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Category	Other Document Type
Title	First Amendment Attorney calls Federal Appeals Court Win for Scientology a precedent-setting Constitutional Victory
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
Date	October 7th, 1993

Contents:

First Amendment attorney Lee Boothby called this week’s federal appeals court decision in a Scientology case “the best in this area of religious freedom.”

The 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta ruled Thursday that a Clearwater charitable solicitation ordinance, which required disclosure of the use of church donations, was unconstitutional as an excessive entanglement of government in religion. The three-judge panel said the city of Clearwater must prove the ordinance was written without the political intent of damaging the Church of Scientology, which has challenged the ordinance since it was enacted in 1984.

“This was never really a case about disclosure laws,” said Boothby, who is general counsel for the Council on Religious Freedom, a Washington-based coalition dedicated to protecting religions from excessive government intrusion. “The ordinance was really a tool to investigate churches about matters government has no business getting into.”

Boothby called the decision “very comprehensive, very detailed and well-analyzed ... an important precedent that will be followed in other cases.” The appeals court also ruled that the Church of Scientology is entitled to attorney’s fee and court costs for its successful challenge of an earlier version of the ordinance.

“This is a tremendous victory for the Church of Scientology and all churches and religions,” said Richard Haworth, spokesman for the Church of Scientology in Clearwater. “The court has reminded the city that it has no business meddling in the financial affairs of our church or any church. There is to be no specter of Big Brother looking over the shoulder of churches.”

Haworth called for the city to join with the church in looking to the future by putting aside the 9-year-old ordinance and pouring city resources used to defend it into community development projects.

A companion case challenging the ordinance, filed by a coalition of national religious groups, including Americans United for Separation of Church and State, the American Jewish Congress, the National Council of Churches of Christ and local churches, remains pending before a federal district court judge.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	1993 Freedom Human Rights Leadership Awards presented
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
Date	August 19th, 1993

Contents:

Legendary performer Isaac Hayes and Church of Scientology International President the Rev. Heber C. Jentsch presented the 1993 Freedom Human Rights Leadership Awards on Aug. 7 in a glittering Hollywood ceremony which also marked the 25th anniversary of FREEDOM Magazine, an investigative journal published since 1968 by the Church of Scientology.

Recipients of the Freedom Medal included pioneering U.S. Civil Rights Commissioner Arthur Fletcher, former USA Today executive editor Paul McMasters, JFK assassination investigative reporter Jim Marrs and 11 other human rights leaders in six categories.

Los Angeles recipients were Mike Roos, president and CEO of LEARN (Los Angeles Educational Alliance for Restructuring Now), for his work in children’s rights, and the Rev. Cecil L. “Chip” Murray, senior pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church, for accomplishments in the area of social justice.

“All too often,” said Jentsch, “those individuals who have been fighting for human rights find themselves attacked by ... vested interests. ... It is vital that the good works of individuals in government, the news media and other areas of society in support of human rights are appropriately recognized.”

The awardees were:

Gerald Arenberg, president of the 11,000-member National Association of Chiefs of Police, for an international campaign to expose corruption within Interpol, the private and unregulated International Criminal Police Organization which Arenberg says is responsible for much of the drug trafficking that endangers the lives of police officers.

U.S. Rep. Christopher Cox (R-Calif.), sponsored the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, legislation designed to restore the free exercise of religion clause of the First Amendment.

Arthur Fletcher, chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission, for decades of human rights and social justice accomplishments starting with fund-raising for Brown v. Board of Education, the 1953 landmark school integration legislation, to later actions on behalf of affirmative action and equal pay for women.

Pat Griffin, an attorney with Sydney's Public Interest Advocacy Centre, for his legal work with the Church of Scientology's Citizens Commission on Human Rights in exposing "deep sleep" atrocities in Chelmsford psychiatric institution in Sydney, Australia. Unwitting victims were kept comatose for periods of up to two weeks, while brain-damaging electric shocks were administered repeatedly. An inquiry found that at least 977 people suffered brain damage at Chelmsford, and 183 others died at Chelmsford or within a year of being discharged.

Harry Hammitt, publisher and editor of Access Reports, a publication devoted to Freedom of Information Act laws and issues, for his activism in protection and use of the Freedom of Information Act, which was created to ensure public access to records held by government agencies.

Paul McMasters, former editor at USA Today and since 1992 vice president of the Freedom Forum and executive director of the Freedom Forum's First Amendment Center, institutions devoted to promoting First Amendment freedoms.

Jim Marrs, investigative journalist dedicated to bringing out the truth of the John Kennedy assassination. His book, "Crossfire: The Plot That Killed Kennedy," became a New York Times best-seller and was one of two books on which the Oliver Stone film "JFK" was based.

The Rev. Cecil L. "Chip" Murray, senior pastor of the First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles, for his leadership social reform and social betterment functions, including anti-drug programs and gang reform activities, through his 8,500-member church.

