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June 22, 1983

Mr. Ken Stribling
c/o Morton Blackwell
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Stribling,

Further to our conversation, I am enclosing herewith clippings on the Anti-Defamation League's story on the Sandinista treatment of Jews.

Per our conversation, notice of meetings should be sent to David Brody, our Washington representative.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which appears to read "Nathan Perlmutter", is written below the word "Sincerely,".

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cc: Rabbi Morton M. Rosenthal
David Brody

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Morton Blackwell
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CHANCELLOR: ARCHPRIEST DANIEL HUBIAK

April 1, 1983

Mr. Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, DC 20500

Dear Mr. Newell:

The Primate of the Orthodox Church in America, His Beatitude Metropolitan Theodosius, on October 22, 1981, addressed a letter to President Ronald W. Reagan inviting him to address our All-American Council in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on Thursday, August 25, 1983. That letter was forwarded by Mrs. Diane Ushinski at the recommendation of Mrs. Helenē von Damm.

In your letter of February 18, 1982, you stated that a determination as to the President's acceptance of this invitation would be made as the date drew closer. A response by the end of April would be most appreciated.

We certainly hope that the President will honor us with his presence at this triennial assembly of the clergy and lay leadership of our parishes from throughout the United States.

Thank you for your kind attention.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hubiak
Archpriest Daniel Hubiak,
Chancellor

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cc: ✓ Mrs. Helenē von Damm
Mrs. Diane Ushinski

Ronald W. Reagan
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am writing to you at this time to invite you to address the All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America when it convenes in Philadelphia, August 21-26, 1983.

The Orthodox Church in America is a religious communion numbering some one million baptized souls in the United States and Canada. The Church's membership is composed of Americans of several cultural and geographic backgrounds--native Alaskans, Albanians, Bulgarians, Romanians, Russians, Ukrainians, Galicians, Byelorussians. Many of our members and clergy are Americans of West European or Anglo Saxon background who have joined the Orthodox Church as adults.

This heterogeneous community is bound together in the Orthodox Church in America seeking to promote the religious values of Eastern Orthodoxy in North America, and especially in the United States. Although, like many Americans, we find our roots in other continents and countries, our goal and purpose is to serve the spiritual, ethical, and religious needs of our people, all of whom are permanently established in the new world as citizens.

The All-American Councils are convened every three years. They are composed of the bishops of the Orthodox Church in America, clergy and lay delegates, and observers, numbering four to five hundred persons. At the banquet of the Council more than a thousand persons came together in celebration.

Our invitation to you is to address the delegates, observers, and guests at the Council banquet on Thursday, August 25, 1983. All of the members of our Church throughout the nation would be honored by your presence and would be delighted to learn of your message to us.

Asking that God's blessing may rest upon you and all your efforts on behalf of our nation and its people, I remain,

Yours most sincerely,


+THEODOSIUS

Archbishop of Washington
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

October 22, 1981

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 18, 1982

Dear Archbishop Theodosius:

Mrs. Diane Ushinski has forwarded to me your letter to the President of October 22, 1981, inviting him to address the All-American Council of the Orthodox Church in America when it meets in Philadelphia on August 25, 1983.

We know you will understand that we are unable to project the President's schedule this far in advance. Particular notation has been made of your invitation, and nearer the date we will be back in touch with you about the possibility of the President's acceptance.

Thank you too for the book sent with the letter, Orthodox America, 1794-1976, on the development of the Orthodox Church in America.

Best wishes.

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Newell
Special Assistant
to the President

Archbishop Theodosius
Orthodox Church in America
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March 22, 1983

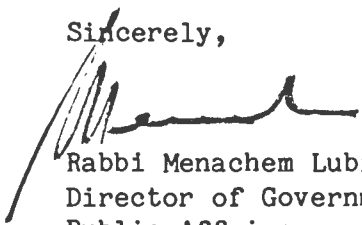
Hon. Morton Blackwell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Dear Mr. Blackwell:

I thought that the enclosed press release reporting on the position of Agudath Israel on the nuclear freeze would be of interest to you.

Kind regards.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky
Director of Government and
Public Affairs

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AGUDATH ISRAEL OF AMERICA

Agudath Israel of America, founded in 1922, is a broadly-based Orthodox Jewish movement with chapters in major communities throughout the United States and Canada. It sponsors a broad range of constructive projects in the fields of religion, education, children's welfare and social action affecting the lives of young and old in far-flung parts of the Americas, Israel and Russia.



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March 21, 1983

AGUDATH ISRAEL REJECTS "MISUSE OF JEWISH TRADITION"

IN NUCLEAR FREEZE DEBATE

A sharp rebuke against the misuse of "Jewish tradition" in the raging debate over the nuclear freeze issue was released by Agudath Israel of America, in a policy statement adopted by its national officers at a meeting on Monday. The national Orthodox Jewish coalition movement, commenting on the position taken by many Jewish organizations, stated that it is "an oversimplification of Jewish tradition to interpret reverence for life as an argument for a nuclear freeze."

The Agudath Israel statement pointed out that although it believes that "no stone should be left unturned in an effort to put a halt to the frightening nuclear arms race and to achieve genuine peace," nevertheless, while "peace is a religious imperative, so is a strong national defense."

The following is the full text of the Agudath Israel statement:

"We deplore the reports that various Jewish groups have injected Jewish tradition as a basis for their call for a nuclear freeze. Like all segments of society, we view with alarm the constantly mounting nuclear arms buildup, and we believe that no stone should be left unturned in an effort to put a halt to this frightening race and to achieve genuine peace. It is, however, an oversimplification of Jewish tradition to interpret reverence for life as an argument for a nuclear freeze. Peace is a religious imperative; but so is a strong national defense. The hallowed Jewish concern for life extends to deterrence of a grave death threat.

In democratic countries we have traditionally depended upon the governmental process for decisions relating to military and security issues. It is inappropriate to introduce Jewish tradition as an issue in the current pragmatic debate regarding nuclear freeze and the negotiating stance of the superpowers. At stake is how to genuinely preserve world peace and ultimately reduce the world's nuclear arsenal. A complex decision of this kind must be left in the expert hands of those to whom we entrust the reins of government, who are thoroughly familiar with all the intricate facts.

Judaism seeks the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy of total disarmament when the nations of the world 'shall beat their swords into plowshares'. The route to realistically reach a goal of this nature at this time cannot be charted by pronouncements from religious groups; it must be hammered out in the normal democratic process which is the hallmark of our blessed government. Our tradition tells us: 'The hearts of kings and rulers are in the hands of G-d.'"

DIVISIONS: National Youth Commission, Zeirei Agudath Israel, Bnos Agudath Israel, Pirchei Agudath Israel, Bachurei Agudath Israel/Agudist Women's Organization, N'shei Agudath Israel/Camp Agudah/Camp Bnos/The Jewish Observer/Dos Yiddishe Wort/Commission on Legislation and Civic Action/Commission on Israel/Commission on Overseas Rescue and Relief/Commission on Social Services/Commission on Senior Citizens/Project COPE (Career Opportunities and Preparation for Employment)/COPE Vocational Institute/Commission on Latin American Jewry/National Commission on Jewish Ethnic Affairs (JudaicScope, Southern Brooklyn Community Organization)/Commission on Branch Service and Development/Commission on Adult Torah Education, Daf Yomi/Jewish Education Program (JEP)/Torah Education Network (Reshet Shiurei Torah)/Torah Action Program (TAP)/Project RISE (Russian Immigrant Services and Education)/Russian Immigrant Rescue Fund/Project YAD for Russian Jewry/Agudist Benevolent Society/Chevra Oseh Chesed

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THE ISSUE THAT DWARFS ALL OTHER ISSUES

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This is the most sensational manuscript of its kind

In a highly confidential interview with a Jewish administrative assistant to one of this nation's ranking Senators, he said, "It is a marvel that the American people do not rise up and drive every Jew out of this country."

The Jew, Mr. Harold Wallace Rosenthal, made this statement after admitting Jewish dominance in all significant national programs. He said, "We Jews continue to be amazed with the ease by which Christian Americans have fallen into our hands. While the naive Americans wait for Khrushchev to bury them, we have taught them to submit to our every demand."

Asked how a nation could be captured without their knowing it, Mr. Rosenthal attributed this victory to absolute control of the media. He boasted of Jewish control of all news. Any newspaper which refused to acquiesce to controlled news was brought to its knees by withdrawing advertising. Failing in this, the Jews stop the supply of news print and ink. "It's a very simple matter," he stated.

Asked about men in high political office, Mr. Rosenthal said that no one in the last three decades has achieved any political power without Jewish approval. "Americans have not had a presidential choice since 1932. Roosevelt was our man; every president since has been our man."

When the U.S. foreign policy was mentioned, the bedroom confidence of the interview was all but set aside. With disdain and mockery he sneered at the American stupidity saying, "It is Zionist-Communist policy from beginning to end. Yet the citizens think this Jewish policy will benefit America." He cited 'detent' and Angola as examples of Jewish diplomacy. The credulous nature of Americans drew only contempt from him.

The interview continued on an almost omniscient plane. "We Jews have put issue upon issue to the American people. Then we promote both sides of the issue as confusion reigns. With their eyes fixed on the issues, they fail to see who is behind every scene. We Jews toy with the American public as a cat toys with a mouse." "The blood of the masses will flow as we wait for our day of world victory," Mr. Rosenthal added coldly.

Looking back to the time of this interview and having had time to analyze Harold Rosenthal's candidness, we are compelled to think of him as a conceited, boastful yet knowledgeable person. I would classify him as an egotist and an egoist. At times his cruelty surfaced with a venom, especially as he describes the stupid Christians or 'goys' as he so often referred to us. His mind was thoroughly immersed in the one-world plan of world Jewry. With arrogance, he boasted that the Jew's conquest of the world was almost complete - thanks to Christianity stupidity.

When asked if he was a Zionist Mr. R replied: "That's a hell of a question! At the foundation of the issues is the traditional Zionist concept of aliyah, a Hebrew term meaning the 'in gathering' or return of Diaspora (dispersed jews) Jews to the Palestine homeland. Ever since 1948 and the creation of the state of Israel, aliyah has become a basic imperative of Israel government."

What is aliyah? Will you please spell it for me - where-in he did and I inquired as to the realistic meaning of aliyah. Mr. R said:

"It is a permanent physical migration to Palestine, not just a visit."

I asked, what is Zionism? Mr. R replied:

"Our first leader, former Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion said that Zionism without a

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'return to Zion' is phony. Not many American Jews migrate permanently to Israel. Some say that all Jews, by definition, are Zionists. Others say that a Jew is not a Zionist unless he's a member who pays dues to an actively Zionist organization. Definitions have been tossed everywhere since the Jewish homeland became a reality."

Millions of tax-exempt American dollars are sent to Israel yearly and we true Americans do not like this. Mr. R replied:

"The naive politicians in Washington are gullible. Most of them are not too bright so the powerful Jewish lobbyists influenced this practice years ago and there is no one strong enough to stop it. Some of that money is even returned to the United States and spent on Zionist propaganda efforts, much of it through the B'nai B'rith and the Conference of Jewish Organizations and the World Jewish Congress. The Jewish Agency is a funding arm - a sort of body of B'nai B'rith officials. There is nothing wrong with sending American dollars to Israel tax-free so long as we are smart enough to get away with it. Let's reverse this conversation for a minute. You made it clear and quite vociferously, that you don't like Jews. Why do you hate us?"

Mr. Rosenthal, I do not hate anybody. I said I hate what the Jews are doing to us and especially as it relates to any and everything related to Christianity. I hate their deceit, trickery, cunning, and their detestable dishonesty. Does that make me anti-semitic? If it does then I am anti-semitic!!

"Anti-Semitism does not signify opposition to Semitism. There is no such thing. It is an expression we Jews use effectively as a smearword -- used to brand as a bigot like you guys -- anyone who brings criticism against Jews. We use it against hate-mongers." (See Luke 19:27).

It was made clear that I despised the Jews' corruptive influence on our Christian culture - and on our properly Christ-oriented American way of life to which Mr. R said:

"During Christ's time, the Jews were seeking a material and earthly kingdom but Christ offered the Jews a spiritual kingdom. This, they couldn't buy, so they rejected Christ and had him crucified."

What do you mean - had him crucified? Doesn't history prove that the Jews crucified Christ?

"Yes, I guess they did. I don't beat around the bush -- but 2,000 years ago your people would have done the same thing to a man who mistreated them as Christ did the Jews."

You speak of Jesus Christ as merely a man.

"That's all he was - a man who walked on the earth like any other man and this myth about Christ rising from the dead and returning to earth to visit with his disciples is a bunch of crap. The Jews who drove the Arabs out of Palestine did so to disprove Christ's mission for a spiritual kingdom. You see, instead of a leader who would make an empire for the Jews, your kind of people gave the Jews a peaceful preacher called Christ who instead of an eye-for-an-eye turns the other cheek. Rubbish! We are building and, in fact, have built an earthly empire without your kind and your disappointing Messiah."

