

Bishop Trifa Requests 'Substantiation'—See Page 3 For Official Documents

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Pastor Charles T. Russell Article Evokes National Interest; Noted Bible Scholars React Favorably; Events Vindicate Founder

By The Editor

The United Israel Bulletin article, “Founder of Anti-Zionist ‘J-Witnesses’ Hailed Zionism As Being Biblically Prophetic—Said Herzl Was Sent By God” (March, 1971), has created national interest and this to the extent that the issue was sold out within a short period.

Scores of letters from outstanding bible scholars and leaders of student groups from many sections of the country were received at the Bulletin offices — and letters still flow in — all paying high tribute to this publication and the World-Union Press for having brought into the focus of world attention that outstanding beloved and righteous soul Charles Taze Russell and his prophecies respecting the people of Israel.

Typical among these communications was one from David Stephen Doran. Writing on behalf of the New Albany Bible Students, Indiana, Mr. Doran declared that the “March issue of the United Israel Bulletin was a special joy for us. Our congregations follows closely the prophetic and doctrinal teachings of Scripture as taught by Pastor C. T. Russell. It was therefore, gratifying to see his stand for the re-establishment

Raymond Beekman Elected President Of Michigan UIWU Unit At West Olive

WEST OLIVE, Michigan—Raymond Beekman of Grand Haven was elected President of the local United Israel World Union Unit at its annual meeting held on May 23, 1971, in the UIWU-Center here.

Raymond Beekman and his wife Ginnie have been members of the Movement for over two decades.

Other officers elected include: William Goodin, Vice President; Karron Brown, Recording Secretary; Clayton Trinker, Treasurer. The Trustees elected are Make Beekman, Carolyn Brown, and Ginnie Beekman.

A motion was made by the President and seconded by Carol Jo Zinck that the Executive Board appoint a custodian and food administrators for the UI-Building. An-

Bishop V. D. Trifa, In Letter, Asks For “Substantiation’ Of Charges; Admits “Winchell, Pearson, Cong. Halpern Campaigned Against Me”

(See Pages 2 and 3 For Trifa Letter And Official Documents)

By The Editor

Valerian D. Trifa, in his capacity as Bishop of the Romanian Orthodox Episcopate of America, has written a two-page letter to the United Israel Bulletin listing 10 points in

which he disclaims the charges against him contained in an exposition published in the March, 1971 issue of the Bulletin—charges which were originally raised by Walter Winchell, the late Drew Pearson and Congressman Seymour Halpern — and asks this publication “substantiate the allegations.”

The charges involved war crimes in which Jews and Christians were butchered during Iron Guard pogroms in Bucharest, Romania.

Requesting that his letter be published—see page 2—the Bishop is probably unaware of the fact that the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith has a complete dossier on him and on his pre war-time and subsequent activities and that there are archives in Bucharest containing files and photos which involve Trifa directly.

Having requested “substantiation,” we managed to secure from a reliable source—independent of ADL—official documents and some

Trifa's Pro-Nazi Anti-Jewish, Anti-Masonic Manifesto

Manifestul Trifa.

Români!

Un maior german a fost ucis mișc'este din ordinul Angliei printr'un agent al Intelligence Service-ului, pe străzile Capitalei.

Protectorii și apărătorii acestui asasin, un gree de origine, sunt: Eugen Cristescu, șeful serviciului secret, fostul om de încredere al lui Armand Călinescu și Alex. Rîșoanu, omul iudeilor și grecilor.

În loc să fie îndepărtate aceste elemente satanice, a fost silit să plece din guvern vitezul general și om de caracter, generalul Petrovicescu, fiindcă așa a ordonat legația engleză și masoneria.

Rugăm pe Generalul Antonescu să facă dreptate pentru Români. Cerem înlocuirea tuturor persoanelor masonice îndatate, din guvern.

Cerem guvern legionar.

Vrem pedepșirea vinovaților asasinării maiorului german.

Student mes română creștină nu poate admite ca soldații germani să fie măcelăriți pe străzile Capitalei de agenții Angliei.

It was therefore, gratifying to see his stand for the re-establishment of Israel as restated so clearly in opposition to the teachings of some who claim to be his spiritual descendants, but whose doctrines negate this claim.

