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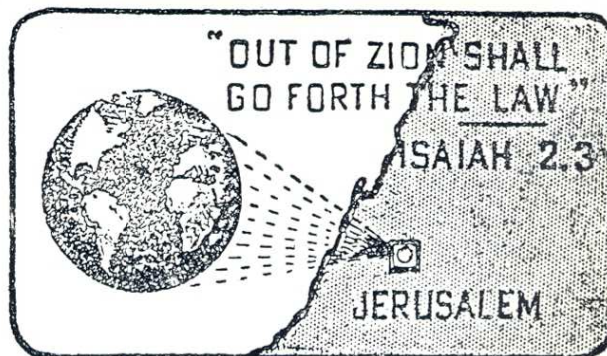
World Headquarters of the "Church of God" (Acts 20:28).
"Messianic Jews". — Romans 2:29; Galatians 3:28, 29.
"Congression of Elohim", Family of Elohim". — Hebrew.

The name is given 12 times in the New Testament.
1 Cor. 1:2, also 10:32, chap. 11:16, 22, and 15:9; 2 Cor.
1:1; Gal. 1:13; 1 Thes. 2:14 and 2 Thes. 1:4; also 1 Tim.
3:5, 15, and Acts 20:28. For headquarters see Acts 15:1-3.

The Head and Director: Christ (Yahshua)
Membership: "Lamb's Book of Life",
in Heaven (Revelation 20:15).
Our creed: Revelation 12:17.

The name in the Old Testament: "The Daughter of
Zion". — "Daughter of Jerusalem". — Jer. 6:2; Zeph.
3:14; Zechariah 2:7, 10, and 9:8. The name Israel origin
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Mount Zion, and in Jerusalem." (Isaiah 24:23). "They
shall call Jerusalem the throne of the Lord." (Jer. 3:17).
"But I have chosen Jerusalem, that My Name might
be there." (2 Chron. 6:6). "The Lord also shall roar out
of Zion, and utter His voice from Jerusalem." Joel 3:16.

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The Daughter of Jerusalem and the Daughter of Babylon

In the Old Testament, Israel as a nation was the
chosen people of heaven, and mentioned as "the Daughter
of Jerusalem" (2 Kings 19:21; Isaiah 37:22; Lamenta-
tions 2:13, 15; Micah 4:8; Zephaniah 3:14, also Zech-
ariah 9:9. Hence the true religion of the true church
includes the people chosen of heaven and who rightly
represent this woman, the "Daughter of Jerusalem".

In the New Testament

In the New Testament also we have "Israel" spoken
of as a virtuous woman, and described in the book of
Revelation chapter 12, as the accompanying drawing
shows. Here this "Daughter of Jerusalem" is with child,
and pained to be delivered. The 12 stars upon her crown
represent the 12 tribes of Israel, and we might say also
the 12 apostles during this new period when gentiles
are being adopted into this same family of Israel. In
Romans 11th chapter, the gentiles are most wonderfully
described as branches from the "wild olive tree" (the
gentiles) being grafted into the tame olive tree (the
chosen family Israel) this daughter of Jerusalem. — See
Gal. 3:27-29.

In this remarkable 12th chapter of Revelation, given
to this Jewish apostle by vision on the island at Patmos
(Rev. 1:9), this daughter of Jerusalem was seen about
to give birth to this child announced by the prophet
Isaiah. He said: "Unto us a child is born. Unto us a
son is given." Isaiah was a Jew and "unto us", refers
to the Jews and to Israel. He says: "The government
shall be upon His shoulders, and of the increase of His

government and peace there shall be no end. Upon
the throne of David and upon his kingdom to order it
and to establish it with judgment and with justice from
henceforth and forever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts
will perform this." (Isaiah 9:7). Note this wonderful pre-
announcement of the coming Messiah, this child born
to "US", unto Israel, who was caught up to God and
to His throne as is stated in this wonderful 12th chapter
of Revelation. The description of his ascension to heaven
is recorded in Act 1:9 to 12. Hadrian the emperor
of Rome 130 C.E. or A.D. speaks of this on page 1613
in "The International Standard Bible Dictionary", which
the writer purchased here in Jerusalem with five large
volumes.

This daughter of Jerusalem "Israel" was to bring
forth the Messiah as a child, and he was to grow up
as a tender plant (Isaiah 11:1 to 4). He was to be born
of a virgin (Isaiah 7:14), and was to be born in Beth-
lehem (Micah 5:2). Note how perfectly this prophecy
agrees with that of Isaiah in chapter 9. In both places
it is said that he was to be governor and ruler. Isaiah
speaks of him further in chapter 53, where he says he
was to grow up as a tender plant (a child) and
was to be despised and rejected, and taken as a lamb
to the slaughter, from prison to judgment, numbered
with the transgressors, and make his grave with the rich,
and give his soul for an offering for sin. This chapter
was all very wonderfully fulfilled in the life of this child
born to Israel, verified by John in his vision recorded
in Revelation 12.

The Dragon Stood Before this Woman to Devour the Child

How wonderfully this vision agrees with the events that accompanied the birth of Yeshua (Jesus). The dragon with its ten horns, we are told, were ten kings. How true this was fulfilled, and has been characteristic of Rome in different periods of her history, having 10 sub-kings. Herod here at Jerusalem was one of these kings, or horns, and he tried to destroy this child of whom Isaiah speaks. Note the 2nd chapter of Matthew how he lied to the "wise men of the east", and tried in vain to kill this man-child as soon as it was born, just as it says in Revelation 12. He issued the order to kill all the male children in all of Judea, a record of which we find in different histories of this period, written by men, and making mention of this cruel, merciless act — a desperate effort to destroy this child born to be king. He did not want any opposition in his kingdom, not understanding the many prophecies of the Old Testament that there was to be a long period after the Messiah came before he would become King of the Jews and King of Israel.



In the book of Revelation we have two women described, one the daughter of Jerusalem and the other the daughter of Babylon. We have in Revelation *this* daughter of Babylon riding upon a beast, gorgeously decked with all manner of precious jewels, and rich gaudy apparel, precious stones, having a golden cup in

her hand full of "the wine of Babylon". It says she has a name written on her forehead: Babylon the Great". Did you know that this daughter of Babylon is also spoken of in the Old Testament, the same as the daughter of Jerusalem? Both of them were operating one against the other. "Deliver thyself O Zion that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon" (Zech. 2:7). Here are other scriptures also that mention the daughter of Babylon (Psalms 137:8; Isaiah 47:1; Jeremiah 50:42, 51:33).

Notice the difference between these two daughters in the vision of this Jewish apostle and prophet, recorded in Revelation, representing the true and the false religion. One is clothed with the sun, having a crown of twelve stars and the moon under her feet. See how closely she is associated with heaven, and those things of heaven that bless mankind. Clothed with the sun, representing light, warmth, and blessings, with the moon that rules the period of darkness, the night, under her feet and a crown of 12 stars, the handiwork of the Creator.

The daughter of Babylon is decorated with worldly apparel, the things that attract those who love the world: gaudy apparel, gold, precious stones, and pearls, exalted seeking after and obtaining a high position of worldly affairs, riding on the beast, which represents the Roman empire. She represents that woman or church ruling the world from Rome, when she made war on Israel and the Jews during the entire period of this gospel dispensation, when all nations have been given an opportunity of being adopted children into this chosen family of Israel, and inheriting the promises made to Abraham and his seed. — Galatians 3:26 to 29, and Romans 1st chapter.

The "Daughter of Jerusalem", divinely arrayed with heavenly apparel about to be delivered of this man child, surrounded with enemies in power, was fearful of her future. The prophet Jeremiah saw this in vision. The scripture reads: "I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, and the anguish of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the "Daughter of Zion" that bewaileth herself that spreadeth her hands saying: "Woe is me now for my soul is wearied because of murderers." (Jeremiah 4:31). Yes, and the murderer came forth. It was Herod, who murdered all the baby boys in Judea, trying to kill this child brought forth "unto US, a SON



is given, who is to rule on the throne of David forever and ever."

It is said of the "Daughter of Babylon" when she goes to her judgment that she is the mother of "HARLOTS". Therefore we may expect that today when her judgment is near, other false, worldly, depraved groups of the gentiles will be flocking to her, and that is exactly what is taking place. The whole world of so-called

Protestant churches is now being gathered together under the banner of Rome where this "Daughter of Babylon" has been for many years enthroned with power. Notice it says: "upon her forehead is the name written, Babylon the great, the mother of harlots, and the abomination of the earth." Also that all nations have been made drunk with this wine of Babylon. Notice that she holds a golden cup in her hand, full of this wine of Babylon, with which all nations have been made drunk: Sunday keeping, in opposition to the "Daughter of Jerusalem", sprinkling for baptism, forgiveness of sins by men, praying the dead out of so-called purgatory, all counterfeit holidays, heathen substitutes, by which the "inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with this wine of Babylon." (Revelation 18:3). This harlot daughter of Babylon is now approaching her judgment according to the sure word of Bible prophecy, which has never failed. The seven last plagues are to be poured out upon the whole world (Rev. 16), but the daughter of Jerusalem is promised deliverance. — Psalms 91:9, 10; Daniel 12:1.

We are in the closing period of this gentile age, in the days of the gathering together of all of these gentile churches into one organization known as "The World Council of Churches", and the message is to this "Daughter of Babylon": "Come out of her, My People."

Note this following prophecy: "After these things I saw an angel come down from heaven, and the earth was lightened with his glory. And he cried MIGHTLY with a STRONG voice, 'Babylon the great is fallen and is become the habitation of devils and the hold of every foul spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornications, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have waxed rich with the abundance of her delicacies'. And I heard another voice from heaven saying, 'Come out of her my people that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues'." — Revelation 18:1-4.

The seven last plagues described in chapter 16 are imminent. They come at the close of gentile times, and we are in that period, hence this is the message for our day: "Come out of her My PEOPLE." Those who respond, all over the world, are taking their stand for Jerusalem, instead of Rome, as their Holy City. They are "returning to the Children of Israel," just as the prophet Micah declared they would at this time (Micah 5:3). These constitute the one family of whom the Creator is the Father. It is Israel clothed with the sun, the light, glory, and power of heaven. It is still "the Daughter of Jerusalem", about to be united in marriage to the bridegroom soon to come down from heaven. (Matthew 25th chapter). In this chapter, the coming Messiah is spoken of as the Bridegroom. The engagement to this "Daughter of Jerusalem" is recorded in 2 Corinthians 11:2, 3. His wife is now making herself ready, and is clothed with fine "linen", clean and white, "for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints." — Revelation 19:7, 8.