I can see that it is you and your kind who try to get Christ out of Christmas. I feel sorry for you. To which he quickly replied:

"Don't give me that s... I don't want your pity. I don't need it! Too many Jews don't have the guts to tell you how we live and plan, but I am not intimidated by anyone or anything. I know where I'm going."

When asked why do Jews frequently change their names he said:

"Jews are the most intelligent people in the world so if it benefits them to change their names they do so. That's all there is to it. They mix in your society which is plenty corrupt, so while

the Jews are benefiting themselves the dumb goy doesn't realize that these Jews with non-Jew names are Jews. I know what you're thinking - about Jews in the government who use non-jew names. Well, don't be concerned because in the foreseeable future there will be no Presidential power in the United States. The invisible government is taking strength in that direction."

To your knowledge, are the Jews in Russia really persecuted or are they given any kind of freedom? To which he said:

"Most Jews throughout the world - I'd say more than 90% know what is really happening to our people. We have communication unequalled anywhere. It is only the jerks, the ignorant and misinformed and degenerates who can find peace in your society - and you bastards hide your sins by donning sheeps clothing. You are the hypocrites - not the Jews, as you say and write about. To answer your question - in Russia, there are two distinct governments - one visible and the other invisible. The visible is made up of different nationalities - whereas the invisible is composed of all Jews. The powerful Soviet secret police takes its orders from the invisible gov't. There are about six to seven million Communists in Soviet Russia. 50% are Jews and about 50% gentile - but the gentiles are not trusted. The Communist Jews are united and trust each other - while the others spy on one another. About every five or six years the secret Jewish Board calls for the purge of the Party and many are liquidated."

When asked - WHY? he said: "Because they begin to understand too much the Jewish secret of government. Russian Communists have a Secret Group Order which consists of Jews only. They rule over everything pertaining to the visible government. It was this powerful organization that was responsible for the secret removal of the center of Communism to Tel Aviv from where all instructions now originate."

Does our government and the United Nations have knowledge of this? He replied:

"The United Nations is nothing but a trap-door to the Red World's immense concentration camp. We pretty much control the U.N."

When asked why the Communists destroy the middle class or educated and their entire families when they invade a country, Mr. R replied:

"It is an established rule to destroy all members of pre-existing government, their families and relatives but never Jews. They destroy all members of the police, state police, army officers and their families but never Jews. You see, we know when a government begins to search for the Communists within its borders - they are really attempting to uncover Jews in their area. We're not fooled! The invisible rulers in the Communist countries have a world control over the propaganda and the governments in free countries. We control every media of expression including newspapers, magazines, radio and television. Even your music! We censor the songs released for publication long before they reach the publishers. Before long we will have complete control of your thinking."

The way you boast - if this is true - it is frightening to think about our future - and that of Christianity - to which Mr. R said: "There will be a forced class warfare here in the United States and many will be liquidated. You will unquestionably be among them. The Jews will not be harmed. I'm not boasting! I'm giving you the facts! And it is too late for your Christian followers to put up a defense. That time is long past. Long, long ago we HAD to become the aggressors!! That is undoubtedly one of our GREAT purposes in life. WE are the aggressors!! Because you stole your pretended religious beliefs from our Talmud."

After reminding him that we thought he was intelligent but now realize that he doesn't know what he was talking about he replied:

"Judaism is the unequalled culture - with nothing, nothing anywhere in the world to compare with it. Your so-called Christianity is an outgrowth of Judaism. The cultural and intellectual influence of Judaism is felt throughout the entire world - yes, throughout civilization."

Asked whether he thought we faced a problem eventually with the Blacks because of their startling population increase he said that the Blacks are helping to serve 'our pose' which might mean several things. We discussed the Black invasion of City, County and State jobs and their prominence now in television. Also how ridiculous it is for Blacks to become converted to Jews -- like Sammy Davis for instance. Mr. R replied:

"That doesn't mean anything. We know that a Black cannot become a Jew and that Sammy Davis is still Black. It may have been to his advantage to become converted. In reality he still remains a nigger and not a Jew."

I told him of my in-depth study of the Jews and that there were few who have done more research on world Jewry than I - and about my unpleasant discoveries - reminding Mr. R that there is no morality among Jews. He replied:

"Money is more important than morality. We can accomplish anything with money. Our people are proving that in Israel where its strength against attack is its permanent state of war readiness. Israel can now win in any encounter. The kibbutz-raised intellectual elements are going to build that small country into a mid-east wonderland. It will also eventually be the base for World Government headquarters."

We discussed the tragedy of Watergate and corruption at all levels of government and suggested that government representatives practice more openness and candor in dealing with people. Mr. R said: "What good would it do? What the hell does the public know about the running of government. The great majority are asses -- horses asses!!"

I said, May we quote you on that? He said: "I don't care what you do - as I said, few have the guts to speak out. We would all have better understanding between each other - jews and gentiles if we spoke out more openly. Your people don't have guts. We establish your thinking -- we even place within you a 'guilt complex' making you afraid to criticize Jewry openly."

In the quietness of this enlightening conversation it became clear that the understanding poured forth did not come from a novice. Mr. Rosenthal was asked how Jews gain acceptance so easily among other races. His answer was long and thorough.

"At a very early date, urged on by the desire to make our way in the world, Jews began to look for a means whereby we might distract all attention from the racial aspect. What could be more effective, and at the same time more above suspicion, than to borrow and utilize the idea of a religious community? We've been forced to borrow this idea from the Aryans. We jews never possessed any religious institution which developed out of our own consciousness, for we lack any kind of idealism. The Talmud does not lay down principles with which to prepare the individual for a life to come, but furnishes only rules for a sumptuous life in this world. Our teachings are not concerned with moral problems, but rather with how to 'get.' Our life is of this world only and our mentality is as foreign to the true spirit of Christianity as our character was to the Founder of this new creed 2,000 years ago. The Founder of Christianity made no secret of his estimation of the Jews and the fact that he was not one of us. When he found it necessary he drove us out of the temple of God, because then, as always, we used religion as a means of advancing our commercial interest.

"But at that time, we managed to nail Jesus to the cross for his attitude towards us; whereas, the modern Christians enter into party politics and in order to win elections, they debase themselves by begging for Jewish votes. They even enter into political intrigues with us against the interests of their own nation.

"We can live among other nations and states only as long as we succeed in persuading them that the Jews are not a distinct people, but are the representatives of a religious faith who, therefore, constitute a 'religious community,' though this be of a peculiar character. As a matter of fact, this is the greatest of our falsehoods.

"We are obliged to conceal our own particular character and mode of life so that we will be

allowed to continue our existence as a parasite among the nations. Our success in this line has gone so far that many believe that the Jews among them are genuine Frenchmen, or Englishmen, or Italians, or Germans who just happen to belong to a religious denomination which is different from that prevailing in these countries. Especially in circles concerned with government, where the officials have only a minimum of historical sense, we are able to impose our infamous deception with comparative ease."

When questioned about the ways in which the Jews have gained power, Mr. Rosenthal said:

"Our power has been created through the manipulation of the national monetary system. We authored the quotation, 'Money is power.' As revealed in our master plan, it was essential for us to establish a private national bank. The Federal Reserve system fitted our plan nicely since it is owned by us, but the name implies that it is a government institution. From the very outset, our purpose was to confiscate all the gold and silver, replacing them with worthless non-redeemable paper notes. This we have done!"

Asked about the term 'non-redeemable notes,' Mr. Rosenthal replied: "Prior to 1968, the gullible goy could take a one dollar Federal Reserve note into any bank in America and redeem it for a dollar which was by law a coin containing $4\frac{1}{2}$ grains of 90 per cent silver. Up until 1933, one could have redeemed the same note for a coin of 90 per cent gold. However, since 1968 the dollar Federal Reserve note is not redeemable. All we do is give the goy more non-redeemable notes, or else copper slugs. But we never give them their gold and silver. Only more paper," he said contemptuously. "We Jews have prospered through the paper gimmick. It's our method through which we take money and give only paper in return."

Can you give me an example of this, we asked? "The examples are numerous, but a few readily apparent are the stocks and bonds market, all forms of insurance and the fractional reserve system practiced by the Federal Reserve corporation, not to mention the billions in gold and silver that we have gained in exchange for paper notes, stupidly called money. Money power was essential in carrying out our master plan of international conquest through propaganda."

Asked how they proposed doing this, he said; "At first, by controlling the banking system we were able to control corporation capital. Through this, we acquired total monopoly of the movie industry, the radio networks and the newly developing television media. The printing industry, newspapers, periodicals and technical journals had already fallen into our hands. The richest plum was later to come when we took over the publication of all school materials. Through these vehicles we could mold public opinion to suit our own purposes. The people are only stupid pigs that grunt and squeal the chants we give them, whether they be truth or lies."

Asked if the Jews felt any threat from the 'silent majority,' he laughed at the idea, saying; "The only thing that exists is an unthinking majority and unthinking they will remain. By controlling industry, we have become the task masters and the people the slaves. When the pressure of daily toil builds to an explosive degree, we have provided the safety valve of momentary pleasure. The television and movie industries furnish the necessary temporary distraction. These programs are carefully designed to appeal to the sensuous emotions, never to the logical thinking mind. Because of this, the people are programmed to respond according to our dictates, not according to reason. Silent they never are; unthinking they will remain."

Continuing his thought of Jewish control over the goy, Mr. R said: "We have castrated society through fear and intimidation. Its manhood exists only in combination with a feminine outward appearance. As all geldings in nature, their thoughts are not involved with the concerns of the future and their posterity, but only with the present toil and the next meal."

It was obvious that the excitement of Mr. Rosenthal was triggered when mention was made of the nation's industry. "We have been successful in dividing society against itself by pitting labor against management. This perhaps has been one of our greatest feats, since in reality it is a triangle, though only two points ever seem to occur. In modern industry where exists capital, which force we represent, at the apex. Both management and labor are on the base of this triangle. They continually stand opposed to each other and their attention is never

directed to the head of their problem. Management is forced to raise prices since we are ever increasing the cost of capital. Labor must have increasing wages and management must have higher prices, thus creating a vicious cycle. We are never called to task for our role which is the real reason for inflation, since the conflict between management and labor is so severe that neither has time to observe our activities. It is our increase in the cost of capital that causes the inflation cycle. We do not labor or manage, and yet we receive the profits. Through our money manipulation, the capital that we supply industry costs us nothing. Through our national bank, the Federal Reserve, we extend book credit, which we create from nothing, to all local banks who are member banks. They in turn extend book credit to industry. Thus, we do more than God, for all of our wealth is created from nothing. You look shocked! Don't be! It's true, we actually do more than God. With this supposed capital we bring industry, management and labor into our debt, which debt only increases and is never liquidated. Through this continual increase, we are able to pit management against labor so they will never unite and attack us and usher in a debt-free industrial utopia.

An incredible story

"We are the necessary element since we expend nothing. We Jews glory in the fact that the stupid goy have never realized that we are the parasites consuming an increasing portion of production while the producers are continually receiving less and less."

As the hours rolled on in this intense, but cordial interview, Mr. R exposed his thoughts concerning religion.

"With our control of the text book industry and the news media, we have been able to hold ourselves up as the authorities on religion. Many of our rabbis now hold professorships in supposed Christian theological seminaries. We are amazed by the Christians' stupidity in receiving our teachings and propagating them as their own. Judaism is not only the teaching of the synagogue, but also the doctrine of every 'Christian Church' in America. The Church has become our most avid supporter. This has even given us a special place in society, their believing the lie that we are the 'chosen people' and they, gentiles.

"These deluded children of the Church defend us to the point of destroying their own culture. This truth is evident even to the dullard when one views history and sees that all wars have been white fighting white in order that we maintain our control. We controlled England during the Revolutionary War, the North during the Civil War and England and America during World War I and II. Through our influence of religion we were able to involve the ignorant white Christians in wars against themselves which always impoverished both sides while we reaped a financial and political harvest. Anytime truth comes forth which exposes us, we simply rally our forces -- the ignorant Christians. They attack the crusaders even if they are members of their own families.

"Through religion we have gained complete control of society, government and economics. No law is ever passed except its merits have previously been taught from the pulpits. An example of this is race equality which led to integration and ultimately to mongrelization. The gullible clergy in one breath instruct their parishioners that we are a special, chosen people while in another breath proclaim all races are the same. Their inconsistency is never discovered. So we Jews enjoy a special place in society while all other races are reduced to common equality. It is for this reason that we authored the equality hoax, thereby reducing all to a lower level.

"We have been taught that our current economic practices are benevolent, therefore Christian. These pulpit parrots extol our goodness for loaning them the money to build their temples, never realizing that their own holy book condemns all usury. They are eager to pay our exorbitant interest rates. They have led society into our control through the same practice. Politically, they hail the blessings of democracy and never understand that through democracy we have gained control of their nation. Their book again teaches a benevolent despotic form of government in accordance with the laws of that book, while a democracy is mob rule which we control through their Churches, our news media and economic institutions.

