

Category	Other Document Type
Title	Court orders IRS to return Scientology Documents
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Shirley Young
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Contents:

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 21/PRN - U.S. District Court Judge Harry Hupp today ordered the Internal Revenue Service to return seven sets of tapes and accompanying transcripts belonging to the Church of Scientology, ruling that the IRS had obtained the tapes pursuant to an improper court order, the church reported.

The tapes were removed from the court by the IRS last November during a Superior Court case involving the church, the church said.

The church said it responded to what it termed the “improper seizure” by serving subpoenas on the IRS. The IRS took the matter to Hupp and the church filed an “application for return of property,” the church added.

According to church attorney Don Randolph, “The IRS seizure of tapes and documents was tantamount to a warrantless search, in violation of both the Fourth Amendment of the Constitution and outstanding sealing orders from Los Angeles Superior Court.”

Hupp’s order, Randolph said, grants the return of the tapes and documents to the Los Angeles Superior Court, where they will remain under protective court seal. Today’s victory followed the recent release by the Church of Scientology of portions of the IRS’ “official use only” law enforcement manual, the church stated.

The previously secret material, mailed to the offices of the church’s investigative news journal Freedom by an anonymous source, came in response to a series of advertisements Freedom had placed in several major daily newspapers around the country.

The advertisements call for current and former IRS employees to contact Freedom with information of IRS abuses and violations of taxpayer rights, the church said. The documents from the IRS manual detail the tax agency’s “discriminatory” procedures for automatic selection of tax returns for audits, the church said.

The IRS has refused to release the manual under the Freedom of Information Act, the church added. Church spokeswoman Shirley Young stated, “The Church of Scientology will continue to expose IRS abuses and to show how the agency has continually endeavored to put itself above the law.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	(No Title)
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Scott Welch
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Contents:

LOS ANGELES, March 21/PRN - At least 20,000 people attended 120 birthday parties in 35 nations for renowned author and humanitarian, L. Ron Hubbard, Saturday, March 16, the Church of Scientology announced today.

Nearly 4,000 sang along with hostess Amanda Ambrose and Church of Scientology President Heber Jentzsch at the Century Plaza Hotel in Beverly Hills to mark Hubbard’s 74th birthday. Sam Tucker, aide to the president of the World Conference of Mayors, received a standing ovation when he announced that the mayor of Tuskegee, Ala., Johnny Ford, had named a new street L. Ron Hubbard Boulevard. The new street will be part of a \$ 2.25 million housing development.

Honoring Hubbard for his contributions to drug reform, education and numerous other fields, Ford sent a message terming Hubbard “a great and valuable man because of the technologies he has developed” to help people around the world. Hubbard gained international fame in 1950 with the publication of “Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health,” which has sold more than seven million copies and is the most popular self-help book in print.

The governor of Kansas has just named Hubbard an Honorary Lifetime Citizen of Kansas in appreciation of his humanitarian works, while the states of Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, Virginia and West Virginia and various other U.S. cities declared March 13, Hubbard’s birthday, as L. Ron Hubbard Day in honor of “one of the great men of our time.”

Hubbard’s educational, administrative and drug rehabilitation techniques are in broad use on four continents - North America, Europe, Africa and Australia. More than 3,200 different groups and organizations employ Hubbard’s writings. His “Learning Book” is now making inroads on a fifth continent by combating illiteracy on the Chinese mainland, according to the Scientologists. Hubbard said: “...my own philosophy is that one should share what wisdom he has; one should help others to help themselves ...”

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	(No Title)
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Author	Brian Anderson
Date	March 21st, 1985

Contents:

LOS ANGELES, March 21/PRN - In a surprise move, in federal court here today, attorney John Peterson - representing the Church of Scientology of California - filed a sworn affidavit by former Scientology attacker and litigant Paulette Cooper, exposing her former lawyer, Michael Flynn, the church said.

The document revealed for the first time a billion-dollar plot of extortion and perjury aimed at the Church of Scientology.

Ms. Cooper, in a reversal of her previous antagonistic posture against the church, reportedly revealed the motives and methods behind her former attorney Flynn’s assault on the religion of Scientology.

Peterson said Flynn’s campaign of soliciting suits against the church has reached a staggering total demand of more than \$1 billion.

Ms. Cooper stated in her affidavit that Flynn knew that the founder of Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard, did not control the church and that Flynn had personally told her “by 1979, Mr. Hubbard had severed his ties with the church.”

She further revealed that Flynn, by his own statements to her, admitted “his whole strategy was based upon conducting an attack against Scientology founder Hubbard by naming Hubbard as a defendant in my lawsuits ... he believed that Mr. Hubbard would never appear in any of the lawsuits in which he was named.”

Flynn further told her “the litigation would be quickly terminated ... either by obtaining a default judgment against Mr. Hubbard, or by having the Church of Scientology settle the litigation in order to protect Mr. Hubbard.”

