

'How do I get clearance to a new field?'

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Dear MO, Maria, Rachel and all,

God bless you, I love you and really pray for you all the time. I know it must be quite a life being at the front of the battle. God bless you for your courage. I have one suggestion and one question I want to present:

Regarding security of MO Letter mailings: Several times we have received our MO Mailings from Italy with the envelope partially opened and Letters could have easily been photographed. My suggestion is this: That each colony open a special P.O. box, unknown to anyone but top colony personnel, for the sole purpose of important "R" business: MO mailings, KQC advisories, etc. And open this box at a separate post office, so the personnel at the other post office couldn't recognise the envelopes and the new P.O. wouldn't even know what's going on. Then keep the old P.O. box for correspondence from the GP and from other colonies, etc., less security material.

Question about receiving clear-

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ance to pioneer field: We requested clearance to the South Pacific nearly two years ago and received it from our field. We had the funds to go nearly two years ago, but have recently used part of it to pay extremely high winter bills last year. Now there are brethren going to different fields who have applied for clearance directly from the field and have gotten cleared to go and are working on their fares. We would like to go and don't understand why we can't also go.

Is there a worldwide policy concerning the method of requesting and receiving clearance? My regional shepherd told me that you should write directly to the field, but not everybody knows it or does it. The way we requested clearance was to write our Minister's office with pictures, disciple background and information sheet and clearance form. But I haven't seen this method help anyone get to another field recently.

Thanks for listening. Sometimes you just need to have a listening ear that you can pour into. Love and prayers in Jesus, Peter Fighter.
(ED.—You now only need clearance from the field to which you are going. Too many old bottles have been blocking the highways to the fields. Please send your request for clearance to: Maria Campos, Apdo. 46131, Madrid, Spain (with "Attn: Clearance" in lower left-hand corner. Please do not use COG or FOL anywhere on the envelope!) Your request will then be forwarded to the Service Center of the area to which you wish to go, for their decision.)

"I'll Be a Hustler for the Lord"

How the President's sister converted the sultan of smut

Condensed from "Time" Magazine 5/12/77.

To call Larry Flynt a pornographer is like saying that Shakespeare wrote. Flynt is the very sultan of smut, and his *Hustler* (circ. 1.9 million) stoops to pander with articles and artwork on various themes of hard-core sexual perversions.

In one of the most remarkable religious conversions since Paul stopped kicking against the goad, Flynt last week announced that he had been recruited for Christ by Evangelist Ruth Carter Stapleton, the President's sister. *Hustler* will be reborn as a "religious skin magazine," he added, and his multimillion-dollar, 400-employee empire of magazines and sex products may be turned into a nonprofit religious foundation. As Flynt told a Pentecostal congregation in Houston, where he had gone for the National Women's Conference: "I owe every woman in America an apology."

Flynt's journey from horniness to holiness began earlier this year. While fighting—and losing—his much publicized obscenity trial in Cincinnati, Flynt recalls, an earlier urge "to find the truth and who I am" became an obsession. This fall, CBS News Producer, Joe Wershba, steered him to Stapleton, who shared Flynt's concern about child abuse. Flynt spent a weekend with Stapleton and her veterinarian husband at their Fayetteville, N.C., home, and the Stapletons visited the Flynts' 23-room mansion in Columbus, where they discussed religion

and sexual repression, Stapleton recalls. Flynt abruptly phoned her from San Antonio around midnight Nov. 17. "He was talking 90 miles an hour," she says. "Through the jumbled conversation I knew something real had happened."

What happened, Flynt told Time Chicago Bureau Chief Benjamin Cate, was that he found God at 40,000 ft.—in a chartered jet somewhere between Denver and Houston. "It was powerful and awesome," says Flynt of the experience. "There I was, representing the pits of what is wrong in our society, and it happened. I'm not ashamed to say that I cried for God." "I read somewhere that 92% of the people believe in God," he said. "There aren't that many who believe in pornography."

The future of *Hustler* is uncertain. The next few issues have closed, but this spring *Hustler* and its sister skin-book *Chic* (circ. 436,305) will begin depicting "a healthy attitude toward sex, mixed in with a spiritual message," says Flynt. "We will no longer treat women as pieces of meat."

The convert concedes that many readers will remain skeptical. "People may think I'm kooky, but this is what happened," he says. "It's not a publicity stunt. I have asked God for forgiveness for anything I have done to hurt anyone. I've been all the way to the bottom. There's only one way to go now, and that's up. I'm going to be hustling for the Lord."

