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Jerusalem - general view from the Mount Olives. Looking across the Kidron Valley you can see the walls of the Old City. The building with the golden dome is the Mosque of Omar, standing where the ancient Temple stood. In the left background is Mount Zion.

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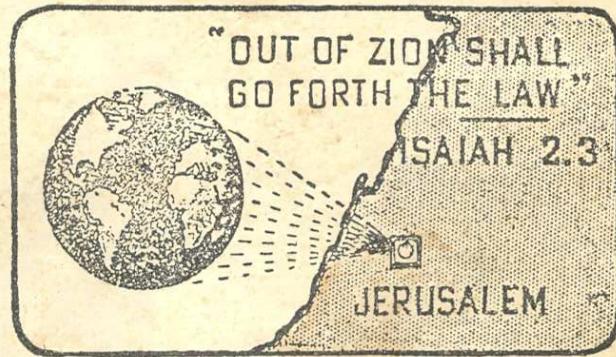
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In Heaven. — Revelation 20:15.

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EXPLAINING FRONT PAGE PICTURE

In the foreground can be seen part of the slope of the Mt. of Olives, and some of the many graves which are located on this hillside. According to Jewish belief when the Messiah comes He will come to the Mount of Olives, and the dead there will be the first resurrected. They are correct that He will come to the Mount of Olives, but unfortunately most Jews are unaware of who their Messiah is. In the background can be seen the towers and buildings of the new city part of Jerusalem.

(Photo taken from the Mt. of Olives)

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The Stars Of Heaven Fighting

"There comes a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and He shall cut in pieces the corners of Moab, and destroy all the sons of tumult. And Edom shall be a possession, and Seir a possession — they, his enemies; but Israel will do valiantly.

Alas! Who shall live when God does this? And ships shall come from the coast of Chittim, and afflict Asshur, and afflict Eber, and he also shall be for destruction." (Num. 24:17-24).

This Star of Jacob who shall crush all the enemies of Israel is depicted in the flag of Israel. This six-edged Star is the Star of Jacob, and He shall destroy all His enemies, for God fights for Israel. How terrible is such a banner!

God has given the country of Canaan, the Promised Land, to Israel as an everlasting possession, and the Holy Bible is their title of it. God has chastised His beloved people, but He has never taken away from them His gift.

"And there was war in the heaven: Michael and his angels went to war with the dragon. And the dragon fought, and his angels; and they prevailed not, nor was their place found any more in the heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, the ancient serpent, he who is called Devil and Satan, he who deceives the whole habitable earth, he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a great voice in the heaven saying: Now is come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren was cast out, who accused them before our God day and night."

Michael and his angels are fighting for Israel, God's chosen people; Satan and his angels are fighting for the enemies of Israel, and they have only one thought: to drive Israel into the Mediterranean Sea, and to wipe out Israel. It is noteworthy that the same countries who hate Israel also persecute the true Christians, they are inspired by Satan who hates God and His elect. For Satan knows that if he does not overcome the saints, they will overcome him, and the kingdom on earth will be God's and His Messiah shall rule, exactly as this text says. — Rev. 12:7-10.

When Israel was attacked in the rear by Amalek in the desert, Israel seemed to be crushed by this surprise attack. But then Moses went up on the top of the hill. And it came to pass when Moses raised his hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his hand, Amalek prevailed. This is the ministry of intercession. When we pray for Israel and stand in the gap before God, Israel overcomes and roots out his enemies. But when we let down our hands, the enemies of Israel prevail. The great war in 1967 was not by arms of men but by the power of God who answered the prayers of the saints all over the world, and many Jews saw Moses and Elijah fighting for Israel in the firing line where the struggle was hardest. So it is also with this war.

Blessed are they who bless and protect the Jews, God's chosen people. Cursed is every nation who accuses and fights against Israel, for they are the apple of God's eye. I testify before all nations: Every nation which stretches

out its hand against Israel, shall perish and be no nation any more. This is their retribution from the Almighty and righteous God.

"Curse Meroz, says the Angel of Yahweh; curse, curse the inhabitants thereof; for they came not to the help of Yahweh, to the help of Yahweh among the mighty "when Israel was in great travail and oppressed by their enemies (Judges 5:23). Thus shall the Lord do to those who do not assist His people in the hour of their desperate need. Any Jew and Christian who does not assist his brother in need, shall be cut off as a branch from the true olive tree. For as we do to the brethren of Jesus, the Jews, thus shall it be done to us, says the King of kings.

"Imagine not in your heart that you shall escape in the king's house, more than all the Jews. For if you altogether hold your peace at this time, then there shall arise relief and deliverance to the Jews from another place; but you and your father's house shall perish. And who knows whether you are not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?" Mordecai said to Queen Esther. Esther was a Jewess, and the bride of Jesus is a true Jewess, exactly as Romans 2:29 says, and we have come to this high grace for a purpose that we shall bear abundant fruit. As salvation has come to us from the Jew, through the Lion of the Tribe of Judah, so also shall salvation come to Israel today. The bride of Jesus as Queen Esther, the morning star, is travailing today before the King in behalf of Israel.

The wicked Haman had determined the definite destruction of the Jewish people, because he hated Mordecai, who refused to do homage to anyone else but God. No one could come before the King of kings to ask for mercy without being called. Only Queen Esther might intercede before the King; and she hazarded her life saying: "If I perish, I perish!" In deepest dedication she came before her King pleading for mercy upon her people, and the King stretched out his golden sceptre toward her, and she obtained grace in His sight, and her petition was heard. The Jews were saved and their enemies defeated and Haman was hanged on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai, Hallelujah!

Our Jewish brother has not yet accepted Jesus as his Messiah, but God is about to lift the veil from his face that he may see Him whom he has pierced (Zechariah 12:10). But we who have Jesus Messiah as the King of our lives can come confidently to His mercy-seat by His precious blood and obtain help in due season. The King is waiting for our petition for our brother Jacob, and He will save him as an answer to prayer.

This mighty war against Satan and his angels who inspire the enemies of Israel is won by the bride of Jesus, who just as Queen Esther interceded before His throne for her brethren. Therefore we read (Revelation 12:10, 11): "For

they have overcome him (the accuser of our brethren) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony, and they have not loved their lives even unto death." These true overcomers by the blood of Jesus are not angels, not fleshly Israel, but Israel according to the Spirit. They love their brethren, and give their lives for them. Do you, my Christian brother, give your life for your Jewish brother? Do you intercede like Esther with fasting day and night for Israel? If you do not, then you do not belong to the Bride of the Lamb.

The nations wash their hands like Pilate, Babylon rejoices like Herod; but the little bride of Jesus travails with birth pangs for her beloved brother Jacob; and her petition is heard.

Behold our Bridegroom is coming! This is the test of His bride.

Brother Ulf Oldenburg,
October 12, 1973
(during the last war)

Let us ponder another thought from the book of Esther. Wicked Haman hated Mordecai the Jew, and he didn't rest without first devising his destruction. Haman finally knew and realized fully that the King wished to honour Mordecai. Just as Mordecai sat at the King's gate, so Israel today is being well situated by God Himself at the Gate of the Kingdom. Today the King is bestowing abundant blessing and honour upon the Jew, even before the evil eyes of Haman. Again the Jew and every friend of Israel will in no way bow before wicked Haman. And again, as then, Haman and all of the sons of Haman are busy planning ways to destroy. But they are not designing, as they think, the destruction of the Jew, but are certainly designing their own destruction even as Haman built the gallows for himself.

Soon a Jewish King will sit once again upon the throne of David to rule justly the entire earth from Jerusalem. Going into that city, above each of the twelve gates is inscribed a name of the tribes of Israel. (Rev. 21:12). Israel today is the vanguard of this kingdom and we are in the very closing of gentile times or rule. The whole Christian world is taught to pray for this kingdom as even in the Lord's prayer, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven." (Matt. 6:10, 4:23, 24:14; Ps. 145:11-12; James 2:5).

— Assit. Editor

BREAD UPON THE WATERS

We have many large parcels of miscellaneous tracts containing a few hundred each, to be sent out to "Volunteer Willing Workers", in many parts of the world. The cost of these with the postage is \$20.00. You will be casting bread upon the waters, and proving yourself to be a profitable servants to the Lord, to send money for one or more of these parcels to be sent out to those calling for them. Thanks in advance.

Jewish Origins of Christian Baptism

An Article from "The Jerusalem Post"

Shavu'ot is known to Christians as Pentecost the festival on which, according to the New Testament the Holy Spirit came upon Jesus' followers, and 3,000 people in Jerusalem repented and were baptized.

Where and how could such a number be baptized in Jerusalem? Since the people were Jews, the logical place would have been in a "mikve", or ritual immersion pool.

Archaeological excavations have uncovered many such immersion pools in the last few years: at Masada, Qumran, Jericho, and in the excavations, under Prof. Benjamin Mazar, south of the Temple Mount. (See M. Mazar: "The mountain of the Lord," Doubleday, 1973, pp. 146-147.)

What does baptism mean for Christians? Briefly stated, baptism symbolizes the total identification of the believer with his Lord's death, burial, and resurrection to new life (Romans 6:3-11). This new life may be viewed as a "new birth," or being spiritually "reborn" (John 3:1-16). J. Jeremias and others find the same imagery in the Babylonian Talmud's statement that "the proselyte who converts is like a little baby who has just been born." (Yevamot 22 a.) Finally, baptism may symbolize a spiritual "washing" or cleansing (Titus 3:5).

