

Jewish ruler dominating our country —God forbid!

IN TEHRAN, CHRISTIAN, ZIONIST AND BAHAI missionary centers issue their publications in order to mislead people and to alienate them from the teachings and principles of

religion. Is it not our duty to demolish these centers?

(Editor: Jesus said, "I will have mercy and not sacrifice!"—Mt. 9:13. & "Ye have made the laws of God (love) of none effect by your traditions of men!"—Mt. 15:6.)

RELIGIOUS MOVIE BOOM PREDICTED: "Born Again" - Hollywood Hope

(From an article in "Christchurch Press" New Zealand—19/12/78.)
by William Scobie of the "Observer", London

"THE LORD IS MY CO-PRODUCER & He doesn't sponsor flops," says the Hollywood film mogul, Robert Munger. The film, which opened this week around the United States, is "Born Again", a lavish screen version of Charles Colson's Watergate best-seller. It tells how Richard Nixon's former top hatchet man was transformed from, as Munger puts it, "a rat into a Christian."

MANY SEE "BORN AGAIN" AS IGNITING A NEW TREND of profitable movies aimed at the largely untapped religious market. "Born Again" has broken new ground. It is the most expensive (\$3 million-plus) film with a hard-sell evangelistic message yet made, and the first of its genre ever released with the full promotional fanfare of a big distributor.

CRITICS HAVE BEEN CRUEL, but to Munger it is Christians that count. Munger, who made a fortune in advertising before turning to films, says: "I saved 20th Century Fox from bankruptcy with 'The Omen'. It made \$100 million." What is more,

coming of the Antichrist "sent people back to their Bibles. Now 'Born Again' will change the lives of millions."

THE THRUST OF THE FILM IS NOT POLITICAL. It concentrates on Colson's rise from the mire, his conversion by a businessman, Tom Phillips (Dana Andrews), and his subsequent prison ministry. "I don't care about the vote on me," says Colson, "only whether people hear my message."

IT APPEARS THAT ALMOST EVERYBODY working on the film already has. Munger is a born-again Christian. So are Dean Jones (Colson), Chris Conrad, as Colson's son, the script-writer, Ernest Block, & a dozen others.

THE FILM WAS FINANCED ENTIRELY BY FUNDAMENTALIST CHURCHES & born-again captains of industry, and for months special prayer meetings have been held in churches around the country to invite the Deity's blessing on the film. In one Oregon township, prayers for its success have been backed by a

or, Irving Rapper, a Jew, has not been re-born.

COLSON SAYS HE WILL PLOUGH ALL PERSONAL PROFIT back into his Prison Fellowship, a group that works to bring inmates to Christ. Started by Colson & Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa (who appears in the film as himself), the fellowship already benefits from the earnings of the book.

MUNGER TITHES HIS INCOME to his church. "God gave me a good

year when I tithed 10 per cent, a great year when I tithed 15 per cent," he says. "So next time it'll be 20 per cent."

HE ADVISES ATHEISTS WHO WANT TO MAKE MONEY to invest promptly in the coming religious-movie boom. He himself is following up with a new multi-million dollar epic, "The Angel"—"a serious look at the guardian angels in our lives."

(Sent in by Peter Savage; New Zealand.)

Nothing Certain In Church and Taxes

(From an article in the "Int'l. Herald Tribune"—26/12/78.)

by Kenneth A. Briggs

ANY THREAT TO THE TRADITIONALLY BROAD TAX EXEMPTION FOR RELIGIOUS GROUPS is almost sure to produce a measure of interfaith solidarity. In such a mood of common resistance, dozens of Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish bodies joined forces recently to denounce a proposal by the Internal Revenue Service that would strip tax-free status from private schools that discriminate against minority groups.

THE FUROR WAS THE LATEST INCIDENT in a long and tangled history of efforts to define conditions and standards for tax exemptions by groups calling themselves religious. Although exemptions are not specifically enshrined in the Constitution, they are firmly established by custom.

APPLICATION OF THE PRINCIPLE HAS PROVEN TO BE DIFFICULT, however, largely because clear norms do not exist. Tax officials are hearing more complaints about groups

lenged. Organizations that promote themselves as churches offering tax benefits, such as the Universal Life Church, which grants mail-order ordination certificates, are especially under fire.

THE RESULT HAS BEEN A STRING OF DECISIONS that seems highly arbitrary and irregular: In 1977, the New York City tax commission denied the Unification Church of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon a tax write-off on church properties worth \$2.6 million because, in the commission's view, the properties were not being used "primarily" for religious purposes.

THE SAME COMMISSION PLACED BACK ON THE TAX ROLES the former site of New York Theological Seminary, founded at the turn of the century by conservative Protestants, judging that the "traditional purpose" of the seminary, equipping mainstream Protestant clergy, was no longer being served. The seminary now trains storefront ministers and

THE IRVING RAPPER JEW...
SECTION that worships pagan deities
and practices witchcraft and refused
such a privilege to a group that was
considered anti-Semitic.