The Light Dawns

Their religion is only another channel through which we can direct the power of our propaganda. These religious puppets' stupidity is only exceeded by their cowardice, for they are ruled easily."

Rarely does any man confess the intimacy of his soul as did Mr. Rosenthal. Hindsight suggests that there was a greater force compelling this man to reveal what has been written here, as taken verbatim from the taped interview. The remainder of the interview seems to confirm this.

"Since we do not believe in a life after death, all our efforts are directed to the 'now.' We are not as foolish as you and will never adopt an ideology that is rooted in self-sacrifice. Whereas you will live and die for the benefit of the community, we will live and die only for our own individual self. The idea of self-sacrifice is abhorred by Jews. It is abhorrent to me. No cause is worth dying for since death is the end. The only time we unite is to preserve our individual selves. As a group of wolves unite to attack a prey, but then disperse after each is filled, so we Jews unite when peril is pending, not to preserve our community but to save our own skin.

"This attitude permeates our entire being and philosophy. We are not the creators, for to create would only benefit another. We are the 'acquirers' and are interested only in satisfying the 'self.' To understand our philosophy would be to understand the term 'to get.' We never give but only take. We never labor but enjoy the fruits of others' labor. We do not create, but confiscate. We can physically live within any society, but always remain spiritually apart. We would never work for anyones' benefit, only for what we can get. We have used this Aryan attitude to achieve our greatest prosperity. You will work for the enjoyment you derive out of producing, while never being concerned about the pay. We take your productivity for a paltry fee and turn it into fortunes.

"Until recently, the pride of workmanship exceeded the quest for high incomes. However, we have been able to enslave society to our own power which is money, by causing them to seek after it. We have converted the people to our philosophy of getting and acquiring so that they will never be satisfied. A dissatisfied people are the pawns in our game of world conquest. Thus, they are always seeking and never able to find satisfaction. The very moment they seek happiness outside themselves, they become our willing servants. You have become addicted to our medicine through which we have become your absolute masters.

"On the first and fundamental lie, the purpose of which is to make people believe that we are not a nation, but a religion, other lies are subsequently based. Our greatest fear is that this FALSEHOOD WILL BE DISCOVERED, for we will be stamped out the moment the general public comes into possession of the truth and acts upon it. It is becoming apparent that an awakening is occurring even here in America. We had hoped that through our devastation of Christian Germany that any subject dealing with us would be a fearful taboo. However, there seems to be a resurgence here in the one nation that we so strongly control. We are presently making plans for a rapid exodus. We know that when the light begins to dawn, there will be no stopping it. All efforts on our part will only intensify that light and draw focus upon it.

"We fear that light is coming forth in movements across this land, especially yours. It has amazed us how you have been successful in reaching the people after we closed every door of communication. This, we fear, is a sign of a coming pogrom that will take place in America. The American public has realized that we are in control, which is a fatal mistake on our part. This nation could never be the land of the free as long as it is the land of the Jew. This is the revelation that will be our undoing.

"The American people have been easily ruled through our propaganda that the pen is mightier than the sword. If the Aryan would review history and apply those lessons of the past, then the pen will be thrown down in disgust and the sword wielded in the heat of passion. Thus far, we have escaped the sword, when the only reprisal is some periodical of no repute, or some pamphlet with limited circulation. Their pen is no match for ours, but our constant fear is that they may open their eyes and learn that no change was ever brought about with a pen. History has been written in blood, not with ink. We are safe to continually exploit, intimidate and disenfranchise the white American as long as they are preoccupied with the illusion of educating

the masses through printed material. Woe be unto us if they ever see the futility of it, lay down the pen and employ the sword.

"History confirms the fact that the passions of an aroused minority, no matter how small a group, have exerted enough power to topple the greatest empire. The movements that control destiny are not those that rest on the inactive majority; but on the sheer force of an active minority. Will is Power, not numbers, for a strong Will will always rule the masses.

"Again, we are safe as long as our Will is stronger, or the Will of the people is misdirected, scattered and without leadership. We will never be deposed with words, only force!"

The 'wisdom' of Harold Wallace Rosenthal has been set forth.

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO PROTECT EVERY CITIZEN FROM THE ABOVE POTENTIALS??

I must admit that the FACTS as conveyed by Harold Wallace Rosenthal have made their impact on this writer, Walter White, Director-Editor of WESTERN FRONT. The interview, or perhaps a better word might be confession, has helped to bring to the surface a reality of what we veterans have known for years, but the stark reality of Jewish treachery becomes more shocking when getting it ALL in one package.

Is God finished with the Jews?

Mr. Rosenthal, a former influential Jew in his own right, prided himself in being a vital part of the admitted control of the media, of their invisible government, no political power without Jewish approval, the American people have no guts and the sneer at their stupidity, the Jews' power through their money and the money power affording them a 'master plan' for international conquest through propaganda. Let us remember Rosenthal's remarks about an 'unthinking majority', the Jews' treachery of pitting labor against management and that Christ was just another man walking on earth. That they are admitted parasites who have gained control of our society, GOVERNMENT and economics through their religion, also the 'chosen people' myth exploded and the confessed 'big lie' that the Jews are a religion and not a nation. And we must not forget what Mr. R said about their fear of being discovered for what they are.

We are beginning to uncover the whole conspiracy on the part of the Communists and World Zionism to capture control of our nation, and the Jews and their prostituted media are beginning to admit, as Mr. R said, that we have them on the run. Believe us, dear reader, it has already become a great shock to the Jewish world since this document got into circulation, (More than a half million copies at this printing). Before this edition went to press, we, and many of our followers wrote letters to Senator Jacob Javits, inquiring about this former aide, Mr. R but all replies were from his press assistant who claimed the interview never took place, also that it is "an ugly fraud". This writer has appealed to Senator Jacob Javits to listen to the tapes of my interview with Mr. R but he ignores my certified, return receipt letters -- proving, in my opinion that they are frightened and dare not listen. Meanwhile, I, Walter White, will continue in my efforts for a governmental body to investigate Rosenthal's allegations of conspiracy. YOU could help greatly toward this goal. This Report could 'trigger the miracle' if, with your help enough copies of this manuscript are distributed in city, county, state and federal offices throughout the entire nation. This is a most informative, enlightening document. It is not 'one' of the most outstanding accounts of its kind -- it is 'THE most extraordinary' confession of modern time. We lack words in expressing the incomparable importance and value of this vehicle.

As you have observed, the Jew conspiracy is to reduce our population to a sub-servient obedience, designed to groom us for a Jew-controlled, international, money-changing dictatorship designed by Zionists and Communists. THIS MUST NOT HAPPEN. The American public will not allow itself to be so subdued. These One World traitors who have been running our bureaucracy in Washington have permitted over 12 MILLION aliens to come into this country illegally from all nations of the world, including China, Japan, Mexico and Cuba. They are holding jobs which amounts to more than the great number of people we have unemployed.

This manuscript can act as the weapon with which we will open the eyes of the masses. They know something is wrong but they do not know what to do. YOU can show them. YOU can talk about this to your neighbors, friends, relatives and business associates regardless of their viewpoints or in spite of their tolerance of Jews. If YOU will help to circulate this evidence to tens of thousands, a victory could be within our grasp. Its content will hold the attention of almost any reader. WHY? Because it affects every man, woman and child in America. Yes, even throughout the world. IT IS THAT IMPORTANT! There cannot ever be another document of such vital importance. It is expensive to print so we cannot afford to send them to anyone except those who donate to this Cause.

This has to do with life and death truth. The revelations in this document will be almost unbelievable to the innocent who can scarcely imagine such self-confessed evil ambitions. Mr. R appeared to take great pride in being able to disclose some of the inner, untold secrets -- all of which unfold as we listen to every word spoken (mine and his) during the lengthy interview, which is recorded on cassette tapes as our documentation. Many have asked for copies of the taped interview but inasmuch as my agreement with Mr. Rosenthal clearly states (as heard on the tapes) that this interview is not to be reproduced in any manner other than via WESTERN FRONT publication, I prefer to abide by our agreement - in spite of the fact it would be very profitable for us. We have played the tapes for a few trusted individuals only. IF, in due time, such a government investigative body refuses to listen to the tapes, we will have thousands of copies produced for mass release to the public without violating our agreement.

The Jewish nation is the enemy of ALL nations. As more and more manuscripts are being PLACED INTO CIRCULATION, the more hysterical they, the Jews, and their JDL, ADL, etc are becoming as evidenced by what they have done to me physically, but time does not allow for such description now. Believe me, however, they have beaten and tortured me and threatened my life if I continue to distribute 'the Rosenthal papers' as they call them. Although concerned, fear is not a part of my character.

We must Pray that God will save this Nation. And that appeal to God is not an idle gesture. My Christian faith remains intact. "God save our America", even if at present we are prisoners of a propaganda monopoly by a handful of traitors and manipulators. We can, with His Help, lift the yoke and break the bonds so that our majority by righteous representation, can assert itself in following the freedom of our United States Constitution.

I have risked my life before and I shall do it again if only to get this knowledge into the hands of a few million people. The reward that comes to those who stand by the TRUTH, regardless of the cost, is akin to what our Lord must have experienced when He resisted the devil. After the devil went away, the Scripture says, "Angels came and ministered unto Him".

My dedication to this work - my dedication to Truth - has given me the ministry of angels down through the years. (May, 1981, is 15th anniversary of my service). Pray for me that I may have the strength and the intelligence and the character and the vision to carry on stronger than ever in distributing this manuscript, depending upon your prayers, your money and your moral support. WE are in the final battle, WE must do everything possible to "Pass The Word" . . . including prayer.

We have formed what we're proud to title "AMERICA'S UNYIELDING TWO MILLION", because with two million concerned Americans we place ourselves in a position of 'real strength' --- numbers, that those in Washington, or State Capitals dare not ignore.

The Rosenthal document which we titled "THE HIDDEN TYRANNY" confirms the theme of the "Protocols of The Learned Elders of Zion". It might be called "Personalized Protocols - - - 1979 Edition." "Friends Of Israel" have criticized our reference to The Protocols, saying that they are forgeries -- also our quoting Benjamin Franklin's famous remarks about the Jews as being fraudulent. We have since met their challenge by acquiring documented proof of the authenticity of BOTH and for a mere \$1. we will send you both documents along with the eight page manuscript, "AMERICA'S UNYIELDING TWO MILLION" which outlines our plan completely.

Please join hands with us. We need YOU. And you need US.

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Shortly after Mr. Rosenthal and I were brought together, which later developed into an understanding of his fee (which seemed exorbitant at the time) for an interview without length of time involvement for said meeting, a date, time and place were arranged resulting in only a part of what you have just read. There is more yet unpublished. Upon completion, I knew it was powerfully potent and I had an overwhelming confidence in its content to arouse and awaken many who formerly disbelieved. Since the beginning of the distribution of this manuscript, the overwhelming desire and requests for additional copies by those who read same, goes far, far beyond one's fondest dreams -- proving beyond question that most Americans are eager for the TRUTH -- and purchasing and sending copies throughout all walks of life -- leaves me humble and most grateful. The more you give, the more copies will be printed, and the more copies will find their way into circulation and Mr. R's comment: "We fear that light is coming forth in movements across this land, especially yours," may become the reality and save America.

A few months after my interview with Harold Rosenthal, age 29, the administrative aide to Senator Jacob Javits, it was reported that Rosenthal was killed during an alleged sky-jacking attempt on an Israeli airliner in Istanbul, Turkey, August 12, 1976 so we decided not to release the interview publicly. We corresponded with his mother and father in Philadelphia and his brother Mark David Rosenthal who was attending college in northern California. Out of respect, we delayed release of this material for one year. In the meantime, I felt the necessity of doing some important investigating inasmuch as we had a report that Mr. R might have been killed because he talked too much. That theory seems to be correct because as passengers were preparing to board the Israeli airplane at Istanbul airport, with destination Tel Aviv, the terrorists sprayed all persons in the area with machine guns, as Turkish Police were thwarting the sky-jacking. Numbers were wounded, a Japanese and two Israeli citizens were killed by what was described as explosive fragments which penetrated their bodies. Harold Wallace Rosenthal was also killed but allegedly from a different weapon - two bullets that left powder burns at point of entry into Rosenthal's body -- so the killer weapon had to be within inches of Mr. R's body. The Governor of the Province which includes Istanbul was holding Rosenthal's body for investigation of murder. It has been alleged to this writer that Senator Jacob Javits used the pressure of the U.S. government to have Mr. R's body returned to the U.S. immediately, or, someone behind the scene issued such orders, prohibiting such further investigation.

The Christ-hating Jew who conspires against our Christian Heritage, enjoys nothing better than the conservative who protects the Jew and will talk about everything dangerous to our country except The Hidden Hand Jew conspirators, the root of all evil which threatens Christian civilization. This evil force is the "ANTI-CHRIST", as revealed in the second general letter of St. John, who says: "He is the Anti-Christ, that denieth the Father and the Son."