Dr. George Robertson, Baptist minister, professor at Maryland Bible College and Seminary in Baltimore, and executive vice president of Friends of Freedom, for his accomplishments in promoting religious freedom tolerance and working against the violent act of "deprogramming" and other religious hate crimes.

Leonard Teitelbaum, a member of the Maryland State House of Delegates, for establishment of a task force to obtain tougher legislation to curb psychiatric sexual abuse and to enact criminal penalties against psychiatrists and psychologists who have sexually abused their patients.

Georgette Watson, for working to guarantee children the right to grow up drug-free. She established the "Drop a Dime" program in Boston which set up a phone line where people could call in anonymous tips on drug dealers, which started a strong anti-drug movement in the city.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	CCHR responds to Drug Approval Group says new Prozac Use may affect 5 Million Citizens adversely
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	June Parks
Date	July 26th, 1993

Contents:

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights issued the following:

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Psychopharmacological Drug Advisory Committee (PDAC) voted to allow the use of the controversial drug Prozac to treat “Obsessive Compulsive Disorder” despite mounting evidence that the drug is linked to mass murders and suicides. Hours after the hearing the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) issued a warning stating that the FDA has failed to act on behalf of the American public and charged that Lilly wants to drug another 5 million Americans for profit.

The executive director of CCHR, Tanya Bibeau, stated that the FDA released under the Freedom of Information Act, documents showing four suicides connected to the use of Prozac with OCD. “During the OCD clinical trials there were a total of five suicide attempts with one person succeeding, just like ‘Prozac for depression’ came on the market with 15 suicides.”

The FDA Safety Reviewer reported in today’s PDAC hearings that 12 percent of those on the clinical trial studies dropped out due to adverse reactions.

“With Lilly intending to get 5 million Americans on their killer drug and with 12 percent of the Prozac users experiencing adverse reactions, we can expect to see a minimum of 600,000 people developing adverse reactions to Prozac for OCD. One of the more common adverse reactions is suicidal ideation and attempted suicide,” Bibeau claimed.

Examples of some of the adverse reactions connected to the use of Prozac for treating OCD include a case report from the FDA of a woman who took Prozac and shot herself to death. A second woman took Prozac for OCD and reported that she developed a compulsion to eat pins and needles, while acting on this Prozac-induced compulsion she swallowed a contaminated needle and contracted Hepatitis C. A third case describes a man who took Prozac for OCD and developed recurring suicidal and violent thoughts. Another woman claimed that her daughter was given Prozac for OCD and began having violent episodes.

Bibeau concluded: “It has become evident that the FDA will not protect the American citizens and it will be up to Congress to intervene and investigate the FDA’s drug approval process. We hope that Congress will take action on this corrupted agency before

more innocent people die. Until then and on behalf of the American citizens we issued the following:

WARNING: Deaths, attempted suicides and homicides linked to Prozac have skyrocketed to over 2,600 and continue to mount. On Tuesday, July 20, 1993, the Food and Drug Administration's Psychopharmacological Drug Advisory Committee ignored their responsibility to protect the health of Americans by approving the use of the deadly drug Prozac in the treatment of "Obsessive Compulsive Disorder" despite OCD/Prozac related deaths.

Citizens Commission on Human Rights was established by the Church of Scientology in 1969 to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights. For more information contact CCHR at 800-869-2247.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Religious Community shows Support for First Ame Whote Spremacist Threat creates Ethnic and Religious Unity
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Philip Proffit
Date	July 21st, 1993

Contents:

The Church of Scientology International issued the following:

In the wake of a white supremacist plot to bomb the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, politicians, community and religious leaders from around the country joined in voicing support for First AME and calling for an end to ethnic and religious bigotry and hate.

In his first sermon since an FBI report of the threat to their Los Angeles church that included plans to gun down parishioners, Senior Pastor Rev. Cecil L. Murray told an overflow crowd, “Hate groups cannot succeed unless love groups permit them. ... You and I are a love group.”

Rev. Heber C. Jentsch, president of the Church of Scientology International, called on Murray to offer his church’s assistance and support. “This incident only underscores the desperate need for people of all races and religions to stand together as a unifying force against bigotry and hate,” Jentsch said. Jentsch stated that his church has long been an ally of First AME in the fight for religious and racial tolerance. “The First AME Church and Rev. Murray have retaliated to a stressful and bigoted assault with a message of love and unity,” Jentsch said. “It is an example others would do well to emulate.”

Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan made a last minute schedule change in order to offer his support in an appearance at the church. “It is important that I join the voices of other Angelenos who will put aside their differences in order to be each others’ neighbors,” he said.

Federal agents and police recently arrested eight suspects on weapons charges involving a large number of illegal machine guns, rifles and shotguns. Three of the persons arrested were members of the Fourth Reich Skinheads, a group accused of plotting to bomb the First AME Church and killing Rodney G. King to incite a race war.