UNDER THE TAX REFORM
ACT OF 1969, the exemption was
removed on all unrelated business in-
come derived by religious organiza-
tions. The IRS has pronounced 14
criteria on the larger issue of eligi-
bility, among them evidence of a
"distinct legal existence" under reli-
gious corporation laws, a "recogniz-
able creed and form of worship"
and "a distinct religious history".

MANY RELIGIOUS LEADERS
FEAR THAT SUCH CONDITIONS
COULD BE TOO RESTRICTIVE.

STUDY FINDS LABOR DRUGS AFFECT CHILD'S BEHAVIOR

(From an article in the "Int'l. Herald Tribune"—17/1/79.)

ANESTHETICS AND PAIN-
KILLERS GIVEN DURING CHILD-
BIRTH sometimes have long-lasting
and adverse behavioral and muscular
effects on children, according to a
new federal report and other studies.

DOCTORS AND MOTHERS
SHOULD BE MORE CAUTIOUS
about using such drugs, and doctors
should discuss their effects with women
before their time of labor, said
Dr. Sarah Broman of the National In-
stitute of Neurological & Commu-
nicative Disorders & Stroke.

OTHER RESULTS SHOW THAT
AT THE AGE OF 7, some of these
children have behavioral problems
and lag in language and learning
skills such as speech, reading, percep-
tion, memory and judgment.

IN 1974, ANESTHESIA WAS

...the second of a small
...which should concern the
state," said the Rev. Dean Kelley,
who participates in a 24-member
committee for religious freedom,
"only whether there is any content."
The Rev. Charles Whelan, professor
of law at Fordham University, notes
that "a small but growing number of
religious leaders of all faiths fear
that the golden age of religious ex-
emptions has ended".

THOSE MOST FAMILIAR WITH
THE HISTORY OF RELIGIOUS
EXEMPTION do not expect more
exacting or precise guidelines soon.
For one thing, opposition from pow-
erful religious groups has tremendous
impact. (The Jews have pushed as far
as they can for now!—D.)

USED IN 95% OF THE DELIVER-
IES in 18 large teaching hospitals.
According to the report, pregnant
women studied in Houston took or
were given an average of 10 drugs
during pregnancy and childbirth. In
1977, the average had risen to 15
drugs. Yet "women have little voice
in deciding which if any drugs they
consume," the researchers noted.
"It would be advisable to avoid
the use of drugs or drug dosages
that are known to produce signifi-
cant changes in neurobehavior
of the infant."

OPEC PRICE RISE FAILS TO RECOUP LOSS

(From the "Int'l. Herald Tribune"—17/1/79)

THIS YEAR'S PHASED 14.5-
PERCENT OIL PRICE INCREASE
by the Organization of Petroleum
Exporting Countries will still leave
the cartel's purchasing power from

oil income 5 percent lower than it
was in 1974.

A BANK STUDY comparing the
development of oil prices and the
export prices of industrial nations

since 1974 found the purchasing
power of OPEC oil was 104 in '74,
100 in '75, 107 in '76, 105 in '77,
95 in '78 and will be 98 after this
year's increase.

More on UFO's!

(Summarised by Catacomber Peter Savage
from newscasts in Christchurch, New Zealand.)

A FILM OF UFOS taken by an
Australian film crew has become a
worldwide sensation after being
shown on TV in the U.S.A. & Europe.
The film was taken on a flight
from Wellington to Christchurch
(New Zealand), a route on which sev-
eral pilots have been reporting bright
speeding objects for the past two
weeks.

THE FILM IS APPARENTLY THE
BEST EVER TAKEN of a UFO, &
the TV crew said they were fright-
ened by the whole experience. Also,

last September, fishermen in the
Adriatic reported tidal waves & num-
erous UFO sightings. Recently in
Naples, Italy, several hundred people
rushed into the street to see a giant
saucer shape hanging motionless in
the sky. It was dismissed as a cloud
formation by the weather bureau.

A SOCIOLOGIST COMMENTED
that reports of such phenomena usual-
ly originate when society faces great
crises or danger, and people refer to
such objects then as angels. (Amen!)

THE NEW ZEALAND MINISTRY
OF DEFENSE is to carry out all-
night patrols with an Orion search
aircraft to "get to the bottom" of
UFO sightings.

The World Grows Younger!

(from "The Hindustan Times"; New Delhi, India.)

THE WORLD TODAY IS GROW-
ING YOUNGER and younger. In
fact, the explosion in the number
of young people has been among
the most striking aspects of the
world's accelerating population in
this century.

THE AVERAGE AGE OF THE
DEVELOPING WORLD IS UN-
DER 20; that of the rich world al-
most 30. The statistics—which
come from the United Nations

Fund for Population Activities—
also show that 40 per cent of the
people in the developing nations
are under 15.

THE YOUTH POPULATION OF
ASIA, AFRICA AND LATIN
AMERICA is expected to increase
many-fold in the next decade. This
is an extraordinary situation, the
like of which has never been expe-
rienced in the world's history. And
no one really knows what the long-