Ms. Cooper, until now Flynn’s star witness and ally in nearly all of what the church called Flynn’s “spurious” legal actions against the Scientologists, said in her sworn affidavit:

“My attorney (Flynn) filed in my lawsuits sworn statements alleging that Mr. Hubbard was in control of Scientology activities.”

In what the church termed a devastating blow to the extortion plot, she said, “I never had any real evidence or reason to believe that Mr. Hubbard was in control of the activities of the Church of Scientology.”

Ms. Cooper concluded her affidavit by categorically stating:

“It is clear to me, on the basis of my conversation with Mr. Flynn on this subject, that the allegations concerning Mr. Hubbard’s control over day-to-day Scientology activities had no basis in fact, but were being made solely for strategic purposes in pursuit of a default judgment.”

Peterson, counsel for the Church of Scientology, stated: “This defection of Paulette Cooper from the camp of Michael Flynn brings with it a complete exposure of the sordid and extortive aims of Flynn and his unfounded attacks on Scientology’s founder, L. Ron Hubbard.”

In his declaration, he detailed “the pattern of harassing, abusive and illegal conduct instigated and executed against the churches of Scientology by ... Flynn and a number of co-conspirators. These persons have operated on their own and in unison as a front group called Flynn Associates Management Corp. (FAMCO).”

Peterson said that key elements in this pattern of illegal conduct included:

“ ... conspiracy in the form of a money-making scheme in which Flynn, via FAMCO, promised investors up to a 400 percent ‘quick’ return on their investment in exchange for buying shares to support massive litigation against the Church of Scientology”;

“ ... collaboration with and funding of agents and operatives using brutal psychiatric ‘depersonalizing’ techniques in an attempt to sway members of the Church of Scientology away from their religion and channel them into suits against the religion of Scientology”;

“ ... abuse of the judicial process by inundating the courts with massive filings of frivolous, unfounded and duplicative lawsuits”;

“ ... the planned usage of lies and inflammatory statements in order to manipulate the media and government and thus influence pending litigation”;

“ ... the use of libel, forgery and other criminal means in order to negatively influence pending litigation.

The following is the full text of the sworn affidavit by Paulette Cooper filed today in U.S. District Court in Los Angeles as part of a libel suit brought against Boston lawyer Michael Flynn by the Church of Scientology of California:

Affidavit of Paulette Cooper

(State of New York, County of New York)

Paulette Cooper, being first duly sworn according to law, deposes and says:

- I am Paulette Cooper, a resident of the City of New York, State of New York.

- I have a long history of conflict with the Church of Scientology, and I have been involved in substantial litigation against the church between 1971 and earlier this year. All litigation between the church and me has been settled and terminated.

- In 1978, one such lawsuit commenced between me and the Church of Scientology in the United States District Court for the Central District of California sitting in Los Angeles, Church of Scientology of California Inc. v. Paulette Cooper, Case No. 78-2053-RMT.

While the church claimed that I had breached a prior settlement agreement with it, the principle focus of the lawsuit soon became my counterclaim for personal injuries against the church. I was represented in that case by Attorney John McNicholas.

During the year 1980, Boston Attorney Michael J. Flynn convinced me that he should file on my behalf a lawsuit in Boston, Mass., against Scientology, alleging some of the matters that were the subject of my lawsuit pending in Los Angeles.

I retained Attorney Flynn to file such a lawsuit in my behalf in the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts, captioned Paulette Cooper v. Church of Scientology of Boston, et al., Civil Action No. 81-681-MC.

- I allowed Mr. Flynn to file the Boston case, and replaced my counsel in Los Angeles with an attorney selected by Mr. Flynn because Mr. Flynn explained to me that he had devised a strategy for quickly and easily winning my litigation against Scientology and collecting money on a judgment.

He explained that his whole strategy was based upon conducting an attack against Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard by naming Mr. Hubbard as a defendant in my lawsuits. Mr. Flynn said that he believed that Mr. Hubbard would never appear in any of the lawsuits in which he was named, for any one of a number of possible reasons.

Mr. Flynn told me that it was his belief that by approximately 1979, Mr. Hubbard had severed his ties with the church. The litigation, said Mr. Flynn, would be quickly terminated, either by obtaining a default judgment against Mr. Hubbard, or by having the Church of Scientology settle the litigation in order to protect Mr. Hubbard.

- In pursuit of this strategy of winning by seeking default judgments, my attorney filed in my lawsuits sworn statements alleging that Mr. Hubbard was in control of Scientology's activities, and that he directed a campaign against me.

However, I never had any real evidence or reason (other than the word of my lawyers) to believe that Mr. Hubbard was in control of the activities of the Church of Scientology, and my attorneys never presented me with any evidence that such was the case.

It is clear to me, on the basis of my conversation with Mr. Flynn on this subject, that the allegations concerning Mr. Hubbard's control over day-to-day Scientology activities had no basis in fact, but were being made solely for strategic reasons in pursuit of a default judgment.