The arrests were the result of an 18-month investigation conducted by the FBI. A federal informant, working within white supremacist movements for the FBI, provided much of the information which lead to the arrests.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Issac Hayes performs at Celebrity Centre Anniversary Event
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
Date	July 21st, 1993

Contents:

Isaac Hayes will perform at the first anniversary celebration of the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International and Manor Hotel this Saturday, July 24, at 7:30 p.m.

An evening reminiscent of the “golden age” of Hollywood, highlighted by entertainment, spectacular music, dancing and sumptuous food, will be attended by Hollywood celebrities, elected officials, civic leaders and church members. Internationally known stars Hayes and Maxine Nightingale will perform together for the first time; both stars are enjoying revitalized careers and attribute their success to Scientology. To accommodate the SRO crowd, two complete shows will take place in the Garden Pavilion.

The invitation-only, black-tie gala marks the first year of operation since the historic property was re-dedicated after a massive renovation and restoration that has made the property the sparkling jewel of Hollywood.

The original structure - called “Chateau Elysee” and replicating a 17th century French-Normandy chateau - was designed and built in the late 1920s for the wife of film pioneer Thomas H. Ince. During Hollywood’s “golden age,” the Manor Hotel became famous as a “home away from home” for celebrities. Known by artists as an “oasis of creative freedom,” the Celebrity Centre continues that tradition today.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Law Enforcement Official honored for Stand against Drug Corruption
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Alex Jones
Date	June 30th, 1993

Contents:

Gerald Arenberg, executive director of the National Association of Chiefs of Police (NACOP), and a man who has helped to expose the involvement of INTERPOL officials in international drug trafficking, has been selected by FREEDOM Magazine to receive one of its Human Rights Leadership Awards.

The May 1993 issue of FREEDOM, which is published by the Church of Scientology, carries a lengthy feature article on the former police chief. The 25-year-old magazine is known internationally for its stinging exposes of violations of human rights.

Arenberg was selected because of his outspoken leadership in urging reform of INTERPOL, the controversial police group based in France which circulates sensitive law enforcement information internationally. Arenberg has charged that internal corruption within the private police group has resulted in an increased flow of drugs onto American streets and a subsequent rise in drug-related violence and deaths.

His organization, which is composed of 11,000 command rank police officers throughout the country, has provided documentation to the U.S. Congress on INTERPOL and has participated in two international conferences seeking alternatives to INTERPOL.

In the past few years a number of INTERPOL officials have been convicted and sentenced for involvement in international drug trafficking. This criminal activity, according to Arenberg, “presents a real and serious threat to the lives of our young people and American law enforcement personnel.”

He noted: “There is example after example of former INTERPOL chiefs for various countries who have been convicted for trafficking in drugs. Drug trafficking is the main reason for escalating crime and violence in American cities which police officers must confront on a daily basis. These drugs pouring into our country are the main reason we are losing so many young people and police officers alike to violence in our streets.”

A recent example of corruption with INTERPOL is Miguel Aldans Ibarra, former INTERPOL chief for Mexico, who was sentenced in October of 1992 by a Mexican court to 12 years in prison on drug trafficking and weapons convictions.

Arenberg will be formally acknowledged, along with several other honorees, during a special Human Rights Leadership Awards ceremony on Aug. 7 at the Church of Scientology's Celebrity Centre in Los Angeles.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Congress moves to lift Ban on Religious Practices
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Brian Anderson
Date	June 30th, 1993

Contents:

FREEDOM Magazine issued the following:

Congress is moving to overturn a Supreme Court ruling that essentially made religious freedom a “luxury” in the United States and made it easier for the government to restrict religious practices that conflict with state or federal laws.

Now moving quickly through Congress, a bill called the “Religious Freedom Restoration Act” recently passed unanimously in the House, and has received the endorsement of 54 senators. This is a clear majority in the Senate and virtually guarantees the bill’s passage, which could now happen prior to Congress’ July 4th recess.

The religious freedom bill seeks to override a 1990 Supreme Court decision that dealt with a case from Oregon where the high court upheld a worker’s dismissal for using peyote, a hallucinogenic drug, in a Native American religious ceremony. In that controversial decision, the court stated that religious freedom was a luxury and not a guaranteed right, and thus had to take a back seat to governmental interests. (Oregon Employment Division v. Smith).

That decision caused an uproar amongst religious leaders and many members of Congress who, at that time, responded by introducing the Religious Freedom Restoration Act as a way to overturn the Supreme Court decision. That bill is now geared for full endorsement by Congress.

President Clinton has already said he will sign the bill upon passage in the Senate. Attorney General Janet Reno has also publicly endorsed the bill.

A broad coalition of religious leaders has worked to urge passage of the bill, which includes the National Council of Churches, the Christian Legal Society, several Baptist groups, the Church of Scientology International, the National Association of Evangelicals and many Jewish organizations.

