

MISSIONS

With the photocopy of a Yiddish New Testament cover under the heading "MISSION BAIT", an "exposé" article of two full pages is presented in "T'MJRA" of B'nei Brak (22.10) based on material furnished by the "Peilim of Yad L'Akham". The subheading reads: "The missionaries disguise themselves in various ways, among which are 'Zionists,' 'Lovers of Jews,' 'Watchers for Redemption'. They have one thing in common; they all intend to win the confidence of naive and ignorant secularist Jews..."

"In one of the secularist newspapers an innocent-looking advertisement appeared, inviting anyone who has the public interest at heart' to attend a lecture, which was to be conducted by the 'Circle for Foresight'--and the topic was the future of Israel among the nations. It appears that many took to heart 'the public interest' and came to Z.G.A. House where the lecture was conducted." The article then described the "outrage" of the public when it became clear that the speaker was presenting "missionary propaganda." Most of the audience left in protest, "but a few remained to hear the disgraceful remarks of the missionaries. At the door, forms were placed for signing up--not for the mission, by any means--but for the 'Institute for Foresight.' A short while afterwards their advertisement again appeared. This time they represented themselves as 'The Covenant for Israel's Destiny,' and the place of the lecture was the auditorium of the Sokolow Press Centre.

"The objective of the Mission is to convert (Heaven forbid!) as many Jews to Christianity as possible, but the missionaries try to deny this and to conceal their deeds. Against the missionaries is ranged a special division of the Peilim--the Division for the War Against the Mission and the Sects (idolatrous cults). One of the tasks of this division is to remove "the innocent and likeable" mask the missionaries wear. In the past the Mission had a clearly defined mode of operation, and Jews who wanted to become of the Mission could do so by avoiding contact with missionaries. Nowadays the missionaries disguise themselves with the mantle of an innocent lamb. There are those who propose to Jews that they remain Jews, not change their religion, only...believe in Jesus.

"A very active and extensive missionary movement proclaims its love for the State of Israel. There are those secularists thirsty for every manifestation of Gentile sympathy whom the missionaries exploit to the hilt. The missionary centre abroad, 'Beit Sar Shalom,' organizes missionary activities in Israel. They gather contributions for the State, send Christians on 'Love Campaigns for Israel,' and take part in the Jerusalem Marches. Their volunteers are found in kibbutzim and in Absorption Centres, and by means of their image as 'Lovers of Israel,' they succeed in becoming part of our society and poisoning it. One of the missionary women gathered contributions for the State of Israel around the world, related that the contributors were enthusiastic supporters of Israel and opposed the Palestinians. With the contribution money she reached the Office of the Prime Minister, obtained a letter of thanks for her labours on behalf of the State of Israel, and the document bore the personal signature of Bogin. This woman was accepted at an ulpan in an Absorption Centre for New Immigrants notwithstanding the fact she was a Gentile. The document from Bogin made her 'kosher,' and by waving it the missionary penetrated the (Israeli) social circles.

"It's not difficult to imagine the destructive impact of missionary activity in an Absorption Centre, with confused new immigrants in a new setting...having no common language with local people, no friends. The missionaries exploit their distress in order to entice them to emigrate from Israel and convert to Christianity (Heaven forbid!). The Peilim warn the public against the missionaries, and create consciousness of the danger presented by these missionary 'lovers of Israel,' and try to cause their deportation from Israel, or at least to expose their identity and to restrict their movements.

"In the New Immigrant Absorption Centre in Gilo in Jerusalem there was a very sociable couple who were so very proud of their Jewishness, displaying it at every opportunity. The anti-mission division discovered, however, that this 'congenial' couple was engaging in widespread missionary activity; and furthermore, that the wife, registered and held out to be Jewish, was in fact a Gentile. The Jewish Agency was therefore funding the stay of a Gentile woman in an Absorption Centre (at the taxpayer's expense of course) and permitting her thereby to promulgate the poison of Christianity and converting Jews. The anti-mission division warned the Ministry of Interior of this, but the 'vigorous' response of this ministry found expression only in the change of data on its records and in the passport. In another case, a well-known and dangerous missionary was about to arrive in Israel, and it was known

to the Peilim ahead of time, and they had facts and data about the missionary. They appealed to the Ministry of Interior to prevent the granting of citizenship to the missionary, but in the eyes of the Ministry there were insufficient proofs to prevent this....