Paulette Cooper

Sworn to before me this 4th day of March, 1985. Alda N. Boyrie, Notary Public

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	President of World Conference of Mayors praises L. Ron Hubbard
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Sam Tucker
Date	March 27th, 1985

Contents:

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., March 27/PRN - Urging civic and religious leaders gathered at Celebrity Center International to join hands to wipe out illiteracy, drug abuse and crime in the cities, Mayor Johnny Ford of Tuskegee, Ala., and president of the World Conference of Mayors (WCM) invited solutions which he could propose to President Reagan in a meeting at the White House.

Ford’s distinguished audience at the opening of the weekend conference on global peace included state senators Diane Watson and Charles Green, WCM National Director Sam Tucker, and such civil rights leaders as Heber Jentsch, president of the Church of Scientology, and Rev. M.M. Merryweather, pastor of the New Mount Pleasant Baptist Church in Inglewood, Calif.

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley’s executive assistant, Wanda Moore, surprised Ford before the assembly with a commendation from the city of Los Angeles for his humanitarian works.

Ford stressed the urgency of finding new solutions to old problems. “By combining the forces of various religions, the worlds’ mayors and other groups in a grass-roots movement,” he said, “we can arrest the decline of social and moral values in our cities.”

WCM, founded by Ford in 1984, is a non-partisan group which supplements the works of the United Nations and other organizations by solving world problems through “the five Ts: trust, trade, technology transfer, tourism and twin cities relationships,” he explained.

Ford said he would be meeting soon with Reagan to discuss the Youth Employment Act which Reagan is working on, as well as some of the solutions discussed during the weekend conference.

As president of the 600-member network of mayors, including mayors from 16 nations, Ford - who has been mayor of Tuskegee since 1972 - said the problems of cities are growing worse each year.

In December 1984, he said, WCM held its first meeting in Monrovia, Liberia, and overwhelmingly resolved to adopt recent technical breakthroughs developed by Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard to solve these problems.

“Working together,” Ford said, “we are striving to achieve the aims which Mr. Hubbard stated so aptly: ‘A civilisation without insanity, without criminals and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater height.’”

Hubbard, best-selling author and philosopher, developed technical breakthroughs in such areas as drug reform and rehabilitation, and an innovative technology to better educational systems and morals and mental health, with proven results around the world. Ford urged others to join him in implementing all workable means for improving human life.

“Whether you are white, brown, yellow or red, and whether Catholic, Baptist, Methodist or Muslim,” Ford said, “it is time to stand up and reach out into our cities, seeking new friends with common interests and work for the betterment of mankind.

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Contents:

Plans for three class-action suits totaling \$ 4.8 billion against the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Justice for abusive and harassive prosecution of innocent taxpayers will be announced Thursday at a press conference in Washington.

The conference will be held at 10:30 a.m. in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 562. Documentation which could lead to criminal prosecution against these two agencies for perjury in front of a grand jury and civil rights violations will also be presented, according to the Church of Scientology.

William Kilpatrick, a Denver businessman who recently won a five-year battle with the IRS and Department of Justice, will announce the drafting of a \$ 4.2 billion suit on behalf of a number of his business partners and investors against the IRS, Department of Justice and agents and officials of those agencies.

Kilpatrick was featured with Capitol Hill attorney Jim McKenna and Sen. William Armstrong on a January segment of CBS’ 60 Minutes concerning his case.

Other key figures at the press conference will include: Karl L. Dahlstrom, president of the American Law Association (ALA) in Tucson, Ariz., who will announce details of a \$ 100 million class-action suit being prepared on behalf of the members of ALA and himself for abusive and harassive prosecution by the IRS and the Department of Justice; and Dr. Eugene Burns, a member of ALA who will disclose details of a \$500 million class-action suit he is filing on behalf of ALA and himself.

These suits are being filed based on more than 500 pages of secret IRS documents and grand jury records, provided by an anonymous IRS “whistle-blower,” which documents extensive grand jury abuses on the part of the IRS and the Justice Department, according to the Church of Scientology.

The news conference will be moderated by Andy Lenarcic of Freedom, the news journal published by the Church of Scientology.

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LOS ANGELES, April 3/PRN - Los Angeles Federal District Court Judge David Kenyon has ruled that the Department of Justice must go forward to trial on the issue of violating the First Amendment rights of the Church of Scientology, the church reported today.

The trial is to take place in Los Angeles beginning June 4. The Scientologists asserted in court that John E. Harris of the Department of Justice International Affairs, criminal division, and former Assistant U.S. Attorney Raymond Banoun and members of the Department of Justice, in response to general inquiries, have sent derogatory information to anti-religious groups abroad.

These included members of the Deo Gloria Trust, an anti-religion group in England, and the governments of Italy, the Netherlands, Chile, Guatemala and Canada.