The National Council of Churches of Christ stated that due to the Smith case, religious freedom was no longer guaranteed in this country. The council listed over 50 legal decisions following that 1990 case where religious freedoms were seriously restricted.

Recently the Supreme Court has appeared to reverse its earlier trend by issuing decisions pro-religious freedom. In four different cases over the past three weeks the court has sided with persons claiming religious freedom rights.

In rulings since the beginning of this month, the high court said that tax money may be used to pay for a deaf child's interpreter in a Roman Catholic school. In a separate case it ruled that the government could not suppress an African religion by banning its ritual sacrifice of animals. In two other rulings, the court upheld student-given prayers at a graduation and said that schools may not discriminate against speakers simply because their message is religious.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	President of Church of Scientology International presents Human Rights Award to President of World Council of Churches
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linds Simmons Hight
Date	June 15th, 1993

Contents:

The President of the Church of Scientology International, the Rev. Heber C. Jentzsch, presented the first Perry C. Parks Jr. Human Rights Awards last night in Hollywood, and also received an award for his church’s human rights work.

Scientology’s president gave an award on behalf of Lift Every Voice Inc. to Bishop Vinton R. Anderson, president of the World Council of Churches, and to Dr. Cecil L. Murray, senior pastor of First African Methodist Episcopal Church in Los Angeles.

The occasion was the first Life Every Voice Inc. (LEVI) awards event, held at the Garden Pavillion on the grounds of the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International. The awards were given for outstanding contributions by organizations and individuals whose actions best exemplify the ideals, goals and principals of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a United Nations document.

The Church of Scientology was honored for its continued contributions to the community in the field of human rights. Among the dozen other organizations receiving awards were Amnesty International, Merrill Lynch Foundation and the United Nations Association.

In accepting the award, Jentzsch expressed the Church of Scientology’s long-term support of human rights endeavors and the vital necessity of taking effective action against human rights violations in Bosnia, Germany, Russia, Spain, England and other countries.

Jentzsch quoted Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard: “Man cannot afford slavery, he cannot afford duress. He can’t afford to tear his fellow man to pieces if he wishes to live any kind of life at all.”

Lift Every Voice Inc. is a Los Angeles-based non-profit organization dedicated to increasing human rights awareness. The event benefited the Human Rights Summer Student Internship Program scheduled for Geneva in August, during the annual meeting of the United Nations Human Rights Sub-Commission on the Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities.

The event was held on the eve of the opening of the International Human Rights Conference of the United Nations in Vienna, the largest such conference in the history of the U.N.

The LEVI program of scholarships will continue every year, with scholarships given in the name of Perry C. Parks Jr., who was present at the event. Parks, 85, was honored by the Rev. Chip Murray for his years of service to human rights causes through membership in the NAACP and Urban League.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Good Week in Nation's Capital for Religious Freedom Senate Bill and High Court Decisions bolster Religious Freedom
Source	"PR Newswire"
Author	Brian Anderson
Date	June 10th, 1993

Contents:

The Freedom Magazine issued the following statement:

It's been a good week for religious freedom. The Supreme Court handed down two significant victories for religious-rights advocates, and the Senate endorsed an important religious rights bill.

Senate Bill 578, the "Religious Freedom Restoration Act," now has endorsement of 51 senators, a majority which virtually guarantees the bill's passage.

At the same time, the Supreme Court ruled that public schools may not discriminate against speakers simply because their message is religious, and also let stand a ruling permitting students to offer prayer at a graduation ceremony.

The message sent out from the High Court in these two decisions is that the public schools need not be "religion-free" zones.

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act bill was passed unanimously last month by the House of Representatives, and President Clinton has already said he will sign the bill upon passage in the Senate. The bill seeks to overturn the damage done by a 1990 Supreme Court decision that termed religious liberty in America a "luxury," rather than a hard-won guaranteed Constitutional right.

Following that decision (Smith v. Oregon Unemployment Division), an interfaith group called Coalition for the Free Exercise of Religion was formed to get the Religious Freedom Restoration Act enacted.

Members of the broad-based coalition, which includes the Baptist Church, the American Muslim Council, the National Council of Churches, the Church of Scientology International, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Christian Legal Society and many others, say that the decision in Smith opened the door for the government to regulate the selection of ministers, and for communities to ban the use of wine in communion services.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Public protests a Bill by the N. J. Senate that calls for Constitutional Convention Convention would hurt Blacks, reverse Civil Rights
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Brian Anderson
Date	June 3rd, 1993

Contents:

FREEDOM Magazine issued the following:

A New Jersey state bill that civil rights experts say could hurt African Americans was the subject of a loud public protest at a public hearing in Trenton on Thursday.

At the center of the controversy is a proposal in New Jersey which calls for the federal government to convene a special convention to propose changes in the U.S. Constitution.