Christians For Israel!

Part of an article from "Newsweek", Nov. 28, 1977—Edited by MO.

A group of conservative evangelical leaders wants Carter to believe that most born-again U.S. Christians oppose any such violation of Israel's "divine right" to the land first promised by God to Abraham.

In a full-page ad published earlier this month in the New York Times and the Washington Post, fifteen evangelical elder statesmen—including two college and three seminary presidents—urged U.S. evangelicals to write Washington in support of Israel's position in the Middle East. "This is Carter's constituency and he'd better listen to them," says Jerry Strober, a Jewish publicist and former evangelical Christian who helped prepare the ad. "Evangelicals are not used to getting out on political limbs, and this was a major step for them."

Mutual Respect: The ad was only the latest public sign of a growing alliance between American Jewish leaders and spokesmen for the most conservative wing of American evangelicalism. The American Jewish Committee, for example, recently bestowed its first National Inter-religious Award on evangelist Billy Graham for his "support of Israel". According to Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, the AJC's director of inter-religious affairs, "The White House is mistaken if it thinks that only Jews care deeply about Israel. Israel and Jerusalem are as central theologically to evangelicals as they are to the Jews."

But only to the very conservative evangelicals. "We believe that the

return of the Jews to their homeland and the reconstruction of the kingdom of Israel, are signs of the climax of earthly history—the ringing in of the millennial, perfect world," says Kenneth Kantzer, editor-elect of Christianity Today and one of the ad's signers.

Partisan Politics: Like Sen. Mark Hatfield, some evangelicals distinguish between what the Oregon Republican calls "the right of Israel to exist as a political state, and the attempt to translate Israel into some great theological state." Moreover, notes managing editor Wes Michaelson of Sojourners, a progressive evangelical monthly, three of the ad's most prominent signers—entertainer Pat Boone, Dallas pastor W.A. Criswell and re-



Graham, Jewish award: an alliance?

tiring editor Harold Lindsell of Christianity Today—all publicly opposed Carter during the 1976 campaign. "There's partisan politics behind their stand on Israel," Michaelson insists, "as well as a morally questionable effort to use the Middle East crisis to justify their own brand of Biblical literalism."

Thus far, Carter has shown no sign that he feels any pressure from evangelical quarters. But the Christian dispute over Israel is far from

ended. Right-wing fundamentalist preacher Carl McIntire entered the fray with a full-page ad in The New York Times denouncing the Palestinians as "Descendants of Esau... claiming Jacob's land." And next January, the evangelicals behind the first ad have invited 1,000 born-again Christians to visit Jerusalem to hear Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin present his own program for peace in the Holy Land.

—Kenneth L. Woodward with Rachel Mark.

How Could They?

(Quotes from "Peace?—Or War!")

Letter no. 637 by MOSES DAVID.)

Any Christian who could stand with Israel at a time like this must be totally deaf, dumb and blind or without reason! So how the Christians of the world could sympathise with the Jews in this case is incomprehensible! (par. 36)

How could Christians of the world be so blind to the rights and the needs of the poor Palestinians, most of whom are Christians! To say that the Jews are a people of peace is ridiculous! (par. 36,38)

Begin's whole attitude was typically that of the stubborn unyielding Jew, as God has shown them to be all through the Bible—stubborn, rebellious and unyielding! He even spoke of their past, and "this land in which lived our great kings and our prophets", but he neglected to mention the fact that they usually killed their prophets! As Jesus said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! Thou that

killed the prophets!" (Rom. 11:3, Mt. 23:29-39, 1Thes. 2:14-15, Acts 7:52, Rev. 16:6 & 18:24.) (par. 25)

Their prophets have all spoken to them as Sadat did and begged them in the name of God to make peace with both man and God, "But they would not!" They have refused for generations, for centuries, for ages, for milleniums! (par. 26)

For thousands of years they have refused to yield themselves to God! So now how could we possibly expect them to surrender themselves to the poor's needs and counsel of man? Any Christian who stands with the Jews at a time like this in a stand like that is a traitor to his own faith and his own God and his own people! (par. 39)

Israel will have no peace for they have rejected the Prince of Peace—Jesus, their own Messiah! Israel refuses to recognise the rights of others and even defies God Himself, and would rather have war and destruction and die and go to hell and take the world with her rather than yield to God and the Prince of Peace and the men of peace to save the world! (par. 44,55)