“The poisoned information is purposely designed to thwart the continuing expansion of the church,” said Robert Seefried, counsel for the Church of Scientology.

The church has asked that the agency be restrained from sending derogatory documents other than: “... For a compelling law enforcement interest ... to maintain a record of the documents so disseminated, (including) to whom the documents were disseminated, and the legitimate law enforcement purpose supporting the dissemination.”

“Why would an agency or individuals in the Justice Department litigate against the First Amendment when their responsibility is to enforce compliance with the Constitution and laws of this country?” asked Rev. Ken Hoden of the Church of Scientology in Los Angeles.

“And why would they demand the right to spread false and malicious reports internationally against the group with one of the most effective social reform, education and drug rehabilitation programs in the world?”

“The Department of Justice has essentially positioned itself against the people of this country by maligning the church that is so successfully carrying out reforms that are widely supported by the citizens of this country,” he said.

The church's anti-drug programs save governments untold millions of dollars through its effective actions to educate people on the harm that drugs are causing to our nation, and to assist those using drugs to safely and easily rid themselves of drug use and dependency, he added.

According to the church, in his decision Judge Kenyon strongly criticized the government's failure to cease the dissemination of false and derogatory information on the church by saying:

"This plaintiff (Church of Scientology) has itself been subjected to a history of allegedly unlawful conduct ... and it is powerless to take any action that would ensure against future dissemination designed to discredit the church."

Rev. Hoden responded: "The actions of John E. Harris and Raymond Banoun of the Department of Justice smack of the propaganda campaigns launched against the Jews by the Nazis in World War II.

Fortunately, Judge Kenyon has recognized that it is unacceptable for the Justice Department to take a stand against the freedoms of American citizens and will no doubt handle this last remaining threat to the full protection of First Amendment rights."

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Category	Other Document Type
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Contents:

LOS ANGELES, April 23/PRN - Videotapes made of a church “sting” operation revealed today a bizarre, multigovernment-agency “Cointelpro” plot designed to take over the control, property and assets of the Church of Scientology, the church reported today.

The operation, which the church said was approved by a Los Angeles police officer, allegedly involved agents of the Los Angeles Internal Revenue Service criminal investigation division.

Church attorney John Peterson said Cointelpro is an “unconstitutional FBI counterintelligence program that created a public outcry and was supposedly cancelled in the 1970s, but is still obviously very much alive and in operation in the United States today.”

The videotapes - already filed in evidence in a Federal court here and shown today at a Los Angeles news conference - disclosed, according to Peterson, “that special agents of the IRS criminal investigation division (CID) conspired with a government operative, Gerry Armstrong, in an illegal and covert-intelligence plot in violation of constitutional rights and freedoms guaranteed by the First Amendment.”

The church said the conspiracy was brought to light when a private investigator, working under the supervision of a church attorney, obtained written permission from a Los Angeles police officer to videotape clandestine meetings between Armstrong and a church staff member.

According to the church, the investigator taped the meetings, which took place in Los Angeles’ Griffith Park, to document the Cointelpro operation being planned against the church.

Peterson said the government agencies and individual officials identified by Armstrong in the videotapes include:

- Alan P. Lipkin and Alfonse V. Ristuccia, agents of the criminal investigation division of the Los Angeles IRS office;
- Richard Greenberg, assistant U.S. attorney in Washington;

- Thomas Doughty, special assistant U.S. attorney for the FBI in Washington;
- Brackett Denniston III, assistant U.S. attorney in Boston;
- the Florida State Attorney General's office; and
- Al Ciampini, detective sergeant of the Ontario Provincial Police.

Peterson said the intricacies of this "lawless conspiracy" were spelled out in detail by Armstrong, former church clerk turned federal witness/government informant, during secret meetings he had with two members of the Church of Scientology - "Joey" and "Mike" - who pretended to Armstrong that they were dissatisfied with current church leadership and wished to "improve matters internally."

In the videotapes, Peterson alleged, Armstrong is seen carrying out orders from the government agencies and his Boston lawyer, Michael Flynn, who were "directing and supervising him in their carefully orchestrated, covert-intelligence plan to overthrow current church leadership and seize the church's sizable property and assets."

Armstrong's secret meetings with the "Loyalists" - the fictitious group of which Joey and Mike were supposedly members - which were videotaped without Armstrong's knowledge, unfolded what Peterson termed "the government-Flynn plans" to:

- "- Create and plant forged documents in church files;
- Steal attorney-client privileged information from the church;
- Suborn perjury to cover up the conspiracy; and
- Engineer the filing of a suit written by Flynn, based on false allegations, which was designed to obtain a receivership of all properties and assets of the church."

Peterson said the existence of such a "shameless and shocking" conspiracy involving Flynn, Armstrong and government agencies and officials is corroborated and detailed over and over again in the videotapes.

"The evidence in these tapes," Peterson said, "confirms that the government conspired with Flynn, secretly protecting and aiding him both to obtain information about the church and to exert legal pressure against the church through an outrageously abusive and harassing series of suits that now total more than a billion dollars."