"Any religion, government, or organization," Mr. Doran continues. (Continued on Page 4)

Zimel, and the Executive Board appointed a custodian and food administrators for the UI-Building. Another motion was made by Ruby Goodin and seconded by Doris Trinker that the Unit purchase the lot adjacent to the UI compound, the deed of which is held by UI Board member Edward S. Abrahams. Both motions were carried.

să fie măcelăriți pe străzile Capita ei de agenții Angliei.

Viorel Trifa
Președintele Uniunii Naționale
a studenților Creștini Români.

The above is a copy of a Manifesto, signed by Viorel Trifa as President of the National Union of Romanian Christian Students, espousing the cause of a German officer, a Major, who had been killed by a Greek, an agent of the British Intelligence Service, demanding that the guilty of the assassination — the Greek and others cited in the Manifesto who had protected Jews and Greeks, be apprehended. It also requested that all Jews and Masons in the Government be replaced.

Attending the 29th Annual Meeting of UIWU



Seen above are some of the distinguished personalities who participated in the 29th annual meeting of United Israel World Union held in the home of the Bulletin Editor. Standing, from left to right, are: Reuben Arfa, Fanya Kosowitzky, Dr. Emanuel Alexandre, Marie Gennarelli, Rebecca Monzon, Edward S. Abrahams, Prof. Anthony DeSimone, Frank W. O'Neill, and Mrs. Sophie Salomon. Seated, from left to right: Mrs. Nan Horowitz, Mrs. Esther DeSimone, Dr. M.I. Salomon, Mrs. David Goldstein, Mrs. Yvonne Iny Bachrach, Elizabeth J. Haendel, Mr. Harry Leventhal, the Bulletin Editor, Eva Heymann, Jim Benjamin, Suzanne Kelly, Wolf Pasmanik. Photo by Itzhak Berez

UIWU Prepares For Its 30th Anniversary In 1972

The 29th annual meeting of United Israel World Union was held on Sunday, May 2, at the home of the Bulletin editor who, in his opening report on the year's activities, announced that UIWU will commemorate its 30th anniversary in 1972 and proposed that an appropriate event be scheduled.

Among the greetings read were those from Rabbi D. Leo Jung, Archie R. Vinitsky of St. Paul, etc.

Editor Horowitz reported on a new development in the Michigan West Olive Unit of UIWU where the youths are beginning to take a more serious and active part under the presidency of Raymond

Beekman and vice-presidency of William Goodin.

Among the speakers at the annual meeting were Harry Leventhal, philanthropist of note, who reported on his recent six-week tour of Afghanistan, Burma, Pakistan, Nepal and other countries where he met with Jewish leaders; Dr. M. I. Salomon, noted Hebrew scholar, physician and UI official, who delivered an inspiring address explaining the basic meaning of the "Sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham" as a "symbol of sacrifice for ideals;" "the Jewish people never gave up principles — a Jew must be prepared for the greatest sacri-

vice when a great ideal is involved;" Jim Benjamin, the newly-elected executive director of Zaad Harishon, who spoke on the phenomenal progress which the Black-Jewish communities are making; Mrs. Eva Heymann, lecturer-writer of Jerusalem, who spoke on Geronautics: "Israel's Potential as a Pilot Plant for Humanity;" Reuben Arfa, and Poet Wolf Pasmanik, who hailed the work of UIWU's president in having piloted the UI-Ship through these 29 years amid trying and difficult circumstances and who read a poem, entitled "My Heart Sings In The Wind," which he had dedicated to him.

Sen. Javits: "Important War Criminals Must Be Pursued . . ."

Reacting to the Article on Bishop Trifa (March Bulletin, 1971), Senator Jacob Javits declared on April 27:

"It is important, even a generation after the conclusion of World War II, that war criminals continue to be pursued. There is no statute of limitations on murder . . ."

a reliable source— independent of ADL—official documents and some additional photographs which clearly connect Viorel Trifa — by which name the Bishop was known in Romania in Iron Guard Student days — with the notorious pogroms and riots which evoked a world storm and protest. Space does not allow us to publish all the documents, but portions of the most important ones are included on pages 1 and 3 of this issue.

In his letter, the Bishop did not deny that his previous name was Viorel Trifa.

The documents speak for themselves and serve as a reply to Bishop Trifa's request for "substantiation."

In the March, 1971 issue of the Bulletin, Vol. xxviii, No 1, the charges which Winchell and Pearson (Continued on Page 2)

Fascist Regime Announces Trifa Appointment

VIAȚA STUDENȚEASCĂ

NUMIREA PREȘEDINTELUI U. N. S. C. R.