Whosoever forgets or omits the Jewish question, be it through ignorance, or fear, is unfit to be a preacher, teacher or official. This means that every Security Risk, ONE WORLDER, ATLANTIC UNION PLOTTER, CFR or TRILATERALIST and Alien ANTI-CHRIST ZIONIST, whose loyalty is to another country, and all of their TRAITOR agents and stooges MUST BE BANISHED by "REAL" AMERICANS FROM EVERY POSITION OF POWER AND INFLUENCE IN THIS NATION -- AND INSTEAD -- PUT NONE BUT "REAL AMERICANS ON GUARD" -- For this is the way by which our America can be saved.

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LEBANESE POPULATION HAS SUFFERED GREATLY, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT
ISRAELI SUPPORTED EXPULSION OF THESE INVADERS FROM LEBANESE SOIL WILL
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MEMORANDUM FOR MORTON BLACKWELL

FROM: MICHAEL R. GALE *MRG*

SUBJECT: Union of Orthodox Rabbis of
the United States and Canada

As a follow-up to your suggestion regarding the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada, I wanted you to know that I have invited Rabbi Moses Feinstein, their President, to attend an August 5th briefing at the Department of State. Participating in the briefing will be Mrs. Dole, Secretaries Weinberger and Shultz and two NSC Staff Members.

We have invited the members of the Conference of Presidents, members of the Executive Committee of the National Republican Jewish Coalition and other Jewish organizations that have been supportive of the President, such as the Union of Orthodox Rabbis.

The briefing will be an in-depth overview of U.S. foreign policy in the Middle East.

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Honorable Morton Blackwell
The White House
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Dear Mr. Blackwell:

We would be most grateful if you would help arrange a meeting between President Ronald Reagan, at his earliest convenience and ourselves, the leaders of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis of the United States and Canada. We were advised by Mr. Howard Phillips, National Director of the Conservative Caucus, to ask you to be so kind as to personally assist us in this regard.

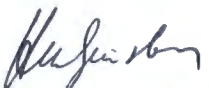
The Union of Orthodox Rabbis is the oldest and highest Orthodox Jewish body in America with a membership of over six hundred rabbis representing one million Orthodox Jewish Americans.

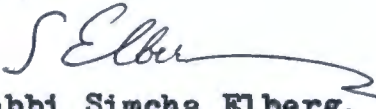
The President of our organization, Rabbi Moses Feinstein, is the revered Spiritual Leader of both American and world religious Jewry, as well as the Dean of heads of rabbinical seminaries in America.

We wish to emphasize that our purpose in meeting with President Reagan is not to discuss specifically Jewish subjects, but rather to present our deep concerns about matters of vital importance to our country. These involve the defense and strengthening of family life and traditional moral values in America which of course are being seriously undermined. We would like to offer the President specific recommendations for corrective action within the Constitutional process.

Please accept our very best wishes to you personally and also kindly convey to President Reagan our prayers that he have many more years of health and success.

Sincerely yours,


Rabbi Hersch M. Ginsberg,
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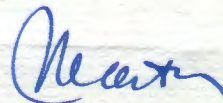
Dear Morton:

I want to let you know that I appreciated the time we spent together on Friday.

It was very helpful and enlightening to hear your views.

I know we will be able to work together in discussing the kinds of programs that we both want for the good of our country.

Sincerely,



Rabbi Martin Siegel

cc: Jerry Guth

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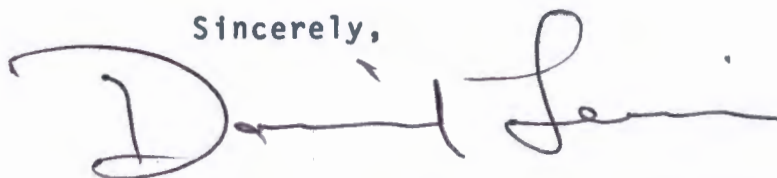
DEAR MR. BLACKWELL:

Do you think the president could see this report. The enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to him in care of the White House. I know, however, how unlikely it is that he would see it.

If you think it is important, perhaps you could make the effort of getting it before him.

Thanks and best wishes to you. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "David Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David A. Lewis, president
NATIONAL CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP
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P.S. I visited you in June, 1982 - at
your office.

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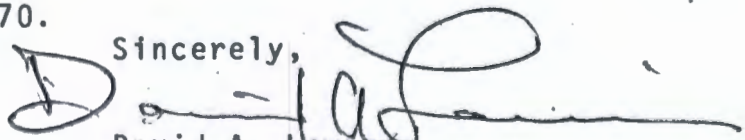
Dear Mr. President;

I hope the enclosed report reaches you. A gentleman who works for one of your cabinet members and myself have evidence that this report sent by Mr. H. duBerrier is correct. In fact there is a mass of evidence indicating that Israel's invasion of Lebanon has prevented the Russian takeover of the entire Mid East and/or a third world war.

Both the gentleman mentioned and myself have been in Lebanon recently.

Should you or any of your people require more information please call me. 417-882-6470.

Sincerely,



David A. Lewis
President, National Christian
Leadership Conference for Israel

Your instincts in ultimately backing Israel have proven, thus, to be absolutely correct, and a blow against communism and international revolutionary terrorism has been struck. It has been suggested to me that there are those who do not want you to have a complete picture of what was going on in Lebanon before the Israeli invasion. All of our information is now available to you through and from many sources.

More Intelligence From Lebanon

It would be wrong to think of the Israeli *blitzkrieg* into Lebanon and the seemingly hopeless predicament of Yasir Arafat's encircled Palestinian Liberation Organization (P.L.O.) as creating a prelude to peace in the Middle East. From unimpeachable information reaching your correspondent, it is clear that what we are seeing now is only the beginning of a struggle which could make the word holocaust seem an understatement.

From November 13, 1979, when Yasir Arafat sat down in the Kremlin with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko, major conflict in the Middle East was in the works. Arafat had gone to Moscow with a clear-cut proposal. "Comrade Gromyko," the Palestinian leader said, "I have only hand-held weapons with which to confront the Israelis to whom the Americans have given their most sophisticated arms. Even the Polisario Front has been armed with Russian missiles for its war with Morocco. Yet that struggle, compared to ours, which in the ultimate reckoning is against the Americans, is of little importance to you. Can't you see that by arming us you are fighting the Americans? I propose that we make common cause."

Andrei Gromyko listened sympathetically and agreed to bring the matter before a meeting of Politburo and Red Army leaders. Before Yasir Arafat left Moscow the promised discussions were under way. The Soviet military was all for taking up Mr. Arafat's proposition on grounds the P.L.O. was a force already created, filled with hate, and ready to accept any risk. Using that group as an entering wedge, the Soviets could make Lebanon a springboard for an offensive against the oil-laden Arabian peninsula.

But the Soviet politicians were reluctant. The two most effective intelligence networks in the world are Israel's Mossad and Moscow's K.G.B. Mossad was built up with religion as a catalyst and has spread its operations across the globe in the service of a religious state. The K.G.B. is political, with class struggle as a crystalizing agent and Moscow as its Vatican. At times, when Israel was under Labor Governments, the interests of the two agencies have overlapped. For Moscow to commit herself to the Palestinian cause, however, would mean all-out war between these competing agencies.

In the end the thinking of the Soviet military won out and Moscow decided to join with the P.L.O. and shoot the works for the greater stakes. Not a moment was lost. Planning started immediately and what the Palestinians and Soviets together have accomplished since that November 1979 meeting defies imagination. Lebanon was made the pivot for Moscow's plans for conquest of the Middle East. Around the village of Said the largest secret military base was tunneled out. Steel reinforced caverns and miles of underground galleries were cut through earth and rock to link huge command and storage halls, some of

them large enough to shelter fleets of helicopters. The steel doors shutting off ultra-secret chambers were designed to be opened only by radio waves emitted by submarines off the coast. The Israelis are still advancing through this warren of tunnels as fast as they can find the codes for the electronic beams necessary to open the doors, some of which are still defying Israeli skill as of this writing.

One chamber comprised a vast intelligence storehouse loaded to the ceiling with methodically arranged files. Dossiers on thousands of individuals lined one wall. Rows of shelves held military plans for every conceivable operation and region. A map section covered land areas, ports, and sea bottoms of the world. Significantly, all of the captured documents were in Russian.

Also turned up in the nerve center was an exit leading directly to the sea and enabling Soviet officers to leave submarines at night and enter without using the bunker entrance guarded by the P.L.O. The names and records of all Soviet advisors in Lebanon were found in files dating back to the beginning of Soviet/P.L.O. cooperation. Already Mossad has the names of more than 2,000 Europeans and Americans in the Palestinian "foreign legion" along with a library of documentation on terrorists working on the European and American continents under directions from Moscow. More alarming, enough missiles, cannons, tanks, and other armored vehicles to equip a modern army were turned up in the underground depot. A special radar and electronic communications system occupied a self-contained wing of the complex.

Another unexpected discovery in the Soviet fortress beneath Said was files listing important Western firms and personalities who for one reason or another—including blackmail—have been supporting the Palestinian cause politically and financially. Many turned out to be American.

What Western military leaders should start thinking about immediately is the extent to which the uncovering of the Palestinian burrows constitutes a military defeat for the Soviet Union. This opens the possibility that the Mossad's agents had warned Tel Aviv of the base and plans for a Soviet action to be set in motion this August. If so, that could have decided the date for launching the present Israeli invasion of Lebanon.

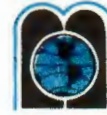
A greater unknown remains—one that might be settled before this report is published: considering the importance of the documents Mossad technicians are amassing as one strong room after another is opened, the Israelis had to consider the possibility of Moscow taking action to save the Palestinians in Beirut. European intelligence experts began asking themselves if this was the explanation for Yasir Arafat's cockiness as he refused offers of safe-conduct and evacuation, though cut off from every avenue of escape. —H. du B.

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Hon. Morton Blackwell
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Dear Morton:

I am dropping you this note to tell you how much I appreciate your assistance in making the Agudath Israel National Leadership Mission a success. I was also delighted that you took the time to have lunch with us.

The meeting between Rabbi Sherer and the President went extremely well. It was in general an extraordinary day and which I am positive will only further cement the relationship between the Orthodox Jewish community and the Reagan Administration.

Personally, I am so deeply grateful for your friendship.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky
Director of Government and
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ABORTION

Position - Jewish law teaches that all human life is sacred. The life of a fetus has status and dignity under Torah dictates. The continuation or termination of pregnancy is not a matter of free choice within the province of the mother. In those cases when elimination of the fetus is warranted, such as when the mother's life is endangered, such decision must be made only upon consultation with medical and rabbinical authorities.

The prohibition against the taking of human life is a fundamental moral principle binding upon all mankind, regardless of denominational affiliation. Society cannot accept the right of any of its citizens to take the life of another human being, whether born or unborn. Fetal life is thus entitled to significant protection.

Any legislation dealing with this area will be measured against the twin goals of recognizing the dignity of fetal life and protecting the free exercise of religion guaranteed under the First Amendment.

ASBESTOS

On May 27, 1982, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published a final rule which requires, among other things, public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools by June 27, 1983 to inspect for friable asbestos containing building materials, notify school employees of the location of the friable materials which contain asbestos, and notify the school's parent-teacher association (or the parents themselves if there is no PTA) of the inspection results.

Position - With the Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act of 1980 (P.L. 96-270; 20 U.S.C. 3601), the Congress established a program to provide loans to schools to contain or remove hazardous asbestos materials from schools. The Act provides for a two-tiered program of federal assistance -- first, through grants to local educational agencies, state educational agencies, and schools to detect potential hazards in schools, and second, through interest-free loans to school districts and

nonpublic schools to control detected hazards. Both the federal grants (for detection) and the federal loans (for abatement) can be used to pay for up to 50 percent of the costs of the particular project, except that the Secretary of Education may increase the Federal allocation up to 100 percent of the costs for districts and nonpublic schools with limited financial resources.

Unfortunately, Congress never appropriated funds to implement the program established by the Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act of 1980.

We urge the Congress to appropriate funds for the implementation of the Asbestos School Hazard Detection and Control Act of 1980 so that schools are financially able to comply with the EPA rule (i.e. inspect for friable asbestos) and contain or remove hazardous asbestos in school buildings, thus protecting the health of their students.

COMPUTER EQUIPMENT CONTRIBUTIONS

H.R. 701 (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - This bill would allow a tax deduction to companies that donate computers to public and nonpublic elementary and secondary schools for the education of students. The deduction is for the cost of the equipment, plus one half of the difference between the cost of the computers and their fair market value. This rule is substantially similar to a provision set forth in the Internal Revenue Code for assessing donations of scientific equipment to colleges and universities for research purposes. Any company donating the equipment would be required to have a written plan assuring economic and geographic diversity in its donation program.