Groups that oppose the bill, including the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), thought the issue was dead. The bill resurfaced, however, and is now being considered by the New Jersey legislature. Many groups attended a public hearing on the bill in New Jersey to voice their opposition to it.

As early as 1979, the NAACP condemned the push to call for a national Constitutional Convention, saying such a move would reverse “hard-won civil rights gains” of black citizens.

The NAACP’s resolutions stated that a Constitutional Convention “would have disastrous consequences for the poor, by endangering federal funding of social and other programs presently aiding poor and black people, and distressed areas of our nation.”

The NAACP further warned that “there is the danger that a Constitutional Convention would be so open-ended a process that amendments might be proposed undermining basic civil rights and civil liberties protections.”

At issue is an effort to have two-thirds, or 34, of the states call for a federal Constitutional Convention for the alleged purpose of amending the constitution to require a “Balanced Federal Budget.” Thirty-four is the minimum number of states required to convene a convention.

There is also a concern that if a convention were called, there would be no way to ensure proper black representation.

The resolution stated that the NAACP is “unalterably opposed to the convening of a Constitutional Convention” and it called upon its branches, youth councils, members and friends to work promptly to urge state legislatures to disapprove of such a convention.

Thirty-two states have already passed bills calling for a Constitutional Convention. For these states, the NAACP statement urges its units and members to work for rescission, or cancellation, of these bills by state legislatures.

A Constitutional Convention, critics say, could easily become a “runaway” convention, not limited to the issue on which it was called, with potential disastrous results for Constitutional freedoms.

Recently, due to public outcry, bills proposing a Convention were stopped in six states: these were in Florida, Montana, Oklahoma, Connecticut, Michigan and Hawaii.

A wide range of groups have aligned with the NAACP to oppose the Convention push, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the AFL-CIO, the Church of Scientology International, Common Cause and the American Legion.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Religious Freedom Victory won in California Court
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
Date	May 26th, 1993

Contents:

Appellate Court Upholds Constitutionality of California Civil Code Prohibiting Frivolous Punitive Damages Claims Against Churches

In a major victory for religious freedom, the California Court of Appeals unanimously upheld the constitutionality of California Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) Section 425.14, which protects religious organizations from frivolous and vindictive punitive damages claims.

In this first challenge of the 1988 statute, the attorney for plaintiffs Dee and Glover Rowe petitioned the 2nd District Appeals Court after two unsuccessful attempts to add punitive damages to the Rowes’ suit against two Churches of Scientology in California.

The state civil code prohibits claims for punitive or exemplary damages against a religious organization unless a plaintiff can make a showing by “clear and convincing” evidence of their entitlement to seek punitive damages.

The Los Angeles County Superior Court concluded that Rowe did not meet that requirement and denied their application to add a punitive damages claim.

The Rowes’ attorney, Toby L. Plevin, unsuccessfully attacked the law, claiming that it violates constitutional guarantees to jury trial in civil cases and the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment. In the 38-page opinion written by Justice H. Walter Croskey, the appellate court concluded that the Rowes are “incorrect on both points.”

After upholding the statutes’ constitutionality the matter was returned to the lower court to ensure that its proceedings comported with the appellate opinion.

“This is a key decision that recognizes that churches can be protected against frivolous claims of punitive damages in a fashion that is entirely consistent with the Constitution,” said Eric Lieberman, attorney for the churches.

California Civil Code section 425.14, originally passed into law in 1988 as California Senate Bill 1, was supported by leading religious and civil rights groups and individuals including Lynn Buzzard, professor of constitutional and international law and director of the national Church-State Resource Center; the California Catholic Conference; California Council of Churches; the Church of Scientology International; the Church of

Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints; the National Congress for Religious Liberty; and Barry A. Fisher, chairman of the American Bar Association's Religious Freedom Subcommittee.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Government warned not to define Religion
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
Date	May 13th, 1993

Contents:

Following the recent tragedy at Waco, 16 religious and civil liberties groups have issued a joint statement warning the government not to attempt to set the parameters defining religious belief.

The statement, whose signatories include the American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., the American Civil Liberties Union, the National Council of Churches and the Church of Scientology, notes that “Under the religious provisions of the First Amendment, government has no business declaring what is orthodox or heretical, or what is a true or false religion.”

Noting that the United States is a religiously diverse country, the combined statement emphasizes that “Such diversity is a natural and expected result of our constitutionally protected religious liberty and is a source of strength, not weakness. These religious contours add to the American landscape. ... In the midst of our national mourning, we must fend off any inclination to shrink from our commitment to religious pluralism or to seek security at the expense of liberty.”

Organizations signing the statement include: American Baptist Churches in the U.S.A., American Civil Liberties Union, American Conference on Religious Movements, Americans United for Separation of Church and State, Association of Christian Schools International, Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs, Church of Scientology International, Churches’ Center for Theology and Public Policy, Episcopal Church, First Liberty Institute, General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists, Greater Grace World Outreach, National Association of Evangelicals, National Council of Churches of Christ, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Washington Office and the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

Text of the joint statement follows:

Religious Liberty At Risk

We are shocked and saddened by the recent events in Waco. We grieve with the families on both sides who lost loved ones.