As Armstrong revealed in the videotapes, his goal was "global settlement" of all of the Flynn-contrived lawsuits against the church. The method for achieving this, he said, would be through the new church leaders, who would take over after the Flynn-drafted suit for the Loyalists was successful in ousting the current church executives.

Peterson pointed out that the Flynn-inspired lawsuit, if successful, would have allowed the government to manipulate the church from the top while seizing its property and assets. The suit was never filed, Peterson added, and the government scheme to infiltrate and overturn the management of the church was successfully thwarted.

He said the videotapes make it clear that while Armstrong was exchanging information regularly with his lawyer, Michael Flynn, he was at the same time attempting to cover up Flynn's involvement in the conspiracy.

In Armstrong's own words: "By the way, I'll never admit that anything comes from Michael (Flynn), including any complaints which I may have drafted ... But I'm telling you, he's behind it 100 percent, absolutely behind it.

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Contents:

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9/PRN - Portland-area Scientologists will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the publication date of “Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health,” at the main Oregon Scientology Church Center, Saturday, May 11.

The publication date of the best-selling book by noted American author L. Ron Hubbard is a special day for Scientology church members and signals the true beginning of the church’s religious roots.

“Dianetics,” first released May 9, 1950, rose to the top of the New York Times best-seller list, creating a groundswell of practitioners, some of whom four years later founded the first Church of Scientology in Los Angeles. The Portland church was founded Sept. 14, 1971.

Despite the book’s instant popularity, Hubbard stirred up some initial controversy with his revelations about the human mind’s ability to record everything in its immediate proximity.

For example, Hubbard cautioned doctors to avoid conversation during surgical operations when the patient was under anesthesia because what was said during the operation would be recorded by the person and could have a hypnotic effect on them.

This hypnotic effect, Hubbard said, could even remain inactive and then triggered in effect at a later point in time, causing possible harm to the person, as well as strange and unexplained behavior.

Today, however, a number of medical experts and scientific studies have corroborated Hubbard’s early discoveries about the mind, the church said.

Rev. John Carmichael, president of the Church of Scientology of Portland, said that while it has taken science more than three decades to discover the truth in Hubbard’s early discoveries, millions of others have discovered the workability of Dianetics counseling. “Dianetics,” which continues to remain on best-seller lists, has sold more than 7.5 million copies, and is the single largest-selling non-Christian religious book of all time, the church claimed.

The book is published in 11 different languages and is available in 35 countries around the world.

Called "May 9 Day," the date of the first publication of "Dianetics" is a traditional day of special observance in the Church of Scientology's calendar.

Church members, church ministers and Dianetics counselors congregate and pay tribute to Hubbard's work and have invited the general public to attend and witness Dianetics counseling sessions.

"Every May 9th is a special day," said Carmichael, "but this year will be celebrated with particular joy, due to the tremendous growth over the past 31 years."

The church has grown from two churches in 1954 to 600 churches and missions in 1985.

The church in Portland has recently been running a series of advertisements in local papers, some about its social reform activities, and others with testimonials from some of its members who are celebrities, successful local businessmen, or who may be noted for other accomplishments.

In addition to this advertising campaign, television ads for the "Dianetics" book have been broadcast locally, and a recently 20-page booklet entitled "What is Scientology" was inserted into the Sunday Oregonian in March.

"The church plans to continue this active outreach as it has proven to be most successful," Carmichael concluded.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	(No Title)
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Author	Timothy Skog
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Contents:

LOS ANGELES, July 16/PRN - A U.S. District Court judge in Los Angeles has denied a motion to dismiss racketeering and trademark violation charges against several ex-members of the Church of Scientology, an attorney for the plaintiffs said today.

The suit was brought against the former members by the Church of Scientology International, Religious Technology Center and the Church of Scientology of California for theft of sacred church scriptures.

Joseph Yanney, attorney for the plaintiffs, pointed out that this is the first time that a church has had to sue another group for racketeering charges, which included theft of sacred church scriptures and conspiracy to financially benefit from those scriptures.

“It is quite outrageous,” Yanney declared, “that a church in America now has to go to such lengths to protect its religious scriptures from those who are perverting them and thus defrauding the public.”

Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer Monday denied the defendant’s motion to dismiss and ruled that the church has ample grounds to seek damage for theft of the materials, the church said.

According to the complaint, “ ... the defendants began to conspire among themselves to unlawfully misappropriate, steal, counterfeit, use, alter and otherwise disseminate” confidential and sacred church scriptures.

The plot was first uncovered after one of the named defendants was arrested and convicted in Denmark, Copenhagen, last year for theft of the church’s scriptures.

Yanney was exuberant about the decision and said that “it proves that Scientology can receive justice in the courts without putting its religious beliefs on trial. At least one court in this country,” Yanney added, “will not allow technicalities to stand in the way of the Church of Scientology receiving justice.”