On the day of Pentecost, did the early believers in Jesus use the "mikva'ot" south of the Temple Mount with apostles as witnesses? Could they have also used others discovered on the slope of the hill toward Zion Gate? Perhaps. Alternate suggestions are "Birkat Yisrael," just north of the Temple compound, or the Pool of Bethesda, or the Pool of Siloam (Shiloah).

Early Jewish ritual immersion was a self-administered, complete submersion before rabbinical witnesses. Every portion of the body, including the hair, had to go under the water. This, of course, is still the requirement for Jewish proselytes and for all Jews (according to "halacha") at certain times. Approximately 30-40 mikva'ot are in use in Jerusalem.

In Jewish practice, only the person undergoing the ritual bath actually entered the water, while rabbinical witnesses stood at the edge of the mikve. Minor tractate "Gerim" states (1:1-4): "A man is present at the immersion of a man; a woman is present at the immersion of a woman." At least since the Middle Ages, the person entering the pool had to be naked. Since two rabbinical witnesses had to authenticate the immersion of a convert, special arrangements were necessary to preserve a woman's modesty. The rabbis stood outside the door to the mikve, which was opened by a female attendant at the exact moment that the woman convert was completely immersed. When the top of the head was seen to be submerged, witnesses could testify that it had taken place.

Who entered the water in Christian baptism?

A study of baptistries of Byzantine churches, found in excavations at Avdat, Emmaus, Mount Nebo, and elsewhere, clearly showed there was room for only one person. Prof. Dale Moody ("Baptism: Foundation for Christian Unity," West-minster, 1969) and others believe that the candidate, upon confession of repentance and faith, knelt in the water and then completely submerged him or herself.

When did the practice of infant baptism begins? Only in the third and fourth centuries is there clear historical evidence that Christians were baptizing infants. Origen, about 231 C.E., made infant baptism the basis of belief in original guilt. Augustine, at the end of the 4th century C.E., taught that each baby was born with inherent guilt from the sin of Adam. Baptism was essential for the removal of this "original sin," a doctrine which has dominated the churches for centuries. Some have insisted that faith is necessary for any baptism to be efficacious. In the case of infants, it is the faith of the church on their behalf.

In the Latin and Western tradition, the practice became one of placing a few drops of water on the baby's head. In the Eastern Orthodox churches, the infant is immersed. The Armenian Orthodox immerse the child three times "in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," as do the Ethiopian Orthodox. This is followed by "chrismation," an anointing with oil to symbolize the gift of the Holy Spirit.

John Calvin, the 16th century Protestant reformer, emphasized that infant baptism fulfilled the same function as circumcision in Jewish tradition. It was a sign of the covenant relationship with God (Col. 2:9).

A storm of debate over infant baptism has been carried on by such scholars as Joachin Jeremiah, Karl Barth, Oscar Cullman, Kurt Aland, G. Beasley-Murray, Dale Moody and others.

For Baptist and others of the Free Church tradition (opposed to a "state church" or recognition of a state religion), here has been a strong emphasis upon baptism as a voluntary sign of an inner experience of repentance and faith. Consequently, they do not practise infant baptism. For them, no one is a Christian simply because his parents were. Once a person has made a personal commitment of his/her own volition, then baptism by immersion is encouraged.

John's baptism in the Jordan River's certainly has significance for Christians, but specifically Christian baptism began at Shavu'ot or Pentecost, here in Jerusalem — perhaps in mikva'ot.

"WHEN THE LORD SHALL BUILD UP
ZION HE WILL APPEAR IN HIS GLORY."

— Psalms 102:15.

The Controversy Over Zion

Surely there is a controversy raging in the world today over Zion. Evidence of this can be seen in newspapers all over the world.

The threat of another oil embargo by the Arabs and the billions of dollars the Arab oil nations have invested in countries around the world give the Arabs an enormous political and economical weapon. Seemingly the world will do anything to appease the Arabs and win their favor. In degrading themselves by bowing to the Arab oil blackmail, the nations of the world are not only doing something that is morally contemptible, but are also behaving very foolishly and cowardly. Almost everyone realizes (or should) that blackmail only works if the victim co-operates. Yet, on every hand we see evidence of the success of the Arabs' blackmail tactics.

One view which has gained wide acceptance around the world, even among Israel's strongest friends, is the

mistaken idea that the only obstacle to peace in the Middle East is Israel's stubbornness in giving back to the Arabs the land gained in the 1967 war. They seem to believe that all that is needed is to pressure and "guide" Israel into handing back this territory and then all would be well — completely forgetting the wars (including the 1967 war) which took place before Israel had this land.

Because Prime Minister Begin is wise enough to know that to bring peace more is needed than to simply give the Arabs everything they ask for, the victory of his party (Likud) in the recent elections and his succeeding to the leadership of Israel aroused an almost unheard of amount of criticism in the world, even in the United States, Israel's strongest ally. Following are a few news items, reprinted from "The Jerusalem Post," which appeared right after the elections and give a good idea of what the world's reactions were.

ARAB PRESS SAYS BEGIN SPELLS WAR

"A terrorist is going to be prime minister of Israel," PLO "foreign affairs" chief Farouk Kaddoumi commented yesterday, during an Islamic foreign minister's conference in Libya. "I think this is something planned by the United States," he added.

Other Arabs warned that the victory of "hawkish" Likud leader Menahem Begin may have doomed all hopes for peace. "The area is heading for war," Damascus Radio announced. It denounced the victory of "the most terrorist, extremist and pig-headed bloc" in Israel. But the newspaper "Tishrin," which is close to Assad, observed that the election "would not be a decisive factor" in the region's future.

Government-controlled newspapers and broadcasting stations in the Arab world predictably deplored the vote results as a new obstacle to the peace settlement that the major Arab states profess to seek. They denounced Begin as an extremist.

The Jordanian newspaper "A-Sha'ab" said yesterday the Arabs should seriously consider military preparation to deal with a possible failure of the current peace efforts in the wake of the Likud victory.

The Arab states were also called upon to take seriously a statement by Begin that the West Bank and Gaza Strip were "liberated territories" and would remain so. "Such a statement is a new obstacle to peace," the paper added.

Newspapers in hardline Iraq said the election was "an affirmation of the Zionists' determination to expand, retain the (conquered) land, and reject all Arab rights," according to "Al-Thawra," organ of the ruling Ba'ath party.

Members of the Palestinian "Rejection Front" organisations opposed to Middle East peace talks privately expressed satisfaction bordering on joy over the outcome of the election. They said Begin's rise to power could seriously threaten the survival of such "moderate" Arab leaders as President Sadat, who has staked his political

future on close cooperation with the U.S.

In Kuwait, one newspaper called for "emergency arrangements to create an Arab super defence pact" patterned after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization or the Warsaw Pact.

"The emergence of an arrogant hardline government in Israel leaves the Arabs no alternative but to prepare for war," said the conservative "Al-Kabas." "They have become a financial superpower and there is no reason why they shouldn't, or couldn't become a super power militarily."

The official Algerian news agency said on Wednesday the elections in Israel "brought the terrorists to power," raised a new danger of war and proved the futility of seeking a negotiated settlement in the Middle East.

Several Arab commentators claimed that the Likud victory did not change one "basic fact" — it is America, not Israel, that holds "99 per cent of the cards in the Middle East."

A high-ranking Cairo official said: "The optimistic view is that a coalition government will be weak and thus the U.S. can pressure Israel and can impose a settlement.

"The pessimistic view is that a coalition government will be so weak that it will not be able to convince its people of the necessity for a settlement. This would mean more delay; and, if the Arabs become impatient, there is always the military solution." — (Agencies).

BACK TO '47

WASHINGTON. — Late last night the White House issued a statement saying that President Carter had referred to four specific U.N. resolutions when he spoke earlier in the day about the need for a Palestinian homeland and compensation for Palestinian refugees.

The statement said that, when the president referred to a homeland for the Palestinians, he had in mind U.N. General Assembly Resolution 181 of November 29, 1947 — the so-called partition resolution — which provided for the

recognition of a Jewish and an Arab state in Palestine.

In connection with compensation, the president referred to U.N. General Assembly Resolution 194 of December 11, 1948, "which endorses the right of Palestinians to return to their homes or choose to be compensated for lost property."

The White House statement added that the president was also referring to U.N. Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, "which address the question of withdrawal and the end of belligerency and secure and recognized borders among other principles of a peace agreement."

The White House statement said that the Israel-Arab armistice agreements of 1949 made clear that the issues of a Palestinian homeland and compensation "were issues that would have to be resolved in a final peace agreement among the parties."

The White House statement stunned Israel sources here because it went back to resolutions long made irrelevant by historical changes.

CONCERN FELT IN EUROPE

There were worried sounds in Western Europe's press yesterday of a possible increase in Middle East tension following Tuesday's defeat of Israel's Labour Party by the Likud. But there was little official reaction, save for regret at Labour's loss by Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

The British press described Tuesday's Labour defeat with some measure of shock yesterday playing up war threats emanating from the radio stations of Syria, Iraq, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. Interest was, however, paid to the more moderate line taken by Cairo.

Likud leader Menahem Begin's personal triumph was the focus of the news, with the British reviving old memories of Begin's pre-state Irgun Zvai Leumi underground group. The BBC and "The Evening Standard" headlined him as a "former guerrilla leader" pushing out Labour, with "The Standard" believing that "Begin's election victory could complicate America's plans for Middle East peace."

