



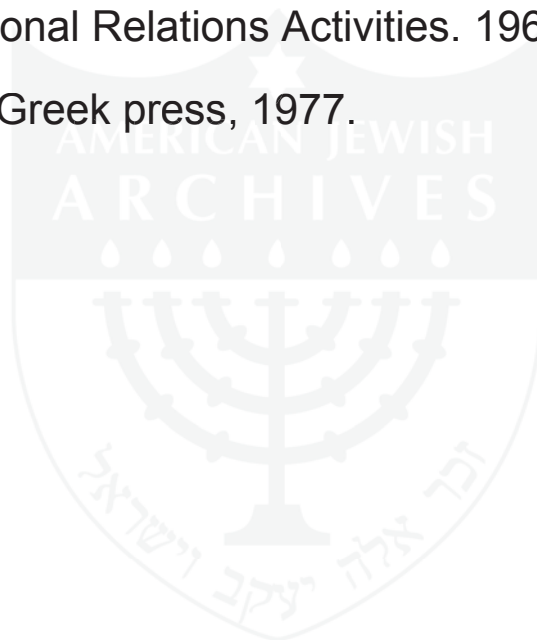
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MEMORANDUM

To: Morris Fine - David Geller
From: Nives Fox
Subj: Greek Press

From time to time we receive here a sampling of the Greek press on subjects of concern to us. In the period following the Cyprus invasion this was most virulent in its anti-American and anti-Jewish expressions. Though somewhat toned down of late, the last sampling remains of interest, particularly because of its sources.

✓ Here is the gist of how the organ of the Orthodox Christian Theologians Brotherhood, O Sotir (The Saviour) treats the press communique of the Central Board of Jewish Communities reporting on the ecumenical dialogue held in March, in Luzern, between Jews and the Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant Churches:

Catholics and Protestants are known for their eagerness to hold discussions with other religions; but all the talking comes to "one zero"; no attitudes are changed. Why should we Orthodox participate "in such futile discussions?" Unless Jews are willing "to believe in Christ, the true Messiah and Deliverer of the world" there is no point in talking, for "to us the Orthodox faith is the revealed truth, from which not a single iota can be changed and to which everyone must return in repentance if they desire true deliverance."

On the contrary, says the magazine, "Jews, with their Zionist movement and Masonry, are clearly ill disposed to Christianity, fight against it with all their means, and wish to erase it."

The Central Board of Jewish Communities protested with a letter to the editor, questioning their view about the dialogue, rejecting the charge about Masonry being Jewish and explaining that Zionism was a movement for liberation.

Other items of interest:

--- An announcement of the establishment in Athens and Rhodes of a Center for Mediterranean and Arab Studies to promote studies and research on economic, social and cultural problems of the Mediterranean and Arab countries. The first lecture was delivered by Prof. Rafik

Zouezati, who is also the Director for European Affairs at the Syrian Foreign Ministry.

--- A Greek-Egyptian Parliamentary Committee has been formed, and Greek representatives of the three major parties were appointed as members.

--- The editor of an anti-Semitic-Zionist-Israel magazine, Mediterranean Solidarity, was condemned to 2 years imprisonment because of an insulting article about the Greek Courts and magistrates. Its last issue this May announced that the magazine was temporarily suspended and blamed the "implacable economic war from the Zionists, Free Masons and agents of American imperialism" for this.

--- The Greek Chamber of Commerce opened an office in Bahrein to facilitate economic exchanges with Arab countries and "businessmen and representatives of Arab states in their dealings with Greek exporters and vice versa."

✓ ----- Contents of a poster displayed in public busses in Athens and the provinces by an unofficial Christian movement outside the Greek Orthodox Church, "Agion Oros."

"Orthodox Greeks Beware!!! False Jehovah Witnesses are a plague for our Church and Nation." It traces the origins of the sect -- naturally, all Jews. "Anti-Greek and traitors, they call our flag a rag, our government evil, and ask for surrender to the coming Zionist government of Jerusalem." Of course, their way is paid with "billions of dollars from anti-Christian Jews, in order to destroy the Orthodox faith and our Christ..."

cc: Tanenbaum
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