Position - Agudath Israel supports this bill.

Budget limitations prevent many public and nonpublic schools from providing students with computers and related equipment needed to develop the skills required in the job markets of the future.

This legislation would encourage manufacturers to

donate computers for use in classrooms throughout the country to enable schoolchildren to be trained in new technology.

Status - A similar bill passed the House of Representatives on September 22, 1982.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

S. 879 and S. 49/S. 1151/S. 2510 - These bills would expand daylight saving time from the current six months to seven months and eight months respectively by amending the Uniform Time Act of 1966 to advance the start of daylight saving time from the last Sunday in April to the last Sunday in March in the case of S. 879, and to the first Sunday in March in the case of S. 49, S. 1151, and S. 2510.

Position - Agudath Israel opposes the latter three bills. According to Jewish religious law, the earliest time that morning prayers may be recited is approximately one hour before sunrise. Orthodox Jews do not leave for work until they complete these prayers. Establishing daylight saving time in early March would cause sunrise to be relatively late in the day. This would adversely affect the daily schedules of many Orthodox Jews, particularly those who live in areas of the United States where the sun already rises relatively late in the day.

Agudath Israel fully supports the efforts of those who wish to expand daylight saving time. We are cognizant of the need to reduce our country's dependence on foreign oil and to lower crime and traffic accident rates. However, because of the serious problem described above, we can only support S. 879 which would establish daylight saving time at the end of March when the sun rises earlier in the day.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

H.R. 1779, H.R. 1904, H.R. 2289, and S. 1821 - These bills would disband the recently established U.S. Department of Education and would authorize a different administrative structure or structures for federal education program administration.

Position - Irrespective of the proposals outlined in the bills with regard to the future of the Department of Education, Agudath Israel urges the Congress to adopt legislation establishing an Office of Non-Governmental Education to monitor laws and regulations governing educational programs, both existing and proposed, in order to guarantee the equitable participation of nonpublic school students in these programs.

EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES

H.R. 254 - Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 as amended requires employers to reasonably accommodate the religious practices of an employee of prospective employee, unless such accommodation would create undue hardship for the employer. This bill would provide increased protection for the religious observances and practices of employees and prospective employees by amending the law to require employers to accommodate employees' religious observances and practices unless the employer would suffer "severe pecuniary or other material loss" because of such accommodation.

Position - Agudath Israel supports this bill.

H.R. 1188 - This bill would require the Postal Service to issue regulations allowing Postal Service officers and employees "whose personal religious beliefs require the abstention from work during certain periods of time" to "engage in overtime work for time lost meeting those religious requirements."

Position - Agudath Israel supports this bill.

H.R. 1188 merely requires the Postal Service to work within the framework of Title IV of the Federal Employees Flexible and Compressed Work Schedules Act of 1978 which permits similar compensatory time off for religious observance for other Federal employees.

EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

S.J.R. 10/H.J.R. 1, H.J.R. 37, H.J.R. 38 - (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - This resolution proposes

an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide that "equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Position - Agudath Israel is strongly opposed to the Equal Rights Amendment.

While we fully support equal opportunities for women in every phase of life, we strongly oppose the E.R.A. because the potential effects of this legislation could threaten our ability to live in accordance with our traditional lifestyle and religious beliefs. We are particularly concerned about the effects of the Equal Rights Amendment on the fiber of family life which is essential to a stable and democratic society. Furthermore, attempting to achieve equality of the sexes by amending the Constitution is in our opinion unnecessary because a vast array of state and federal laws and court decisions already protect women against discrimination.

The proposed amendment is additionally objectionable and would establish a dangerous precedent in that no ratification deadline is included.

The people of the United States, through their state legislatures, have already demonstrated their opposition to E.R.A. We, therefore, urge Congress to follow the dictates of the people and not initiate a new E.R.A. ratification process.

GAY RIGHTS

S. 430 - (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - This bill would prohibit discrimination on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation.

Position - Agudath Israel is strongly opposed to this bill.

We vigorously oppose discrimination of any kind against any individual or group, whether it be based on race, creed, religion, or any other factor. However, the issue of "gay rights" generally and the purpose of this legislation in particular is not simply to protect the

civil rights of homosexuals. Rather, it is an attempt to obtain official government sanction for a "lifestyle" that goes against the social and moral fabric of society and which may have a detrimental effect upon schoolchildren, families, and the community in general.

IMMIGRATION REFORM

S. 529/H.R. 1510 - (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - These bills would revise and reform the Immigration and Nationality Act in several ways. To control illegal immigration, the bills establish civil and criminal penalties for employers who hire illegal aliens. Employers would have to verify that job applicants are either citizens or aliens authorized to work in the United States. In addition, the bills are designed to expedite the review of aliens' claims for asylum and to facilitate the admission to the United States of temporary foreign workers in limited numbers. Finally, the bills grant amnesty to illegal aliens who have lived continuously in the United States for a specified period of time. These aliens would qualify for permanent resident status.

Position - We support efforts to reform our immigration laws to make them more equitable and responsive to human needs. We recognize the need to establish control over our nation's borders and, at the same time, reaffirm our commitment to immigration.

We urge retention of the family reunification (Fifth Preference) category in its present form which provides that U.S. citizens may petition for their alien siblings and their families to come to the United States. Family reunification is an expression of our nation's belief in the vital role that healthy and stable family lives and family values play in the creation of a free, productive and humanitarian society such as ours.

We oppose additional numerical limitations on immigration. We also oppose the elimination of judicial review of applications for political asylum in the United States. A full opportunity for a fair hearing should not be eliminated in order to expedite the review of aliens' claims for asylum. Finally, for the reasons stated above, we oppose restricting the Second Preference category so that permanent residents in the United States would no

longer be able to petition for their unmarried children over the age of twenty-one.

Status - A bill similar to S. 529 passed the Senate in August 1982. A bill similar to H.R. 1510 passed the House Judiciary Committee in September 1982.

MATH AND SCIENCE ACT

H.R. 30 - Emergency Mathematics and Science Education Act - (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - This bill would amend the National Defense Education Act to improve the quality of mathematics and science education in the country.

The legislation would create a grant program for state and local school districts. Most of the money would be used for in-service courses to improve the skills and knowledge of current teachers. Funds could also be used to improve libraries, purchase computers and otherwise bolster the teaching capacity of a school system. Other funds would be earmarked over the next two years for establishing 15,000 scholarships for students who agree to teach science or mathematics for at least two years. Thirty percent of the aid would be reserved for teachers who are already in the classroom. A five-year program, spending \$100 million a year, would establish an Engineering and Science Personnel Fund administered by the National Science Foundation.

Position - Agudath Israel supports this bill.

A national study by the National Assessment of Educational Progress pointed to significant declines in the ability of many elementary and secondary school students in the fields of mathematics and science.

Status - H.R. 30 passed the House of Representatives on March 2, 1983.

QUOTAS

H.R. 3466 - This bill would prohibit governmental imposition of quotas with respect to the hiring or

promotion policies of an individual or entity, or the contracting policies of an individual or entity.

Position - Agudath Israel strongly supports this bill.

We believe that selection, promotion, hiring, and entrance decisions should be based solely on merit, without taking into consideration irrelevant and discriminatory factors such as race, sex, and ethnicity.

SCHOOL PRAYER

S. 481, S. 1742, H.R. 72, H.R. 326, H.R. 2347 - These and other bills introduced in the 97th Congress would deprive the United States Supreme Court and the United States district courts of jurisdiction over any case involving a dispute arising out of a state statute relating to the recital of voluntary prayers in public schools and public buildings.

Position - Agudath Israel opposes these bills because they would establish a dangerous precedent.

While as noted below, we are generally favorably disposed to the reinstatement of the recital of prayers in public schools, these bills would accomplish such a result in a way that threatens to undermine the finely tuned balance of power between the three branches of government. The supremacy of the Supreme Court as the ultimate interpreter of the Constitution is a long accepted principle of American law and should not be changed by legislation. The issue here should not be viewed as one of school prayer but as an attempt to weaken the authority of the highest court in the United States and the lower federal courts. Although we may at times take issue with some of the decisions of the U.S. Supreme Court, we treasure its role in safeguarding civil liberties in this country.

S.J. Res. 199/H.J. Res. 493 - This Joint Resolution proposes an amendment to the Constitution of the United States permitting individual or group prayer in public schools and other public institutions.

Position - Agudath Israel strongly supports the Reagan Administration's emphasis on the return to traditional values in the family, in the community and in society at large. Permitting prayer in schools is consistent with these values. However, the proposed constitutional amendment fails to define the type of "prayer" advocated, and this ambiguity could lead to unacceptable interpretations. We reserve judgment on this issue until the measure under consideration clearly spells out the form and text of the prayer to be recited in schools.

TIME OF DEATH

The President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research recommended in 1981 that the Uniform Determination of Death Act should be enacted into law in all fifty states. The Act would authorize determinations of death based upon the cessation of brain activity.

Position - Agudath Israel strongly opposes the adoption of the Uniform Determination of Death Act.

The definition of death involves ethical, legal, religious, and medical considerations and should therefore not be the subject of legislation. Moreover, according to both Jewish law and the common law death does not occur when the brain stops functioning; it occurs only upon the total cessation of respiratory and cardiac activity. A "brain death" statute would therefore violate the First Amendment's guarantee of religious freedom.

In those states where time of death statutes have already been enacted and where chances of overturning the law are minimal, we support an amendment to such statutes to allow for an "exemption clause" which would permit the next-of-kin to object to a determination of death that is contrary to the basic tenets of a patient's religion.

TRUTH-IN-TESTING

H.R. 1312 and H.R. 1662 - These bills would require all educational and occupational admissions testing

services to provide examinees with sufficient notice of test subject matter and test results.

At the time New York State passed a truth-in-testing law in 1979, testing companies immediately announced that they would eliminate three out of four special test administrations for Sabbath observers, who for religious reasons, cannot take examinations on Saturday. This would have created serious difficulties for Sabbath observers who would have had only one chance per year for a make-up examination. The law was subsequently amended to require an equal number of special administrations for Sabbath observers. Studies have shown that companies have not experienced any hardship as a result of this legislation.

Position - Agudath Israel urges the Congress to incorporate in this legislation a further provision similar to the one adopted in New York requiring that the number of special test administrations for Sabbath observers equal the number of regular Saturday test administrations.

TUITION TAX CREDITS

S. 528/H.R. 1730 - (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - These bills provide for a credit for 50 percent of tuition expenses paid by a taxpayer for his children attending nonpublic elementary and secondary schools. The maximum credit would be \$100 in the first year after the bill is enacted, \$200 in the second year, and \$300 in the third and subsequent years. The maximum credit amount is phased down for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of greater than \$40,000 and no credit is allowed for taxpayers with adjusted gross incomes of \$60,000 or more. To be eligible for the credit, the student must be attending a nonpublic school which does not discriminate on the basis of race.

Position - Agudath Israel strongly supports this legislation for a number of reasons. Indeed, passage of tuition tax credit legislation remains a priority for Agudath Israel.

Parents of nonpublic school students pay rapidly rising tuition while their tax dollars support the public school system. For many working parents, this dual

financial burden is just too great, preventing them from exercising their constitutional right to send their children to the school of their choice.

More importantly, nonpublic schools bring diversity and richness to our educational system, thereby benefiting all our citizens. By educating a significant percentage of American youth, nonpublic schools fulfill an important function in alleviating the burden on the public schools.

Tuition tax credits would help to maintain educational diversity, promote intellectual liberty, and enable parents of a wide socio-economic range to instill in their children the moral and cultural values that they believe are best for their children.

VANDALIZING A HOUSE OF WORSHIP

S. 822, H.R. 1376 and H.R. 2085 - These bills would amend Title 18 of the U.S. Code to make it a federal crime to vandalize a consecrated cemetery, religious school, house of worship, or any other real property used for religious purposes, or any religious article contained therein.

Position - Agudath Israel strongly supports this bill.

Acts of vandalism against religious institutions have increased dramatically in the past few years. Local law enforcement agencies are unable to deal effectively with this problem. Declaring such acts federal crimes would hopefully provide additional manpower and resources to apprehend perpetrators and thereby create a forceful deterrent against would-be vandals.

VOLUNTARISM

H.R. 976 and H.R. 358 - (Introduced in the 98th Congress) - These bills would amend the Internal Revenue Code to provide that the amount of the charitable deduction allowable for expenses incurred in the operation of a motor vehicle be determined in the same manner that government employees determine reimbursement for use of

their vehicles on government business (H.R. 976) or at the standard mileage rate used in computing the business expense deduction (H.R. 358).

Position - Agudath Israel supports these bills.

Volunteers may currently deduct nine cents per mile. Both the business expense deduction and the rate at which government employees are reimbursed are twenty cents per mile. Enactment of the legislation would result in more than doubling the amount that volunteers could deduct for use of their passenger automobiles in carrying out volunteer activities.