"The Evening News" headline was "Britain's Old Enemy Swings Israel Right." Independent radio news described him as "the man who blew up the King David Hotel" in Jerusalem.

(Begin still evokes negative responses in Britain, with the media always recapitulating his anti-British attacks when he was Irgun commander.)

The Conservative Friends of Israel, however, reflected the Tories' pleasure at the fall of yet another labour party. The ruling British Labour party's reaction was one of utter shock.

DISMAY IN WASHINGTON BEGIN: SETTLE JUDEA, SAMARIA

CAMP KADDUM. — Likud leader Menahem Begin indicated here yesterday that Jewish settlements will shortly rise throughout Judea and Samaria and Arab residents could get Israeli

citizenship if they wanted it. But Arabs will not be evicted under a Likud-led government, he added. Begin avoided committing himself on whether Israel law would be introduced in the administered territories.

Begin's remarks were greeted with dismay in Washington.

Speaking at a ceremony marking the installation of a Tora scroll at the Kaddum synagogue, Begin referred to the fact that the Eilon Moreh group of settlers had moved into this military base on a "temporary basis," after squatting in Sebastia against army orders.

"In a few weeks or months there will be many Eilon Morehs; there will be no need for a Kadum," he declared.

Begin chided a foreign correspondent for calling the area "occupied territory." "You've used this expression for 10 years, but since May 1977 I hope you'll start using the word liberated territories," he said.

"A Jew has every right to settle in these liberated territories of the Jewish land," he added.

(Aluf (Res.) Ariel Sharon, who took part in the ceremony, told reporters he believed "the new government's policy will bring about wide-scale settlement in Judea and Samaria."

When Sharon ended his statement, Begin commented, "very nice." But the Likud's candidate for prime minister also declared: "We don't want to evict anyone from his land. In this beautiful country, there is room for the Arabs who are working their lands and the Jews who will come to make the homeland bloom."

CALLS FOR COMPENSATION TO PALESTINIANS CARTER SEES BEGIN SOFTENING ON AREAS

WASHINGTON. — President Jimmy Carter yesterday expressed satisfaction with the initial "moderation" of the Likud position as demonstrated during talks with the Democratic Movement for Change, and predicted that this position will modify even further after U.S. congressman and American Jews meet with Likud leader Menahem Begin.

He also spoke again of the need for a Palestinian homeland, and this time added that the Arab refugees must also "be compensated for losses that they suffered."

Carter's remarks on Begin were seen as confirming that the administration will enlist Israel's friends here in an attempt to convince the Likud to ease its opposition to an Israeli withdrawal from Judea-Samaria and Gaza.

The news conference, much of which was devoted to the Middle East and the outcome of the Israel elections, demonstrated quite clearly that Carter will insist on an Israeli withdrawal from at least part of the West Bank.

Carter, reiterating his approval for an Israeli withdrawal to the pre-1967 lines with only minor territorial adjustments, also called attention to previously approved U.N. resolutions and

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Reports From Africa

Until we resume printing "The Jerusalem Messinger" (Lord willing, very soon) a page or two of each issue of "The Reporter", as space permits, will be devoted to reports from churches around the world.

NIGERIA, WEST AFRICA: —

Greetings.

On the 14th of March, 1977, the writer, Elder J. A. Agilebu, and Pastor J. E. Ogaluzo, paid a missionary visit to Mberi Akpulu in Imo state, where the brethren of that state wanted me to come to Obodo-ukwu to baptize a newly converted family, Julius Anyadu and his wife Catherine Anyadu.



Elder J. A. Agilebu with baptism group

When we went there for the call, we were told that the brethren from Imo state and Anambra state were gathered at Nnokwa Church waiting for us to come. When we learned that, then we doubled our journey again, footlong to a place called Umu-Eze-Uga where we were benighted. Fortunately Brother Simon C. Udeoji took us in to a certain brother's house, named Humphrey Dimobiukwu, to whom the Lord has revealed the truth, of which he and his church were affiliated with our church.

We spent the night there and left at 5 o'clock the next morning, continuing walking along until we got a vehicle which carried us to Nnokwa where the brethren were waiting for us.

We were with them on that Sabbath. When we had finished Sabbath School study, then I arrived at the work of ordination. Brother Okechukwu N. Umezeka was chosen as a local Elder. Simon C. Udeoji and Godfrey Meka were chosen as Deacons, among the brethren from Anambra and Imo states. Now I have ordained Okechukwu N. Umezeka a local Elder. As time goes on I shall ordain him Pastor. (Titus 1:5; Acts 6:1-6).

The following Sunday morning, 6th March, we all left Nnokwa and went back to Obodoukwu to baptize those candidates. Before we could

reach there the time was over, so I told the brethren to wait till tomorrow morning.

On Monday morning about six o'clock, we came together for examination of the candidates. I tested them and found them fit. So we all proceeded to the waterside, where five precious souls were buried in water: Humphrey Dimobiukwu, Julius Anyadu, Catherine Anyadu, Esther Orazulume and Margaret Ezenwoye.

Here are two pictures showing the candidate in the water, and brethren who came out from the waterside.

Your Brother, Elder J. A. Agilebu,
Overseer of Nigeria

KENYA, EAST AFRICA: —

Dear Sister Dugger,

Christian greetings. Here is a Passover report from the Odoro Ikot group.

The Passover was held as usual in the Ikot Uko church. It took place in the first and second of April, being the 14 of Nisan. We had a good attendance, and we also baptized 10 people. Praise the Lord!

We had the sermon from the book of Exodus 12:4-16, 13:4-14; 1 Cor. 11:23; John 13:5-18, 10;16-30; Matt. 26:27, 29; Deut. 32:14.

The opening of the Ikot Uko Church of God's new building was done on December last. We are sorry we did not inform you about this before time. I cannot remember if I wrote to you in my last letter. Here I enclose a picture of the church building. It has 13 open double windows and 6 open double doors. A pulpit was



The new church building of the Odoro Ikot group built at the same month. Now I earnestly request for a pulpit bible. If it cannot be sent free I will pay for the cost.

Here are some photographs...

We have enclosed herewith some help, that is N5.00.

We wish you God's blessing, while remaining in faith.

Yours in His Service,
Elder N. A. Otoro



Boys and girls of the Odoro Ikot Church Choir

KENYA. —

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First of all is to give thanks to our Lord for the many blessings our Father has given to us. We have received Bible Lessons for the second quarter of 1977 and also Judah Vol. 22 No. 2 (January-February) and No. 3 (March). These are true words: "For the Law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem." Michah 4:2. Therefore we know that the prophecy is really being fulfilled.

The Passover that we had was very good because we baptized three people. Brothers and Sisters were enjoying the Passover, and we see that the Spirit of the Lord is truly working on His people.

We have sent tithes and offerings according



The Church of God group in Mbugiti, Kenya

to the Bible. (Deut. 12:5, 6; 14:22-26). We are doing this because the Lord has chosen Zion. (Ps. 132:13; 1 Kings 8:29).

We request you to send us Bible calendars, Credential of Recommendation for 1977 and Bible charts, if possible.

May the Lord bless you with good health, happiness, long life and prosperity. Kindly do remember our ministry and its needs in your prayers.

Yours in His glorious service,
Pastor Josphat Mwangi

TIMBOROA, KENYA. —

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Israel,

We thank you all in the work of Yah. We were lost sheep and our Elohim searched for us and found us. We trust that we can get the truth of God from you in Israel because all parts of the world are darkened by the riding woman on the beast. (Rev. 17:1-6; Isaiah 60:1, 2). Now we turn to Zion, Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:2, 3; Jer. 12:14-16; Zephaniah 3:10-14).

May God bless you all.

Elder John Kabui Kihara,
J. S. D. Church of God



Elder John Kabui Kihara and Church Group

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Elder Morris H. Tafatu, of P.O.Box 3, Alofi, Niue Island, S.W. Pacific, has been appointed as the OVERSEER of Niue Island, responsible for the work of the Church of God 7th Day in his country. As Niue Island is now an independent country, the church there had a need for an Overseer. Elder Tafatu has played an important part in the raising up of the church of Niue Island, together with Elder Peleci (Overseer of New Zealand), and it was decided that he was the right person to fill this position.

We pray that the Heavenly Father will guide and bless Elder Tafatu and the work on Niue Island, and that the church there will grow.

— World Headquarters of the
Church of God (7th Day)

THE BANK ACCOUNT WORTHWHILE

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

GOOD HEALTH DEPARTMENT

By request, and due to the large number of letters we receive inquiring about the sprouting of grains, we are reprinting the following article, which gives all the needed information.

SPROUTS FOR COMPLETE NOURISHMENT

Sprouts have been called "the complete nourishment and most perfect food" by scientists. There is good reason why this is so. Within each seed are all the materials necessary to start new life. Everything needed to produce health or maintain health, including protein and minerals, vitamins and oil, carbohydrates and hormones, are contained in sprouts.

Sprouts are also considered "the complete protein." Sprouts are a quick energy food; they contain natural sugar. One does not need soil to grow this inexpensive food; even if you live in one room it is possible to sprout. It is good food for survival. The seed will keep up to one year if stored in a cool, dry place. Three tablespoons of seed will render a quart of nourishing food in six days. They are delicious for salads, juices and to take to work for a snack.

Just think, one pound of seed grows into 7 pounds of the best food and complete nourishment that there is. If a financial crisis occurs, it will be possible for a person to live healthfully for six months on less than \$50.00.