The judge’s decision gives the defendants 10 days to respond to the charges in the suit. Yanney said: “It’s a landmark decision in that the court decided for the first time that the church shall not be subjected to fair game by others. It is time to get on with the lawsuit.”

According to the president of the Church of Scientology International, Rev. Heber C. Jentsch, “today’s decision is a refreshing sign. In the wake of numerous assaults on religion that are running rampant in this country today, this judge’s decision could well signal the beginning of the end of this dangerous trend against freedom of religion.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Scientology launched March for religious Freedom in Europe
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Author	Kenneth Hoden
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Contents:

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 19/PRN - A European branch of the International Religious Freedom Crusade, the Committee of Scientologists Against Discrimination, this weekend launched a march for religious freedom, the Church of Scientology announced today.

The march will take its participants from Paris to Geneva, Switzerland, over the next three weeks. Sunday’s march at the Place de la Bastille in Paris was highlighted by publicly broadcast telephone calls from John Travolta, Chick Corea, and world-famous opera singer Julia Migenes Johnson.

Calling from his home in Santa Barbara, Calif., Travolta said, “I am 100 percent with you for this march for religious freedom.”

His message resounded over loudspeakers to the hundreds of religious freedom crusaders gathered at the Place de la Bastille. Internationally famed jazz keyboardist Corea also called from Los Angeles and stated, “This crusade for religious freedom opens a new era, not only for Scientology but for all religions.”

Speakers at the event included those of many faiths, which, according to Church of Scientology spokesman Rev. Ken Hoden, demonstrates that it is recognized that the psychiatric-backed anti-religion movement is insidiously attempting to destroy all religions.

These leaders have said that there is a threat to all freedom-loving people who are dedicated to creating a world where man’s spirituality and freedom to practice the faith of one’s choice are fully protected.

Roman Catholic priest Louis Michel Brolles and Rabbi Marcel Stourdze, president of the Jewish Deportees and Internees and president of the Federal of French Jewish Societies, were among the religious leaders who spoke at Sunday’s gathering.

Stourdze declared, “Today’s demonstration is necessary to remind not only French citizens but all men of good will that from now on everyone must be free, totally free to think as they wish.”

The march to Geneva will stop in 18 cities along the way, climaxed by a demonstration at the United Nations Sept. 4 and a meeting with the World Council of Churches Sept. 5. A

declaration of religious freedom will be presented by a delegation of representatives of diverse religions from across the world who are concerned about the international erosion of religious freedom.

Sparkling the crusade's activities are a multitude of abuses against religious freedom that have occurred in Europe, according to the Church of Scientology. The church cited a case against the Greek Orthodox Church in Germany, another one against the Evangelic Church in Greece, tax harassment of Protestant pastors and Catholic priests and various anti-religion reports, such as one from French Socialist Parliament member Alain Vivien, which plainly demonstrates the intention to attack religions of all kinds, according to the Scientologists.

Hoden, leader of the Religious Freedom Crusade in the United States, voiced his concern over the trend of unconstitutional, anti-religion activities around the world, and particularly the violations of the First Amendment occurring in the United States.

Hoden recently led the crusade in a victorious campaign against an unconstitutional jury verdict in a Portland, Ore., case, resulting in a mistrial being declared.

"No doubt it is the influence of certain psychiatrists in the United States, such as John Clark, Margaret Singer and Jolyn West, that are making it necessary for our European friends to take a firm stand to protect religious freedom," Hoden noted.

He charged: "These are the psychiatrists who have been involved in mind control experiments, and illegal kidnappings and vicious mind-control activities against followers of many faiths, over the past few decades.

"They have now taken their plans to destroy religion abroad, and religious leaders everywhere are making it known that they will not stand for this."

Hoden went on to explain how this psychiatric influence is traveling overseas and then back to the United States in an effort to dupe unsuspecting individuals and groups in the secular arena.

He cited an upcoming conference at the Wingspread Conference Center in Racine, Wis., at which these same psychiatrists and others who Hoden claims are keeping anti-religion sentiment alive around the world will be meeting Sept. 9.

"It is because of people like this," Hoden said, "that members of the Religious Freedom Crusade must speak out loudly and warn unsuspecting citizens of how they are being used by those who are trying to destroy religious liberty. Most likely, executives of the Johnson Foundation who own the Wingspread Center have no idea what they are allowing themselves to get involved with.

"Hopefully, the effective actions of religious leaders all around the world who are speaking out in the name of religious freedom will be ample warning to those being used

as puppets of the anti-religionists so that they can quickly withdraw their support,” Hoden concluded.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 3/PRN - A growing and impressive list of celebrities are lending their support and talent to a massive, free public concert sponsored by the Religious Freedom Crusade to promote religious freedom of all faiths throughout the world.

