



Letters to the Editor

Scientologist responds

Editor:

The Sun's Aug. 4 editorial concerning the Church of Scientology and Michael Flynn further reflects the Sun's continuing bias and blindness to matters concerning the "sect," as you put it.

I recall when Richard Nixon appeared before the world and contended he had done no wrong in the Watergate affair. The press and the public wanted to believe him and placed confidence in his honesty as a man and as our president. However, the facts soon proved that trust to have been grossly misplaced and painfully so. The overwhelming evidence—much of it almost too incredible to believe—turned out to indeed be true.

The data, which have been gathered by private investigators from independent firms with excellent credentials, and of whom none were or are presently Scientologists, (much of which data is, likewise, almost too incredible to believe), if studied honestly will bear out the crimes and dishonesty of Michael Flynn and his "associates." I can only ask if the Sun ever bothered to request a review of this evidence before writing this editorial?

It seems to me that it would be of no avail for the church to "defend" itself when so vehemently at-

tacked. But it makes far greater sense to find out the real "why" behind such attacks.

Furthermore, your out-of-context quotes of church philosophy are contemptuous, misleading and reflect very bad journalism.

The last paragraph concerning law enforcement agencies "excoriating this malignancy (Scientology) from our community" is truly unbelievable. In essence you are making a statement supporting police control of religion in this country, which puts into the very heart of our vast success as a free nation. Along with such an action would also come a denial of freedom of speech. Where would that put the Clearwater Sun?

I urge you to take off your blinders and do some honest investigative journalism presenting the facts to your readers concerning Scientology, its tenets, goals and basic foundation. It would be a pleasant thing to see the truth in print.

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In response

Editor:

I read your recent editorial with interest and noted the deep support and warmth that you feel for Mr. Michael Flynn. My concern is that such support is not based on facts. The facts are that Mr.

Flynn was part of a criminal conspiracy to forge a check on the account of L. Ron Hubbard. This has now been turned over to federal authorities as this is a criminal act.

Mr. Flynn may be opposed to several religions and indeed has written a number of lawyers around the country and characterized his personal laws as anti-religious. Certainly none would disagree with his anti-religious characterization of the laws he drafted in Clearwater.

I do not know the religion of the person who wrote the editorial as it is not expressed in the article. I would merely ask if that unknown editor believes that his religion should have the right to practice freely. If so, I would indicate that I would defend to the death his right to practice his religion.

Should Mr. Flynn be indicted for his criminal conspiracy, it does put Clearwater in a rather difficult position. The city can only demand the return of some one \$150,000 or more. It should be

used to solve the traffic problems along the causeway and beach areas. Mr. Flynn should most assuredly pay interest on the monies as well. He owes it to the residents of Clearwater who are the real victims in this fraud.

Mr. Flynn has now saddled the city with suits, and that will cost in the millions. He should also pay those costs or the city could withdraw once Mr. Flynn is indicted. It is a sad state of affairs that he should so poison the well of understanding in the area that the Clearwater Sun loses money and customers and has problems in paying interest on its loans (so I hear) all to attack a religion. Why should we quarrel over Mr. Flynn? His animosity to my religion does not give him the license to commit felonies.

He owes money to the taxpayers of Clearwater and should pay it back.

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