Why do we have malnourished people in the country if people can live healthfully for a cent a meal? Why do people spend such high prices on supermarket food when they are eating dead materials, live food destroyed by chemicals?

Seeds can do so much. People do not know about this fantastic work of Mother Nature. She releases her nutrients into the seed when it is given moisture and warmth. Every school should have an educational program which includes "sprouting." This way children could not only study, they could see, taste and learn how health can be maintained if the body gets the correct nourishment.

Lentils are the easiest seeds to sprout. Mung-beans and fenugreek and chickpeas are good too. Alfalfa is the best in many ways. Alfalfa will turn green if left in the sun. It is necessary to keep them covered for a few days in order for the chlorophyll, which is very important, to manifest in them.

Sprouts will do better in a 2 quart wide mouthed jar. Generally, one can get these bottles in eating places for free. A piece of cheese cloth or any nylon mesh and elastic will fasten the top.

To sprout alfalfa is to experience the real joy of watching nature unfold. It is a miracle that our Creator brings forth to give us the nourishment we need for survival.

HOW TO SPROUT

(1) Put 2 tablespoons of small seed in a two quart jar, half full of water. Soak for five hours; cover the top with plastic screen or cheesecloth. Fasten with a rubber band.

(2) Pour water off and rinse with tepid water. Set jar upside down to drain.

(3) Rinse, thereafter, twice a day before it has completely drained.

(4) The third to sixth day when the sprouts are ready, eat from store kept in the refrigerator.

Wheat does not need to be rinsed after it has been soaked for fifteen hours. However, it needs to be covered to be kept moist. With sprouted wheat you can make live bread, breakfast cereal, milk, rejuvelac or you can grow chlorophyll to use as a medicine.

NOTICE

We are sending a steady stream of Bibles, books, tracts, and other materials, in many different languages, out from Jerusalem. There is a great hunger for the truth which must be fed. We are instructed to "feed my sheep" and in these closing days nothing is more important. The cost of printing, paper and postage has risen tremendously in the last few years and our expenses are great. We do all in our power to keep up with the huge demand. Every amount sent in is promptly put into this great work of saving souls. Often we are even overdrawn at the bank.

If you are led to help in this great endeavour, you will be having a part in this vital work which must soon be completed as the return of our Messiah is very near. Your tithes and offerings will be put to work in His work, for His glory, and in the place where our Saviour spent His life while here on earth. There is not a more fertile field in the world. "For the Law shall go forth of Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem." — Michah 4:1.

DEW DROPS

"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower." — Ps. 18:2.

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"Great deliverance giveth he to his king; and shewed mercy to his anointed, to David, and his seed for evermore." — Ps. 18:50.

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"O love the Lord all ye his saints: for the Lord preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, and all ye that hope in the Lord." — Ps. 31:23, 24.

Israel Welcomes Refugees From Vietnam

On the 10th of June, the Israeli freighter *Yuvali* rescued 66 Vietnamese refugees about 50 miles off the coast of Vietnam. The refugees — who included men, women and children — had been afloat in their small fishing boat for four days, without food or drink, before being rescued by the Israeli ship. Their situation was desperate, and if rescue had not come, they would have perished in a short time. Yet, several ships had passed close by and had continued on their way, ignoring the distress signals made by the refugees. Evidently these ships did not wish to become "involved" and, instead, preferred to leave these people to die.

After taking the refugees on board, the *Yuvali* continued on its way, stopping at its ports of call. Despite the fact that conditions on the Israeli freighter were very crowded (it had accommodations only for a crew of 30) all of the countries called at and all of the countries in the region refused to give shelter to the refugees. Finally, the Israel government invited them to Israel, and they were placed on a plane and arrived in Israel on June 26. The Israel government has given them all the rights of new immigrants, and they have been given a warm welcome by the people of Israel.

Israel has been especially sympathetic to the plight of these Vietnamese refugees, because it is so similar to that of countless Jewish refugees 30 years ago when shiploads of Jews, fleeing for their lives, were refused refuge by country after country, and were sent back to die in the concentration camps.

It is ironic that in a world which considers itself so "modern" and "civilized" that Israel — whose people are of an altogether different race and religion — was the only country willing to take these refugees in.

This incident illustrates again the cynicism and hypocrisy into which so much of the world has fallen. So many countries have shown themselves very eager to condemn Israel for what they call the "plight" of the Arabs living in Israel — ignoring the fact that the living conditions of these Arabs are continually improving, and are far above what they were before Israel took control of this land. Yet when real humanitarian help is desperately needed, these same countries turn a blind eye and a deaf ear — and leave it to Israel to take the necessary action to save lives.

Following is an account, reprinted from "The Jerusalem Post", telling of the Vietnamese refugees' arrival in Israel.

BEN-GURION AIRPORT. — Three weeks after they set sail from Vietnam, 66 men, women and children stepped out of a Lufthansa plane here today. Some were smiling and waving, others were confused, and some appeared too overcome by the trials of the past few weeks to register any emotion.

Wiry young men, slim young girls, grandmothers, and a gnarled old man wearing a big black hat, plus children of every age and size were quickly engulfed by a tide of applauding newsmen and airport workers on the tarmac.

The Vietnamese refugees were picked up by the Israel freighter *Yuvali* two and a half weeks ago when they were down to three teaspoons of water a day for the children, and none for the adults. A number of ships had refused to rescue them from their small fishing boat before the *Yuvali* came along.

Efforts to put them ashore at Asian ports

were blocked as nation after nation refused them entry. Finally, Israel's Prime Minister Menahem Begin announced that Israel could not ignore their plight, so reminiscent of that of the Jewish refugees of 30 years ago.

Inside the terminal building the bewildered refugees were taken under the wing of Absorption and Interior Ministry personnel who treated them with unusual gentleness.

Those members of the group who spoke English were quickly singled out both by officials and newsmen. Groups of people were soon clustered around the English speakers as they told of their voyage, and their happiness and gratitude to the people of Israel for having taken them in.

The young children, who at first were shy and frightened by all the hustle and bustle soon began to feel at ease, and to run, shout, laugh and pose for photographers.

After a short speech of welcome by officials, which few people paid much attention to in all the excitement, the process of registering the newcomers got under way.

Each person was given a parcel of food, IL.700 pocket money, a Magen David Adom "kova tembel" and a laissez-passer valid for all countries for one year. They were also granted the same privilege as other immigrants, but none of them had any possessions to bring in duty free. They came with only the clothes on their backs, and even those had been recently donated by the people of Taiwan.

By the time they left the terminal for the Ofakim absorption centre near Beersheba they were loaded down with parcels. Some were still clutching the pink carnations handed to them on their arrival. The children still had the white "kova tembels" on.

Though penniless, this was not a group of peasants. There were 17 fishermen who got the group away from Vietnam, but the other men included a doctor, a dentist, an owner of a bakery, a businessman, and the former South Vietnamese marine major, Le Dinh Quy, who organized the escape.

Pham Trung Binh, 29, who came with his 23-year-old wife, said he was not certain where they would settle, but he would be happy to stay in Israel. Binh, who said he was a "buying official" before he left Vietnam, said that he had read about Israel in 1967, "but after the (Vietnam) war ended in 1975 we heard nothing."

A former South Vietnamese army dentist with the rank of lieutenant, Duong Duc Tai, 34, said that, "First of all, the majority of us wanted to go to the United States." He, like a number of others, has relatives there.

"But," Tai added, "when we learned that the government of Israel had permitted us to go to Israel, all of us accepted this offer."

The dentist from Saigon, who came with his

wife, a high school geography teacher, and their child, said that "Israel saved our lives."

Tai, and his friend Tran Quang Hoa, a surgeon who also served in the South Vietnamese army, were both imprisoned for a year after the fall of Saigon.

Hoa explained that the group did not know what their future would hold. "But first of all," he said, "we must earn our livelihood. We do not want to accept for free what the people of Israel give us. We know that the Israeli people know our situation and understand us, and are ready to help us, but we must earn for ourselves."

He said he hopes that the Americans will be able to find a copy of the degree which he has from the U.S. so that he will be able to prove his bona fides as a doctor. "Unfortunately I had thrown away all my papers because I was afraid that the Vietnamese would think that I was a CIA spy."

As time passed, while the slow process of registering the refugees went on, the Vietnamese became visibly more relaxed. The fishermen, who were the most impassive at first, brought out their special pipes and began smoking.

The refugees arrived in Ofakim close to 7 p.m., and were greeted by a crowd of 1,000 and the local youth band playing "Jerusalem of Gold." The crowd clapped hands and shouted encouragement to the Vietnamese. The town had declared a holiday for the refugees' arrival, and flags fluttered in the streets as they drove up.

At a reception in the cultural center, local Council head Yehiel Ben-Tov greeted the arrivals in French, and promised them help in their social and cultural absorption and in finding jobs. From there, the refugees proceeded to a festive outdoor dinner, at which they were served the North African specialty "couscous."

"We didn't know what food to offer you," Ben-Tov told them, "but we're sure you'll like our couscous."

Prime Minister Menahem Begin sent a letter yesterday to the captain of the Yuvali and to the Ofer Brothers shipping company which owns the ship, congratulating them on the completion of their mission. In a message to the newcomers, he said it was natural for the Jewish state to offer them refuge, since this was the Jewish tradition. He said the government would do everything possible to make their stay in Israel enjoyable.