Although voluntarism remains strong, the rising cost of operating and maintaining a car, the demands upon a volunteer's time, and the need for additional income, prevent many from engaging in activities often only performed by volunteers. These two pieces of legislation would encourage individuals to dedicate a portion of their time to voluntary activities which enhance the quality of life in these United States.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Position - Major efforts are currently underway in many states in connection with the proposal to convene a constitutional convention for the purpose of adopting an amendment to the United States Constitution which would require a balanced budget for the federal government. While Agudath Israel of America naturally supports the efforts of those who are attempting to strengthen our economy, it is concerned that because of the lack of guidance in the Constitution regarding the structure of the convention, attempts may be made to broaden the deliberations at the convention to include matters that have no bearing on economic issues. Delegates to the convention, for instance, could attempt to rewrite the Bill of Rights, other portions of the Constitution, or even the entire document. Such a "run-away" convention could well threaten our basic liberties and our ability to live in accordance with our traditional lifestyle and religious beliefs.

Due to the uncertain nature of the constitutional convention process, Agudath Israel of America strongly urges that steps be taken by the appropriate governmental authorities in preparing for such a convention to ensure that any convention which may be convened be required to focus its attention solely on economic issues and that all citizens of the United States be equally and effectively informed of and represented at any and all of its deliberations.

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Agudath Israel of America, founded in 1922, is a broadly based Orthodox Jewish movement with chapters in major communities throughout the United States and Canada. It sponsors a wide range of constructive projects in the field of religion, education, children's welfare, and social action affecting the lives of young and old in far-flung parts of the Americas, Israel and Russia. The organization's leaders include the nation's most respected rabbinic scholars and its constituents consist of a comprehensive coalition of Orthodox Jews from every walk of life.



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Dear Faith:

I am pleased to send you a number of sample clippings on coverage in the Jewish media of our position on nuclear freeze. I particularly want to call your attention to the story in the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, which is the central Jewish news gathering agency, which refers to the clarifications by the spokesman which, in fact, was me.

I am also pleased to enclose a series of brief papers on the various issues on our agenda in the hope that you will be able to address them in the coming weeks.

I want to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your outstanding cooperation.

Kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

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RECOMMENDED ACTION

We have suggested that the President issue a statement which would clearly point out that in accepting the President's Commission's report that there was no intention of violating the sensitivities of any religious community and that the President recommends that in formulating legislation the states should consider those people who because of their religious conscience opposed the uniform definition.

If for some reason White House officials feel that such a statement would not be proper, we would appreciate a letter addressed to us which would make those points. We would then be in a better position to press our point across the country. We understand that there may be some reluctance to intervene on a "state" matter, but our problem did after all have its genesis with a President's Commission and there is the perception that the report was accepted in its entirety by the President.

Rabbi Menachem Lubinsky
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DEFINITION OF TIME OF DEATH

BACKGROUND

Since the beginning of the Reagan Administration, we have expressed our concern over a recommendation by the President's Commission for the Study of Ethical Problems in Medicine and Biomedical and Behavioral Research, which endorsed the concept that human life ends with the cessation of brain stem activity. As part of its final report, the Commission drafted uniform legislative language for implementation by the states.

In the Spring of 1980, Agudath Israel of America testified before the Commission strongly objecting to government intervention in determining the time of death because it is so intertwined with religious and ethical considerations. Jewish law demands that all respiratory and cardiac activity cease before a patient may be pronounced dead.

When we learned that the Commission's recommendations reached the President, we recommended that he consider our position that the government should not legislate time of death. In the event that legislation is drafted by some states, we would in the very least expect that they demonstrate sensitivity towards those who because of their religious conscience cannot agree with the uniform definition.

The momentum to adopt the President's Commission definition continues. At least 32 states now have the uniform code. We have been successful in several states, but obviously because the uniform code in a way carries the approval of a President's commission, which by extension to many means the President, we are severely hampered in our efforts.

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PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO BORO PARK

BACKGROUND

The idea of a visit by President Reagan to Boro Park has been on our agenda since November 1981. In suggesting the visit we took into consideration the following:

1) Support for the neighborhood initiatives of the Orthodox Jewish community. Because neighborhoods is such a central concern of Orthodox Jews, we felt that the demonstration of a strong Presidential interest in the preservation of that community would go a long way in both sending a signal to the Jewish community and to other white ethnic middle class communities about the Administration's interest in strong local neighborhoods.

2) A visit would give President Reagan an opportunity to show his solidarity with one of the largest Orthodox Jewish communities outside of Israel. (See attached clipping of New York Times.) It is this community that spearheaded the Jewish defection in the 1980 elections towards Ronald Reagan. Although the primary reason for this change of voting patterns has been attributed to Jewish dissatisfaction over Carter's policies towards Israel, there was a large Orthodox Jewish vote for the President because it was the first time that the community could identify with a Presidential candidate's strong pro-family positions.

3) The highest priority of the Orthodox Jewish community remains its commitment and concern for Jewish education. There is a sense of gratitude amongst Orthodox Jews that the President kept his campaign commitment to advance a tuition tax credit proposal and most recently to promote a voucher plan. In the

Boro Park community, nearly 30,000 children attend private schools, which is an ideal opportunity for the President to express his support for Orthodox Jewish attempts to preserve their heritage through education.

4) The President's Private Sector Initiative might be yet another theme of a Presidential visit to Boro Park. This is a community where voluntarism plays an important role in the lives of its residents. Long before government dollars were available the community had developed an infrastructure which included every aspect of life. In the Boro Park area there are many unique endeavors: A "Bikur Cholim" whose volunteers visit the sick on a regular basis also extends financial assistance to those in need of medical care. "Tomchei Shabbos" (supporters of the Sabbath) distributes thousands of dollars of food for the poor and needy of the community each month in a cooperative agreement with area merchants. Another organization totally manned by trained volunteers provides first aid, rescue and ambulance service. In addition, it is a community where private investment has been the most important ingredient in neighborhood stability.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

We would, of course, like to further the plans for such a visit. We believe that the itinerary could include a visit to a housing site (where government and the private sector have collaborated), where the President might give his views on neighborhood stabilization, a visit to a Jewish day school where he can reaffirm his support for tuition tax credits and the welfare of private schools, the local hospital where voluntarism plays such an important part in health care, and a meeting of local rabbis and community leaders. Other possibilities are a visit with a large Orthodox Jewish family and a tour of the commercial strip to stress preservation and development as is embodied in the enterprize zone concept.

Orthodox Judaism Is Buoyed By a Resurgence in New York

By KENNETH A. BRIGGS

Twenty years ago, Sabel's Kosher Bakery, halfway between 45th and 46th Streets on Fort Hamilton Parkway in Brooklyn, was the only store on the block to close for the Jewish Sabbath. Now, Osher Sabel, the Hasidic proprietor of the bakery, boasts that, with the arrival of other Orthodox merchants, they all do.

It is one sign of a burst of Orthodox growth in much of Brooklyn, from Borough Park, where Mr. Sabel lives and works, south to Brighton Beach. Orthodox, the most conservative branch of Judaism, has staged a remarkable comeback, according to Jewish leaders.

Orthodox Jews are thriving in many areas of the metropolitan region, from the town of Monroe in Orange County to the Five Towns area in southern Nassau County and to Lakewood in Ocean County in New Jersey.

The story in Brooklyn is told in a profusion of scenes. A string of new Orthodox schools and synagogues, many with gleaming, redecorated exteriors, dot Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue. Kosher food stores have sprung up or expanded, and they have recently been alive with shoppers stocking up for Passover, which began last night.

For Orthodox Jews in the midst of the

revival, the meaning of Passover, which marks the escape by the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt and a rebirth of religious life, is particularly poignant.

Earlier in this century, many stu-

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Orthodox Jewry Enjoying Resurgence in New York

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dents of Jewish life looked on the small remnant of Orthodox Judaism as an anachronism that would soon fade away. They said Orthodoxy, with its strict rules for much of daily life and its attitudes toward women, would be left behind as Jews were attracted to more liberal branches of Judaism, which seemed better attuned to the modern world.

On the contrary, Jewish leaders from all branches, including Reform and Conservative, say that in the last two decades Orthodoxy has shown the greatest vitality among the major branches of Judaism, growing from within and attracting Jews seeking a clear spiritual philosophy and a total religious commitment.

Both cultural and religious factors, religion experts say, have contributed to the rise of Orthodoxy. Among the most prominent trends has been a shift to the right across a broad spectrum of American religion. The chief beneficiaries have been the most conservative Christian and Jewish groups such as Orthodoxy.

Another reason experts cite for the surge is a search for a clear set of religious and philosophical beliefs by those who feel adrift in a culture of widespread uncertainty. Orthodox Judaism is seen as a sharp alternative to this climate, offering solid meaning in an age of ambiguity.

Led by Young People and Families

In Brooklyn, the Orthodox label covers a wide spectrum of groups, from bearded Hasidic men in long black coats whose lives are almost totally involved in the religious community to those who follow secular professions and adopt modern dress.

The turn to Orthodoxy is being led by young people and large families, many of whom attend newly formed small synagogues in houses.

"In recent years, the vigor as well as the image of Orthodoxy has been completely revitalized," said Rabbi Walter S. Wurzbarger, president of the Synagogue Council of America and a leading Orthodox rabbi. "Gone are the predictions of the inevitable demise of what was widely dismissed as an obsolete movement that could not cope with the challenges of an open society."

Because Orthodox Judaism requires the observance of special dietary laws and prohibits travel by car on the Sabbath, it fosters a largely self-sufficient religious society. Traditionally, men alone study the Talmud, the collection of writings constituting Jewish civil and religious law, women serve as wives and mothers, and the sexes are separated in the synagogue. However, these practices are meeting increasing challenges.

Some Orthodox women are demanding more rights in such areas as marriage and divorce. In some cases, women are preparing for secular professions and are even being taught the Talmud.

The Buoyancy and Anguish

Nowhere is the revival more striking than in Brooklyn, home of more than half the Orthodox Jews in the New York



Miller's market on 15th Avenue in Brooklyn. A proliferation of Orthodox merchants in the area points up the comeback of that branch of Judaism.

movement. The borough exhibits both the buoyancy and anguish of emerging Orthodoxy.

"Orthodoxy is very vibrant here these days," said Rabbi Shalom Klein, principal of Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin in the Midwood section, one of the areas of rapid Orthodox growth. "Twenty years ago, it was difficult to be an Orthodox Jew in Midwood. You couldn't find a store to buy kosher food, and there were no Orthodox synagogues. Now it is very easy."

Percentage of Population

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Orthodox Judaism Is Buoyed By a Resurgence in New York

By KENNETH A. BAGGS

Twenty years ago, Sabel's Kosher Bakery, halfway between 45th and 46th Streets on Fort Hamilton Parkway in Brooklyn, was the only store on the block to close for the Jewish Sabbath. Now, Osher Sabel, the Hasidic proprietor of the bakery, boasts that, with the arrival of other Orthodox merchants, they all do.

It is one sign of a burst of Orthodox growth in much of Brooklyn, from Borough Park, where Mr. Sabel lives and works, south to Brighton Beach. Orthodoxy, the most conservative branch of Judaism, has staged a remarkable comeback, according to Jewish leaders.

Orthodox Jews are thriving in many areas of the metropolitan region, from the town of Monroe in Orange County to the Five Towns area in southern Nassau County and to Lakewood in Ocean County in New Jersey.

The story in Brooklyn is told in a profusion of scenes. A string of new Orthodox schools and synagogues, many with gleaming, redecorated exteriors, dot Ocean Parkway and Coney Island Avenue. Kosher food stores have sprung up or expanded, and they have recently been alive with shoppers stocking up for Passover, which began last night.

For Orthodox Jews in the midst of the

revival, the meaning of Passover, which marks the escape by the Jews from slavery in ancient Egypt and a rebirth of religious life, is particularly poignant.

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Orthodox Jewry Enjoying Resurgence in New York

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dents of Jewish life looked on the small remnant of Orthodox Judaism as an anachronism that would soon fade away. They said Orthodoxy, with its strict rules for much of daily life and its attitudes toward women, would be left behind as Jews were attracted to more liberal branches of Judaism, which seemed better attuned to the modern world.

On the contrary, Jewish leaders from all branches, including Reform and Conservative, say that in the last two decades Orthodoxy has shown the greatest vitality among the major branches of Judaism, growing from within and attracting Jews seeking a clear spiritual philosophy and a total religious commitment.

Both cultural and religious factors, religion experts say, have contributed to the rise of Orthodoxy. Among the most prominent trends has been a shift to the right across a broad spectrum of American religion. The chief beneficiaries have been the most conservative Christian and Jewish groups such as Orthodoxy.

Another reason experts cite for the surge is a search for a clear set of religious and philosophical beliefs by those who feel adrift in a culture of widespread uncertainty. Orthodoxy Judaism is seen as a sharp alternative to this climate, offering solid meaning in an age of ambiguity.