The people of this true religion, or the "True Church" of whom the Creator is the Father, are scattered all over the world: Many have come out of the harlot church, "the Daughter of Babylon", and are yet in the church organizations known as "Daughters" (Rev. 17:5). Now the mother and her daughters are banding together in one great worldly federation, known as "The World

Council of Churches" which includes even Communism. "This remnant" of the seed of the "Daughter of Jerusalem", known by their creed, "the Commandments of God, and the Testimony of Jesus" (Revelation 12:17), are joining up with Jerusalem. They are finding their rightful place, as this "Bride of Christ" makes herself ready. They are becoming a part of "Israel", and recognizing their place, in these closing days of gentile times. The beloved Master said to them, and this time: "Fear not little flock. It is your Father's good pleasure to give you the Kingdom." (Luke 12:32). The Heavenly Father knows who they are. Their names are written in the "Lamb's Book of Life", in heaven (Rev. 20:15), and they are still "the Daughter of Jerusalem".

This is the true religion. The history of these people has never been lost. They have existed right along with the Jews, and have been killed and persecuted together, as the "History of the True Religion" shows, that has been republished here at Jerusalem and is being sent out from here to this special called-out people all over the world.

The True and the False Religion

The people in the Old Testament known as "Israel" of whom there were twelve tribes are spoken of repeatedly as: "the Daughter of Jerusalem".

The Daughter of Babylon, the enemy of Jerusalem and Israel, is also mentioned repeatedly in the Old Testament and thus symbolized by a woman. Note Psalms 137:8; Isaiah 47:1; Jeremiah 50:40, 42, and 51:33. In Zech. 2:7 it says: "Deliver thyself O Zion that dwelleth with the daughter of Babylon."

The evils of Babylon are repeated in many scriptures. Note particularly Ezekiel 23, 17 and 18; and Jer. 51:24 to the end. It was Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who besieged Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple of Solomon, and led thousands of Jews into captivity around 600 B.C.

It was Rome, the second Babylon, that destroyed Jerusalem and the Second Temple, and carried thousands of Jews into captivity in the year of 70 A.D.

We shall now show the striking resemblance of Babylon of the Old Testament to Babylon of the New Testament. Just as Babylon of the old time was the outstanding enemy of the "Daughter of Jerusalem", so Rome takes her place, as Babylon No. 2 in this gentile period, and has been and still is definitely against Jerusalem and Israel.

We quote from "The Two Babylons", by Alexander Hislop.

Distinctive Character of the Two Systems

In leading proof of the Babylonian character of the papal church, the first point to which I solicit the reader's attention, is the character of mystery which attaches alike to the modern Roman and the ancient Babylonian systems. The gigantic system of moral corruption and idolatry described in this passage under the emblem of a woman with a "Golden Cup in Her Hand" (Rev. 17:4), "making all nations drunk with the wine of her fornication" (Rev. 17:2, 18:3), is divinely called "Mystery, Babylon the Great" (Rev. 17:5). That Paul's "Mystery of iniquity", as described in 2 Thess. 2:7, has its counterpart in the Church of Rome, no man of candid mind, who has carefully examined the subject, can easily doubt.

The Bishop of Rome was the head of that "Mystery of iniquity". Now, as the system here described is equally characterised by the name of "Mystery", it may be presumed that both passages refer to the same system. But the language applied to the New Testament Babylon, as the reader cannot fail to see, which naturally leads us back to the Babylon of the ancient world. As the Apocalyptic woman (Rev. 17:3, 4) has in her hand a cup, wherewith she intoxicates the nations, so was it with the Babylon of old. Of that Babylon, while in all its glory, the Lord thus spake in denouncing its doom by the prophet Jeremiah: "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad" (Jer. 51:7).

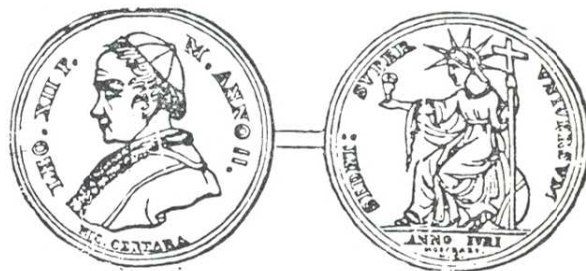
Why this exact similarity of language regarding the two systems? The natural inference surely is, that the one stands to the other in the relation of type and anti-type. Now, as the Babylon of the Apocalypse is characterised by the name of "Mystery", so the grand distinguishing feature of the ancient Babylonian system was the Chaldean "Mysteries", that formed so essential a part of that system. And to these mysteries, the very language of the Hebrew prophet, symbolical though of course it is, distinctly alludes, when he speaks of Babylon as a "golden cup". To drink of "mysterious beverages", says Salverte, was indispensable on the part of all who sought patriarchal tribes that had nothing whatever to do with Mosaic institutions, but which adhered to the pure faith of the patriarchs.



This photo describes Revelation 17th chapter, with her inscription on her forehead: "Mystery of Babylon the Great, the mother of Harlots." The harlots are her daughter churches now joining the "World Federation of Churches" — as she invited her prodigal daughter to return to their mother's house.

Idolatry in any shape was held to be a crime to be visited with signal and summary punishment on the heads of those who practised it. "If I beheld the sun," said Job, "when it shined, or the moon walking in brightness; and my heart hath been secretly enticed, and my mouth hath kissed my hand; this also were an iniquity to be punished by the judge; for I should have denied the God that is above" (Job 31:26-28). Now if this was the case in Job's day, much more must it have been the case at the earlier period when the mysteries

were instituted. It was a matter, therefore, of necessity, if idolatry were to be brought in, and especially such foul idolatry as the Babylonian system contained in its bosom, that it should be done stealthily and in secret. Even though introduced by the hand of power, it might have produced a revulsion, and violent attempt might have been made by the uncorrupted portion of mankind to put it down; and at all events, if it had appeared at once in all its hideousness, it would have alarmed the consciences of men, and defeated the very object in view. That object was to bind all mankind in blind and absolute submission to a hierarchy entirely dependent on the sovereigns of Babylon.



In 1825 Pope Leo XII struck a medal bearing his own image on one side and on the other that of the church of Rome symbolised as a woman holding in her left hand a cross and in her right hand a cup with this inscription: "Sedet super universum" — or in English: "The World is her seat." How wonderfully this was pre-announced in Revelation 17:4, as illustrated herein by the woman riding on the Roman beast with her golden cup. This was nothing other than the Roman church, for we are told plainly that this beast represents the fourth empire that would rule the world, and all histories affirm that this was ROME.

In carrying out of this scheme, all knowledge, sacred and profane, came to be monopolised by the priesthood, who dealt it out to those who were initiated in the "Mysteries" exactly as they saw fit, according as the interests of the grand system of spiritual depotism they had to administer might seem to require. Thus the people, under the Babylonian system, were bound neck and heel to the priests. The priests were the only depositaries of religious knowledge; they only had the true tradition, by which the writs and symbols of the public religion could be interpreted; and without blind and implicit submission to them, what was necessary for salvation could not be known.

Now compare this with the early history of the papacy, and with spirit and *modus operandi* throughout, and how exact was the coincidence! Was it in a period of patriarchal light that the corrupt system of the Babylonian "Mysteries" began? It was in a period of still greater light that that unholy and unscriptural system commenced, that has found such rank development in the church of Rome. It began in the very age of the apostles, when the primitive church was in its flower, when martyrs were sealing their testimony for the truth with their blood. Even then, when the gospel shone so brightly, the Spirit of God bore this clear and distinct testimony by Paul: "The Mystery of iniquity doth already work" (2 Thess. 2:7). That system of iniquity which then began, it was divinely foretold was to be destroyed "by the breath of the Lord's mouth, and consumed by the brightness of His coming" (Verse 8). But at its first

introduction into the church, it came in secrecy and by stealth, with "all deceivableness of unrighteousness". It wrought "mysteriously" under fair but false pretences, leading men away from the simplicity of the truth as it is in Christ. And it did so secretly, for the very same reason that idolatry was secretly introduced in the ancient mysteries of Babylon; it was not safe, it was not prudent to do otherwise. The zeal of the True Church, though destitute of civil power, would have aroused itself, to put the false system and all its abettors beyond the pale of Christianity if it had appeared openly and all at once in all its grossness, and this would have arrested its progress. Therefore it was brought in secretly, and by little and little, one corruption being introduced after another, as apostasy proceeded, and the backsliding church became prepared to tolerate it, till it has reached the gigantic height we now see." — "The Two Babylons".

In Revelation 17 we see this "Daughter of Babylon" making the whole world drunk by her wine. She holds the golden cup in her hand, the same as Jeremiah 51:7 says concerning Babylon of his day that made all the earth drunk of her wine. This was mainly the idolatry of "Sun Worship".

Just so has this woman of the New Testament with the words "Babylon the Great" written on her forehead (Rev. 17:5) made the whole world drunk by worshipping the day of the Sun "Sun day" and forsaking the **ancient Sabbath of the Bible** which in every period of the world has been honored and observed by the true "Daughter of Jerusalem".

Speaking of this New Testament Babylon the command is: "Come out of her My People that ye partake not of her sins, and receive not of her plagues." — Rev. 18:5.

