

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 ROLLS 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 REFORMER DRAFTED AN EXEMPTION TO A CALIFORNIA SECT that worships pagan deities and practises 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 income derived by religious organizations. The IRS has pronounced 14 criteria on the larger issue of eligibility, among them evidence of a "distinct legal existence" under religious corporation laws, a "recognizable 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 Institute of Neurological & Communicative 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, perception, memory and judgment.

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used in 95% of the deliveries 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 significant changes in neurobehavior of the infant."

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

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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

all income 8 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 several 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 frightened by the whole experience. Also,

last September, fishermen in the Adriatic reported tidal waves & numerous 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 usually 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 GROWING 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 UNDER 20; that of the rich world almost 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 experienced in the world's history. And no one really knows what the long-