"Monitorul Oficial" Nr. 258 cu data de Luni 4 Noiembrie 1940 publică următoarele:

General ION ANTONESCU,

Conducătorul Statului Român și Președintele Consiliului de Miniștri,

Avușu raportului d-lui Horia Sima, vice-președintele Consiliului de Miniștri și Comandant al Mișcării Legionare, înregistrat la Nr. 14.247 din 1940;

Văzând dispozițiile art. 3 din decretul-lege Nr. 3.460 din 14 Octombrie 1940 pentru organizarea Uniunii Naționale a Studenților Români Creștini;

În baza dispozițiilor decretelor-legi Nr. 3.052 din 3 Septembrie și Nr. 3.072 din 7 Septembrie 1940,

Am decretat și decretăm:

ART. 1. — D. Viorel Trifa este numit, pe o perioadă de 3 ani, începând de la data de-

tului de față, ca președinte al Uniunii Naționale a Studenților Români Creștini.

ART. 2. — D. vicepreședinte al Consiliului de Miniștri și Comandant al Mișcării Legionare și d. ministru secretar de Stat la Departamentul Educației Naționale, Cultelor și Arhivelor, sunt însărcinați cu aducerea la îndeplinire a decretului de față.

Dat în București, la 2 Noiembrie 1940.

Conducătorul Statului Român
și Președintele al Consiliului de Miniștri,
General ION ANTONESCU

Vicepreședinte al Consiliului de Miniștri
și Comandant al Mișcării Legionare,
HORIA SIMA

Ministru Educației Naționale,
Cultelor și Arhivelor,
TRAIAN BRĂILEANU

This proclamation published in reactionary paper, announces the appointment by the Fascist Antonescu dictatorship, of Viorel Trifa on 2 November 1940 as the president of the National Union of the Christian Romanian Students. The proposal for his appointment was made by the notorious Horia Sima, vice-President of the Romanian Council of Ministers and the Commander of the Nazi-like Iron Guard Movement.

Pastor Charles Taze Russell Article Evokes National Interest

Excerpts From Other Communications On Pastor Russell

Says "J-Witnesses Departed From Russell Teachings"

"It was with a great deal of pleasure that I read your article entitled, "WATCHTOWER FOUNDER HAILED ZIONISM, FOLLOWERS DO NOT," which was published in the B'nai B'rith Messenger of Los Angeles — a copy of which was sent to me.

"In spite of the fact that the organization known as "Jehovah's Witnesses" is "anti-Zionist" and many earnest Bible Students in this country who are holding to the Bible teachings of the renowned Pastor Russell, and who are (and have been for more than fifty years!) rejoicing in the "prosperity of Zion," the "restoration of Israel"—viewing their progress as a nation just as Pastor Russell did, viz: as the fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament.

"These Bible Students have no connection with "Jehovah's Witnesses," as, since the death of Pastor Russell in 1916, that organization has departed almost completely from the writings and teachings of that Bible scholar. The "Jehovah's Witnesses" have no right to claim Pastor Russell as the "founder" of their organization. The term "Jehovah's Witnesses" was never used during the Pastor's lifetime. Their teachings are so far removed from his as to be hardly recognizable.

"We are well informed about the remarkable mass meeting in the Hippodrome in 1910 and are delighted to know that you, and possibly many of your colleagues, recognize the Biblical truths as set forth by Pastor Russell, particularly

to read of the renewed interest in Pastor Russell's understanding of the prophetic Scriptures dealing with Israel. We rejoice with you in the encouragement of the Scriptures, as Pastor Russell saw them then. And we thrill to each new evidence of God's favor to His people Israel as they are demonstrated in the establishment and progress of the nation. Truly, faith in the prospects for Israel as seen in 1911 has been reaffirmed by events in the last 60 years. We thank God for the favor of this understanding and the blessings of this faith.

Robert W. Alexander
Los Gatos, California
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Events Vindicate Pastor Russell

"Recently, my wife and I came upon your article in the 15 January B'nai B'rith Messenger titled "Watchtower Founder Hailed Zionism, Followers Do Not," We were surprised (pleasantly so!), perhaps because we assumed that only Bible students who still agree with Pastor Russell's teachings concerning the Jew and prophecy would know about the Hippodrome meeting in 1910. Your description bridged the years and made that event very real!