A mysterious power was attributed to the clergy, which gave them "dominion over the faith" of the people — a dominion directly disclaimed by apostolic men (2 Cor. 1:24), but which in connection with the confessional, has become at least as absolute and complete as was ever possessed by Babylonian priests over those initiated in the ancient Mysteries. The clerical power of the Roman priesthood culminated in the erection of the confessional. That confessional was itself borrowed from Babylon. The confession required of the votaries of Rome is entirely different from the confession prescribed in the Word of God. The dictate of scripture in regard to confession is: "Confess your faults one to another" (James 5:16), which implies that the priest should confess to the people as well as the people to the priest, if either should sin against the other. This could never have served any purpose of spiritual despotism; and therefore, Rome, leaving the Word of God, has had recourse to the Babylonian system. In that system, secret confession to the priest, according to a prescribed form, was required of all who were admitted to the "Mysteries", and till such confession had been made, no complete initiation could take place. Thus does Salverte refer to this confession as observed in Greece, in rites that can be clearly traced to a Babylonian origin: "All the Greeks, from Delphi to Thermopylae, were initiated in the Mysteries of the temple of Delphi. Their silence in regard to everything they were commanded to keep secret was secured both by the fear of the penalties threatened to a perjured revelation, and by the general confession exacted of the aspirants after initiation — a

confession which caused them greater dread of the indiscretion of the priest, than gave them reason to dread their indiscretion." This confession is also referred to by Potter, in his "Greek Antiquities", though it has been generally overlooked. In his account of Eleusinian mysteries, after describing the preliminary ceremonies and instructions before the admission of the candidates for initiation into the immediate presence of the divinities, he thus precedes: "Then the priest that initiated them (called the Hierophant), proposed certain questions, as whether they were fasting, etc. to which they returned answers in a set form."

The etcetera here might not estrike a casual reader; but it is a pregnant etcetera, and contains a great deal. It means: Are you free from every violation of chastity? And that not merely in the sense of moral impurity, but in that factitious sense of chastity which paganism always cherishes. Are you free from the guilt of murder? — for no one guilty of slaughter, even accidentally, could be admitted till he was purged from blood, and there were certain priests, called Koes, who "heard confessions" in such cases, and purged the guilt away.

The strictness of the iniquities in the pagan confessional is evidently implied in certain licentious poems of Propertius, Tibullus, and Juvenal. Wilkinson, in his chapter on "Private Fasts and Penance", which he says, "were strictly enforced," in connection with "certain regulations at fixed periods," has several classical quotations which clearly prove whence popery derived the kind of questions which have stamped that character of obscenity on its confessional, as exhibited in the notorious pages of Peter Dens. The pretence under which this auricular confession was required, was, that the solemnities to which the initiated were to be admitted were so high, so heavenly, so holy, that no man with guilt prying on his conscience, and sin unpurged, could lawfully be admitted to them. For the safety, therefore of those who were to be initiated, it was held to be indispensable that the officiating priest should thoroughly probe their consciences, lest coming without due purgation from previous guilt contracted, the wrath of the gods should be provoked against the profane intruders.

This was the pretence; but when we know the essentially unholy nature, both of the gods and their worship, who can fail to see that this was nothing more than a pretence; that the grand object in requiring the candidates for initiation to make confession to the priest of all their secret faults and short-comings and sins, was just to put them entirely in the power of those to whom the inmost feelings of their souls and their most important secrets were confided?

Now, exactly in the same way, and for the very same purpose, has Rome erected the confessional. Instead of requiring priests and people alike, as the scripture does, to "confess one to another," when either have offended the other, it commands all, on pain of perdition, to confess to the priest, whether they have transgressed against him or not, while the priest is under no obligation to confess to the people at all. Without such confession, in the Church of Rome, there can be no admission to the Sacraments, any more than in the days of paganism there could be admission without confession to the benefit of the Mysteries. Now, this confession is made by every individual, in secrecy and in solitude,

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

ADDITIVE DANGER

WASHINGTON. — Sodium nitrite, a chemical additive used in most processed meats, causes cancer in laboratory animals, according to a study conducted for the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (F.D.A.).

The results of the study, conducted by Dr. Paul Newberne of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, means the F.D.A. must consider banning nitrites, which are used in over two-thirds of the pork and 10 per cent of the beef produced in the U.S.

Under the 1958 Delaney Amendment to the Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, any substance that causes cancer in man or animal when ingested must be banned.

The F.D.A. and the Agriculture Department, which has regulatory authority over beef and pork, said in a joint statement, on August 11, they would assess "several options" because they wanted to "weigh the risks associated with nitrite added to food against the health risk from not adding it."

Until the study, it had been thought that sodium nitrite was a threat only when combined with amines in the meat and the human stomach to form nitrosamines, which are known to cause cancer.

But now sodium nitrite alone has been identified as a chemical carcinogen.

Scientists have argued for almost 10 years over whether nitrates are necessary to prevent the formation of the deadly botulinum toxins, or are used just to give the characteristic colour and flavour to processed meats such as bacon, ham, hot dogs, liverwurst, bologna salami, and some smoked fish like lox.

A number of small manufacturers have been producing nitrite-free products on a limited scale. They rely on other methods to prevent the toxins from forming, including freezing, refrigeration for a limited time, and smoking.

— "Washington Post" News Service

SEAWEED FIGHTS VIRUS INFECTIONS

Antibiotics will combat bacterial infections but will not help when a virus is the problem. Medical researchers have long been searching for an effective means of preventing or stopping virus infiltration. They now believe they have found such a substance — an extract taken from seaweed.

In "The Journal of Phycology", scientists Douglas Ehresmann and E. Frank Reig reported the results of tests on 28 species of red, brown and green seaweed. They discovered that the red group of seaweed (Rhodophyta) contains an active agent that can prevent virus infections, and that will combat infections already present. They report that in human cells already infected by the virus, the seaweed extract slowed the rate

of virus spread by at least 50 per cent.

DRUG FOR PARKINSON'S DISEASE FOUND HELPFUL IN MENDING BROKEN BONES TOO

A revolutionary method of healing fractures with a drug used to treat Parkinson's disease is in advanced stages of development at the Carmel Hospital in Haifa.

Dr. Markus Weisman of the hospital's orthopaedic department told the army radio station on Monday that the method, which had proved itself in tests with laboratory animals, would probably be used on humans within a year. Researchers discovered that the drug, L Dopa, which is administered to prevent the shaking typical of Parkinson's disease, increased the production of the growth hormone in the body.

Weisman inferred that this could be used to speed up the growth of broken bones, and in the tests he conducted this was confirmed.

Approximately two grams a day of the drug were administered to laboratory animals with broken femurs for two weeks. After approximately a month it was found that the bone had significantly increased in length and the fracture had healed. In other forms of treatment, the fracture would have taken 80 days to heal.

Weisman said that the drug also strengthened the bone, and wounds healed quicker too. This method would aid the treatment of fractures in long bones and in mending fractures that did not respond easily to other forms of treatment, especially among the elderly. — Itim.

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THE BANK ACCOUNT WORTHWHILE

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal." — These are the words of Jesus (Yahshua) as we have them recorded in Matthew 6:19 to 21.

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THE ALMIGHTY CHOSE ZION

For the Lord hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for His habitation. This is My rest forever. Here will I dwell, for I have desired it." — Psalms 132:13, 14.

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"The Lord shall inherit Judah His portion in the Holy Land, and shall choose Jerusalem again. Be silent O all flesh, before the Lord. For He has raised up out of His holy habitation." — Zechariah 2:12, 13.

Guileless On Gaza

In an article entitled "Actor with a Will of Iron", which appeared in the January 2 issue of "Time" magazine, correspondent Robert Ajemian described a morning with President Sadat. "After breakfast Sadat went through two hours of interviews and meetings, including one with an emotional group of 150 Palestinian Arabs who had travelled from Gaza. He made a ringing speech, saying that Egypt would never abandon them, and the grateful Arabs swarmed around to embrace and kiss him."

Gaza?

The Gaza strip is a stark, living memorial to Egyptian aggression, callousness and inhumanity, which even Arabs were prompted to compare with Hitlerism. For 19 long years, during 15 of which Anwar Sadat was a leading member of the Egyptian government, the strip was ruled with an iron fist from Cairo. There is no record of Sadat ever having raised his voice in protest against the Egyptian barbarities, let alone in favour of self-rule.

The strip was run directly by the Egyptian army. Under a "constitution" drawn up by the Egyptians, all legislative powers were invested in the Egyptian military commander, who controlled the civil administration. All political parties except one endorsed by the Egyptians were banned. The military governor also acted as the judiciary, from which there was no appeal.

There were, of course, no elections. A puppet legislature, handpicked by the Egyptians, automatically ratified all legislation that the governor brought before it. In 1965, even the facade of local autonomy collapsed when the Egyptian army dismissed the legislative assembly.

The secret police probed everywhere. No one was immune from sudden arrest, unlimited imprisonment without trial or, at best, a secret trial. The jails were always full and torture was commonplace. There was official censorship of the press, and mail, and telephone lines were regularly tapped.

For nearly 20 years, the inhabitants of the strip were prohibited from leaving their homes from 9.00 p.m. until dawn on threat of death. This inhuman curfew was enforced by roadblocks.

Men between 18 and 40 were prohibited from travelling to Egypt; such travel was permitted, for very short periods, only to those fortunate enough to secure permits. If they failed to return from Egypt at the expiry of the permit, the Military authorities took steps against their families.

The Egyptians sequestered land and property at will. Refugees were prohibited by law from purchasing or owning land. Thousands of young residents of the refugee camps were forcibly conscripted into the Egyptian army. Many were sent to fight Nasser's war in the Yemen; others were sent into Israel to murder, commit acts of sabotage, disrupt communications.

Three-quarters of the able-bodied were unemployed. Medical and social services were almost nonexistent. The Egyptians did not lift a finger to help farmers, create housing, or develop industry. The majority of the Arabs of the strip outside the town of Gaza were left to decay, without sewage, piped water, electricity or roads.

Indocrination of the inhabitants of Gaza to hatred of

Israel started at the very tenderest years. I myself saw pictures which kindergarten aged children had drawn, with the encouragement of their teachers, depicting themselves in the act of killing Israeli children. The text-books dripped venom. Jews were caricatured in the worst Nazi fashion. One text for the third grade, entitled "Arabic Islamic History" reads:

"The Jews are always the same, in every time, everywhere. They live only in darkness. They secretly plan to do evil. They fight only from hidden places because they are cowards... We must purify holy Palestine from their filth in order to bring back peace to the Arab homeland."

So harsh was the Egyptian rule in Gaza that radio Mecca broadcast this protest on March 10, 1962:

"On this occasion we would like to ask Cairo: what is this iron curtain that Abdul Nasser and his cohorts have lowered around Gaza and the refugees there? These are the very methods which the dictator Hitler used on the countries he occupied. Imagine, Arab, how Nasser, who claims to be the pioneer of Arab nationalism, treats the Arab people of Gaza, who starve while the Egyptian governor of Gaza and his officers bask in the wealth of the strip..."

