

Anti-Jewish Un-Christian

By Rabbi Samuel Silver

We Jews certainly have lots of enemies. Shocked by Hitler, the Christian world backed off a bit from bigotry.

But the effects of that shock are dimmer now, and the Jews are being ganged upon, not only in the UN in that female aping of the UN down in Mexico City, and also, of course, in the Moslem world.

We do have, thank heaven, some friends, too. Some of our best friends are in the Christian clergy. The spinoff of the attitude of the late Pope John has been a cluster of Roman Catholic priests and nuns who are telling their people it's unChristian to be anti-Jewish.

I've written about Dr. Roy Eckardt, head of the religion at Lehigh University, who has done so much in defense of the Jews. We have another friend in Sister Rose Thiering, of New Jersey, who scolded the women for what they did in Mexico in assailing Zionism which is a movement which stands for the dignity of women. There's another priest who is on our side, Fr. John Pawlikowski, of Chicago, who has been urging Christians to launder their textbooks of xenophobia.

Probably the most ardent of our friends in the Christian clergy is the remarkable Rev. Franklin Littell, of Temple University, Philadelphia, who founded CCI, Christians Concerned for Israel, and who has been speaking and pleading and writing about an important idea of his; that the Christian world must purge itself of its built-in anti-Semitism.

Dr. Littell's latest book, "The Crucifixion of the Jews," published by Harper and Row, chides his fellow-Christians for succumbing to the Arab propaganda about Zionism. He calls for wholesale atonement on the part of the followers of Jesus. His prophetic utterances remind one of the famous statement by Israel Zangwill: "The people of Christ has become the Christ among peoples."

If you want to give a Christian a gift, if you want to provide important data to a Christian minister you know, select Dr. Littell's heart-warming book. And read it yourself first. It will give you a lift, which we Jews really need as we see misunderstanding and appeasement to the oily Arab leaders on all sides.

JERUSALEM (WNS) -- The Jewish Agency Executive has decided to pay birth bonuses to new immigrant mothers.

NEW YORK (WNS) -- "Acts for Israel" (American and Canadian Trade Skills for Israel) an organization formed to recruit skilled labor to work in civilian capacity in Israel during a crisis, has opened its office here.

FORD WANTS TO SELL ARMS TO JORDAN

WASH. (WNS) - The Ford Administration has informed Congress it plans to sell Jordan a modern air defense system costing about \$350 million.

Sen. Clifford P. Case (R, NJ), a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, immediately introduced legislation to block the sale and similar legislation is scheduled to be introduced in the house by Rep. Benjamin Rosenthal (D, NY). Under a new law, the President must inform Congress of any military sale of \$25 million or more and Congress has 20 days in which it can bar the sale.

The White House letter said the U.S. plans to sell Jordan 14 batteries of "Hawk" ground-to-

Air missiles costing about \$260 million and eight batteries of "Vulcan" anti-aircraft guns for about \$90 million.

Case criticized the Administration for not also notifying Congress that it plans to sell Jordan about 300 shoulder-fired "Redeye" anti-aircraft missiles for about \$4 million. He said he was concerned because they were highly portable and "might fall into the hands of terrorists in the Middle East."

CATHOLIC COMPLETES JEWISH HOME COURSE

NEW YORK -- A Roman Catholic seminarian and a public school teacher are the first two students to complete courses under the home study method of the Academy for

Jewish Studies Without Walls.

They received credit certificates at a news conference held at the offices of the American Jewish Committee which co-sponsors the project together with the University of Haifa.

Rev. Peter M. J. Stravinskis of Tom's

River, N.J., a member of the staff of Blessed Sacrament Church in Trenton, completed the Academy's course in Biblical Thought. Mrs. Frieda Insel, a teacher of corrective reading at P.S. 226 in Brooklyn, completed the course in History of American Jewry.

UNITED NATIONS (WUP) -- Meeting correspondents at a press briefing here last week, Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim appeared as confused as many reporter over the actual meaning of the Egyptian letter he had received on the question of UNEF 'to be or not to be.'

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