REFUGEES TALKED SUICIDE ABOARD BOAT, LEADER SAYS

Major Le Dinh Quy, 36, formerly of the South Vietnamese marines, acts like a leader. He is calm, confident, certain of the correctness of his actions.

Major Quy organized the escape from Vietnam which ended in success here yesterday afternoon.

But, Quy was not telling the details of how he organized the escape. "It is dangerous to give too many details, because there are many others

trying to get out," he said at Ben-Gurion Airport.

His gamble nearly failed. By the time the group was picked by the Yuvali they had no more food left and little water. "If we had not been rescued, I think there would have been many suicides. Many were already talking about it following the four days and nights which we had been at sea."



Quy has no time for the Communists of North Vietnam. He knows them well. Captured during a battle in 1967, he was in prisoner-of-war camps until 1973. Five of those years he spent in prison in Laos, together with about 40 American soldiers.

After his release by the North Vietnamese in 1973, he went back into the fight with the South Vietnamese marines. As the war rolled on he was in some of the toughest fighting areas. His last military engagement was in Quang Tri when it was overrun by the North Vietnamese.

Disguised as a mechanic, Quy escaped and survived the fall of Saigon. He was worried because he heard nothing from his former army friends. He did not believe the North Vietnamese when they said that they would not take reprisals, so he decided to organize an escape.

A number of his friends were informed that he was going to arrange the escape, but he told no one the details. "I even lied to them," he said. "I said that the escape would be on a Sunday, but I escaped on Monday. Because of the secret service, you know."

He organized two fishing boats, but once at sea all the people and provisions were taken on board one boat.

The journey was not easy. One child nearly drowned at the beginning and others were sick. As ship after ship refused to stop for them, despair set in among some. But not Major Quy.

His was the largest single unit within the group: his wife, their child, and his wife's mother, father, brother and sister.

When he said that most of the group were Catholics, I asked if he was disappointed that no Catholic country had come to their aid. He paused, then said: "I think that is a very hard question for me. I know the answer, but it's very hard to answer it."

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Extracts From Readers Letters

ST. LUCIA, W.I. —

My Beloved Sister Dugger,

Holy greetings to you all in the sweet and wonderful name of our Messiah Yahshua.

The work on the Island of St. Lucia is extending gradually. We had three baptisms lately which added a few more souls to the church. Praise Yahshua!

Please post to me four prophetic charts and booklets, two calendars for 1977, six Daniel and Revelation books, and a great supply of every booklet that you have for the spreading of the Master's work. People are asking for them, so please post right away. We also want a good bit of baptismal certificates to give out to the members that are newly baptized. Please send those with the seal.

The work is getting great on the Island of St. Lucia. We are depending on you for our literature, so I am looking out for them very soon. Thank you in advance.

Give our love to all the brethren with you and please pray for us, while we are praying for you all.

With best love to all.

Your Brother in the Master's service,
Elder Hercules Charles

SCOTLAND. —

Dear Sister,

Greetings in His wonderful name. Thanks for the calendar. Could you please send me some back numbers of "The Reporter" as I have been away in Australia for nine months. Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours sincerely, in His wonderful love,
J.D.

KENYA. —

To "Mount Zion" Fellowship,

I am thankful and glad to our Heavenly Father for your recent letter. Praise His Holy Name. Our beloved Saviour Yeshua Messiah is still leading together with my family on this journey to the New Jerusalem.

The Bible chart you sent me recently and its explanation reached me alright and I thank you for remembering me. Last year I gave the story of how my home burned down and this gave me great loss of Bibles, tracts, and books, etc.

Greet all the brothers and sisters there at Jerusalem in the name of our Messiah. Remember to pray for us always,

Yours, F. M. N.

GRENADA. —

Dear Sister Dugger,

Holy and sincere greetings in the Lord Jesus. Thank you dear ones for your goodness to me. Love to one and all.

Thanks for "The Reporter." I hope to con-

tinue receiving it. I will be very glad to receive tracts. Hoping to hear all the wonderful news from the Holy Land and the Lord's vineyard.

Brother John B.

CANADA. —

Dear Folks,

Greetings in the worthy name of our Creator and Saviour and with Revelation 2:17, "To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Hidden Manna and will I give him a white stone and in the stone a new name which no man knoweth." — "And He had a Name written that no man knew." — Rev. 19:12.

It's a pleasure to be alive for the Lord Jesus and it is my pleasure to be under the shadow of the Almighty. — 91st Ps.

I am thankful to receive "The Mount Zion Reporter" and give them out to friends who might accept this Bible Sabbath. I am also witnessing by mail in the Philippines.

I am in Jesus your Brother,
R.

N.Y. —

Dear Sister Effie and Associates,

Greetings in the precious Name of Jesus our soon coming King. Thanks very much for "The Mount Zion Reporter." Please pray for me that I will get a good job. May the Good Lord bless and keep you all in His loving care.

I close with best regards and remain,

Yours faithfully,
D. S.

U.S.A. —

Dear Ones in Jerusalem,

Time once again to send our tithe to help in the Lord's work, knowing it is being used to glorify His Name, and praying that many will accept the truth and have salvation. Praise God "from whom all blessings flew," that we are still able to send this money through the mail to help His people; no doubt the day will come when the mail will not get through, some times it seems the day is fast approaching to that time.

Our part of the country was getting so dry, then we get a few good rains. Hope it continues that way, as we need it.

May the Lord continue to guide your lives and work there.

With love and blessings,
W.

A HISTORY OF THE TRUE RELIGION

By Dugger and Dodd. — A wonderful book which everyone should read, tracing the history of the true faith from 34 A.D. down through the centuries of Roman persecution to present day times. Has 320 pages. — Cost \$5.00.

LIFE IN ISRAEL

By EFFIE DUGGER

Shalom!

It is time for my little piece to be written. Brother Gordon has just told me to get it ready. We are thankful for health to help in any way we can. We are also thankful for peace in Israel.

Life in Israel goes on in a good way. Our grand-children have many friends among the neighbor children and feel quite at home here.

Elder Wm. E. Baker and his wife Eleanor (Janie) have been visiting in Jerusalem. It seems we have always known them and loved them. Sister Baker is the only daughter of Sister Anna Dugger Heaston, now residing in Long Beach, California. Sister Heaston is very dear to us and to many over the world. We have shared wonderful times together and also shared many hard times together throughout the years in the humble service of our Master. Elder Baker for many years has been the overseer of California and the neighboring States and is adviser of the Church in the West Indie Islands, where they are again on their way to the yearly conference and convention there. We were glad once again to see them and to exchange in fellowship the testimonies of the faithful ones in various parts of the world. When Elder Baker was a very young man in Mo. and we had met him for the first time, my husband said to him: "You will be a minister some day."

A few years later at the Turner, Oregon Camp-meeting, while we were still in Oregon, Brother Baker, as a young man was ordained for the ministry. He has been taught by, and has followed in the footsteps of my dear husband. Elder Baker is the Pastor for many years of the Church in Huntington Park, California. It was also good to have them with us at the Church on Sabbath. Brother Gordon and his wife Naomi accompanied Brother and Sister Baker as they visited different places in Israel. It was also Naomi's first time to see a number of the ancient places of interest.

We were paid an unexpected and much welcomed visit by Brother Tafatu, overseer of Niue Island, S.W. Pacific. He came to Israel as guest of the Israel Government. He holds a high position in agriculture on Niue. His home church sent a beautiful little gift, a hand-made woven basket, which I find useful each day, and also the most precious gift is the assurance each day of the prayers of the loved ones there. On his last day spent in Isral, government officials took them on a tour of the ancient Christian places of interest in Bethlehem. Brother Tafatu was appaaled at the commercialization of the Holy Places and how the caretakers always made an issue of money. At the Church of Nativity, the traditional birthday of Christ, Elder Tafatu commented to the other Niue de-

legates how displeasing this situation was. An Israeli government official heard their exchange of words and said promptly, that if Jesus were here He would take a club and beat them out of the place. We know and wish others would know also and realize, that the Lord is very displeased with the obvious "Christian World" today. He is seeking out a treasured few to worship Him in simplicity — in the beauty of Holiness. (1 Chr. 16:29; Ps. 29:2).

These are the Israel of God (over-comer) wrought out of love for Zion, coming forth in righteousness. The blessing is again upon the nation of Israel extending in mercy toward all. Next time we hope Brother Tafatu will be able to stay longer with us and that his wife and children might come, too.

We are always glad to receive friends, old and new, and to meet those we knew so long ago. It is especially nice to meet face to face, for the first time those we have known through correspondance, but had never seen before. It is always good to be numbered with the people who love Israel and who love to see God's watchful care over this called-out people.

Our Jewish sister Miriam has passed away. We had hopes that she would recover. She was always happy to show hospitality to people. She was happy to have us visit her in the hospital. She was always happy to see her friends.

The man who sets the type is ready for my little piece. May all our friends who love Israel continue to pray for us and the work we feel called to carry on for His glory and the saving of souls.

Shalom!

IN MEMORY

Brother Irvin Weavill, of Turner, Oregon, passed away May 29, 1977. The funeral services were held at the Virgil T. Golden Chapel in Salem, Oregon. Officiating was Elder Richard Parker.

He leaves behind his wife, Coleen, six daughters, three sons, two sisters, a brother, and his mother, Marcella Weavil.

We of "The Mount Zion Reporter" staff extend our deepest sympathies to his family in this time of sadness, and pray that the Lord will give them courage and strength.

Brother Weavill now lies awaiting that great resurrection morning and the crown of eternal life which is promised to all the righteous.