The only area in which the Egyptian army was active, aside from suppressing human rights, was in smuggling. There was a lively trade between the warehouses of Gaza, stuffed with television sets, French perfumes, Italian silks, U.S. whiskey, etc., and Cairo. The army paid almost no customs on imports reaching Gaza. With the co-operation of top officials in Egypt, long convoys would reach Cairo loaded with contraband.

When the Israeli forces captured Gaza in 1956, they found large warehouses crammed with luxury items awaiting the bi-weekly convoy to Cairo. (Predictably, the military governor and his cohorts had skipped with all the savings that Gaza residents had deposited in local banks.)

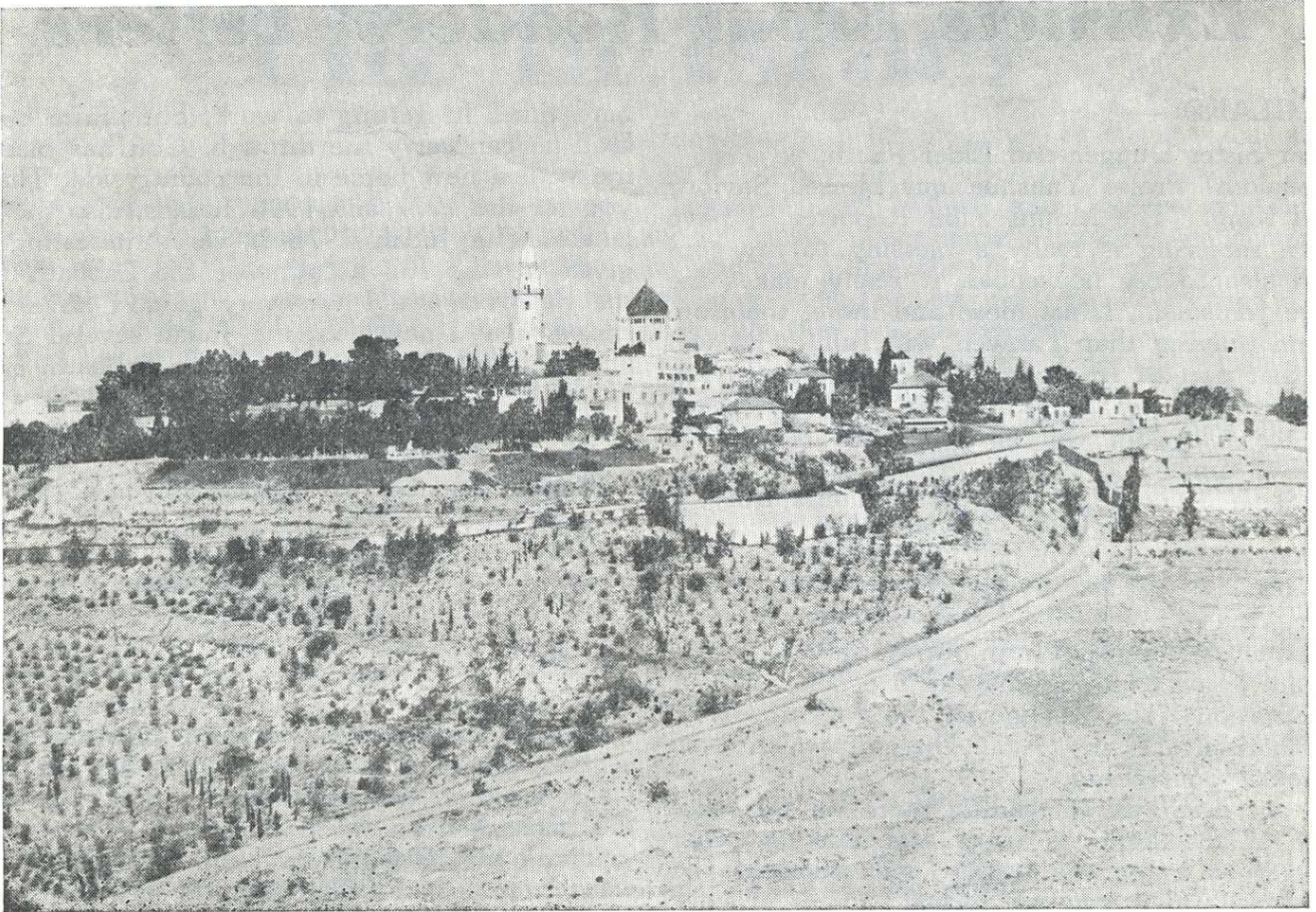
Egypt's policy for the strip was succinctly spelled out by the deputy governor, Mohammed Hafaga, in an interview appearing in the Danish newspaper "Aktuelt" on February 9, 1967:

Question. — Why not send the refugees to other Arab countries? Syria would no doubt be able to absorb a vast number of them, but are you afraid that national bonds with Palestine will be loosened, that the hatred against Israel will vanish if they become ordinary citizens?

Answer. — You have furnished the answer yourself. As a matter of fact you are right. Syria could take all of them, and the problem would be solved. But we do not want that. They are to return to Palestine.

U.N.R.W.A. (the U.N. Relief and Works Agency) reported in 1956: "One of the obstacles to the achievement of the General Assembly's goal of making the refugees self-supporting continues to be the opposition of the governments of the area."

Alexander Galloway, an U.N.R.W.A. official who quit his job in frustration, observed bitterly: "The Arab states don't want to solve the refugee problem. They want to keep it as an open sore, as a weapon against Israel. Arab leaders don't give a damn whether the refugees live or die."



Mount Zion. — This photo was taken from the Abu Tor quarter of Jerusalem, where our church building is located. The prominent building on the top of Mount Zion is the Dormition Abbey.

It should be noted that during the 19 years that Egypt ruled the strip, no effort was ever made to create an independent state. It is thus surprising that Sadat now says that "the Palestinians should have the right of self-determination, should have their state." It is even more surprising that so many people in the west should believe that Israel owes it to Egypt to help the Palestinians secure an independent state.

— *The Jerusalem Post*

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ST. PETER'S FISH HOLDS KEYS TO THE FUTURE, SAY BREEDERS

HAIFA. — The St. Peter's fish, famous in this country since the days of Jesus, has been named the fish of the future by the Fish Breeders Association.

Association secretary Marco Solomon said yesterday that breeding of the St. Peter's fish ("am-nun" in Hebrew and "tilapia galilaea" in Latin) is to be intensified. Eventually it will replace the carp as the country's principal pond fish, he said.

He noted that while the total marketing of pond fish has remained steady at 14,000 tons annually, the carp's share has been falling fairly rapidly, from 10,500 tons to 8,500 tons during the past three years alone. The silver carp, which was introduced from the Far East to replace the carps, has peaked at 2,000 tons and is not expected to go up much further.

On the other hand, during the past two years sales of St. Peter's fish have risen from 1,500 to 2,500 tons, and the breeders expect to market 3,500 tons this year. "The St. Peter's fish has become the country's popular growth fish and it's all right with us," Solomon said.

The breed raised in the country's ponds is the original Kinneret fish improved by cross-breeding with an African variety. Its big advantage over the grey mullet, another popular pond fish, is that it breeds in the ponds, while the grey mullet, originally a sea fish, has so far defied all efforts to get it to breed in captivity. Grey mullet must be caught as fingerlings during the breeding season to be raised in the ponds.

— *The Jerusalem Post*

FEAST OF TABERNACLES

We have just enjoyed another nice Feast of Tabernacles. This year, we had several visitors from the church in Nairobi, Kenya. We enjoyed meeting them, as well as our other visitors from within Israel and without.

Due to the holidays, we will, as usual, be printing only one issue for the months of September and October.

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"The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry." — Psa. 34:15.

Extracts From Readers' Letters

ENGLAND. —

Dear Sister Dugger and Elder Fauth,

Shalom! Praise Yahshua our blessed Saviour and King. "The Mount Zion Reporter" I have been receiving is really a blessing to my soul and also to my household. It really makes me love Jerusalem, Israel more and more, therefore I am praying that Yahweh will fulfill His will in that part of the world while we are praying for her and her Minister, that this true gospel of the Kingdom will go forth fast before the end of time.

Yours truly,
M. J.

NIGERIA. —

Sirs,

I was traveling in a train during the last Easter, where I saw a young chap with a copy of four publication "The Change of the Sabbath, Who Authorised It?" by A.F. Dugger, which I so enjoyed on reading.

I am desirous of reading more on this subject in the light of truth and making other friends to know the truth. I will therefore be very grateful if you can forward to me at your earliest opportunity your 20-page monthly magazine together with any other publications and tracts of interest.

Thanking you in advance,
I remain yours in Christ,
B. E. A.

INDIA. —

Your "Mount Zion Reporter" magazine is really worthy reading. I have just borrowed a copy from a friend of mine to read and now have decided to ask you for my own. Would you kindly send continually for me?

I highly appreciate your ministry in the Holy City. May the love of God in Christ and the sweet fellowship of the Holy Spirit be your daily guide and strength.

Yours in His Service,
N. N.

CYPRUS. —

Dear "Mt. Zion Reporter" Staff,

I would first of all like to thank you very much for your letter. I too pray that you are well.

In answer to your letter I would like to ask you to send me a Bible in English because it will be of very much use to me.

Yours sincerely,
A.

GUYANA. —

Dear Workers of "The Reporter",

Blessings in the Name of Yahshua to all the Labourers in His vineyard and to the people of Israel. It is a very rainy day and am having

hard times in getting to work, but praise be to God he can carry me through. God has blessed me with a new home in the countryside. Thank you for the 1977 and 1978 Judahs, also the calendar. The Judah 1978 is very interesting. It gives us the full account of the Sabbath and the Passover and I was very glad. I have two friends that I have lent the Judah several times and they are convinced about the Sabbath. Both of them are Sabbath keepers now, but they do not keep the Passover. I am really anxious to become a Sabbath keeper.

Please remember us in your prayer, as we do here for you.

I remain yours in
the Master's Service,
R. P.

ZAMBIA. —

Dear Sirs,

I was happy when I received your letter. How is the work of God going on? As for me here I am just fine. We are happy enough to receive the booklets. We work hard as God is giving you and me to work for Him. You should always pray for us here. May the grace of God be with you all.

