to religious causes... against secularism, the evil inclination; also their credibility is very high because of their own personal conviction in the rightness of their belief that change is possible. (HAARETZ: 19.2.82)

EMMA BERGER: I refer to the publication of a news item on 22.11.81 under the heading "INVESTIGATING LAND DEALS OF MISSIONARY SECT" (SEE SELECTIONS 97, page 1, bottom paragraph "EMMA BERGER AGAIN"), wherein it is claimed that "the Investigations Division of the Income Tax department in recent weeks has been investigating a series of land deals in Zicron Yaacov connected with the German sect of Emma Berger who has regularly been purchasing land in this area... The investigation came about in the wake of classified information on the basis of which it was averred that not all the deals made by the German sect in Zicron were proper and several were involved with 'under-the-table' payments... Last week two brothers were arrested in connection with the investigation, suspected of receiving large sums of money beyond what was written in the contracts with the sect."

I wish to notify you in the name of Ms. Emma Berger, and in the name of the society "Beth-El--Zicron Yaacov" as follows: All the charges contained in your article to the extent that they concern my client are untrue, and especially the charge that money was paid to the sellers, if there were such, under the table, and this constitutes slander. My client has never paid a penny above that which is recorded in the contracts. The claim that Ms. Berger regularly purchases land is also not true. There were no purchases of land made either by Ms. Berger or by the "Friendly Society" (amuta) Beth-El--Zicron Yaacov for more than two years. Ms. Berger and/or the above-mentioned "amuta" society have not been nor are at present missionaries. SIGNED: Dr. R. Gottachalk, Attorney, Haifa. ("YEDIOT AKHRONOT": 25.2.82)

"THE MISSION"

SPIRITUAL ABSORPTION: Yad L'Ahim is most known for its anti-missionary work, but it also does informal social work in poor neighbourhoods, engages in the "spiritual and social absorption" of new immigrants and puts out a variety of Tora publications. Many people still associate the organization with its old name, PE'ILIM. In the late 50s and the 60s, PEILIM was considered overzealous at times in its antimissionary activity. It was founded in 1950 with some 50 volunteers to make new immigrants from Yemen feel at home here. Today it has about 5,000 activists, 95% volunteers, says Rabbi Haim Rosner. Practically all are yeshiva students, and in the vacation months of Nissan & AV 1,000 of them are sent out to moshavim and development towns. The organization has 15 branches from Kiryat Skmorna in the north to Yeroham in the south. Financial support comes mainly in the form of small contributions from ordinary Jews. They also conduct appeals in Israel and abroad, and there are committees of "Friends" in the USA, England, Switzerland, Belgium, most of whose members studied one time in Israeli yeshivot.

Are there really "thousands of missionaries... who roam the Holy Land in search of prey?" This is what the organization's booklet, "IN THE SHADOW OF THE CROSS", says. Of the three of the organization's publications I have seen, this is the only one that includes the name PEILIM ORGANIZATION as publisher alongside that of Yad L'Ahim. The latter now embraces the Peilim, which in the 1960s was suspected of defacing property of alleged missionary institutions.

Rabbi Moshe Porush, head of Yad L'Ahim's Jerusalem office, concedes that maybe they use a loose definition of the term "missionaries". But there are many people "whom we have reason to believe engage in missionary activities." A card index is kept of missionaries and suspected missionaries. To me it looked like a few hundred cards not thousands. Where do they get their information from? Jews from all walks of life, not necessarily religious, get in touch with them if they are suspicious about someone new in the neighbourhood. Yad L'Ahim plant spies in suspect groups, and

make photographs of suspect rallies. Once they had their camera smashed. Missionaries hang around courtrooms, and when someone is sentenced to pay a heavy fine, it gives them an opening to offer their assistance, Rabbi Rosner says. They also frequent hospitals with the same object in mind. In Bnei Brak's Pardes Hanna quarter, a missionary would show up at the social welfare office every day until we complained to the municipality."

Uri, 30, directs the organization's department for fighting missionary activity. He prefers that his surname not be mentioned. Because actual conversions almost always take place abroad, Uri cannot estimate how successful missionaries in Israel really are. How many families does he estimate leave the country with financial help from the missionaries? "15-20 per month, as a rough estimate. This is based, among other things, on tips we get about families about to leave. Often we get there too late. Then there are families that return to Israel and tell us. Uri does not know of a single person who has been prosecuted under the 1978 "Abramowitz Law" making it illegal to entice anyone to change his religion by offering him material inducements. It's terribly difficult to prove, he says. Even if the money has passed hands, to prove that the recipient agreed to convert, especially since the law provides that the recipient of such a bribe is also liable to a prison sentence. "There were two groups that opposed the Abramowitz Law," Uri says, "the missionaries--and us." (JERUSALEM POST: 20.1.82) (REPORTER: Arye Rubinstein)

TEN THOUSAND YOUTHS: Some 10,000 young men and young women have to date joined various Messianic sects, it appears from the totals published by the Yad L'Achim organization. (HAARETZ: 14.3.82)

COOPERATION: There are places where social workers cooperate with missionaries. In Pardes Katz, for example, an old lady sits in the Welfare Dept, and when people complain that they are not being taken care of, she approaches them and gives them an address in Jaffa. In this way they have succeeded in removing two families from the country. This is done with the full knowledge of the clerks, some of whom even pass on information to the Mission in order to get rid of problems and to have an "easier life". The "Peilim" office in Tel-Aviv had a call from a Jew living in a shelter with his four children. The missionaries had located him and promised him everything good. If the Peilim would not help him, he would commit himself to the Mission, he warned. They immediately approached the municipality, and after exerting heavy pressures found a solution to his needs so that he did not fall into the snare of the missionaries. A similar situation developed in Pardes Katz, and with the help of the Peilim organization, his needs were met and he did not conceal his joy and gratitude. (TIURA BNEI BRAK: 8.1.82)

A WAY OUT: "ARE YOU, YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A MISSIONARY MOVEMENT? THERE IS A WAY OUT! Professional, experienced, confidential guidance and counseling. Call for appointment (not Shabbat). ADVT. JERUSALEM POST: 19.2.82

ASSORTED ITEMS

ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS: "The Songs of the Soul intoxicated with Joy in that it has attained the highest degree of perfection which is Unity with God by means of Spiritual Denial." By San Juan de la Cruz. This is the first translation of the work of the Spanish mystic and poet into Hebrew by Yoram Bronovsky. (HAARETZ: 12.3.82)

ELECTORAL REFORM: Electoral reform can be a form of shock therapy to encourage re-examination of party practices and ideologies. The dominant role played by Christian-Democratic parties in postwar Europe may be a model for the "modern" Orthodox in Israel. These Catholic parties, originally rather parochial and non-democratic, rose to power with a broadly-based and nonsectarian appeal after shedding their "confessional" character and their formal ties to the Church. (JERUSALEM POST: 24.2.82 Norman Greenwald)

DON'T CRUCIFY ME! Cabinet Minister Meridor lost his patience with the reporters when they asked him if he did not think he had been hasty in his earlier assessment of his energy invention. "All right, I was hasty, so don't crucify me. There was one Jesus, and I don't want to be the second. What is my crime?" (HAARETZ: 15.3.82)

"SERVANTS IN THE SANCTUARY": The Cathedral Choir of Christiansand, Norway, a first-class choir, whose attitude to prayer and music is of those who are servants in the sanctuary. Listening to their presentation of a chapter in Psalms...one could feel that the singers and conductor indeed set their hearts to fraternity and prayer for peace. It was as if this was the purpose of their coming. (HAARETZ: 22.2.82 Nathan Mishori)