"We are Bible students (and there are many of like belief, although somewhat scattered and small in number, by comparison with the Jehovah Witnesses) who are fully persuaded from our study of the Scriptures that what we see taking place in Israel is a prelude to the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham — "By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, . . . in

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ued, "which has no place for the Jew thereby testifies to its own falsity. Events themselves will prove this to be true. (See Gen 12:3).

The noted Bible student declared further: "We, and many other congregations of Bible Students worldwide, rejoice with you and all Israel as we see God's Hand directing the affairs of the Jewish People preparatory to the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth through a new world capital in Jerusalem. . ."

Another vital communication came from Prof. Rod. D. Hugelman

Charles Taze Russell at 3



Pastor Charles Taze Russell, whose photograph appeared on the front page of the previous UBulletin, is here seen at the age of 3. The second son of Joseph L. and Ann Eliza (Binney) Russell, he was born in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1852. Forty years later, convinced that the prophecies of the Bible, especially those relating to the restoration of the Jewish People to Palestine, as a Nation, he visited the Holy Land. He devoted the remaining of his blessed years in lecturing

Colorado Bible Students to Hold Second Annual Convention at the Colorado State University

The Colorado Bible Students Second Annual Convention, will take place at the Colorado State University, Ft. Collins, Colorado, July 30 - August 4, 1971. The welcoming address will be given by Bro. Rod Hugelman of Fargo, N. Dakota. Bro. Edward Lorenz, Covina, California, will serve as Chairman.

in language calculated to turn the reader against him. Then Rutherford's substitutionary interpretation is presented with many statements that the Lord is guiding his faction, supplying 'new light.'

"This pattern, which we have established for the relatively minor teachings on the type of Elijah and Elisha, was also followed when Rutherford later dismissed teachings of Russell which were highly important in his general concept of the divine plan.

"Although I have quoted only a few examples of Rutherford's changes, they are typical. In fact an examination of **The Watch Tower** through the 1920's will convince any logical mind that in no case did Rutherford point out in an honest manner faults in Russell's teachings. Usually he merely stated his change without any acknowledgement that it contradicted a long-established, and often well-reasoned view. Where he did mention a view he said was Russell's it was either a thorough distortion or oversimplification of it, at times, a view Russell simply did not have and even expressly denied. This is not to say that

etc., were wrong — he altered every important positive doctrine of Russell's beyond recognition."

A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME Vantage Press, 168 Page 215, 220. First two and last two paragraphs.

"It has been a painful experience for us over the years as we cried out these facts again and again as a voice in the wilderness — unheard, while those who maligned his name were heard and received as his 'followers.' How fitting that the Jewish community which listened so intently to Pastor Russell in 1910 should be so helpful in clearing his good name today. In so doing you have also helped lift the stain of error from GOD's good name whose character is revealed in His Divine Plan — for all mankind through His immutable promise to Abraham, Genesis 23:15-18. It is man who has come to spell GOD's justice, "just-us"—it must be corrected at every opportunity.

"May GOD bless you and increase the Silvered sounds of truth.

Respectfully,
RODNEY D. HUGELMAN
Fargo, North Dakota

Valerian D. Trifa

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ly to mind, but because some of the leading culprits remain unpunished, enjoying life in Spain, in Latin America, and one of them in the United States itself. This man walks the streets of one of our great cities freely and honorably.

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possibly many of your colleagues, recognize the Biblical truths as set forth by Pastor Russell, particularly in regard to Israel as a nation.

"His predictions (though not his, but rather the predictions of your own prophets) have come true; Israel is now a nation; and although "Jacob's trouble" is not over, yet God's hand is over Israel, and will eventually "deliver them as He did in the days of old," through their great Messiah! Jeremiah 30:7; Ezek. 39: 25-29..."

(Miss) Vera K. Leverett
Landsowne, Pa.

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Events Have Reaffirmed Prophecies Respecting Israel

"Through your kindness and that of Minister T. A. Smith, Bellingham, Washington, we have received a copy of the **United Israel Bulletin** of March, 1971. Thank you very much. We are delighted

to the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham — "By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD, . . . in thy seed shall all the nations of earth be blessed . . ." — Gen 22:15-18.

"Truly, the Jehovah Witnesses have lost sight of this Biblical truth so clearly presented by Pastor C. T. Russell. Even though in the years since his death, the dramatic events that have encompassed the Jewish people surely vindicate his understanding of the Hebrew prophets — for God is regathering his people Israel into the land that was promised them. ". . . and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD God." — Amos 9:15,15.