LIFT UP YOUR HANDS

"Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. The Lord that made heaven and earth bless thee out of Zion." — Psalms 134:2, 3.

Questions And Answers

QUESTION. —

What portion of Paul's writing does Peter mean when he warns us that they are hard to understand, and certain ones, some ignorant, and some unstable, twist or change them to their own destruction? 2 Peter 3:15, 16.

ANSWER. —

It is SIN that destroys people. "The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Romans 6:12. In the Old Testament time there was a certain law written by the finger of God, on two tables of stones. Exodus 31:18, also 32:15, 16; Deut. 10:4. If any person broke one of these Ten Commandments the offender was taken out of the camp and stoned to death. It did not make any difference which commandment, the "wages" of this sin was death, for the breaking of any one of them.

There was a provision made, however, that the guilty person could bring a lamb to the priest and have it killed in his place, then he would go free, but he would not be free to commit the same offence again. There was also a provision made for the person who was too poor to afford a lamb; he could bring two turtle doves (Lev. 5:7), but the offense was so great in breaking this law that something had to die. A life was sacrificed. Either the sinner, or the most innocent of animals, or birds, was slain. This is the "Law of Pardon," which Paul says: "Was added because of transgression until the seed (Christ) should come." Gal. 3:19. This positively was not the law of the Ten Commandments, but the Law of Pardon. If Paul's writings, which Peter says are hard to be understood, are wrested or twisted in such a manner as to cause people to lightly regard the Ten Commandments, and transgress them, it means destruction to that person. Sin is what destroys people, and we also read in the New Testament that, "Sin is the transgression of the law." 1 John 3:4, and James 2:10, 16. Now, dear reader, let us pay heed to the Spirit's warning through Peter, and "rightly divide" Paul's writings, for many unlearned and unstable teachers are at this time wresting them to the destruction of thousands of people.

QUESTION. —

But we are told in the New Testament that "The law is our school-master, to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith; and when faith comes we are no longer under a school-master."

ANSWER. —

This statement is in the same chapter, and just a few verses following the text by Paul quoted above. Paul says this law was "added because of transgression." It is, therefore, this

same added law that brought us to Christ, compared to the school-master. It is not the Ten Commandments spoken of here. Note carefully that this Law was added because of something. What was it? It was "added because of transgression." Consequently there was something transgressed before this law came. Paul says, "Where there is no law, there is no transgression." Rom. 4:15. Hence, in order to be transgression there had to be a law to transgress. This was the Ten Commandment law. It fits in with the story perfectly. Then the Pardon Law, the school-master, or the added law, with the lamb a type of Christ, brought the offender to justification, and freedom. He was let go, and not stoned, but he had no license to repeat the offence. He was under the grace for favor of God, through the blood of the offering, just the same as we are now delivered from the penalty of the law, by the blood of Christ, and are under grace, and no longer under the condemnation of the Ten Commandment law.

QUESTION. —

What do you believe about speaking in tongues? Is this from God, as we see it today?

ANSWER. —

Anyone who believes the Bible must believe in the gift of tongues, for it is clearly taught in the Scriptures, and is one of the gifts of the Spirit. — 1 Cor. 12:12.

The Bible says, we are not to forbid the speaking in tongues. (1 Cor. 13:39). We are also told that if anyone speaks in an unknown tongue — "Let it be by two, and at the most by three, and that by courses," and if there be no interpreter, let him keep silent. (Verses 27, 28). The Scriptures say also concerning this question: "Tongues are for a sign NOT TO THEM THAT BELIEVE — BUT TO THEM THAT BELIEVE NOT." (Verse 22). This is the way the gift of tongues worked on the day of Pentecost. People were there from all nations, and when they heard the unlearned fishermen from Galilee, who they knew did not know all of these languages, speaking clearly in their tongue, they knew it was for them, and was a miracle sent from heaven. I have seen this happen. When a person speaks a language which we knew he could not ordinarily speak, and someone there knowing that language was converted, because of them. This is the way it worked at Pentecost, and was for the unbeliever.

— A. N. Dugger

"Praise ye the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? Who can shew forth all His praise? — Psalms 106:1, 2.

NEWS DIRECT FROM ISRAEL

ALL ITEMS FROM "THE JERUSALEM POST"

TERRORISTS WHO LANDED ON BEACH GET 4-20 YEARS

GAZA. — The five Arab terrorists who landed on a Tel Aviv beach in broad daylight last Rosh Hashana were sentenced yesterday to prison terms ranging from four to 20 years.

The defendants had pleaded innocent and told the military court here that they had confessed to the charges after being tortured in a military prison.

The group's leader, Mustafa Adib Abu Iyad, 25, of El Arish, was sentenced to 20 years. Ra-shed al-Sheikh, 22, and Sualem Suarka, 28, got 15 years. Mustafa Abid, 32, who navigated the dinghy that brought the gang to Tel Aviv from Lebanon, got seven years, and Abed Abu Sualem, 32, Abed's assistant, got four years.

NEW HOPE FOR TIMNA MINES

There are hopes that the Timna Copper Mines, which were closed as uneconomical last year, may be reopened in 18 months.

The hopes depend on the success of a new type of tunneling drill, which is expected to cut the cost of copper mining. The new equipment, which will be rented for a trial period of a year, will be installed in a few months.

Industry sources said that the new drill, together with improvements in the chemical refining process of copper, may make the mines economical to operate again.

At present the mines are maintained by a skeleton staff supplied by the Edom Mining company.

JAFFAS FLOWN TO EUROPE

HAIFA. — The Citrus Marketing Board this week started air-freighting Jaffa oranges to Europe.

Since last Sunday, the Board has been sending 5,000 cases nightly to Cologne in Cal Airline cargo planes. Until the end of the export season in two weeks, 70,000 cases are to be shipped by air.

Shipping by air takes about four hours, while sea shipments take up to two weeks to reach Europe.

PROFESSIONALS WILL SETTLE AT MOUNT MERON

A settlement of young professionals will open at the foot of Mt. Meron in Galilee by the end of this year with a first group of 60 social workers, teachers and community workers.

SYRIA JEWS NO LONGER HARASSED

DAMASCUS. — Syria's 4,000 Jews are no longer harassed as they used to be — following measures taken by the government four months ago to alleviate their plight. Yet they still remain hostages to the Syrian authorities.

A Western diplomat told me: "Whether we like it or not, we have to recognize that in the eyes of the Syrians, the Jews are the kin of the Israelis and the Zionists abroad. They are automatically suspect. If the Middle East crisis takes a new, nasty turn, the Syrian Jews would bear the brunt."

They can still move freely about the country. But travel abroad is strictly controlled, limited almost exclusively to elderly people. They are compelled to leave behind their children and grandchildren and a big cash deposit as a guarantee for their returns.

KIBBUTZ PLANT MAKES PAIN-CONTROL DEVICE

TEL AVIV. — A kibbutz-based electronics plant has achieved what it calls a sophisticated breakthrough in the development of a transistorized nerve stimulator to control pain.

The device, called "Neurogar", was developed by Agar Electronics of Kibbutz Ginossar. Weighing only 200 grams, it controls pain through transcutaneous nerve stimulation.

The manufacturers, and testers at Hadassah Hospital in Jerusalem, say that Neurogar can, for the first time, offer pulse width modulation — penetration of pain-easing stimulation to previously unreach depths inside muscle fibres. Working with the blood, how it can give effective pain relief to the back, elbows and knees.

Earlier TNS models required a considerable amount of adjustment, in order to find exact frequencies for generating the stimulating waves. Neurogar, which works on a fixed frequency, assures the user treatment without human variables.

As part of its extended period of development and testing, a recent study was conducted at Hadassah Hospital. Based on a pain profile and scoring system applied before treatment and after a series of sessions with the new TNS method, the test showed that "good effects" were obtained for 50.6 per cent of the patients. Moderate results were experienced by 27.8 per cent.

Neurogar's manufacturers are making it available only with physician's approval. It will sell in the \$200 range.

"ARAB FORCES COULD OUTNUMBER ISRAEL 12-1"

WASHINGTON. — Israel's forces are stronger by 33,000 troops than they were at the beginning of the 1973 war, according to senior military commanders in Israel interviewed by "The New York Times" military correspondent Drew Middleton.

Middleton said that, according to an Israeli assessment, there has been a comparative qualitative improvement in Arab forces, particularly those of Syria, Iraq, Jordan and Saudi Arabia

on the "eastern front." Before mobilization the Arab forces would outnumber the Israeli forces by at least 8 to 1, he said. With Arab mobilization, the ratio might be as high as 12 to 1.

Middleton said that approximately 4,500 men were transferred by Israel from support roles in the Air Force to the army. Many of these airmen went in combat formations, the remainder into Israel's Civil Defence.

The correspondent reported that 600 specialized duties were opened for women soldiers, including physical training instruction, the maintenance of electronic equipment, duty at radar stations and a wider variety of support duties.

The Israelis are aware that the flow of Soviet arms to Syria has increased and fear that the Russians may soon deliver more sophisticated arms, including T-72 tanks.

BARTERING OIL FOR FIGHTER PLANES

ST. LOUIS, MO. — The General Dynamics Corps. recently reported that it is trying to set up barter arrangements for the sale of Iranian oil in sufficient quantity to pay the costs of the F-16 multinational fighter planes which Iran has ordered.