Sister Catherine

ENGLAND. —

Dear Editor Friend,

Heartly greetings, I have been and am so happy to be receiving your magazine, with all its information right up to date on things that matter in relation to Israel, the Arab world, the coming Lord and King, all so closely knit to the scriptures. How I have longed to be able to travel the land where the Lord Jesus travelled and to which He is just now returning. I am now at retirement age, and have not been able to make it, but "The Reporter" with the Bible gets me very close. I must also thank you for the good calendar received.

Daily I make mention of you in my prayers and never forget to pray for Israel's land and people. It all makes the scriptures, God and the Lord Jesus Christ, and hope in Him and His word so real, when your inmost feeling and experience is so interwoven with the things that happened then, and are happening now.

May the dear Lord bless you and yours in this end time work.

Yours Redeemed,
L. D.

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ARTICLES FOR PUBLICATION

We welcome good and timely articles for publication in The Mt. Zion Reporter. We urge those of our Readers who have been blessed with a talent for writing to put their talent to use in this way for the glory of God. Manu-

Life in Israel

by Effie Dugger

Shalom! We send greetings of love and peace to "The Reporter" friends. It is time to write my little piece for "The Reporter". I am sitting on the balcony now and the sun is about to go down. This has been a beautiful and sunny day. The breeze is a little cool now. I like to spend some time sitting here, where I can see the big morning glory vine which hovers over the entrance to our front door upstairs.

All the downstairs rooms are used for printing or storing books and tracts, and for machinery.

We are thankful for the blessings of health lovely place where we can see good sunny days and also that we can take shelter by trees if the sun is too warm. There are many tall trees in this part of South Jerusalem and in our garden.

There is some traffic at nights on the highway a block east of here. On Friday nights it is much quieter as that is the beginning of the Sabbath.

With the Camp David talks, now it seems that the terrorists are more busy than before. Lately there have been an increased number of bombs in Jerusalem. Two were found a few yards from the gate of our church, in the Abu Tor quarter of Jerusalem. The little children (our smaller ones included) were running and playing nearby most of the afternoon, and at the time the bombs were found. The second bomb was timed to go off a few minutes after the first one exploded, to get the people that gather there to help. This is a pattern they have been following lately. We thank the Lord that both of these bombs were discovered and safely defused.

A young man died just today from severe wounds received when a bomb went off here in the Baka area of Jerusalem. It was at a fuel depot on the old Bethlehem road about three blocks away from here. It exploded a little over a week ago. The station attendant that reported the bomb was also taken to the hospital badly wounded. The young man that lost his life was a volunteer from the U.S. and a member of the Jerusalem Police force. His job was to dismantle the bombs if found in time. Just recently an article appeared about him in the Friday "Jerusalem Post". In the interview he said he was lucky because he had no family, as a young man doing this job before him had been killed leaving a wife and little children. When the next Friday paper came out, just a week passed. He was in the hospital already for several days, not expected to live. According to eye witnesses the bomb exploded before he reached it. It blew the end gate of a big truck, high into the air, that was loaded with bottles of propane gas. We were thankful that the gas did not explode as the terrorists had planned. We know that it is a miracle that so few people lose their lives in these inhuman acts.

Israel's Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee chairman Moshe Arens thinks Israel should try and save Christians who are being persecuted in other countries around here. We need to pray that they will be helped.

We are thankful for the blessings of health and peace. My grand-children are healthy and happy. They have many friends here, and Israel is a good place to live. In spite of all, there is a quiet peaceful feeling in the atmosphere.

Well another busy day in Israel is coming to an end. We are thankful for health and strength and we are also thankful for many people all over the world who are praying for Israel. May the Father use us all to bless this end time work. Love to all "The Reporter" friends.

Shalom!
Effie Dugger



Here Is An Open Door

The Heavenly Father has provided here at Jerusalem an "Open Door" for all of those who wish to follow in the footsteps of the Master, and "Feed the Lambs and Sheep" over the world, in many languages, and also to send forth to Israel the "True Religion" of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, as preached by the apostle Peter on Pentecost. Hundreds of thousands of silent messengers (tracts and booklets) are being printed on our printing presses. That portion of your life represented in riches that the Heavenly Father has helped you to gather will be used in this way for His glory. As the funds flow in, the outgoing stream of tracts in 7 languages will flow out to Israel and to the world. Pray about this and the Holy Spirit will direct you.

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth BLESS THEE OUT OF ZION." — Psalms 134:2, 3.

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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy." — Psa. 137:5, 6.

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"Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart." — Psa. 32:11.

The U.N.'s Sordid Joke

The character of the killer-with-a-grin is not unknown in film history. A movie recently produced by the United Nations centers around the figure of such a one, by the name of Yasser Arafat. He will be played by himself, as a national hero, aided by a large cast made up of the dedicated assassins of his very own Palestine Liberation Organization.

This sordid joke has been perpetrated through the efforts of a "special unit on Palestinian rights" set up by the General Assembly last year. It will be unveiled as the main attraction of celebrations scheduled for November 29, declared an "international day of solidarity with the Palestinian people". The film is to be titled "The Palestinians do have rights".

The General Assembly has not, so far, decided that the people of Kurdistan have no rights, nor, for that matter, the people of East Timor, whose territory has been illegally — in the Assembly's own opinion — annexed by Indonesia. But no festivities are, for the moment, being planned for the Kurds, or for the East Timorians, nor any films about their rights, either.

The date chosen for the Palestinian celebration is in itself a sign of the macabre logic of the U.N.'s well-oiled steamroller majority. For this was, of course, the day, 31 years ago, when the General Assembly recommended the partitioning of Palestine into two States, one Arab, one Jewish. And it was the brazenly violent assault on that resolution by the Arab leadership that brought on what is often described as the Palestinian disaster.

That assault sprang from the misguided belief that Arabs alone have national rights in the contested land. This remains the working premise of Arafat and Co., as enshrined in their covenant. This is why their ultimate aim, denials notwithstanding, is the extinction of the State of Israel.

The caricature worked out by the U.N.'s "special unit" will surely waste not footage on such trivial irrelevancies. It will take no special effort to dwell on the trail of innocent blood and wanton destruction left by the P.L.O. terrorists around the world. Instead, it will portray the Palestinians as the guiltless victims of Zionist persecution.

It will offer a carefully laundered version of the P.L.O., clean of any suggestion of crime — except of "guerilla" warfare, employed, needless to say, only as a measure of "last resort".

To be sure, this mendacious version of recent history should not come as any great surprise. Is it not, it could well be asked, but the natural expression of the mindless drift of the General Assembly's loquacity on the Middle East? And does this entire celebration matter one whit when set against the opening of the Israel-Egyptian peace talks in Washington, supported as

they are, in essence, by a full four of the "big five"?!

The answer is obvious. Yet it would be a mistake to dismiss the "Palestine day" affair as a tempest in a teapot. Vileness such as this must have consequences.

In the U.S. Senate, a decision was taken to deduct the costs of the affair, and its expensive promotion, from American's annual contribution to the U.N. In the end, the State Department persuaded the Congress to make do with an expression of "outrage".

There is no reason for Israel to so rest content. Israel is under no moral — and arguably also under no legal — obligation to support with its own funds propaganda aimed at undermining its very existence.

But perhaps the time has come for some more demonstrative measures. The General Assembly might well be advised that Israel and the Jewish people are not amused by the Assembly's shenanigans.

— *The Jerusalem Post*

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Obituaries

IN MEMORY

Sister Florence B. Hobart, of Gothenburg, Nebraska, passed away on October 12, 1978, at the age of 90. Her husband Frank, a Spanish American War Veteran, preceded her in death. The services were held at the Fort McFerson Cemetery, with Rev. Bill Watson officiating. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband, and now awaits that glorious day of the coming of the Lord.

Sister Hobart was a member of the Church of God all her life, her father, Joseph L. Herriman, being a minister of the gospel for 42 years. She is survived by several nieces and nephews; and we wish to extend on behalf of "The Reporter" staff, our sincere condolences to all her friends and loved ones.

IN MEMORY

We regret to announce that Sister Zella E. Edgington, of Truth or Consequences, N.M., passed away July 20, 1978, at the age of 88. She was a true worker for Christ, and now awaits that glorious day, soon to come, when all who sleep in Christ shall awake to life eternal.

We extend our deepest sympathies to all her friends and loved ones.

IN MEMORY

Brother Samuel C. Sinor, of Tacoma, Wash., passed away June 16, 1978, at the age of 71. He leaves behind his wife, Emily, his children, grandchildren, and other loved ones. We extend sincere condolences to all his family on their loss, and comfort them with the knowledge that he, along with all who sleep in Christ, will arise on that glorious resurrection morning to life everlasting.

QUESTION. —

Some teach that there is to be secret catching away of the righteous people before the wicked are destroyed. Is this true?

ANSWER. —

The following scripture contradicts such an erroneous teaching. Notice what 1 Thess. 4:16, 17 says: "The Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Arch-Angel and with the trumpet of God, and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air.

Next notice Rev. 1:7: "Behold He cometh with clouds and every eye shall see Him."

QUESTION. —

Does the Bible command us to pay tithe on our income? Where should it be payed?

ANSWER. —

Yes, we are commanded to pay tithe. One tenth of our earnings belong to the Lord and should be placed in His work. This tithe is holy unto the Lord (Lev. 27:30) and represents that part of our life that must be spent in His ministry doing His work. Every believer should diligently pay his or her tithe. It is not only right and commanded of us but is also wise and good business. In Malachi 3:10 we are promised that if we pay our tithes, the Lord will open the windows of Heaven and pour out such a blessing upon us that there shall not be room to receive it. The paying of tithes is an ancient commandment. In Genesis 14:20, we have mention of Abraham paying tithe, and in Genesis 28:22 we have the words of Jacob when he made a vow to the Lord, saying: "And of all that Thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto Thee." The tithes are to be used in doing the work of the Lord and to support the workers in His vineyard. — 1 Cor. 9:13, 14.

As to where you should pay your tithes, that is a matter for each individual to decide; according to his conscience and the leading of the Lord. It should be payed where it is needed, not forgetting the needs of your local church. It must be placed where it will be used diligently and will do the most good. If at present you have no place to pay your tithes to where you feel they would be used right, do not use this as a reason for not paying tithes; that would be robbing God, which is a very serious matter (see Malachi 3:8, 9). Instead, faithfully set your tithe aside and save it, and pray about it, and the Lord will lead you to know where it should be placed. You will be blessed for it.