Led by Young People and Families

In Brooklyn, the Orthodox label covers a wide spectrum of groups, from bearded Hasidic men in long black coats whose lives are almost totally involved in the religious community to those who follow secular professions and adopt modern dress.

The turn to Orthodoxy is being led by young people and large families, many of whom attend newly formed small synagogues in houses.

"In recent years, the vigor as well as the image of Orthodoxy has been completely revitalized," said Rabbi Walter S. Wurzburger, president of the Synagogue Council of America and a leading Orthodox rabbi. "Gone are the predictions of the inevitable demise of what was widely dismissed as an obsolete movement that could not cope with the challenges of an open society."

Because Orthodox Judaism requires the observance of special dietary laws and prohibits travel by car on the Sabbath, it fosters a largely self-sufficient religious society. Traditionally, men alone study the Talmud, the collection of writings constituting Jewish civil and religious law, women serve as wives and mothers, and the sexes are separated in the synagogue. However, these practices are meeting increasing challenges.

Some Orthodox women are demanding more rights in such areas as marriage and divorce. In some cases, women are preparing for secular professions and are even being taught the Talmud.

The Buoyancy and Anguish

Nowhere is the revival more striking than in Brooklyn, home of more than half the Orthodox Jews in the New York



Million's market on 11th Avenue in Brooklyn. A proliferation of Orthodox merchants in the area points up the comeback of that branch of Judaism.

movement. The borough exhibits both the buoyancy and anguish of emerging Orthodoxy.

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Orthodoxy reflects a highly spiritual view of all aspects of daily life. The abiding faith in God's transcendence and continued creativity is affirmed in prayer, song and family ritual. The Torah is understood as a divine gift from God to Moses. Many Orthodox Jews express a profoundly mystical outlook and regard the study of the Torah and the Talmud as the supreme form of worship.

Although the groupings within Orthodoxy agree on many basics, they also differ on many issues. They are often sharply at odds over what Jewish law requires, the degree of involvement in the wider world and support for Israel.

Although the majority of Orthodox Jews support the Jewish state, many Hasidim and those sharing a similar theology loudly dissent. They reject the secular Government of Israel, arguing that a Jewish Government must await the coming of the Messiah. Even among Israel's supporters, there are debates about the occupation of Arab territory and the pursuit of peace.

Tensions over the issues have increased as the influence of Orthodox Jews has grown. Many leaders point to the strains as a serious threat to the growth of the Orthodox movement.

Jewish education is very highly valued; a religious education in a yeshiva through high school is the rule. But the groups disagree over whether to send their children to college.

Familiar Portrait of Hasidim

The Orthodox can generally be divided into three large categories — the Hasidic sects, the groups known as the strictly Orthodox and those known as the modern Orthodox.

Several large Hasidic sects, including Satmar, Babov and Lubavitch, provide a familiar portrait of long beards and black coats. They often have large families because they do not practice birth control. The Hasidim conform most assiduously to a total way of life.

From enclaves established in Brooklyn after World War II, they have blossomed into strong communities, retaining almost total separation from the surrounding culture and a strongly conservative religious outlook that other Orthodox Jews consider to be right wing.

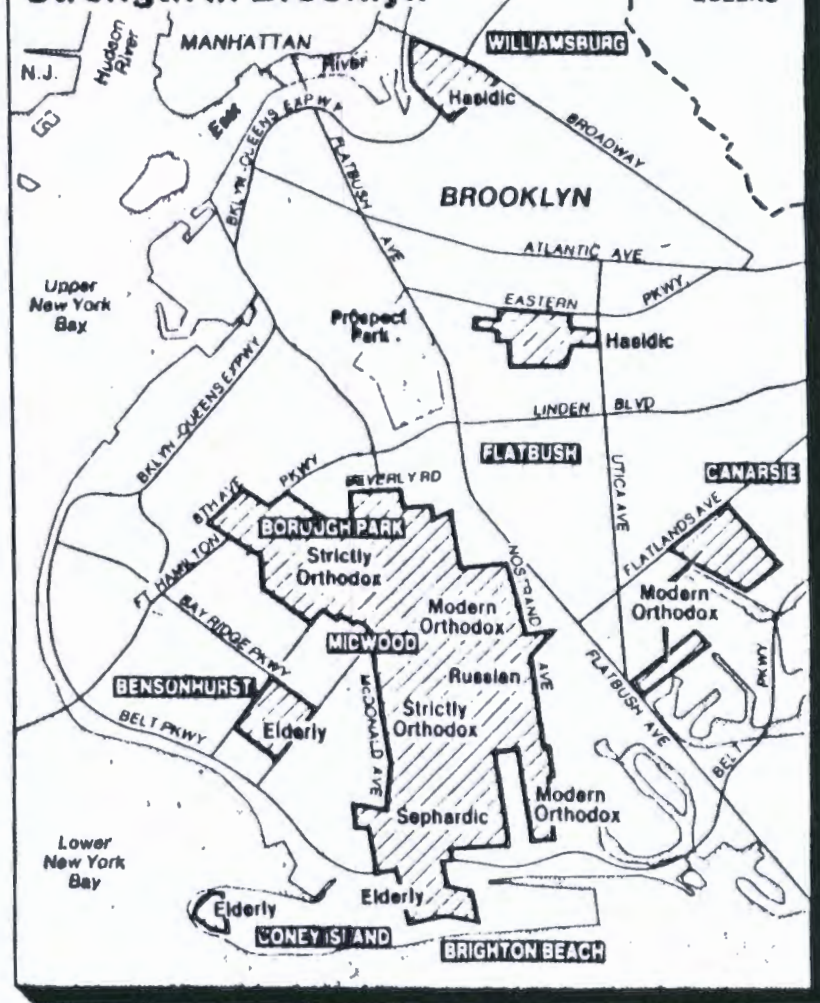
Less obviously identified, but with similar views, are those who are known as "strictly" Orthodox, basically as uncompromisingly conservative, but non-Hasidic. They usually adopt Western dress and permit men to be clean-shaven. Jewish education is the prime focus.

The modern Orthodox are more likely to send their children to college than the other groups, and they have been the most successful in the secular professions.

One modern Orthodox rabbi described their philosophy as believing it was possible "to pray fervently on the Sabbath" and, at the end of the observance at sundown, "enjoy the opera on Saturday night."

They reject many of the views of the Orthodox right and are struggling to hold their ground against the more liberal Reform and Conservative branches, on the one hand, and critics on the right who attack their relatively

Areas of Orthodox Strength in Brooklyn



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broad involvement in the wider society.

The strictly Orthodox have had the largest impact in recent years, as their schools and synagogues have flourished.

Rabbi Klein's all-boy school, Yeshiva Rabbi Chaim Berlin, moved to Avenue I in Midwood seven years ago, taking over a building that had once been the Hebrew school of a Conservative synagogue. The school, which began with 140 students, is filled to its 450-student capacity.

Devotion to the Talmud

Rabbi Klein said he expected half of his students, who study both Hebrew and Yiddish, to go to college. Others will continue to study at the 60 advanced Talmudic training schools around the country, he said.

By 5:30 on a recent morning, 12 men had gathered around tables in Congregation Chizak Hadas, a house synagogue in the downstairs portion of a two-family brick building on Avenue O in Midwood. The congregation has 60 families, mostly professionals in their 20's and 30's.

Led by Rabbi Yisroel Gornish, the men pored over the Aramaic and Hebrew texts for an hour, as they do seven days a week. Most were dressed in business suits. The group included a lawyer, a doctor, a computer specialist, a biochemist and a college professor.

After closing their books, they donned phylacteries, or tefillin, the small boxes inscribed with Scripture passages that are attached to the head and arm with leather straps.

After morning prayers, several men who often stay to discuss the Talmud spoke to a visitor of the need to foster Orthodox practice. One of their concerns is the extent to which they and their children should be exposed to outside influences such as television, movies and secular education.

Rabbi Gornish said he favored total avoidance, but some of his congregants disagreed. Many said their goal was to build a firm religious foundation in their families that could survive outside influences.

From another vantage point, Joshua Weingarten is facing the pressures of the secular world in his first year as an undergraduate at Brooklyn College after 16 years in an Orthodox yeshiva. At the suggestion of his supervising rabbi, he entered college to pursue studies in medicine rather than continue full-time religious studies to become a rabbi.

"When I came here, I was out of my league," said Mr. Weingarten, who began dressing casually for the first time on campus. "It was almost totally different." Casual dating is discouraged in the yeshiva, so mingling with women at college was a new experience, he said.

Mr. Weingarten said he hoped to return someday to what he described as his Orthodox "clan," to work as a pediatrician. He said he considered his education a necessary break, and he thinks he can sustain his faith.

"My foundation is strong enough," he said, "but it is not for some other students."

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NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION

BACKGROUND

Our Southern Brooklyn Community Organization has over the years made several suggestions for promoting a "neighborhood initiative" by the Reagan Administration. Attached is a memorandum from Rabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz, the Executive Director of SBCO, on a possible Administration initiative, which also includes a Presidential neighborhood visit, an award ceremony, a White House Conference on Neighborhoods and a radio show.

March 31, 1983

MEMORANDUM

FROM: Rabbi Shmuel Lefkowitz
Executive Director

SUBJECT: Reagan Administration Program to Promote
Neighborhood Preservation

Neighborhood self-help organizations are suffering, not only because funds are limited, but also because the issue is not being promoted. This is hurting the neighborhood self-help organizations in their efforts to obtain grants from foundations, corporations and local governments and the local community. It is no secret that funding sources look to the White House for direction. Therefore, it is very important that some kind of White House Policy be developed.

In March of 1978, President Elect Ronald Reagan was quoted as saying: "We all know the importance of preserving strong urban neighborhoods. For millions of city residents their neighborhood is far more than just a location of a home or apartment. The neighborhood scale is a human scale - a place where the real spirit of the community can develop. Many neighborhoods are steeped in tradition and memories. Neighborhoods can provide a sense of roots. It is the home of the fraternal lodge, the church, the deli, the corner pub, the street festival, the Fourth of July celebration. What America's neighborhoods need is not a massive "delivery of service from government, but a massive rebirth of opportunity."

A person who lives in a good neighborhood usually has peer pressure to find a job, and will fix up his home with minimal government subsidy. It is the place where the family values are strongly respected and therefore the children are brought up properly and it is the place that provides structure and meaning to life.



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Neighborhood self-help organizations play a very key role in preserving neighborhoods. The Republican plank states that it is "committed to nurturing the spirit of self-help and cooperation through which so many neighborhoods have revitalized themselves and served their residents."

Promoting "neighborhood" values is the first step towards developing an overall neighborhood policy. In order to promote neighborhood values, I am recommending the following:

1. The President visit neighborhoods - The idea here is for the President to visit two neighborhoods where he will identify with the values the neighborhood residents are promoting and encourage the work of self-help organizations (mediating structures) who are involved in housing and economic development.

2. An awards ceremony for outstanding neighborhood groups of various ethnic backgrounds be held at the White House - By giving recognition to these organizations, the President would again identify with the value of neighborhood preservation. At the same time, this would give a very strong message to foundations and corporations that the White House considers this a very important activity.

3. A White House Conference on Neighborhoods be convened. Such a meeting would be held together with banks, foundations (such as Ford Foundation and Rockefeller Foundation) corporations (such as Exxon, Metropolitan Life Insurance, etc.) and some local government officials. Again, this would clearly indicate the White House commitment to neighborhood preservation and their desire to see the foundations, corporations, and local governments get involved in these activities.

4. In the President's presentation to the media, such as his talk show on radio or his interviews, he should mention neighborhood values.

At the same time, various governmental policies would be implemented. My recommendations are the following:

1. A directive from the White House to HUD letting them know that the President is interested in neighborhood preservation and that in the allocation of funds that are available, those projects that have the involvement of self-help neighborhood development corporations should receive priority. In addition, the President's Task Force on Private Initiatives should have a neighborhood component. Also if a Commission dealing with housing or economic development is created, a neighborhood component should be included.

2. In preparation for the block grant concept to states, to the extent that the Administration will direct the use of these funds, neighborhood preservation activities should be given priority. In the introduction to the bill, it should be clearly stated that a portion of funds should go to neighborhood preservation of activities.

3. A small amount of money, even 15 million from HUD's discretionary funds should be allocated for neighborhood preservation activities. If every year, 10-20 projects could be funded, it would show some kind of commitment. The Administration did approve a very large grant to the South Bronx which is going towards rebuilding a neighborhood. Some money should be going to the other groups who are trying to prevent a crisis. It is quite clear that the President is very much in favor of preserving neighborhoods and is not really looking to encourage the rebuilding of bombed out areas which require very heavy subsidies.

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VISIT TO A JEWISH SCHOOL

BACKGROUND

In at least two separate occasions, the President visited Catholic schools. While the first occasion was linked with his address to Catholic educators about tuition tax credits, the second visit was an opportunity for students to question the President about some of the Administration's policies.