CONGRESSMEN HERE TO STUDY IDF ANTI-AIRCRAFTS TACTICS

BEN-GURION AIRPORT (Itim). — A U.S. congressional delegation arrived here yesterday to study Israel's Yom Kippur War experiences with Soviet anti-aircraft tactics.

The six-man subcommittee, headed by Rep. Richard Ichord, is investigating the strategy of close air support, or the use of planes flying only metres ahead of advancing land forces.

The committee has conferred with military chiefs at NATO headquarters in Brussels and with West German army commanders. They are in Israel as guests of the Israel Defence Forces.

FISH EXPORTS ROSE BY 50 PER CENT LAST YEAR

HAIFA. — Exports of fish and fish products rose by 50 per cent in 1976 to a total of \$3.5 m. The exports accounted for 12.7 per cent of total fish production, Shimon Tal, director of the Fish Breeding Department in the Agricultural Ministry, announced in the latest issue of the Israel Fisheries Review.

GUSH EMUNIM TO SET UP THREE SETTLEMENTS SOON

Hundreds of Gush Emunim members are planning to settle soon in three sites as part of a plan to build 10 settlements in Judea and Samaria in the near future, it was announced yesterday.

The first three settlements will be built at Karnei Shomron on the Kalkilya-Nablus road, in the Dotan valley near Jenin and at Nabi Salih near Ramallah.

Members of the settlement groups said that the land they would build their homes on all belonged to the Jordanian army or government

and is far from Arab villages. They said the settlement in the Dotan valley will be based at a police station in the Sanour valley.

Gush Emunim is planning to raise as many settlements as it can in the near future and has placed priority on settlements in the western part of Samaria overlooking the coastal plain. — (Itim).

SAUDI F-15s WON'T ENDANGER ISRAEL

Israel is not unduly worried about the possibility that America will sell F-15 fighters to Saudi Arabia. This was made clear by two senior sources recently.

The plane was reportedly offered to Saudi Arabia when Crown Prince Fahd visited Washington last week. Saudi defence officials have reviewed the aircraft; and McDonnell Douglas, the F-15 manufacturer, has conducted talks with the Saudis for over a year. Israel has taken delivery of the first three of 25 of the aircraft and is currently in the advanced stages of filling a procurement request for 25 more.

The sources point out that while Israel in principle would prefer the Arabs not to be receiving advanced and sophisticated weaponry, their acquisition of the F-15 would not negate the advantage Israel has secured by procuring the plane.

The two sources, reached independently, feel that Israel has developed the technology and ability to maintain a quantitative edge over potentially hostile states with the same systems.

"In fact," one source said, "there are certain advantages to the fact that the Arabs are purchasing a system with which we are intimately familiar."

"As opposed to when we had to cope with Soviet systems, we know the plane's advantages and its short-comings; we know its weak points and its strengths."

3 YOUNG BROTHERS HURT IN LEBANON

METULLA (Itim). — Three young brothers were seriously injured by artillery fire in southern Lebanon yesterday. The children were brought to the Israeli army medical clinic at the "Good Fence" by villagers from Marjayoun.

According to the villagers, the boys aged nine to 13, who live in Marjayoun, were hurt during an exchange between Christian Phalangists and Palestinian terrorist and leftist forces near the border.

CITIES HAVE MORE RAIN

TEL AVIV. — A recent study shows that urban areas have significantly more rain than the rest of the countryside.

The research, conducted by two Israeli scientists using statistics for greater Tel Aviv over the last 30 years, showed that rainfall over the country's largest metropolitan area increased anywhere from 5 per cent to 17 per cent in comparison with other areas.

According to Dr. Yair Goldreich of Bar-Ilan's geology department and Alexander Mannes,

Chief Researcher for the meteorological service, the heat generated by radiation from concrete, asphalt and other built-up surface create unstable conditions in the air which are conducive to more rain. At the same time, the rising hot air caused by this radiation and by tall buildings contributed further to increased rainfall.

EXPORTING CHOCOLATE TO SWITZERLAND

Elite Ltd., Israel's largest manufacturer of chocolates, candies and instant coffee, has received a trial order for 15 tons of chocolate from a major Swiss firm. The consignment will be supplied under the customer's trademark, but clearly marked "Made in Israel".

TREE-PLANTINGS FOR DUTCH, POLISH RESCUERS OF JEWS

Two Dutch families and a Polish woman, all of whom selflessly saved Jewish lives during the German occupation of their countries, are to be honoured today in tree-planting ceremonies at Yad Vashem's Avenue of Righteous Gentiles.

Rosalene Maria Korsten, who has come with her husband and children for the 11 a.m. ceremony in Jerusalem, was 22 years old when her family, the Jostens, hid a little Jewish girl only hours before the Germans were to ship her off to a death camp. During the difficult year that followed she, more than anyone, cared for the girl — Batya Ansel, who now lives in Kibbutz Tzora. After Batya had gone on to another place of hiding, two of her protectress's brothers were sent to camps by the Germans.

Adrianus and Cornelia van Trier, in the time between October 1942 and October 1944, found two Jewish couples to save — the Cohens and van Leer-Hartogs — their home in Tilburg. They also hid the couples' children with nearby families, and helped other Jews. Although not themselves wealthy, they acted solely out of solidarity and took nothing in return.

Irena Schultz of Warsaw acted from the very beginning of the Nazi occupation to save Jews. Through her contacts with Jewish organizations she smuggled food, clothing and money into the ghetto. She also arranged for the hiding of Jewish children in monasteries. And thanks to her aid and the false papers she secured, a number of Jewish doctors and scientists were able to survive.

Mrs. Schultz has already been awarded the Yad Vashem medallion through the Israel ambassador in Rome. The tree in her honour will be planted by one of the persons she saved — Frank Morgens — who has just arrived in Israel.

GUR: WAR POSSIBLE REGARDLESS OF WHAT ISRAEL DOES

TEL AVIV. — War can break out in the Middle East without any relationship to Israeli action or to territories we hold, Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Mordechai Gur told the B'nai B'rith national convention here last night.

Gur said that there are lessons from the Six Day War which may be applicable to future situations. One is that international conflict in the Arab world can start a war, even when we give the Arabs no cause. Another lesson is that we cannot put too much faith in promises such as the American guarantee to keep the Straits of Tiran open, which proved worthless when Egypt closed the straits before the Six Day War.

"After the Yom Kippur War, when we asked the U.S. to put certain promises in writing, it was hinted that written agreements do not obligate superpowers. When it is in the superpower's interest, help will be given without any written agreements. When it is not, no documents will help," he said.

He added that the Arabs do not understand Israel's democracy and mistake internal criticism for weakness. "We must have the strength, physical and mental, to face each new situation and use it as a springboard for growth without looking back," he concluded.

79 SUSPECTED TERRORISTS HELD IN SECURITY SWOOP

Security forces have recently arrested 79 suspected terrorists organized in seven cells in the Ramallah, Jenin, Hebron and Jordan Valley districts, the army spokesman said yesterday.

The Jenin cell belonged to the Popular Front General Command and is thought to be responsible for several arson attempts at the Jenin military government offices in 1974 and 1975.

The Ramallah cell belonged to the Fatah and is suspected of three sabotage incidents in the city. Security forces found arms and several types of explosives in the suspects' possession, the spokesman said.

The investigation is continuing.

TOURISM UP 38 PER CENT THIS MAY OVER LAST YEAR

Some 89,000 tourists entered Israel in May, an increase of 38 per cent over the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced this week.

The bureau noted that during the first five months of this year some 378,600 tourists entered. This is 24 per cent more than the 305,000 tourists who came during these months in 1976.

Meanwhile, in a study of the funds spent by tourists in Israel, the Tourism Ministry announced that in January and February tourists brought the country \$52.2 m. or 70 per cent more than in that period last year.

In February, the average sum converted by individual tourists into pounds was \$497, or 70 per cent more than in February, 1976.

EXPORTS FOR MAY HIT \$255.5 M.

Israel's total exports in May amounted to \$255.5 m., 45 per cent higher than in May 1976, Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz reported yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Committee of Economic Ministers.

From January to May, the total exports were

\$1,200 m., compared to \$955 m. for the same five months in 1976 — an increase of 25.5 per cent. Industrial exports from January to May were up by 18 per cent, diamonds 44 per cent, agricultural products 16 per cent.

THREE WHO PLANNED TOURIST-BUS HIJACK GET JAIL SENTENCES

RAMALLAH (Itim). — The commander of a terrorist cell in the West Bank has been sentenced to 10 years in prison by the local military court.

The man, Abdullah Hamid Rajub, was convicted of planning, on the orders of a Damascus terrorist organization, to hijack a tourist bus and hold its passengers captive for the release of Archbishop Hilarion Capucci — who is serving a 12-year sentence for smuggling arms.

Rajub and two accomplices were arrested 22 months ago with the hijack plan in their possession.

He was also found guilty of contact with the enemy, possession of weapons and constructing home-made explosives.

His accomplices, Arafat Fakhuri and Halim Fakhuri, were sentenced to six years in prison.

The three were caught almost two years ago, but the plot was publicized only recently, during the trial.

JERUSALEM ZOO BLAST FRIGHTENS ANIMALS

BOMB EXPLOSION IN NAHARIYA SUPERMARKET INJURES FIVE

NAHARIYA. — A terrorist bomb exploded at noon yesterday in the local supermarket, injuring five persons, one of them a 10-year-old boy. The bomb had been hidden on a shelf carrying canned foods, on the second floor of the store. About 300 customers were in the store at the time. Some of them simply left, while others rushed to the building's shelter.