The federal government is conducting investigations to find out what happened at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco to prevent similar occurrences in the future. While

we think such an investigation is appropriate, we oppose any attempt to define what is a valid religion or set the parameters of a proper church.

Under the religious liberty provisions of the First Amendment, government has no business declaring what is orthodox or heretical, or what is a true or false religion. It should steer clear of inflammatory and misleading labels. History teaches that today's "cults" may become tomorrow's mainstream religions.

The United States is a religiously diverse country. We treasure its religious pluralism. Such diversity is a natural and expected result of our constitutionally protected religious liberty and is a source of strength, not weakness. These religious contours add to the American landscape; they do not detract from it. In the midst of our national mourning, we must fend off any inclination to shrink from our commitment to religious pluralism or to seek security at the expense of liberty.

This heady freedom is not absolute. It should be exercised responsibly. Religion is no excuse for violent or criminal conduct that harms other people or threatens public safety or welfare. Absent some compelling justification, however, government should not restrict religious exercise. And force - if ever appropriate - must be employed as an absolute last resort.

Public discourse should be conducted with integrity. The nation's leaders ought to measure their words carefully and temper their passion with reason. Government must resist any temptation to retreat from our "first freedom." To deny religious liberty to any is to diminish religious liberty for all.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	FBI Drug Official swears in 150 L. A.-Area Youth as 'Drug Free Marshals'
Source	"PR Newswire"
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
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Contents:

FBI Drug Demand Reduction Agent Brent Braun presided Saturday at the swearing-in of 200 L.A.-area youth as "Drug-Free Marshals."

Celebrities John Travolta, Anne Archer and Nancy Cartwright spoke to the standing-room-only crowd in the Garden Pavilion of the Church of Scientology Celebrity Centre International in Hollywood.

Emcee for the event was actor Michael Fairman of "Hill Street Blues," who read a letter from Nancy Reagan supporting the Lead the Way to a Drug-Free USA Campaign, of which Drug-Free Marshals is a part.

Other special guests who addressed the audience were Capt. Steve Day of the L.A. County Marshal's office; Doris LeCour of the L.A. County Supervisor's office; Peter Misurlian, aide to Congressman Carlos Moorhead; Joe McCaffrey, president of the American Federation of Police; and Mal Jones, director of the Association for the L.A. Deputy Sheriffs.

The Drug-Free Marshals are pre-teens who pledge to be drug-free and encourage others to do the same. The marshals won essay contests in their local schools on how to create a drug-free Los Angeles.

Sponsored by the Church of Scientology International's Lead the Way to a Drug-Free USA Campaign, the Marshals project will be presented in other major cities throughout the country. A broad-based coalition of celebrities, community agencies and government officials support the project.

Local sponsors of the Drug-Free Marshals are Narconon International, Pacific Asian Alcohol Program, Beverly Hills Red Ribbon Committee, Morning Star Baptist Church, True Growth Inspirational Fellowship and the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	President Clinton, Attorney General Reno endorse Religious Freedom Bill
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Brian Anderson
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Contents:

Following endorsements by President Clinton and the new attorney general, Janet Reno, the House Judiciary Committee passed the Religious Freedom Restoration Act by a unanimous vote of 35 to 0.

The religious freedom bill, which was introduced by Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Sen. Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), is currently under consideration by the Senate Judiciary Committee.

The bill was initiated by the senators following the Supreme Court’s decision in Employment Division of Oregon v. Smith, which limits religious freedom rights protected by the First Amendment.

The case involved two Native Americans who were fired by the Oregon Employment Division for their use of the drug peyote in religious ceremonies of the Native American Church. The high court’s decision upheld the Employment Division’s right to fire the workers, stating religious freedom is a “luxury” which must take second place to government interests. This decision was made despite federal mandates and laws in 23 states which permit Native Americans to use peyote for religious purposes.

President Clinton strongly supported the bill, saying it is “urgently needed to restore full legal protection for the exercise of religion.”

Over 50 religions united in support of the bill including Methodists, Baptists, Lutherans, Episcopalians, Scientologists, Mormons, Muslims, Presbyterians and several Jewish organizations.

In a letter to fellow senators, Kennedy wrote, “Religious liberty is undermined each day the Smith decision stands. Since Smith, more than 50 cases have been decided against religious claimants, and additional harmful rulings are likely.”

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Religious Freedom under Fire
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Susan Taylor
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Contents:

The Religious Freedom Restoration Act of 1993 was introduced in Congress by Sens. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) and Orrin Hatch (R-Utah) and Reps. Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) and Christopher Cox (R-Calif.). The bill is designed to overturn a recent controversial U.S. Supreme Court decision which limits the rights of individuals to freely practice their religious beliefs and which termed religious freedom a “luxury,” not a right.