If the Lord should lay it upon your heart to send your tithes or offerings here to be used in the Jerusalem work, they will be much appreciated and will be put to good use in your place, in His work, for His glory. In these closing days, there is not another field in all

the world so needy or fertile as this one. "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow into it. And many nations shall come, and say: "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob, and He will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." — Micah 4:1-2.

QUESTION. —

Is it not a fact that the calendars have been changed, and that five days were dropped out during the time of Pope Gregory, and therefore we do not know what day of the week the Sabbath comes?

ANSWER. —

It is a fact of history that five days were dropped out of the calendar during the gospel age, but that had nothing whatever to do with the weekly cycle of seven days. It was not disrupted or changed any more than the adding of a day every four days at leap year. Once in four years for more than a 1,000 years, one day is added making February 29 days, but this does not affect the weekly cycle, and it did not at that time. The weekly cycle and Sabbath have been preserved from creation to the present time, through the infinite power and purpose of an all wise Creator.

QUESTION. —

When should the Passover, or Lord's Supper, be observed, and how should we celebrate it?

ANSWER. —

In Leviticus 23:5 we read: "In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the Lord's passover." The "even" of a day is the beginning of the day according to the scriptures. Notice in Genesis 1:5 that "the evening and the morning were the first day." In the Bible the new day always begins with the setting of the sun, just as we observe Sabbath from sundown Friday to sundown Saturday. For example, when we look at the calendar for 1978 we find that the 14th of the first month (Abib or Nisan) corresponds with April 21 on the Roman calendar. Therefore the Passover begins at the setting of the sun on April 20, which is when the 14th day of Nisan begins.

Here at the church in Jerusalem we observe the Passover, or Lord's Supper, after sundown ("even") at the beginning of the 14th day of the first month, according to the Bible calendar. In the manner in which we are to keep the Lord's Supper, we have for an example the last Supper of Christ and the apostles, an account of which we have in the 13th chapter of John. We are instructed to observe the Lord's Supper in the same manner, partaking of the emblems and not forgetting the washing of feet. — See 1 Cor. 11th chapter; 1 Cor. 5:7, 8.

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

All Items from "The Jerusalem Post"

MOSCOW REQUESTS

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Olympic Committee has received a request from the organizing committee of the 22nd Olympiad in Moscow to send it the score and a recording of the Israel national anthem. Also requested was a drawing of the Israel flag.

BEGIN: ISRAEL WON'T LEAVE HEBRON, GAZA

YAVNE (Itim). — Premier Menahem Begin said yesterday that Israel will not accept a peace plan such as that presented recently by Egypt, which demands withdrawal from "Jerusalem, Hebron, Bethlehem and Gaza."

29 TERROR SUSPECTS ARRESTED IN GAZA

The security forces have arrested 29 suspected terrorists in the Gaza strip, the army spokesman announced yesterday.

The spokesman said that a number of the men arrested had received training at bases belonging to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (P.F.L.P.) in the Arab countries, and intended to carry out acts of sabotage in Israel.

\$1 B. TARGET FOR FARM EXPORTS

Farmers are aiming for a billion dollars worth of exports a year, Ariel Sharon, Minister of Agriculture, said in the Knesset yesterday.

"The momentum for rapid growth is at hand," Sharon said in a review of his ministry's activities. "As recently as nine years ago we exported \$5m. a year in agricultural produce. This year we shall report overseas sales of \$50 m."

According to Sharon, "Our future as a permanent State will be determined by our rural settlements rather than our urban centres."

ARCHAEOLOGISTS FIND BIBLICAL CITY OF EBEN-EZER IN SAMARIA

SAMARIA (Itim). — Archaeologists believe they have identified the site of the biblical Eben-Ezer, where the Philistines beat the Israelites and captured the Holy Ark in the 11th century B.C.E., as described in Samuel 1:4.

The site, at Khirbet Sarta, east of the sources of the Yarkon at Rosh Ha'ayin, has been uncovered in the course of four years of excavations by the Eretz-Yisrael Studies Department of Bar-Ilan University and Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology headed by Profs. Moshe Kochavi and Yisrael Finkelstein.

Finkelstein explained yesterday that the importance of the Eben-Ezer site was that it showed, surprisingly, that Israelite farmers lived extremely close to a large and hostile Philistine city at Afek. Artifacts discovered there showed evidence of Israelite advances and retreats in accordance with the political circumstances.

When the Philistines defeated the Israelites, the site was destroyed; but the Israelites later pushed their enemies out of Eben-Ezer and out of nearby Afek, where

excavations are also being conducted.

The Israelite settlement at Eben-Ezer was composed of a surrounding wall, on which simple houses leaned. In the centre of the site the diggers found shelved stone silos. In one of them the archaeologists discovered a piece of pottery covered in a proto-Canaanite script which was the forerunner of Hebrew script. The script includes five lines of the Hebrew alphabet written from left to right.

ISRAELI RABIES DRUG SAVES JORDANIANS

NABLUS (Itim). — At least five Jordanian citizens were saved last week by a supplies serum Jordanian authorities requested from Israel.

The request for the serum came from the Jordanian Health Ministry to the Israeli Health Ministry. According to the Jordanian officials, several people in Amman had rabies, the serum supply was exhausted, and an epidemic was feared.

The serum was transferred on Allenby Bridge at a meeting of doctors from Amman and Israeli ministry officials, who also gave them instructions on how to use the drug.

CYPRUS TO ACCEPT PEACE SHIP GIFTS

TEL AVIV. — Abie Nathan's peace ship pulled into the port of Larnaca, Cyprus, at about 4.30 yesterday afternoon.

After failing to unload his cargo of medical and childrens supplies in Lebanon, the Israeli peace campaigner was scheduled to begin distribution of the items, including a fully equipped ambulance, to refugees of the 1973 fighting on the island.

"The cargo on board is not for cocktail parties. It's for sick people and it doesn't matter if they are Lebanese, Jewish, Cypriot or Eskimos," Nathan told a Cypriot journalist on arrival yesterday. The interview was recorded by Israel Radio reporter Michael Gurdus.

THREE NEW POWER STATIONS PLANNED TO MEET RAPID RISE IN DEMAND

HAIFA. — Three new power stations are planned, apart from the coal-fired plant being built at Hadera, to meet Israel's rapidly increasing demand for electricity. The rise in consumption is especially rapid in the production sector, hotels and agriculture, Ariel Amiad, the Electric Corporation's managing director, told the Haifa Rotary Club at the Nof Hotel yesterday.

Domestic consumption is rising at a smaller rate, thanks to the large-scale change-over to solar water heaters. Amiad noted that Israel leads the world in per capita exploitation of solar energy.

The three new planned stations do not include the proposed nuclear plant, which is being held up by political considerations.

ISRAEL ENVOY IS ALIVE AND WELL AND HAPPY WITH EULOGY

West German Chancellor Helmut Schmidt last week

interrupted a meeting of his cabinet to eulogize Israel's ambassador to Bonn Yohanan Meroz.

But the ambassador is alive and well.

The misunderstanding resulted from an ambiguity in the German language.

Meroz, who was in Israel to accompany West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Gensher returned to Bonn and arranged a meeting with the chief government spokesman, Klaus Boelling. But later, he called the spokesman's office to cancel the meeting.

Boelling's secretary received the message and wrote a note saying that Meroz was "Getoetet." "Getoetet" means "killed" but in a slang it also means "cancelled."

The note was forwarded to Boelling who was attending a cabinet session at the time. The shackled spokesman, who believed that Meroz had been killed, forward the note to Schmidt who delivered a very warm eulogy.

Meroz is reported to have been very pleased with the things the Chancellor had to say about him.

DUTCH FAMILY HONOURED FOR SHELTERING GIRL

A tree-planting ceremony will be held at Yad Vashem tomorrow at 11 a.m. in honour of the Van Den Helder family of Noorden, in the Utrecht district of Holland.

When World War II broke out Jeanette Gabes was two and a half years old, and lived with her family in a working class area of Amsterdam. When the Nazis invaded Holland she was first hidden by the Boogaards family of Haarlemmermeer, and escaped by chance when the entire family was arrested by the Nazis. She was playing at a neighbour's house when the arrests took place.

She was taken to the family of Gert and To Van Den Helder, where she was hidden until the end of the war. Though the family was searched several times, she was carefully hidden on each occasion. The family also dyed her hair blond. Gert Van Den Helder, a blacksmith, had 11 children of his own, of whom six were of mobilization age and were hiding at home to evade being drafted to labour battalions in Germany. Though the Van Den Helder family were poor, they neither expected nor received financial reward for sheltering Jeanette.

Gert Van Den Helder is still alive, aged 88. Four of his grand children will be at the ceremony to plant a tree in honour of the Van Den Helder family in the Avenue of the Righteous Gentiles and receive a medallion from Yad Vashem.

NEW MISSILE BOAT LAUNCHED

HAIFA. — A new missile boat for the navy, of the improved Reshef class, was launched by Reuma Weizman, wife of the Defence Minister, at the Israel Shipyards yesterday afternoon.

As Mrs. Weizmann named the new ship Nitzahon (Victory), she cut a ribbon that dropped a bottle of local sparkling wine on the ship's bow.

The Nitzahon, named after one of the last "illegal" immigrant ships, which arrived in May 1948, cost \$30m. Like all the Reshef class missile boats, which proved themselves in the Yom Kippur War and after, she was designed throughout by Israel Navy engineers.

She carries six Gavriel antiship missiles, two naval guns and anti-aircraft guns. She has a range of 3,000 miles at 34 knots (61 k.p.h.) a displacement of 415 tons, and a crew of 45.

Before the launching the navy chaplain recited a prayer for the welfare of the ship and her crew from a parchment, which he presented to her first commander, a young navy major.

Defence Minister Ezer Weizmann said he hoped that the Nitzahon's crew would not know war, but if they did, that they would bear out the ship's name and achieve victory.

AWARD FOR WOMAN WHO SAVED JEWISH CHILDREN

A tree will be planted at Yad Vashem tomorrow in honour of a Frenchwoman who looked after Jewish children in a children's home she ran in Paris during the World War II.

Yvonne Delpont took care of a number of Jewish children after their parents had been deported.

Yvonne Delpont is no longer alive, and the Yad Vashem management has not succeeded in contacting her descendants. She will be awarded the Righteous Gentiles medal posthumously.

