American Christian Palestine Committee, which most Arabs are convinced speaks the mind of the Protestants. While Rome has favored most of the Arab League's proposals [on Palestine problems], the ACPC has vehemently denounced these proposals. Therefore, they must eventually bear the responsibility, it is implied, for whatever success Rome has in displacing Protestantism in the American University at Beirut in particular and the Near East in general.

"Israeli Action Dares War," (Editorial), May 30, 1951:
Israel's insistence on continuing work on the drainage project in the Hulah area will add "another bit of Arab territory to Israel by armed aggression."

Now, for the February 11 editorial and Mr. Baehr's reply:

MIDDLE EAST HEADS TOWARD NEW CRISIS"

Not enough attention is being given to the next Middle East crisis. One of its most significant causes is a sudden increase of immigration into Israel. After a long interval in which emigration was forbidden, communist Rumania has opened her gates to permit thousands of Jews to leave. Many arrived in Haifa in January and 80,000 to 100,000 are expected to reach Israel from eastern Europe this year. Israel has no choice but to admit them since it invites all Jews to return to the homeland. But the newcomers must be housed, retrained, employed, fed. Means must be found -- an estimated $96 million of new funds in a land whose budget is already out of balance. The United Jewish Appeal, which sends an average of $65 million a year from the United States to the Jewish Agency, is asking for an additional $100 million. Sales of Israeli bonds, which yield an average of $50 million a year, must be pushed harder. So the American Christian Palestine Committee, which is a missionary agency for advancing Zionist policies in the U.S., is stepping up its activities, which are carried on mostly among Protestants. These aims of course include making it possible for Israel to absorb new immigrants, however numerous, and to withstand any amount of pressure from her Arab neighbors. But doing what is immediately necessary cannot meet the situation that is developing in the Middle East. The communist strategy appears to be to press more and more immigrants on Israel until that state explodes or collapses. The chaos thus produced would serve communist purposes well. How much better it would be if the A.C.P.C. were to start educating Americans concerning the Middle East as a whole instead of concerning only the immediate interests of one nation in it. To do this it would have to break with Zionism and give weight to the Arab case and to the policies of the United Nations. Not much time is left for nonpartisan public education to take effect. The communists are in position to force more than two million more Jews to follow their fellow religionists who have already gone from Rumania and Poland to Israel.

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Sir:

Since the American Christian Palestine Committee was editorially attacked so