The concert will be held in Washington on the Mall between the Washington Monument and the Capitol Building Saturday, Sept. 7, from 1 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Featured at the concert will be world-famous jazz singer Al Jarreau, winner of four Grammy awards and rated as best jazz vocalist by the Playboy music poll; Chick Corea, whose credits include Grammy awards for best instrumental arrangement and best group, and ratings by the Playboy poll as best keyboardist and best jazz composer; and Frank Stallone, composer and singer, who has written hit songs for the films “Stayin’ Alive,” “Rocky” and “Rambo.”

Other artists at the concert will include Billy Preston, internationally famous rhythm and blues, pop and gospel performer; pop singer Melanie, who did “Candles in the Rain” and “Brand New Key”; Michael Carabello, percussionist who has played with Santana and Al DiMeola; and Lee Konitz, jazz alto saxophonist and composer who has been placed among the top five saxophonists in Downbeat magazine’s polls throughout his career.

The master of ceremonies for the concert will be Jeff Pomerantz, Hollywood actor who has guest-starred in “Dynasty,” “Quincy,” “Magnum PI,” and had a four-year starring role on “One Life to Live” as Dr. Peter Janssen.

“This concert, sponsored by the Religious Freedom Crusade, is not being held on behalf or in support of any specific religion,” Pomerantz explained. “Our group is dedicated to fully establishing religious freedom in this country and throughout the world for people of all faiths.”

Members of the Religious Freedom Crusade who are sponsoring the concert include:

Rev. Dr. Timothy Birkett, president of the Protestant Conference of Churches and Clergy in New York; Rev. Imogene Stewart, national president of the American Women’s Clergy Association; Rev. Jim Nichols of the “Voice of Freedom” TV ministry from York, Pa.; Rev. Mozelle Fuller, president of the Women Ministers’ Association of Greater Washington; Rev. Dr. William Luke of the Western Avenue Church of God in

Los Angeles; Rev. Dr. Leo Champion of the Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church in Milwaukee; and Rev. Ken Hoden, president of the Church of Scientology in Los Angeles.

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WASHINGTON, Sept. 6/PRN - The Religious Freedom Crusade will hold a rally at the Ellipse behind the White House Saturday at 11 a.m., before a massive concert for religious freedom which will be open to the public at no charge.

The Religious Freedom Crusade is a group dedicated to fully creating and safeguarding religious freedom in this country and throughout the world. It is a non-profit and nonpolitical association which does not support or espouse the religious beliefs of any one denomination or faith.

It does support the First Amendment guarantee that every person has the right to believe and worship as they choose. More than a hundred ministers and hundreds of supporters of the Crusade will gather in support of religious freedom.

At the rally, the ministers will unveil a 100-yard-long list of suits against churches and ministers, which members of the Crusade have researched and compiled as evidence of the growing trend of intrusion into religious affairs in this country.

The list will then be trailed along as the marchers make their way past the Washington Monument and through the Mall to the Capitol building.

A 15-foot diameter “thin dime” will also be rolled along the path of the marchers, symbolizing the fact that these ministers are dedicated to ensuring that not “one thin dime” of church money goes to those government and other private vested interests who are attempting to destroy religious liberty in this country.

“Money put in collection plates,” said Rev. Hoden of the Church of Scientology, one of the sponsors of the Crusade, “is intended solely for churches to carry out the work of God. We will, through our actions, make sure that those who are seeking to destroy religious freedom through bogus suits and other frivolous attacks do not get one thin dime of church money. We will expose and put an end to these abuses against religious freedom.”

On Monday, Sept. 9, a resolution for religious freedom will be presented to Congress and plans are being made for legislation to be proposed that will ensure that religions are fully protected under the Civil Rights Act.

“Just as the civil rights was the issue of the ‘60s, religious rights is the issue of the ‘80s,” said Rev. Hoden. “There is an indisputable attack on religion in this country. The fact that over 40,000 ministers in this country have had to purchase clergy malpractice insurance illustrates the degree to which our First Amendment rights have eroded. It’s time to do something about the situation.”

Featured at the concert following Saturday’s rally will be such notable celebrities as Al Jarreau, Chick Corea, Frank Stallone, Billy Preston, Melanie and many others.

The master of ceremonies for the concert will be Jeff Pomerantz, a Hollywood actor who starred in “Quincy,” “Magnum PI,” and had a four-year starring role on “One Life To Live” as Dr. Peter Janssen.

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LOS ANGELES, Dec. 11/PRN - Grammy Award-winner Julia Migenes-Johnson, star of the movie “Carmen,” Hollywood Chamber of Commerce President Bill Welsh and Maria Hernandez, Councilman Michael Woo’s deputy for Hollywood, welcomed Santa Claus to Los Angeles City Hall yesterday as he wrapped up a 45-mile dash in his sleigh. During his trip, St. Nick managed to visit children of all ages at schools, hospitals, parks and community outreach centers around the city.