"The law against the Mission in the State of Israel lacks teeth. According to this law, it is almost impossible to prove in court that a certain person is engaging in missionary activity. For the purpose of the law one must present a contract in which it is clearly written that the missionaries have undertaken to give money or material benefits to a Jew in order that he might change his religion... The missionaries claim that they give aid out of humanitarian motives...flats, flights abroad, money grants...and they ask: 'Is it their fault that the beneficiary decides just at that moment to 'believe' in Christianity? The 'enlightened' Israeli law accepts this argument....

"Two married secularist Jews could not get along and decided to live apart. Their only daughter remained with the mother, a young Israeli woman, who made contact with the 'Messianic sect' of the Mission, and she began to educate her daughter in Christianity. The father was appalled and sought to remove his daughter from the woman's custody in order to rescue his daughter from apostasy, but 'the law' of Israel would not permit him to do this; as long as the mental condition of the mother was sound (medically), it was impossible to remove the children from her custody, and the father began a lengthy legal battle.

"The Messianic Assembly, to which the woman was drawn, works very actively in Israel. Their centre is in the very heart of Jerusalem on Prophets Street, not far from the Jerusalem Municipality. They have subsidiary branches, an independent printing plant, and they distribute large quantities of missionary material. These missionaries provided legal and financial aid to the woman in the court case against her husband. How sad and ironic that in 'the Jewish State' a father has no right to see to it that his daughter remain Jewish.

"The missionaries Sid and Betsy Rigel are elderly, pretend to be upright people, and study Hebrew at an ulpan at the State's expense. Before the war in Lebanon they had distributed among soldiers on the northern border 30,000 copies of the books of 'The New Testament' (!) The two of them shamelessly wear a Star of David with a cross. They have rented a flat on Shimon Street in Jerusalem, and it is known that people have apostacized following contact with them...Neighbours of the missionaries complained to the Peilim that the missionaries were converting Jewish families. Ofra Nir, the responsible person in the Anti-Mission Division of the Peilim, phoned the landlord of their flat. 'Lady,' (he replied)you've invaded the private domain'; and he refused to speak with her. A letter was sent to him in which the doings of the couple were detailed, but he has not reacted. Proof that the letter was received may be seen in the fact that the missionaries have removed from their doors their name tag!"

There follow several "horror" tales of needy souls who were rescued from the claws of the Mission in the nick of time when the Peilim succeeded in obtaining needed help and funds (in one case a flat was provided and money! in another a flat was changed, loans were made and work was found) in order to counteract alleged missionary bribes to which Jews were supposedly about to succumb. There is also an account of two missionaries in Ramat Eshkol (Jerusalem) who conduct home study circles of a missionary nature, also do voluntary work among the aged. One of the Peilim agents, posing as a young, recently-released Israeli soldier, allegedly obtained an apartment and several sums of money from them, "but all these facts are insufficient in the eyes of the law of Israel to accuse them of missionary activity," the writer concludes.

PASTOR HANSEN: A letter in a local Haifa journal defended the Norwegian Pastor F. Hansen (recently attacked in the Norwegian press for alleged misuse of funds: SEE FURTHER ARTICLE HEREIN UNDER "CHRISTIANS PRO-ISRAEL--SCANDINAVIA) against any suspicion of missionary activity. The writer, Arnold Margolit, claims to have known Pastor Hansen for some 35 years, to have visited him in Haifa and in Norway, and vouches for the fact that "without a shadow of a doubt, Pastor Hansen not only does not engage nor has ever engaged in missionary activity, but he views such activity as improper if directed towards Jews in Israel, and he categorically opposes the Mission in Israel...Because of his Zionist and anti-mission stand, he has won many friends and enemies also...

SWASTIKAS" A number of swastikas painted on several churches in Jerusalem were apparently by the same person(s) since they all were the same kind of paint. The police do not connect the incidents with the Baptist Church arson, but the incidents have

lit 'a red light' at headquarters, and they are increasing their patrols of the church areas in town. (HAARETZ" 28.12.82)

"TWO CHILDREN FROM SHEKUNAT HATIKVA ENTERED INTO MISSION BECAUSE ^{OF} EDUCATION FAILURE IN NEIGHBOURHOOD: SHOCKING DISCLOSURE BY PARENTS AT EDUCATION COMMITTEE OF KNESSET" (HAMODIYA: 30.11.82) The correspondent for this ultra-orthodox journal reported that a father of three, invited to appear before a Knesset committee on education investigating "the standard of education in Shekunat Hatikva," stated: "I sent my two young children to the Mission School in Jaffa where they are succeeding and doing excellently." He also claimed that other parents were doing likewise with their children because of the neglect in the State schools. Another parent at the committee hearing claimed that "his son had written shamefully degrading things about his parental home and his community origins by order of one of the teachers, at which point a storm broke as the committee chairman demanded the Tel-Aviv Inspector of Education check the accuracy of the matter and draw the proper conclusions."