Sincerely yours,

Stu and Virginia Sowers
College Park, Md.

prophecies of the Bible, especially those relating to the restoration of the Jewish People to Palestine, as a Nation, he visited the Holy Land. He devoted the remaining of his blessed years in lecturing and expounding the prophecies (We are grateful to Mrs. Leanoire Straede of Los Angeles for the data sent us on Pastor Russell.

of Fargo, North Dakota. Following is the text of his letter:

"I have been given the March 1971 issue of **United Israel Bulletin** which indeed proved a blessing from God. There are many of us who still rejoice in the truths put forth some 90 years ago by Pastor Charles T. Russell. We still follow those precepts confidently because of their beautiful harmony with the Holy Scriptures.

"Pastor Russell's good name was widely known in his day and the Jehovah's Witnesses have therefore claimed him as their founder — falsely. As founder of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society (a publishing arm), his death in 1916 became Judge Rutherford's opportunity and he quickly seized control of the society within a matter of weeks and used it to construct the sect known today as the Jehovah's Witnesses.

"The current views of the Jehovah's Witnesses are, as you have so faithfully shown, far far different in both fact and spirit from their claimed 'founder.' The history of the Jehovah's Witnesses as recorded by Timothy White, himself a Jehovah's Witness, documents these matters thoroughly as the following excerpt reveals:

Chapter 19

THE END OF RUSSELL'S "DIVINE PLAN"

"We have already seen several samples of Rutherford's doctrinal changes of Russell's teachings. They follow a pattern: First, Russell's views on the text under consideration, with his reasons for them, are either ignored, hastily passed over or distorted, often

distortion or oversimplification of it, at times, a view Russell simply did not have and even expressly denied. This is not to say that the Judge was always wrong, but where he was right it was simply by accident.

"These changes, had the effect of whittling away at all of Russell's ideas, until nothing resembling the "Divine Plan" remained. Whereas the Judge did not cease to teach the negative ones — that is, that hell-fire, the trinity, the immorality of the soul, evolution,

"His name," Halpern said in loud tones, "is Viorel Trifa. From the mid-1930's he began to play a leading role in the Fascist National Union of Romanian Christian Students. I have learned that despite his heinous background, this person was admitted to the United States as a displaced person in July of 1950. Within a year, it is reported that he was 'ordained' as a member of the clergy of the Romanian Orthodox church, and as Bishop Valerian he is now serving in the city of Detroit."

Regarding Founder of 'Jehovah's Witnesses'

By THEODARE A. SMITH
(Belingham, Washington)

The March, 1971 issue of **United Israel Bulletin** contained several interesting items regarding the late Pastor Russell, a firm believer in the prophecies concerning the restoration of Israel to their homeland.

It is a popular fallacy that Pastor Russell was the founder of Jehovah's Witnesses," and no wonder for "Jehovah's Witnesses" themselves so state.

The facts are these: Pastor Russell was the founder of the business organization known as the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. The Pastor himself died Oct. 31, 1916. Shortly after that date Mr. Joseph Rutherford, known as "Judge" Rutherford became president of the organization, and he professed to have great admiration for Pastor Russell and indicated that he would carry on his work and teachings.

To the great sorrow and chagrin of many, the new president apparently changed his mind, for it was not long until many of Pastor Russell's teaching were set aside, and new teachings of Judge Rutherford took their places.

It was a number of years after the Pastor's death that the name "Jehovah's Witnesses" was adopted. In view of this and the other facts related above, it should be evident to any reasoning mind that it is not correct to say that Pastor Russell was the founder of "Jehovah's Witnesses." Pastor Russell was the founder of the Watch Tower Bible and Tract Society, but surely not the founder of "Jehovah's Witnesses."

The Jews themselves are Jehovah's Witnesses. In due time, according to prophecy, Jerusalem will be the capital of the world and Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, and other "Ancient Worthies" will be resurrected and form the nucleus of God's Kingdom on earth. This was the understanding of Pastor Russell from his studies of the prophecies, and he so taught during his long ministry.

Happy Scene At 29th Annual Meeting



Photo by Itzhak Berez

Caught in one of the corners at United Israel's 29th annual meeting are sitting, from left to right: Marie Gennarelli; Esther and Prof. Anthony DeSimone; Rebecca Monzon. On the alcove: Mrs. Sophie Salomon; Nan R. Horowitz and Suzanne Kelly.