Santa arrived at City Hall in a Universal Studios sleigh, pulled by a team of worldrenowned mules, on his way to his snow-covered Hollywood office at L. Ron Hubbard’s Winter Wonderland, where he will set up residence at the foot of one of the largest Christmas trees in the nation, a 65-foot white fir donated by well-known author and screenwriter Hubbard.

Santa’s ride into Hollywood brought back a Hollywood tradition going back to 1928 when he first arrived in Los Angeles in a horse-drawn sleigh. Santa said he will continue to give free rides on his sleigh on Hollywood Boulevard and have free candy canes for the kids until Dec. 21. He is working with the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to bring back the traditional feeling of Christmas to Hollywood and to help revitalize this historic area.

Santa’s mules are driven by Haven Renienger, who says he is the biggest elf in the world, from Simser Mule Ranch in Newhall, Calif. These award-winning mules have traveled to festivals and competitions around the world, won more than 150 shows, and have appeared in the Rose Bowl parade for the last seven years.

Note To Los Angeles media: Sleigh rides will be available from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. daily and Santa Claus will be in his office from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. daily at L. Ron Hubbard’s Winter Wonderland, 6724 Hollywood Blvd. For more information, call 213-460-2033.

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SANTA MONICA, Calif., Dec. 20/PRN - The following article was written by Alan Brown:

Rob McClay, a former Australian football player, used to be one of the best. He was “best and fairest” (most valuable player) a total of five times in three years for his team or league, or both. He was a bona fide star and had aspirations of becoming a football coach after finishing his career as a player. Disaster struck in 1978 when McClay was at the top of his game.

“We were playing a crucial football game,” McClay said, “and it happened about halfway through the third quarter. Earlier in the first half, I had taken a couple of the other team’s guys out (of the game), and I knew they had a game plan to take me out in the second half. I was bending down to pick up the ball as I was running down the field.

“When I picked up the ball, I lifted my head while I was still crouching over, and that was when I was hit head-on by the other player. I didn’t see him coming, and I was told later that he had lined me up about 20 yards away. He was bigger than I was - 200 pounds vs. 175 pounds - and the collision was horrendous. It felt like my whole body shattered.”

McClay was taken to a hospital, and the X-rays revealed that he had broken two of the vertebrae in his neck area and dislocated several vertebrae in his lower back. Even worse, McClay’s disaster was compounded a week later when a car in which he was a passenger was struck from behind. “I had been sitting on the edge of total disaster and the car accident toppled me over,” McClay said.

The next four years for McClay were a study of frustration, pain and agony. He spent a total of one year in hospitals undergoing various treatments, including spinal taps, spinal adjustments and more than 200 X-ray dosages. He was in a neck brace for three years - and always in pain.

“I would take painkillers to get up in the morning, I would take painkillers so I could sleep, I would take painkillers every three to four hours,” said McClay. Not only were the physical and drug effects devastating, but he also suffered from severe mental depression as he watched his body and his life waste away.

After four years of agony, with two different rehabilitation centers and over 30 doctors and specialists, McClay was told that he had severe deterioration of the spine, severe muscle and body waste, psychosomatic trauma and severe depression. This meant that he would never again play sports or be able to hold a job and would have a very limited social life.

In short, his life was ruined. Said McClay: “I lost ambition, motivation and zest for life. I was totally out the bottom.” Tragic stories like this rarely have happy endings. McClay’s is one of those rare stories filled with a triumphant return to a completely normal life.

Today McClay can play football, water ski, golf, tennis, do martial arts, and again enjoy being an all-around athlete. To see him in action, one would never guess he had ever been caught in a life of pain, depression and melancholy. How could this have happened?

“Dianetics,” answered McClay. McClay decided to try Dianetics therapy because it offered a different approach. He found that the Dianetics techniques, developed by L. Ron Hubbard and outlined in his best-selling “Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health,” helped him to overcome the mental factors that impaired his outlook and ability to handle life. McClay found that once these mental factors were resolved, his body regained the ability to heal itself.

“I began Dianetics auditing (counseling that helps get rid of unwanted emotions and conditions) in 1982,” said McClay. “I regained my good health, vitality and motivation for life. I regained my ability to confront and communicate. I began looking to the future rather than being stuck in the past.

“Within nine months I was back out training with my old team and up in the front lines. I began administering further Dianetics technology to my teammates with the same immediate success I had experienced. In many ways I was much more able and more motivated than before my injury. I was healed physically and mentally.”

Thus, a sure life of pain, agony and disappointment was turned around to become a life of hope and aspiration. And, as if this wasn’t convincing enough, McClay rolled up his right pants leg to reveal two ugly scars on both sides of his knee from an even earlier injury. Pointing to the knee, he said, “This kept me out of football for the better part of two years, and I could never properly use it until Dianetics.” And that, on its own, is another miracle story.

Note: Further information about Dianetics counselling can be obtained by calling the toll-free Dianetics hotline, 800-FOR-TRUTH.

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