ZEALOTRY & MURDER: A series of news items appeared between 30.11.82 and 17.12.82 about a religious zealot who has reportedly confessed to the murder of a monk and a nun (for alleged missionary activity), a Jewish gynecologist (for allegedly performing abortions) and a Muslim family (for allegedly practicing fortune-telling). The murders were reportedly committed within the past four years by Asher Rabo, age 30, "a penitent," who committed the crimes out of religious motivation.

In an editorial entitled "WHETHER ZEALOTRY?", a Tel-Aviv newspaper (VIATA NOSTRA: 30.11.82), after outlining the crimes, added: "According to all signs, an unstable person is involved, and the fact that the murderer is devout in religion neither adds nor subtracts from the situation (unless it be used by antisemites or antireligious elements to make their points about Jews or the devout)...What we must conclude from this shocking incident relates to zealotry in general, which is making such headway in our midst. Perhaps this will encourage zealots to be more careful in their speech lest they kindle the flames of religious and other fanaticism, lest their words fall on the ears of a madman who will rise up and do some idiotic act. We cannot demand of religious fanatics that they cease from their attacks on missionaries or abortionists, but we can demand of rabbis, preachers and feature writers and lecturers on radical subjects, that they warn their followers a thousand times over (on the assumption that some of them are foolish followers) against any act which might cause trouble for the whole community of Israel and which may lead to dreadful acts, including the shedding of blood."

CHRISTIAN COMMUNITIES IN ISRAEL

ARMENIAN ARCHBISHOP: A number of news articles appeared in the Israeli press concerning the Armenian Archbishop Karekin Kazanjian whose visa to Israel was not renewed by the Israeli Interior Ministry, and which stirred up controversy among traditional churchmen. There was no clear official reason for the decision, but the implication was that the archbishop was allegedly anti-Israel. In a comment in this context appearing in MAARIV (26.11.82) Israel Lippel, former Gen'l Director of the Min. of Religious Affairs, warned the government against what he termed a change of gov't policy of non-intervention in church affairs.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN FORUM. Ake Skoog, Exec. Secy Ecumenical Fraternity, announced the seasonal opening of the International Student Christian Forum at the Swedish Theological Institute on 58 Prophets Street, J'lm. "The evening will centre on the enriching and frustrating experience of being a Christian in Jerusalem, and will draw up the plans for the activities in spring. The Student Forum is sponsored by the Ecumenical Theological Research Fraternity in Israel, POB 249, Jerusalem...and has provided an opportunity for Christian students in the country to meet and discuss matters of common concern. (JERUSALEM POST : 12.12.82)

SOLIDARITY SERVICE: Members of the Southern Baptist Convention and the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) of B'nai Brith attended services together at the Narkis Street Baptist Congregation in Jerusalem to express their solidarity with members of the church, gutted by fire on October 8th 1982. The ADL-Baptist group expressed a strong reaffirmation for the concept of religious liberty and understanding among both Christians and Jews in Israel and the U.S. (JERUSALEM POST : 28.11.82)

"THE CHRISTIANS IN JERUSALEM": A series of five feature articles by Akiva L'had appeared in HAARETZ (between 10th & 15th December) dealing with the various Christian communities and their religious leaders in Jerusalem, their relations with one another, with Muslims and the Arab world, with the Israeli authorities, and the various tensions and disputes in which they have been involved. "Christianity was formed in the Land of Israel, and Jesus and his apostles even made pilgrimage to

the Holy Temple. But after the crucifixion Christianity forsook its Jewish orientation and joined to itself many idolators who did not have strong ties to the Holy Land." The writer claims that the ties to Jerusalem became especially strong beginning 1878 at the Berlin Congress in which certain rights were divided by the Great Powers among the various churches. The political and ethnic aspects of these ties are discussed, and the still unresolved disputes over the "status quo" and various rights and privileges are outlined, besides the court battles, physical skirmishes between rival clergy, and political and other maneuverings which are a regular part of the "shrines" and "holy places" and the men involved with them. The ambivalence of the Catholic position towards Israel is described and its political and nationalist elements; also the increasing Arabization of the churches in the Holy Land, the Armenian Church excepted. The minority status of the Christian communities in the Middle East and in the Muslim world tends to make some of them extremely nationalistic in the Arab cause, the writer claims, in order to prove their loyalty to the Muslim majority in the region.

