1-12-79

page 10

I first -- I went to the U. of Berlin intending to stay there two years and then go to Palestine and study for a year. But one day in the course of my first year, I was preaching in the American church and I saw Dr. Kyle there in the audience whom I'd heard speak before. This is Kyle, not like the German scholer (Keil). I invited him to have lunch with me and we had a good talk. He said, You must go and study under Albright. He knows Palestine as nobody else does." I said, I amhoping to go to Palestine for a year, the year after next." He said, The next year is Dr. Albright's last year there. He is then going to become professor at John's Hopkins so you should go next year." I've always been grateful to Kyle for that advice. So I changed my plan. I was at Berlin for a year and then home for the summer.

I went back again the second year -- I guess I wasn't home the whole summer, just the latter part of it -- I went back to Berlin the next year. The term there ran from Nov. through Jan. and then Feb. and March were vacation. Then it would run I guess from May thro July. The two terms were a year. Anyway I don't remember the exact details. I changed it so that I left school a month early the first semester and I went to Palestine. Then I got back a month late the second semester which with the German system is easy to do because they don't take roll or anything like that. You study there 3 or 4 years and then you take exams on everything. Half the students never get a degree. But those who dohave developed internal discipline so they get twice as much out of it as they would under our system -- those who pass, but half of them never bother to come up for exams. That way I had 4 months on my trip. In my trip I spent at least 2 months in Jerusalem. There Dr. Albright was Director of the American