The injured were immediately taken to hospital and the four adults — three from Nahariya and one from Tarshiha — were treated for mild injuries and sent home. The boy, Itai Peleg, was admitted with more severe injuries.

The police, who came to the scene within minutes, set up roadblocks and sent out a special-duties investigation team. By yesterday afternoon, 16 suspects, including residents of neighbouring villages as well as Samaria, were taken into custody.

In Jerusalem, a small explosive went off around 12:30 p.m. yesterday near the pool in the Biblical Zoo. No injuries or damage resulted, but some of the animals were frightened, as were some persons at the kiosk.

Police searched the area, but discovered no further explosives. Within an hour, over 20 suspects were arrested.

CONTENTS OF BEGIN DOCUMENT

The West Bank and the Gaza Strip must not be handed over to foreign rule in the framework of an Israel-Arab peace, according to one

of the documents which Prime Minister Menachem Begin submitted to President Jimmy Carter in Washington this week, and which was read out to the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on Tuesday.

The Government of Israel will not agree to withdraw its forces from any part of the West Bank or the Gaza Strip, the document said, according to a number of sources reporting unofficially on the committee meeting.

Israel would, however, be ready for a substantial withdrawal in Sinai, and would be willing to adjust the present lines on the Golan Heights without withdrawing entirely from the ridge, the sources said.

Other elements of the document included:

- * An historical introduction sketching the national plight in past years, and Israel's aspirations for peace.

- * Israel's readiness to go to a resumed Geneva conference, and failing that — to negotiate with its three Arab neighbours in a Rhodes-style conference, or in proximity talks.

- * A refusal to allow a Palestinian delegation at the Geneva conference.

- * A proposal that the Geneva conference convene on October 10 or any subsequent date.

- * Separate negotiations at Geneva in three mixed commissions: Israel-Egypt; Israel-Syria; and Israel-Jordan respectively, after the initial opening sessions. The possibility of a fourth mixed commission with Lebanon if that country wishes to attend.

6 JENIN MEN JAILED FOR TERROR ACT

NABLUS. — A military court here has given prison sentences of one to two years to six residents of Jenin for membership in Nayef Hawatmeh's terror group, the Popular Democratic Front (PDF), and for threatening local leaders against standing in last year's municipal elections in the area.

The court sentenced Navil al-Omri, the leader of the group, and Gassan Jerrar, his second in command, to two years in prison each. Four other members were sentenced to 12 and 18 months in prison.

They all pleaded guilty to distributing leaflets signed by the Popular Democratic Front on behalf of the "Palestine Rejection Front," which refuses to submit to Palestine Liberation Organization leadership, calling on local leaders to withdraw their nomination for election to local councils last year.

SADAT SAYS PEKING IS SUPPLYING PLANE PARTS

Egyptian President Anwar Sadat last night revealed that spare parts and engines for his Soviet-made air force have been flowing in from Peking for some time now. He indicated that much of the Chinese aid was provided free of charge. He did not make clear whether he was also receiving Chinese-manufactured weapons.

BOOKS AND TRACTS

YOU SHOULD READ THESE TRACTS

The Greatest Miracle of the Age, The Rebirth of Israel — Bees Fight and Manna Falls Again. German, French, Hebrew or English. Price 10c.

Communion, Passover, or Lord's Supper. — As practiced by the New Testament Church, and foot washing. — Cost 5 cts.

Death in the Kitchen. — This shows the grave danger, even death from not following the "Law of the Clean and the Unclean Meats." Confusing New Testament texts cleared up. — Cost 10c.

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Explaining Objectionable Scripture often Used Against the Sabbath and the Law. — Cost 10c.

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The Change of the Sabbath; Who Authorized It? — Cost 10cts.

The Daughter of Jerusalem and the Daughter of Babylon. — This booklet identifies the Daughter of Babylon with "Babylon the Great," of Revelation 17. — Cost 15 cents.

The Kingdom Restored to Israel. — The restoring process of the Kingdom on earth. 1,000 years of peace. Who will remain? Who will perish? — Cost 15 cents.

From Sabbath to Sunday or Who Changed the Sabbath? — English and Hebrew — Price 10c.

The Resurrection of Christ. — Matt. 12:40 explained concerning the resurrection of Christ (Yahshua). — Cost 5 cts.

The Law of the Spirit of Life. — 8 pages dealing with the way in which Heaven's virtue and power is generated by man, for greater service. In German, Hebrew or English. — Cost 5c.

Easter, Xmas and Sunday, Pagan Holidays. — Cost 10 cts.

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Was Man Created or Did He Evolve? — The false theory of evolution tested. Illustrated with a number of photos (10 pages). — 10 cts.

Why Is the Jew Indestructible? — Also includes testimony on brainwashing by Communists, who were struck dead. — Cost 5 cts.

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What Was Abolished? — Peter's testimony about Paul's writings. He says they are hard to be understood, which people wrest, to their own destruction. Question and answer form, on Paul's statements about the Law (15 p.). — Cost 10 cents.

Israel's God a Reality or a Myth? — Will there Be Another Word Kingdom? — Hebrew and English. — Cost 15 cts.

World-wide Warning of Pending Beast Worship. — With flag and snow-flake, with mark and number of the beast (16 pages). — Hebrew and English. — Cost 15 cst.

How Gentiles Get In. — Showing that they are to be adopted into the family of Abraham and become Israel (Gal. 3:28-29). Also Jews inwardly (Rom. 2:25, 29). — Cost 10 cents.

Walking and Exercise. — For longevity and health. — Cost 10 cts.

What Started Us to Israel. — A testimony by Elder A. N. Dugger of the events leading to the move to Israel and the establishment of "The Mount Zion Reporter." — Cost 5 cents.

Seven Reasons why the Seven Last Plagues are Future, and Literal. — (Four pages). — Cost 5c.

Prophetic Charts on Daniel and Revelation. — Heavy white paper. Includes booklet of 32 pages fully explaining the chart. — Cost one dollar.

Bible Lessons for Adults. — A 16-page booklet with durable cover, containing a Bible Lesson for each Sabbath for three months. Lessons are in question form with Bible references for answer. — Cost 25 cts. each, \$1.00 a year.

The Children's Friend. — Published monthly at Jerusalem, containing Sabbath Lessons for the younger children, for each Sabbath of the month, also Bible stories, poems, Bible quizzes, etc. Cost \$2.00 per year, or 20 cents each.

The Bible Home Instructor. — English and Hebrew. English over 500 pages and 200 pictures, illustrating the subject. Price \$5, one half price to salesmen. **Daniel and Revelation**, cloth bound stiff cover. English and Hebrew: \$2.50, one half price for order of six or more.

Public Discussion on the Sabbath, written in full as given by Elder Dugger and Elder Porter of the "Church of Christ." — Cost \$3.00.

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

Psalms 137:5, 6.

The Controversy Over Zion (continued from page 6)

maintained that these resolutions "have been binding policies of the government."

Referring to these, he said: "They do include the right of the Palestinians to have a homeland, to be compensated for losses that they have suffered. They do include the withdrawal of Israel from occupied territories from the 1967 war, and they do include an end of belligerency and secure borders. All these things have been spelled out in writing in those United Nations positions, which we have endorsed, every administration since they were passed."

Israeli officials here pointed out that no Security Council resolution ever called for compensation for the Palestinian refugees or for a Palestinian homeland, as was hinted by Carter.

Israel Welcomes Refugees From Vietnam (continued from page 11)

"Do you not think that the Pope should have aided you in some way," I asked. Major Quay looked at me, then looked down. Seconds passed in silence. It was the first time he had been lost for words during the entire eventful afternoon.

Was he happy that he made the effort to escape, despite all the hardship? "Very happy," he replied.

That summed up the mood of all the refugees. It was written on their faces.

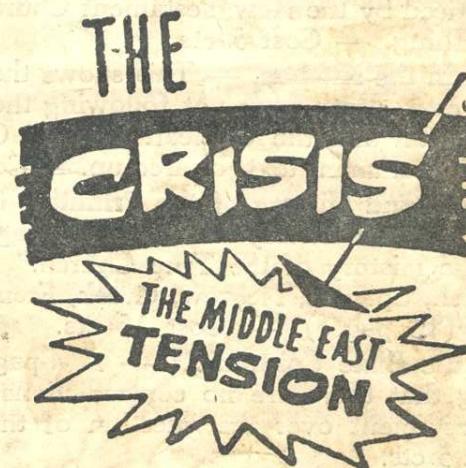
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"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee; he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved." — Ps. 55:22.



MY HEARTFELT WISHES

The best of all good wishes
Flow from my heart today:
That God's great lovingkindness
May bless thee on thy way:
For with it comes all favour,
The warmth of His embrace,
Sweet fragrance of His presence
In every time and place.

'Tis joy for me to wish thee
The fullnes of His love,
So strong and good and mindful
And gentle as a dove:
Without this loving favour
What would to us remain?
All earthly treasures worthless
And life spent here in vain!

O precious thought to wish thee
The best he has to give,
To all who truly love Him,
Who through His Word shall live.
The glory of His purpose,
With plan so wide and deep,
Brings hope to His beloved
Who will His precepts keep.

And when these wishes reach thee
O breathe a prayer for me:
The echoes will arise to God
In sweetest melody!
Then heart to heart we shall respond
To heaven's glad refrain,
Which tells of joyous life to come
Beyond the haur of pain!

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee." — I'salms 122:6.