A breakdown of the Christian communities in Jerusalem indicates that the Latin community is the second largest with 3,800 congregants, the largest being the Greek Orthodox with 3,950. At the other hand are the Ethiopian Orthodox with 50. The Episcopalians number 200, while the aggregate of other Protestant congregants (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Baptists and others) totals 300.

The series concludes with a quotation from former Gen'l Director of the Relig. Aff. Ministry Israel Lippel: "The heads of the churches are prepared to work on behalf of Israel in many unofficial ways...on condition that we do not interfere in their internal affairs...We have lost the Muslim world, and the Christians can help us renew the tie with that world. They are not alien enemies of Israel, but some of us are converting them into such."

"DISPUTE OVER DOORSILL ERUPTS AT HOLY SEPULCHRE CHURCH" (J'LM^{POC} 20.12.82)
Police and gov't officials calmed the situation as scores of Syrian Jacobite youths confronted Armenian clerics with shouted accusations after the Syrians uprooted the doorsill in the Chapel of St. Nicodemus. The chapel is a source of dispute for more than a century. Peace was restored by Daniel Rossing of the Christian Communities Dep't of the Israeli Religious Affairs Ministry. Under the heading STATUS QUO, MAARIV on 17.12.82 also carried a feature article describing the present situation at the Holy Sepulchre, the tangled history of war, intrigue, intricate arrangements and disputes, the Muslim involvement and the present Israeli involvement. The writer looks forward to some kind of agreement to resolve the seemingly endless disputes, which would in itself constitute a miracle, "but the status quo can finally only cause distress to that people who gave them (the Christians) their Messiah."

VIA DOLOROSA: Reconstruction work on the Via Dolorosa in East Jerusalem, begun in 1979, has been completed and a ceremonial opening was planned with the cooperation of the Christian communities. (HAARETZ:20.12) A feature article describing the new "Via Dolorosa" was carried by the J'LM POST on 24.12.82.

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS: Various news clippings dealt with the Christmas festival. Because it fell on the Jewish Sabbath this year, three Israeli officials who normally attend the Midnight Mass in Bethlehem were released from their obligation under the "Status Quo" to attend, but they will attend two other Christmas Masses, the Greek and the Armenian, which fall on weekdays. (HAARETZ:26.12) The expected Lebanese participation in Christmas observances in Bethlehem proved disappointing, according to the press, with only 600 pilgrims crossing Israel's northern border. Although special border arrangements were made for permitting a free flow of pilgrims into Israel, the several thousands expected did not show up. (HAARETZ:20-23-26/12; J;LM POST: 20.12) Thousands of packages containing woolen blankets, toys, candies and Arabic Bibles were despatched by George Otis' "High Adventure/Lebanon Aid," a U.S.-based organization, in cooperation with local Christian groups and the International Christian Embassy in Jerusalem; also food staples were provided for families. (POST:19.12.82) Several other news items dealt with Christmas celebrations worldwide, including a feature article about Christmas stamps (HAARETZ:24.12), Christmas shopping fever in Canada (HAARETZ:13.12), Christmas in Europe and at the Vatican (24.12; 25.12) and at the YMCA Jerusalem (24.12 MAARIV). A brief photo story of Israeli President Navon toasting the Christian New Year with leaders of the Christian communities in Israel appeared in DAVAR (31.11). The President deplored the Baptist Church arson in Jerusalem and expressed the hope that the culprits would be found.