At a press conference yesterday, the senators, congressmen and religious leaders joined together in an unprecedented united coalition of support for the bill.

Kennedy read a letter from President Clinton endorsing the bill, saying, “The right to practice one’s faith free from governmental interference is among the most fundamental liberties protected by our Constitution.”

Over 50 divergent religious organizations and First Amendment groups backed the bill, including the Methodists, Baptists, Muslims, Scientologists, Catholics, Presbyterians, ACLU, People for the American Way and several Jewish organizations.

The Church of Scientology in an issued statement said: “With many newly emerging countries in Europe looking to the Constitution of the United States and to its current law as models for guidance in issues of religious freedom, it is critical to the worldwide community that religious liberty in the United States maintains the highest of standards. This bill will correct the destruction done by the Supreme Court’s decision in the Smith case.”

The bill will overturn the ruling in the Oregon Employment Division v. Smith case from 1990, which relaxed the “compelling justification” standard earlier set by the Supreme Court to curb governmental interference with religious practices.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Church of Scientology publishes Expose of German Hate and Propaganda Campaign by Media and Government
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
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Contents:

‘Hate and Propaganda’ Booklet Compares Current Anti-Scientology Campaign with Campaigns of the Third Reich

WASHINGTON - The Church of Scientology issued the following:

Shocking parallels between the current propaganda campaign against German Scientologists and the hate campaign of the Third Reich against Jews were exposed in a publication released around the globe today by the Church of Scientology International.

The 60-page booklet, titled “Hate and Propaganda Sanctioned and Promoted by the German Media and Government,” illustrates the past and present persecution of minorities and shows that the German media and government are promoting persecution in a rebirth of intolerance against religious and ethnic minorities in Germany.

A two-year hate campaign purportedly run by the government and promoted in German publications is reminiscent of campaigns run by the radical faction of Neo-Nazis, the “Skinheads.” Renowned German author Guntor Grass stated: “The biggest danger in Germany is that the Skinheads are in the government. They are well-dressed, with a good hair cut and they talk well. But they think the same as the young people who shave their heads, wear swastikas and demonstrate. They forward these ideas and brutal actions.”

A letter of April 27, 1992, to a Scientology Church member threatened, “If you do not disappear right away from Steindamm, you are all Jews, the house will be blown up ... you old Jewish mob that has survived ... Signed Reichsfuehrer SS, Heil Hitler.”

In Frankfurt, a telephoned bomb threat ended with “Heil Hitler.” On July 4, 1992, the Church of Scientology Hamburg received a letter that threatened: “Your house will be blown up, but only when it is fully crowded, so that no Jew will survive.”

Church of Scientology spokesperson Susan Taylor, in presenting the booklet to the U.S. State Department Germany desk, stated, “We presented this booklet to force the German government to realize that this is not 1933, and the civil and human rights of minority groups need to be protected in accordance with the German constitution. Discrimination comes in word as well as deed.”

The booklet features a series of facing pages of anti-religious propaganda symbols, cartoons, newspaper articles and quotes, one page labeled “Then” facing a page labeled “Now,” showing the similarities between anti-Semitic propaganda of 60 years ago and anti- Scientology propaganda of today.

The Rev. Heber C. Jentsch, president of the Church of Scientology International, issued a statement from Los Angeles: “As Simon Wiesenthal said this week at the opening of the Museum of Tolerance, WORDS CAN KILL. The Nazis did not start with the gas chambers but with words, words that divided humans. With these documents, we challenge the democratic forces in Germany to stand up before the world and say ‘Never again in Germany.’”

Reaction to the content of the booklet has come from around the world. Duncan McNair, member of the House of Lords, stated that “my reaction is one of outrage and disgust. Has the evil shadow of Nazi propaganda been working away under the cloak of democracy?”

“I urge the German democratic establishment to disavow this ugly throwback to the Hitler years and stop, forthwith, all propaganda against this ethical and hard-working community of people.”

Prominent attorney Sven Oppenheim of Denmark said, “It gives one the shivers to read through the booklet. ... It must immediately be a warning which calls for alertness.”

The booklet was released in Strasbourg, Zurich, Luxembourg, Milan, Rome, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Berlin, Dusseldorf, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Washington, D.C., London, New York, Los Angeles, Toronto, Amsterdam, Geneva and Munich.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Church of Scientology sues Psychiatrist for Racketeering
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
Date	February 11th, 1993

Contents:

The Church of Scientology International issued the following:

The Church of Scientology International has filed suite against Menlo Park millionaire psychiatrist Frank Gerbode and others for fraudulent and unlawful activities in violation of federal racketeering laws and for misusing the legal system.