In a similar ceremony on Thursday morning a tree will be planted in honour of Ercole and Gina Piana and Aurelio and Ines Conci, who assisted the Ottolenghi-Olivetti family to escape from Italy to Switzerland when they were being hunted by the Nazis.

MARKET BOMBER GETS LIFE SENTENCE

LOD (Itim). — A military court here yesterday sentenced a Nablus man to life imprisonment for the part in the explosion in the Petah Tikva market last July, which killed Tzila Galili and injured 20 other people.

Jamal Walid Kassem Shuku confessed to having placed an explosive charge in the market on the day of the blast and also to having placed a charge later in the same month in Tel Aviv's Carmel Market. In the ensuing explosion, 11 people were injured.

Shuku was a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine from May 1974 to the time of his arrest, and underwent three courses of sabotage training in a terrorist camp in Syria.

EITAN WARNS OF SAUDI THREAT

I.D.F. Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan said recently that the greatest threat to Israel now comes from the eastern front, and indicated that Saudi Arabia — in which the Carter administration wishes to sell advanced jet warplanes — is a major part of that threat.

Speaking in an interview for Army Radio, Rav-Aluf Eitan said Saudi Arabia has an "unlimited" potential to buy the weapons it desired and said it could if it wished as many men as it needed for them from any Arab country. He added that, if it were up to him, he would aim for an Israel which preferred making its own arms to a higher standard of living.

Eitan listed two reasons why the eastern front has, since the Yom Kippur War, been perhaps the most dangerous for Israel: the military might of the countries there, and the fact that there are no empty spaces protecting Israel's inhabited centres on that side, as there are in Sinai.

Saudi Arabia must be considered part of the eastern front, he said, and added: "We must not ignore that country's military potential, which is in fact unlimited. It is now capable of buying, establishing or manufacturing anything it wants, with no restrictions."

Considering the rest of the eastern front, Eitan warned that Iraq, despite its differences with other Arab states, "would be happy to join any war against Israel, as it has done in the past."

He said that the Iraqis now have a stronger army than the Syrians, despite the fact that Syria is now stronger than it was at the time of the Yom Kippur War. Another powerful army was that of Jordan, which, he noted, was with the Saudis the only Arab army to have advanced American equipment. The Jordanian army is undergoing a rapid buildup now, with new tanks, new hawk missile batteries, and is fully mobile with armoured troop carriers. "Its artillery and air force are at a good level," he said.

ISRAEL PLANES STRIKE P.L.O. BEIRUT CAMPS

Israeli warplanes, apparently in lightning retaliation for the terrorist attack on an El Al crew bus in London, August 21, struck two Palestinian strongholds near Beirut airport and south of the Lebanese capital.

An army spokesman said that the anti-terrorist air blast was directed against the camps of Burj el-Barajneh and Damour. The first is used by the Palestine-Special Operation Branch, which took responsibility for the London attack; Damour serves the Fatah mainstream, which is suspected of having a discreet hand in planning current anti-Israeli assaults, including planting bombs in Israel cities.

The air raid on terrorist bases took place at dawn yesterday. An intelligence officer who briefed military reporters in Tel Aviv yesterday said that several targets suggested for bombing had been ruled out for fear of harming the civilian population.

ISRAEL SHOULD USE FORCE IF NECESSARY TO STOP SYRIAN ATTACKS ON LEBANESE CHRISTIANS

Israel should use force if necessary to stop the Syrian forces in Lebanon from attacking the Christians there, most participants in a Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee debate said yesterday.

They expressed this view after the chief of staff, Rav-Aluf Rafael Eitan, told them that Syria had massed 2,000 artillery pieces and several tank battalions around the Christian sector in Beirut.

Committee members said that Syria was trying to destroy the last northern obstacle to its rule in Lebanon. After subduing the Christians there, Syria will send its forces to the Israeli border and open a new front, they warned.

ISRAEL HELPS TO FOIL PLOT TO OVERTHROW EGYPT IN 1977

According to a "Time" magazine report, it was Israel's learning of a plot to overthrow the Egyptian government, and Israel's prompt warning to Egypt that led to Sadat's peace initiative with the Jewish State.

Israel's intelligence service, the Mossad, is said to have learned in July 1977 of a plot by leftist Arab

extremists, trained in Libya, to overthrow the more moderate Arab governments in Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Sudan.

Prime Minister Begin, says "Time", immediately had his intelligence chief fly to Morocco to deliver the secret information to his Egyptian counterpart.

The governments of Egypt, Sudan and Saudi Arabia promptly acted on this information and arrested the plotters, foiling the coup attempts. Egypt also launched, in retaliation, heavy commando raids against Libya, which led to a brief border war with that country.

President Sadat of Egypt was reportedly grateful towards Israel for the warning, which may have saved his government, and this paved the way for his later willingness to negotiate with Israel.

"JINXED" CITRUS SEASON FELL BELOW FORECAST

TEL AVIV. — The past citrus export season was jinxed, Citrus Marketing Board general manager Avi Kenan told a press conference here yesterday. He said he was glad it was over.

At the start of the season last October, heavy winds knocked 40,000 tons of Shamuti oranges and 5,000 tons of grapefruit from the trees. Then came the seamen's strike, followed immediately by the mercury scare in Europe.

As a result the C.M.B. exported only 45.4 million crates of citrus instead of the projected 50 million crates. Next season the C.M.B. expects to export 48 million crates, Kenan said.

The mercury scare alone, Kenan said, had cost an estimated IL.140 m. in lost exports. He added that the board hopes to recover this sum from the government-run insurance company which covers such losses. The scare was precipitated by the discovery in Europe early this year of about 20 Israeli oranges which had been injected with mercury, allegedly by Arab terrorists.

CARTER PROBES SENATORS ON U.S. TROOPS IN MIDDLE EAST

WASHINGTON. — U.S. President Jimmy Carter yesterday sounded out members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on their reaction to the stationing of U.S. troops in the Middle East as part of a possible peace-keeping force, it was learned.

The sources here said that the President's query on the introduction of U.S. forces into the Middle East was met with "deep scepticism" among the senators. Several expressed major reservations, apparently concerned lest the U.S. once again get involved directly in an overseas military operation.

GAZA MAN HELD IN TEL AVIV MARKET BLAST

TEL AVIV. — A 20-year-old man from Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip was remained on Friday in connection with Thursday's bomb blast at the Carmel market here. One man died in the blast and nearly 50 were injured.

The arrested man, whose name was not released, was one of dozen of suspects held at the scene of the explosion. The police said that chemical tests showed that the suspect, who worked in the market, had signs of explosives on his fingers. But the police spokesman

was unavailable last night for further details. All the other suspects detained had been released by last night.

The bomb, which went off at 11.30 on Thursday morning, was composed of half a kilogram of explosive material linked to a timing device made from a watch. It was placed under a clothing stall at the corner of Rehov Gamliel.

The market was especially busy at the time of the explosion because of Thursday shopping. A large crowd

The device was apparently wheeled into the market table at the time.

of shoppers had gathered around the clothing stall's metal by the culprit and set under the table.

EXPORTS UP 28 PER CENT OVER 1977

Total exports during the first half of the year came to \$1,836 m. compared to \$1,428 m. in the same period last year, an increase of 28.8 per cent.

Agricultural exports rose by 20.8 per cent and reached \$304 m., while industrial exports, excluding diamonds, rose by 29.9 per cent and reached \$ 89.03 m.

Diamond exports rose by 30.8 per cent to reach \$641.6 m. Exports of metals, machinery and electronics rose by 50.2 per cent and came to \$342 m.

Chemicals, rubber and plastics rose by 25.8 per cent and reached \$201.1 m. Exports of food and alcoholic beverages rose by 20.7 per cent and reached \$99.2 m. Textile exports rose by 101.1 per cent, to \$115.2 m.

Exports in June were only \$244 m., a decline of 17 per cent from May, seasonally adjusted and excluding diamonds and shipping. In the second quarter of this year, exports averaged \$20 m. higher a month over the first three months of the year.

I.A.F. PLANES HIT TERROR BASE SOUTH OF TYRE

Israel airforce planes on Thursday August 3 attacked terrorist targets north of the Litani river, the first such raid since Israel's anti-terror incursion into South Lebanon some four months ago. All planes returned safely to base.

The action followed that morning's terror bombing at Tel Aviv's Carmel market, for which the P.L.O. took credit.

The area attacked is under the sole control of terrorist organisations and contains concentrations of arms and equipment including heavy weapons. The central target of the airforce attack was a terrorist training camp, Dahr el Tuta, situated in an isolated region some 15 km. south of Tyre.

BEGIN ASKS WORLD AID FOR LEBANESE CHRISTIANS

Prime Minister Menahem Begin issued "urgent call to all free nations" to come to the aid of Lebanon's Christians who, he said, face "massacre, annihilation, being wiped out" by the Syrian army.

Deliberately breaking into English during a television interview, the Premier said he had received "the most intimate information" yesterday which attested to the imminent disaster facing the Christians.

"I call on you, for God's sake, to help them," he said. "Will our generation be an era of repeated massacres...?"

"Let the Syrians leave Lebanon and let Lebanon live in peace," he demanded.

He said his call was directed at all free nations, and first and foremost at France, "which was the patron of the Maronites for generations."

Note. — This follows earlier statement by Syria that the Christians in Lebanon "will pay" for dealing with Israeli forces, and expressing Syria's intention to "liquidate these Zionist pockets" in Lebanon.

HOW THE U.S. EVADED OWN ARMS SALES CEILING TO IRAN

WASHINGTON. — The Carter administration has found a way to supply Iran with some very expensive armed frigates without violating President Jimmy Carter's self-imposed ceiling on overseas arms sales.

The method: Let European countries build the costly ships, and then the U.S. will supply the less expensive weapons to make them effective.

Representative Paul Findley (Republican of Illinois), who disclosed the ploy on Friday, called it "an enormous loss in ship-building jobs for the U.S." with no gain in actual control of armaments. "Coming at a time when the U.S. dollar is sinking abroad while the U.S. ship-building industry is sinking at home, the administration's handling of the Iranian transaction deserves high marks for stupidity," he said.

According to Findley's account and interviews with embarrassed administration officials, Iran is buying more than \$2 b. in hulls and propulsion systems for 12 guided missile frigates from Dutch and West German shipyards. However, the U.S. is selling the guns, missile and torpedo systems and other weaponry for the ships at a total cost of \$350 m.