TOURISM: Only 40% of all tourists in Israel are Jewish, the majority being Christians, so reports the Tourist Ministry. Some 200,000 Christian pilgrims visited Israel

in 1982, most of them giving as a reason for coming, "visiting the holy sites." The improvement of hotel facilities, study tours by religious leaders, popular awareness of the Land of the Bible, religious TV programs filmed in Israel, are all factors encouraging religious tourism to Israel. (JIM POST:24.12.82)

CHRISTIANS PRO-ISRAEL

SCANDINAVIA: Israel Lippel, now head of an interreligious institute in Jerusalem, tries to balance the picture of a hostile Scandinavia in the wake of the Lebanese war. He underscores the many active Christian friends in Norway and Sweden who have stood fast behind Israel and continue their constructive work by bringing groups to Israel, disseminating information about Israel, promoting volunteer work in kibbutzim, teaching about Judaism, etc. (MAARIV:5.11.82; HAARETZ: 15.12.82) Norwegian Pastor **F. HANSEN** of the Carmel Institute and the Scandinavian Seamen's Mission, upon returning to Israel from Norway, stated that he had been cleared of press charges proper use of church funds and financial offences. He claimed the PLO was behind the accusations in order to weaken support for Israel among Norwegian Christians. A public commission appointed to look into the charges found no evidence of irregularities, he said. (JIM POST 14.12.82; SEE ALSO SELECTIONS #106, bot. p.5; #105, p.1; and bottom page 2 herein.)

BLIND TO BLIND: A nearly blind Protestant pastor and his wife from New York have contributed 600,000 shekels towards the construction of a club for the blind in Tiberias. The couple have been contributing to various humanitarian projects in Israel since 1973. (DAVAR :29.11.82)

FAITH BIBLE CHURCH: A writeup of the strongly pro-Israel congregation founded by Pastor Rob't Hooley in a Denver suburb and sponsor of the International Singers who have been coming from the U.S. each year to entertain Israeli troops, was published in HAARETZ (3.12.82)

"NON-ALIGNED": A letter from an English Christian (JULM POST:6.12.82) calls for Jews to recognize the "many non-aligned (i.e. neither Catholic or Protestant) Bible students often referred to somewhat inaccurately as fundamentalists," whose support for Israel should be compared to the support given in Bible times by Gentiles like Melchizedek, Jethro, Hiram, Cyrus and Artabanus. (H.W. Roberts, "Christian")

"VOICE OF HOPE": The pro-Israel radio station in South Lebanon set up by George Otis of "High Adventure Ministries" is a target of PLO hostility and of critics of Major Sa'ad Haddad of "Free Lebanon," a feature writer reports in NEWSVIEW (7.12.82), but they are also criticized by Orthodox Jewish skeptics who claim they are "wolves in sheep's clothing (who) will support Israel until the Messiah comes; but one of the principal articles of their creed (according to Jerusalem Rabbi Morton Berman) is the conversion of all Jews after the second coming of their Messiah." Meanwhile, they have been feted by Government leaders who welcome the "unyielding support" of the "fundamentalist Christians." They have also responded effectively to the Lebanese situation in cooperation with "PROJECT KOBROTZ", "YOUTH WITH A MISSION" and others, in providing physical and spiritual relief and rehabilitation to Lebanon in the wake of the war and civil strife in that country.

CLAUDE DUVERNOIS: Married to a Jewish woman, himself a Protestant clergyman, Duvernois' two daughters were raised without any commitment to organized religion. One is now serving in the I.D.F., the other in a kibbutz seminary. Duvernois admits to disappointment in the way Israel has developed since he and his wife settled here 26 years ago, but he believes this is the prelude to an immediate redemption, for "very soon Jesus and the heavenly hosts will conquer the planet earth and bring healing to it...here in Jerusalem, and that is one of the main reasons I am here." Four times a year he travels abroad to lead religious seminars. He also escorts pilgrims in Israel, and raises funds for various welfare projects in Israel.

(HAARETZ:23.12)

INTERFAITH

TANTUR DIALOGUE: A crowd of about 200 Arabs overflowed the auditorium at the Ecumenical Institute for Theological Research at Tantur, Jerusalem, to hear Dr. Geris Sa'ad Khoury speak on Arab-Christian-Moslem Dialogue in the Middle Ages and today, followed by responses from Bishop Laham, a Moslem sociologist, and a sheikh. About 40% of the crowd was Moslem. "Our plans call for the convening of a seminar of about 20 Christians and Moslems to prepare for a congress in September," Khoury stated.