Gerbode, heir to a family fortune, and David Mayo, whose litigation against the church Gerbode is funding by laundering millions of dollars through phony-tax exempt corporations, are named in the suite along with three of Gerbode’s illegal corporations.

The complaint states that in repeated violation of federal mial and wire fraud statues, Gerbode runs a tax-avoidance scheme in which he funnels personal funds through corporations with fraudulently obtained tax-exempt status. He operates the “Church of Universal Truth,” “Institute for Research in Metapsychology” and “Church of the New Civilization” through self-dealing transactions that generate millions of dollars of tax deducations with his own “donations.”

The complaint states that Gerbod has illegally channeled funds back to himself in the form of rent, salaries, and personal expenses and then used this scheme to pay for Mayo’s litigation costs and attorney fees in an action against the church n which Gerbode, though not a party, is the principal beneficiary.

The complaint also charges that Gerbode is using Mayo’s litigation, which pertains to use of materials copyrighted by Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard, to circumvent the copyright laws and divert attention from his (Gerbode’s)) unlawful activities, which include using plagiarized materials in his business enterprises.

According to the suit, as a hedge against losing his own investement in the Mayo litigation, Gerbode has conducted the litigation against the church in an “extortionate and vexatious manner,” which amounts to an abuse of process.

Triple the damages proved at trial are sought under the federal racketeering laws.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	Former Senior Justice Official calls for Open Government
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Alex Jones
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Contents:

A former senior official with the U.S. Department of Justice issued a statement today calling for increased citizen access to government information by a return to policies implemented during the Ford and Carter administrations.

Quinlan J. Shea, who ran the Freedom of Information office at the U.S. Department of Justice, said the Clinton administration should “Bring Freedom of Information Act policy in particular, and openness in government policy generally, back at least to the situation that existed in the Ford-Carter period.”

Shea is now an adviser to the Church of Scientology’s National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice, a group which has been pushing for nearly 20 years for increased government release of files under the Freedom of Information Act. Shea noted that “increasing citizen access to government files would be a simple and easy way for President Clinton to start a new era of government openness, something that is important for this administration.”

Shea also remarked that the FOIA was used to expose the FBI’s infamous COINTELPRO program, which targeted African-American leaders and groups for disruption and destruction. “If not for the Freedom of Information Act,” we would still be in the dark about many of the government actions taken against Martin Luther King and other black leaders.

During the Ford and Carter administrations, the federal government had a schedule for systematic declassification of records in place. This policy meant that records after a certain amount of time were routinely released. However, President Reagan eliminated this policy and his policy of increased secrecy was maintained by President Bush.

Shea also pointed out that under the Carter administration, the U.S. Department of Justice issued a policy of maximum disclosure under the FOIA. Former Attorney General Griffen Bell issued a memo to government agency officials that the Department of Justice would not defend agencies in FOIA suits unless they could show the release of the information would harm the government.

According to Shea, the National Commission on Law Enforcement, an organization supported by the Church of Scientology, will work with government agencies and other

organizations to encourage adoption of the more open Ford-Carter administration standards in regard to the Freedom of Information Act.

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Category	Other Document Type
Title	President of Church of Scientology International issues Statement
Source	“PR Newswire”
Author	Linda Simmons Hight
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Contents:

The Rev. Heber Jentzsch, president of the Church of Scientology International, issued the following statement:

“An Associated Press national wire story, distributed Dec. 24, 1993, made reference to new religions working to establish footholds in eastern Europe. The story implied that these religious groups are not succeeding. This is an inaccurate statement as far as the Church of Scientology is concerned, and had we been contacted for comment, we would have set the record straight.

“While we cannot speak about the experiences of other religions, Scientology has experienced strong growth in the former Eastern bloc countries, especially in the former Soviet Union. The Church of Scientology has been active in the former USSR since 1985. It has increased its presence every year and presently has 21 Scientology centers throughout the Commonwealth of Independent States. In the last two years, the Moscow Scientology Center has grown to 1,400 members. Other centers are located in major cities such as St. Petersburg, Minsk, Novgorod and Irkutsk. Novosibirsk and Krasnojarsk in Siberia now have Scientology facilities. Scientology centers are also operating in Prague and Warsaw as well as in Hungary and Romania.

“In February 1993, the Academic Council of the School of Journalism of Moscow State University proclaimed the dedication of a hall to author, humanitarian, and the founder of Dianetics and Scientology, L. Ron Hubbard. This is the first time in the university’s history that a portion of the school has been dedicated to a foreign author.

“Since publication in Russian 18 months ago, more than 100,000 copies of ‘Dianetics, The Modern Science of Mental Health’ have been sold. In the last week of November, just over 4,000 copies of the book were sold in a single week - the book’s highest sales figure to date in Russia for a single week.

“Following 75 years of dictatorship and suppression of religion, the Russian people are now eagerly seeking individual spiritual and religious expression. Scientology’s growth in Russia clearly demonstrates that spiritual renewal.”

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