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weekly religious newspaper

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daily radio broadcast

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June 22, 1985

Dr. Marc Tanebaum
American Jewish Committee
165 E. 56th Street
New York, New York 10022

My dear friend:

I am sorry when I wrote you yesterday, the letter from Dr. Goldstein was not enclosed. You need it to appreciate my reply. Also in it is a paragraph with these very general accusations against our Fundamentalist Home. We are having the state records searched immediately. We thought we were in good standing with the state and have co-operated with them over the years.

As it turns out we are totally in the hands of these Jewish officials, Dr. Goldstein, State Commissioner of Health and Dr. Solomon Goldberg, Director of Licensing and then the attorney in whose hands we have been put is Mr. Murray Stern.

We have a clear, clean record in our relationship to the Jews in this country and we have been determined to preserve it. But here is a case that is unreasonable, repressive, destructive of Fundamentalists and uncalled for. We even think now on the advice of our attorney it is illegal to fine us \$250 a day, and continue each day while we are doing what we thought was the desire of the state and have been doing it in a very determined effort.

I, therefore, make a request of your committee or a coalition of Jewish groups, such as the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council to investigate this matter, and I will be privileged together with others of our church leaders to appear before them. This situation here where the Jews are in high public power, and they are the only ones we have to deal with, and this kind of activity is so obviously unreasonable and repressive, that it should be looked into by responsible Jewish groups in this country. May this be arranged as soon as possible, please.

Sincerely and cordially yours,



Carl McIntire

Mr. Carl Hart
Bible Presbyterian Home, Inc.

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Please forward your request to:

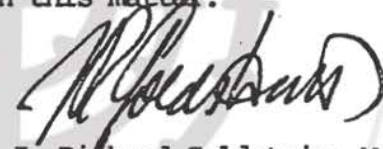
Murray Stern, Esq.
New Jersey State Department
of Health
CN 360
Trenton, NJ 08625

Although representation by counsel may not be mandatory at such hearings, it has been the Department's experience that representation by counsel is advisable.

In the event you request a hearing on this matter, you are required to submit a written response to the charge as specified in this order. This response should accompany your written request for a hearing.

Be advised that failure to have an approved sprinkler system in operation by December 31, 1985 may result in the revocation of your facility's license.

We will expect your cooperation in this matter.



J. Richard Goldstein, M.D.
State Commissioner of Health

CERTIFIED MAIL # 103663
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED
DATE: June 17, 1985

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June 21, 1985

Dr. Marc H. Tanenbaum
American Jewish Committee
165 East 56th Street
New York, N. Y. 10022

My dear friend:

You and I have been friends over the years and I have done so much to defend the Jews in the Holy Land. I think you should be appraised of what has been done in the State of New Jersey. This is absolutely unreasonable and most repressive. Our Delanco Home with 35 guests simply cannot take it. Every four days its another fine of \$1000 and he put a \$20,000 penalty to begin with.

We have suffered now as you are aware of the loss of our radio and school. We are going to have to fight this with everything we have. I write to you as a friend. You are aware of the fact that some of the Jews turned against Mr. Reagan in the election because of the Fundamentalists. Now we have a case where an effort is being made to destroy our Fundamentalist Christian Home. It is so unnecessary and most unreasonable.

I think I owe it to you as a friend to let you know and we are going to take it to the radio and publicize it in the CHRISTIAN BEACON, our paper. We are not going to waste any time.

Sincerely



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June 20, 1985

Dr. J. Richard Goldstein
Commissioner
Department of Health
State of New Jersey
John Fitch Plaza, CN 360
Trenton, NJ 08625

Dear Dr. Goldstein:

Yesterday Mr. Carl Hart of the Bible Presbyterian Home in Delanco received your registered return-receipt letter announcing the \$250 fine per day against the Home since April 5 and the requirement that the Board appear before your State court within the next 30 days.

An emergency meeting of the Board was held at 5:30 p.m. and I was appointed to take charge of the matter for the Board and Church.

This home belongs to the Bible Presbyterian Church. Its board members are all members of this church, and the pastor and assistant pastor sit on the Board as members.