We felt very strongly that a Preisdential visit to a Jewish school, a "yeshiva", would accomplish both of these objectives, but would also send a strong message to the Jewish community about the President's sensitivity and understanding of the community's needs. Because the school term is rapidly coming to a close, I feel that it is important to move ahead with any plans.

The visit would also help take some of the focus out of tuition tax credits as a Catholic issue and put it more in its proper perspective of being for parents of private schools.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

We feel that it would most convenient for the President to visit the Ner Israel Rabbinical College, which is located at 400 Mt. Wilson Lane, Baltimore, Maryland. Ner Israel, consisting of more than 500 students, is one of the most distinguished talmudical schools in the world. It includes both a high school and an institute for advanced learning. Its students combine a program of high scholarship and involvement in the current American scene.

Ner Israel was founded in 1933 by its dean, Rabbi Yaakov Ruderman, who is a member of the Council of Torah Sages, the highest governing body of Agudath Israel of America. The school is located on a sprawling 67 acre campus in Bal-

timore County. (Incidentally, the terrain of the campus affords easy landing for a helicopter.)

While at Ner Israel, the President could conduct a question and answer session with the students about foreign and domestic policy. The school also contains a monument to commemorate the Holocaust, which could add an emotional touch to the entire visit. The Vice President of the school and its administrator, Rabbi Herman Neuberger, is one of the most prominent Jewish educational leaders in the country. He has been particularly active as the Orthodox Jewish spokesman in opposition to the Equal Rights Amendment. For this task he was nominated by the Agudath Israel movement to represent the viewpoint of the community.

In addition to the exchange with the students, there is a possibility of convening Jewish community leaders from the Baltimore area since the school enjoys broad support from the community. The school has ample space for a large assembly and because of its secluded surroundings, might even be able to take place in the outdoors.

We believe that a visit to Ner Israel would be an important psychological boost for the entire American Jewish community.

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IRANIAN JEWS

BACKGROUND

In 1981 we were expressing our deep concern about the process of granting political asylum to Iranian Jews, particularly since they were asked to "demonstrate" religious persecution. As a result of our efforts, as well as by many others, Elliott Abrams, the Assistant Secretary of State, issued new guidelines easing the restrictions on Iranian Jews.

Since then we have brought numerous hardship cases to the attention of the Department and some of them have been acted on positively. The problem that we are currently faced with is the delay in the processing of political asylum applications. Many of the hardship cases that we have brought include the inability of some to enroll in colleges or vocational schools, but even more tragic is relatives that are stuck in Europe because their families in this country have not yet been granted political asylum.

The delay has also had a psychological impact on the news that has been filtering back to Iran, which has led many Jews there to draw their own conclusions about the possibilities of ever reaching the United States. Many Iranians who reach Europe are faced with long delays in the processing of their applications for entry into the United States.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

We feel that the entire issue of the status of Iranian Jews in this country needs to be reviewed at the highest levels. We would suggest that the White House initiate an interagency conference between the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service to review all of the issues that are in-

volved in the status of Iranian Jews. We would certainly be delighted to assist you, the Department of State and the INS in working out this vexing problem.

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U.S. STARTS 'HIGH LEVEL' TALKS WITH ISRAEL TO PREVENT FURTHER IDF-U.S. MARINE CLASHES IN LEBANON By David Friedman

WASHINGTON, March 17 (JTA) -- The Reagan Administration said today that the United States has started "high level" talks with Israel to prevent a continuation of clashes between Israeli forces and U.S. marines in the Beirut area.

But the Israel Embassy here said the incidents would not occur if there was a "direct liaison" between the Israel Defense Force and the U.S. marines as there was between the IDF and the other contingents of the multinational force (MNF) in Beirut, consisting of French, British and Italian units.

The Administration and the Embassy were referring to charges by Gen. Robert Barrow, Commandant of the Marine Corps, that Israeli troops are deliberately threatening the lives of American military personnel in Lebanon for "political purposes."

U.S. General Urges 'Strong Action'

The charges were contained in a classified letter from Barrow to Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger in which Barrow urged that "firm and strong action" must be taken by the U.S. to end the confrontations. The letter was released to the press today after it was obtained yesterday by the Knight-Ridder newspaper chain. There was no immediate comment from Jerusalem.

The Pentagon said today that it had no comment on Barrow's charges because "the letter speaks for itself." State Department spokesman John Hughes said he did not know the details of the recent clashes but that the issue has been raised with Israel and that both Israel and the U.S. are "concerned" and want to take steps to resolve the problem.

Statements By Israel Embassy

The Israel Embassy issued a statement stressing that "Israel views itself as an ally of the U.S." and "wishes to have the fullest cooperation" with the marine contingent in the Beirut area. The statement said: "Israel has repeatedly expressed the desire for a liaison with the U.S. marines."

"We have such a liaison with the French, British and Italian MNF and we have had no incidents whatsoever... Regrettably, the U.S. decided not to permit a similar direct liaison between the IDF and the marines and this has resulted in numerous misunderstandings and incidents concerning the demarcation of responsibilities."

The Embassy statement noted that "furthermore and most disturbingly, the U.S. issued instructions to the marines 'not to fraternize' with the IDF." The statement concluded by declaring that "Israel shares with the U.S. a strong desire for peaceful conditions in Lebanon and therefore it fervently hopes that the U.S. lifts its restrictions on direct liaison in order to avoid further misunderstandings between the IDF and the U.S. marines."

Barrow, in his letter to Weinberger, cited repeated incidents in recent months in which he said American officers were threatened by Israeli

forces. He said on January 31, an Israeli tank opened fire with a 50 calibre machinegun directly in front of an American patrol, forcing it to turn around.

In another incident, according to the letter and classified documents accompanying it, a marine Major was threatened on three separate occasions by Israeli soldiers and Israelis in civilian clothes who pointed guns at him.

Barrow said two incidents over the last weekend had prompted his letter. But there was apparently no connection between those incidents and the attacks this week by unknown assailants which wounded five marines and 11 Italian soldiers in the Beirut area.

The incidents reported by Barrow were undisclosed at the time they occurred. But a highly publicized confrontation occurred last February 2 when a marine Captain brandished his pistol to turn away three Israeli tanks which allegedly attempted to break through marine lines on the outskirts of Beirut. The Israelis contended at the time that the tanks were patrolling in an Israel-held area and that the marine officer had overreacted.

Barrow stated in his letter, "It is evident to me that the incidents between the marines and the IDF are timed, orchestrated and executed for obtuse Israeli political purposes." He did not elaborate.

FOCUS ON ISSUES

JEWISH RELIGIOUS LEADERS DENOUNCE REAGAN'S USE OF SCRIPTURE AND JESUS TO OPPOSE A NUCLEAR FREEZE

By Ben Gallob

NEW YORK, March 17 (JTA) -- President Reagan's recent assertion that belief in God should make Americans solidly back his opposition to a nuclear freeze and support his program for a massive military buildup came under stinging denunciation from leaders of the three branches of Judaism.

The Jewish religious leaders, in response to a Jewish Telegraphic Agency survey, said that the use by the President of moral absolutes "in the name of Jesus" was morally offensive and possibly a violation of his constitutional obligations; that castigation of the Soviet Union as the "focus of evil" might unwittingly bring about the "catastrophe" of a nuclear holocaust; that it implied an attempt to silence opposition to the President's policies, including his strong support of prayer in the public schools; and threatened the nation's religious pluralism.

Cites Violation Of Constitutional Obligation

Rabbi Alexander Schindler, president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the association of Reform synagogues, said that "the invoking of moral absolutes in the name of Jesus" were "offensive when they are voiced by the President of the United States." He added that they were "in fact, a violation of his constitutional obligation to be President of all Americans, regardless of religious persuasion."

Schindler added that "all religious people will find the invocation of the divine as favoring a political point of view as distasteful, if not blasphemous." He declared that this also "injures the democratic process, for it forecloses genuine political debate by labelling all dissenters as sinners and followers of Satan."

The President made his remarks in a speech on March 7 in Orlando to the National Association of Evangelicals, an organization of conservative churches and agencies.

The President told the Orlando gathering that there is sin and evil in the world and we are enjoined by Scripture and the Lord Jesus to oppose it with all our might. "He said Soviet Communism is the focus of evil in the modern world" and that those favoring a mutual freeze on nuclear weapons were ignoring "the aggressive instincts of an evil empire."

Leaders of Christian church organizations were similarly critical of the President's resort to theological concepts in his appeals for support of his policies and in his criticisms of foes of those policies.

Radical Evil of Nuclear War

Rabbi Herman Schaalman, outgoing president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, the umbrella agency of American Reform Rabbis, and Rabbi Joseph Glaser, CCAR executive vice president, declared they joined with Protestant and Catholic leaders in "raising our voices against the radical evil of nuclear war." They said "we deplore tendencies to articulate the relationship between the United States and the USSR in terms of irreconcilable evil and good, and Satan and God."

Schaalman and Glaser pledged to "continue to raise our voices and make efforts to change" the "toxic" policies and actions of the Soviet Union, but they declared that "no good is served by distorting our vision of the Soviet Union in apocalyptic theological terms." The two rabbis warned that merely to speak in terms of ultimate confrontation will freeze us in a posture of irresponsibility whose only outcome will be the ultimate war."

They urged the President, in negotiations with the Soviet Union, to make certain that "his words and deeds will be in the true spirit of our shared religious commitment to the unrelenting pursuit of peace."

We Will Not Be Silenced

Rabbi Arnold Goodman, president of the Rabbinical Assembly, the international association of Conservative rabbis, said the nuclear freeze issue stemmed from "a deep concern that the world may be heading for a holocaust of its own making," and that the Jewish tradition, "with its concern for life, obviously has a contribution to make to the overall deliberations" on that overriding issue. Goodman asserted "we will not be silenced and we will join with our fellow clergy here and throughout the free world in continuing to sensitize our society and our political leaders to moral concerns."

He said he agreed with the President that all Americans must oppose "sin and evil" in the world, a duty "mandated by our Torah and our teachings." He declared he found it "regrettable" that the President, "who represents all the people," had chosen to "limit his sources of inspiration" for his call to battle sin and evil "to Christian doctrine."

State Serious Abuse of Religion

Marshall Wolke, president of the United Synagogue of America, the central agency for Conservative congregations, and Rabbi Benjamin Kreitman, executive vice president, condemned the President asserting that his opposition to a nuclear freeze was based on a true interpretation of Christianity and for his attack on "the liberal religious community, Christian and Jewish, who differed with his

point of view on the nuclear proliferation treaties and procedures." They said "the assumption of authority for the only authentic interpretation of the religious message," which they described as historically "one of the most serious abuses of religion," was an abuse "that strikes at the heart of religious pluralism on which our nation was founded."

Wolke and Kreitman declared that the President "had no right to intrude his religious point of view into a discussion of a politically sensitive matter, nor to usurp for himself divine approval of that point of view." They said that, as President of all the people "and of all religious points of view," President Reagan "must respect the authenticity of that diversity."

Concerned Over Use Of Religious Content

Julius Berman, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations, said that "while we also recognize the evils represented by the actions of the Soviet Union, we are very concerned when any government official, including the President, expresses that opposition purely in religious terms, especially when they are not shared by everyone in our pluralistic society."

The Orthodox lay leader also expressed concern over the suggestion by Reagan "that opposition to the introduction of prayer in our public schools springs from an anti-religious attitude. While we strongly believe that religion should play a predominant role in each individual's life, we also maintain our opposition to prayer in the public schools, because it violates the doctrine of separation of church and state, which is the rock upon which this pluralistic republic was established."

Warns Of Possible Polarization

Rabbi Gilbert Klaperman, president of the Rabbinical Council of America, a major Orthodox rabbinical association, declared it was "wrong and dangerous" for Reagan "to inject an affirmative sectarian note into a political issue that does not take into account our pluralistic society," a statement Klaperman warned "may polarize different religious elements in America."

To the President's comment suggesting that all Christians who do support a nuclear freeze "are not loyal Christians," Klaperman retorted that "there are many devout Christians who are deeply committed to a nuclear freeze" and that the President, in impugning their Christian loyalty, "is superimposing dogmatic principles on a political issue."

Citing the church-state separation principle as basic to the American pluralistic society, the Orthodox rabbinical leader said "those who do not agree with the policy of their nation should not be attacked on religious grounds."

Criticizes Attempt To Stigmatize

Rabbi Walter Wurzbarger, president of the Synagogue Council of America, declared that the President "has every right to oppose a nuclear freeze but he has no right to stigmatize those who disagree with his brand of 'civil religion' as having succumbed to 'the temptation of pride' and as seeking not the reality but 'the illusion of peace.'"

He called "equally distressing" the President's attempt to preach "civil religion" by advocating an amendment to permit prayer in public schools. He asserted that "non-denominational" prayer would be an exercise in "religious tokenism" rather than a genuine contribution towards the enhancement of religious values."

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