(JULM POST CHRISTIAN COMMENT 19.11.82)

NES AMIM: A Dutch-Protestant director of Nes Amim's flower-growing industry, who met and married an Israeli teacher from Acre (wed in civil ceremony in Holland) has had

to leave this Christian moshav. Its charter restricts residence to overseas Christians "in order to prevent any suspicion of missionary activities." The wife tutors Hebrew to Nes Amim children attending Hebrew schools, and the husband continues his work in flowers. They commute to work while living in an Acre flat. (JLM POST:28.11)

SECTARIANS

ARMSTRONG SECT: Over 500 members of the "Worldwide Church of God" gathered from 19 countries to celebrate the church's annual autumn festival, the fifth such gathering in Jerusalem. The 110,000-member church operates Ambassador College, promotes archaeology in Israel, and funds other projects. It claims to observe all Jewish festivals and the seventh-day Sabbath. (ISRAEL TRAVEL NEWS:Oct-Nov 1982)

MORMONS: The five-million member Mormon church expects to break ground in 1983 near the Mount Scopus campus of the Hebrew University for its largest educational centre outside the U.S., according to David Galbraith, Mormon representative in Israel. Present Mormon headquarters in Israel is at Kibbutz Ramat Rahel, south of Jerusalem. Some 2,000 Mormons visit Israel annually. (NEWSVIEW:9.11.82)

GENERAL CHRISTIAN NEWS

ARCHBISHOP LUSTIGER: "The Jewish archbishop of Paris," Msgr. Jean-Marie Lustiger was reportedly warned by the French Minister of the Interior that he also was a target of Bulgarian terrorists, and he was assigned bodyguards. Lustiger has been receiving countless murder threats from Catholic zealots and also from a fanatical priest who charged him with being a "Soviet agent." This priest was later arrested in Portugal when he was found carrying a dagger during a papal visit. (HAARETZ:17.12)

INQUISITION: Pope John Paul II, speaking in Madrid, Spain, before a university audience admitted that the Spanish Inquisition was an "historical error." The remarks were made in the context of an exhibition dealing with the acts and effects of the Inquisition. The Pope also received in audience representatives of the Jewish community who asked that the Vatican formally recognize the State of Israel. (HAARETZ:7.11)

"PENITENT SPY": Malcolm Muggeridge, former Communist enthusiast (in the 1930s), later disillusioned with Marxism, became a British spy during World War Two, a journalist and a TV star, has now entered the Catholic Church at 79 under the influence of Nobel Prize winner Mother Teresa of Calcutta. (HAARETZ: 13.12.82)

GUATEMALAN EVANGELICAL: HAARETZ (10.12.82) carried a Hebrew reprint of a NEWSWEEK article about Guatemalan ruler Rios Montt, "a devout Evangelical Protestant, a member of the born-again fundamentalist sect based in California, 'Church of the World,' and a Sunday-school teacher."

ISLAMIC EUROPE: "Important Muslim leaders want to bring about the Islamization of Europe in the coming decades," the Muslim organ EL ISLAM has written in West Germany, and Islam is finding many new adherents in Europe. A Protestant organization in Stuttgart, W.Germany, has reported an investigation which shows that Muslim theologians are interested in working for an Islamic Europe by employing tactics Christian missionaries have used to spread the Gospel. (HAARETZ: 7.11.82)

SOVIET BAPTIST: Nicolai Karapov, head of the underground Soviet Baptist Church, has died of a heart attack in a Soviet labour camp, an organization of Soviet emigres has reported. (HAARETZ:15.11.82)

NUCLEAR WARFARE: In an editorial headed "CHRISTIAN CHURCHES AGAINST NUCLEAR RACE," DAVAR (29.12.82) analyzes the growing articulateness of various wings of Western Christendom in the debate over deterring nuclear weapons, and it calls for a balanced approach to the issue. "If the churches cultivate unfounded illusions, whatever gains they make will be less, but if they serve as a goad to reappraisal of the dimensions of the armaments race, and encourage a renewed attempt to achieve a true balance and true co-existence among the contending blocs, they will have done a good work."

SUNDRIES

LITURGICA: The annual week of sacred music in Jerusalem during the Christmas season again brought forth a variety of liturgical music, both Jewish and Christian, before the Israeli and visiting public, with musical performers coming from several countries. A 200-voice choir from Egypt scheduled to perform canceled out because of the Lebanese situation. Handel's oratorio "SOLOMON," performed by a Dutch group, organ recitals, Bernstein's "Kaddish Symphony," the works of Israeli composers on religious themes, children's choirs from Israel and abroad, Pergolesi's STABAT MATER, Benjamin Britten's "WAR REQUIEM" were among the featured works for the 1982 Liturgica. (VARIOUS PAPERS) END TRANSCRIPTION/9.1.83/ME *****