TERRORISTS INFILTRATING INTO JORDAN TO HIT ISRAEL

The P.L.O. is steadily infiltrating small groups of terrorists through southern Syria into Jordan to be used in mounting attacks against Israel, experts here say. They believe this is being done with the tacit cooperation of the Syrians.

The experts revealed that the terrorists' movements have resulted in new attempts to strike at Israel from Jordan, and that the unsuccessful attack on Moshav Mc-hola in the Jordan Valley, foiled by an alert watchman last month, constituted "only the tip of the iceberg."

They said that groups of armed terrorists left Lebanon — whose border was effectively sealed after Operation Litani in March — for southern Syria, where they organized for actions against Israel from the Jordanian border.

The experts pointed out that the terrorists have been crossing into Jordan secretly from Syria, and making their way to the Israeli border. It has been reported that the Jordanians do not cooperate with the terrorists.

Terrorist movements are making renewed and successful attempts to recruit Europeans into their ranks.

The chief recruiter in Europe is the Fatah, which uses Europeans for three primary missions: intelligence gathering; smuggling explosives, money and other material to terror groups in Israel; and for actual acts of sabotage.

The Saudi Arabians, despite their moderate outward posture, are still the main financiers of the terrorist movements. Iraq, Libya and Algeria offer training facilities as well as cash and training camps in all these countries currently train Europeans as well as Palestinians, the experts said.

A-PLANT TO GO AHEAD WITHOUT U.S. CASH

Energy Minister Yitzhak Moda'i said yesterday that Israel is going ahead with preparations to build an atomic plant despite the lack of promised U.S. funding.

"At this point we are still hopeful that a way will be found and that eventually we'll get a plant and finance it from the U.S.," he said.

The plant is set to be built in the sand dunes near Nitzanim 32 km. south of Tel Aviv and tied into the national power grid.

LEBANESE ARMY COMPANY PULLED OUT OF SOUTH

A company of the Lebanese army battalion which has been trapped near the South Lebanon village of Kaukaba on the Litani River for the last two weeks has been withdrawn northwards, according to information.

The Lebanese battalion of some 500 men was dispatched to the South by the government in Beirut just over a fortnight ago, and was to have been deployed in an area north of Tibnin in the central sector. However, the troops were prevented from advancing to their goal through the Christian enclaves by the Christian militias.

HEAVIEST-YET SYRIAN SHELLING OF BEIRUT CHRISTIANS

BEIRUT. — Syria, moving against what it claimed was an Israeli "plot" in Lebanon, yesterday unleashed its fiercest bombardment ever in its six-month-old campaign against the Christian militias in the eastern half of Beirut.

Christian officials, who said that shells and rockets were hitting the area at a rate of 10-15 a minute, spoke early in the evening of 65 people either killed or wounded.

In Christian East Beirut yesterday, residents said the sudden evening explosion of heavy weapons fire from Syria troops was the heaviest since the Syria-militia feud began in February. (There have been three major bouts of Syrian-Christian fighting, the latest killing scores of civilians in early July.)

At least three major fires raged late yesterday in the beleaguered eastern half of the city, and most residents who had not fled remained in basement shelters and garages throughout the day.

The renewed violation followed a call yesterday by "Al Ba'ath", the newspaper of Syria's ruling party, for "the urgent toppling of the Zionist-Christian militia plot against Lebanon."

BEGIN VOWS "NO PALESTINIAN STATE, I.D.F. STAYS IN WEST BANK"

HAIFA. — "There will never be a Palestinian state, and the I.D.F. will stay in Judea, Samaria and Gaza to defend Israel," Prime Minister Menahem Begin declared here last night.

Speaking at a Likud municipal election meeting at the Armon cinema, Begin said that, on the eve of his journey to the U.S., he wished to make four important statements:

— "Jerusalem, the united city, will never be divided and shall be the eternal capital of Israel.

— "There will never be a Palestinian state and none will arise in Judea, Samaria or Gaza.

— "The I.D.F. will remain in Judea, Samaria, and Gaza to defend Israel.

— "The Jewish people's right to settle in all parts of the land of Israel is inalienable. The right has been carried out in the past, and will be in the future.

"There will be no foreign sovereignty in the land of Israel," the Premier declared to the cheers of the audience, which frequently broke into rhythmic shouts of "Begin, Begin" accompanied by clapping.

"In this way we shall have peace with security," the Premier said.

"There may still be a great campaign before us and we have made great sacrifices and have taken risks because it was necessary to solve problems for generations to come and assure true peace for ourselves, our children and our children's children," Begin continued.

ISRAEL TO RETURN SINAI TO EGYPT IN EXCHANGE FOR PEACE TREATY

In the recent Camp David talks, a tentative agreement was reached between Prime Minister Begin and President Sadat on the terms of a peace agreement between Israel and Egypt. According to it, Israel would give up most of Sinai, which would be handed back to Egypt. Negotiations are continuing, and there are many details not yet certain; but as things stand now, this is the closest any Arab country has ever come to agreeing to live in peace with Israel.

Not surprisingly, many people in Israel have strong doubts about the wisdom of giving up Sinai, even in exchange for a peace treaty with Egypt. In the last ten years, Israel has come to rely increasingly on its military bases in Sinai, and no one can deny that to give up Sinai would certainly place Israel in a weaker position militarily. The importance of Sinai as a buffer zone between Israel and Egypt was shown during the 1973 Yom Kippur war, when Egypt's surprise attack was successfully contained in southern Sinai, before it could reach Israel's population centers.

The fact that in spite of all it could mean in a future war with Egypt, Israel is still willing to give up Sinai in return for a promise of peace, shows how far it is willing to go in search of peace. Israel has always desired peace with its Arab neighbors, and is willing to take grave risks if there is a possibility of realizing such an aim.

It is still too early to tell exactly what will come of the current peace talks with Egypt. Although it seems that a peace treaty is in the offing, there are still many things that could happen. It must be remembered that even if President Sadat of Egypt is sincere in his desire for peace, he is only one man, who will not be leader of Egypt forever, and who at present has most of the Arab world against him. Another thing that must be considered is that according to the Bible, the time has certainly not come for lasting peace in the Middle East.

We will just have to wait and trust in the Lord. We can rest assured that whatever happens, it will be as He wills.

— Gordon M. Fauth

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**"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning.
If I do not remember thee, let my tongue cleave to the roof of my
mouth, if I prefer not JERUSALEM above my chief joy."
Psalms 137:5, 6.**

THE APPLE OF HIS EYE

In the midst of opposition and persecution from Samaritan neighbors, Israel became discouraged and felt neglected of God. At this time of discouragement a prophet by the name of Zechariah stood up in Israel. His name means "Jehovah remembers", and his ministry was to encourage his people that "Jehovah remembers, Jehovah cares."

One of the striking statement that God made through him was this: "HE THAT TOUCHETH YOU TOUCHETH THE APPLE OF HIS EYE." (Zech. 2:8).

The apple, or pupil, of the eye is one of man's most sensitive organs. If one is outside in the summer and a breeze whisks one minute particle of dust into his eye, there is immediately a burning, stinging sensation. The tears flow in an effort to protect the eye from damage. The slightest touching of the eye ball causes one to flinch in pain. How extremely sensitive it is!

The Lord God searched for a figure which would express His keen sensitivity to the trials and afflictions of His people, and He chose the illustration of one's eye ball.

The Heavenly Father chose Abraham, because he was careful to follow Him in every detail, and to do His will. We are told it was because Abraham kept the commandments. (Genesis 26:5). He said of Abraham and his seed: "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee." Gen. 12:3.

It was the Jews the Heavenly Father chose, through whom His son, the Messiah, was to come, and it is them to whom we are indebted for the whole Bible, both Old and New.

Although scattered over the face of the earth because of their offenses, the Father loved them, and He said: Their seed shall be known among the gentiles, and their offspring among the people: and all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed." Isaiah 61:9. How true this is!

Christ (Yahshua) the Messiah came through this particular line, as many scriptures clearly state. Here are a few: (Hebrews 7:14 reads): "It is evident that our Lord sprang out of Judah." He is spoken of as "The Lion of the tribe of Judah." Rev. 5:5. We read again, "He chose not the tribe of Ephraim, but chose the tribe of Judah." Psalms 78:67, 68.

This is why the Father says of the Jews, "He that toucheth you toucheth the apple of HIS eye," and this is 100 per cent true. Those who hate and mistreat the Jews have been punished. Even back in the ancient past, in the days of Babylon, they knew this. The people then had seen it come to pass just as we have seen it in this generation. The wife of Haman and the wise men said: "If Mordecai be of the seed of the Jews, before whom thou hast begun to fall, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him." Es. 6:13.

THE DAUGHTER OF JERUSALEM AND THE DAUGHTER OF BABYLON

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to the priest sitting in the name clothed with claimed authority of God, invested with the power to examine the conscience, to judge the life, to absolve or condemn according to his mere arbitrary will and pleasure. This is the grand pivot on which the whole "Mystery of iniquity", as embodied in the papacy, is made to turn; and wherever it is submitted to, admirably does it serve the design of binding men in abject subjection to the priesthood.

In conformity with the principle out of which the confessional grew, the church, that is, the clergy, claimed to be the sole depository of the true faith of Christianity. As the Chaldean priests were believed alone to possess the key to the understanding of the Mythology of Babylon, a key handed down to them from primeval antiquity, so the priests of Rome set up to be the sole interpreters of scripture; they only had the true tradition, transmitted from age to age, without which it was impossible to arrive at its true meaning. They, therefore, require implicit faith in their dogmas; all men were bound to believe as the Church believed, while the Church in this way could shape its faith as it pleased. As possessing supreme authority, also, over the faith, they could let out little or much, as they judged most expedient and "reserve" in teaching the great truth of religion was as essential a principle in the system of Babylon, as it is in Romanism or Tractarianism at this day.

It was this priestly claim to dominion over the faith of men, that "imprisoned the truth in unrighteousness" in the ancient world, so that "darkness covered the earth, and gross darkness the people." It was the very same claim, in the hands of the Roman priests, that ushered in the dark ages, when through many a dreary century the Gospel was unknown, and the Bible a sealed book to millions who bore the name of Christ. In every respect then, we see how justly Rome bears on its forehead the name: "Mystery, Babylon the Great". — Rev. 17:5.

— By the late Elder A. N. Dugger



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