Our first reaction is that you should have notified the Board the very day on which you have now imposed the penalty, April 5, 1985. June 19th has been a lapse of 83 days and an accumulated penalty of already \$20,750. Had you notified us that day, as we were notified today, we would have been up there immediately, as we are now coming.

Dr. Goldstein, I believe that this is a form of theft and actionable. I request, please, that you immediately withdraw the letter.

There is definitely here a problem of communication. The first notice that the Board had in this matter was the letter of March 19, 1985. The Board took immediate action, authorized the sprinklers, the securing of three bids, and plans to raise money from the church. The time between March 19 and April 5 was simply insufficient and unreasonable to produce a contract. We now have a contract on hand for \$65,000 from Oliver Sprinkler Company of Philadelphia, a highly reputable firm. Another bid is to be here this weekend, and the third is still to come. One of these will be selected, signed and delivered to you.

The Board had never seen any letter as of September 16, 1983, which you mention. You are fully aware of the fact that the Board had to dismiss Glenn and Carol Sinclair, particularly Mrs. Sinclair for her conduct. When they left, records disappeared. Neither Mr. Hart nor any of us have seen such a letter. Mrs. Sinclair, however, boasted that you had given her some high position and that her activities were commended by the State. We will take affidavits, if necessary. Mr. Hart has meticulously tried to meet State requirements.

For you to write this letter is most revealing. You have misjudged our spirit, purpose and desire to co-operate to your satisfaction. Someone from your office could have gotten hold of a telephone, or driven by, saying that such action was imminent and asked a few questions. I must say that had we been a Black home, someone would have touched base, and had we been a Jewish home this would have been done for them. But, no, we are Fundamentalists.

This is being hand delivered to you by Mr. William Kelley, a member of our headquarters staff in Collingswood. He will request a receipt, also immediate access to your files that he may record what is there, and Monday he and another staff member will come to make copies of the files. They also will request access to files of a similar nature.

At \$250 a day the damage will be very great and if we have to go to hearing we request it in the next seven days. I believe that you are hold us hostage by this \$20,750 that you have penalized the church for.

Now, Dr. Goldstein, there is a very sensitive question at this point. A possible punitive element here or another vital subjective factor which should be put on record.

We are Fundamentalists. I am a Fundamentalist leader in this country. Over the years we have defended Israel and the Jews. Our General Synod closed in Cape May on the 12th and I am enclosing the resolution that was adopted on the State of Israel. I am also enclosing a full-page ad which we put in the NEW YORK TIMES in support of the Jews. As you are aware, the United Nations accuses Israel of racism, and this has had its effect here in our own country and the stronger support has been given by our Christian people.

Things are going so far in this country that when the Fundamentalists who accept the Old Testament and New Testament as the infallible Word of God seek to win Jews to believe in Jesus Christ and accept Him as their true Messiah, the Fundamentalists are accused of anti-Semitism.

May I say at this point that your action raises vital questions of the use of government power. If there had been any sense of co-operation or friendliness, this problem could have been easily solved. Now you are forcing us into litigation.

A case in point is what happened to our radio station WXUR, which you are no doubt aware of because we put a ship out on the Atlantic Ocean and broadcast after the station was removed from the air.


At that time the Jews played a prominent role in destroying the station. It was Joshua Eilberg, a Jewish leader with the Anti-Defamation League who was speaker of the House at Harrisburg which adopted Resolution 160, who instigated the attack of the FCC upon the station, and those who joined in the complaint were the following: Jewish Community Relations Council of Philadelphia, Jewish Labor Committee, American Jewish Congress, Delaware Valley Council, Anti-Defamation League, B'nai B'rith of Pa., and W. Va., B'rith Shalom, and American Jewish Committee, Pa. area. Joining them were these ecumenical church groups, including New Jersey Council of Churches. They lost their charges that the Fairness Doctrine was being violated, but they succeeded in having the station put off the air for another reason. This affected radio stations all over this nation, which removed my program from the air. The station died on July 5, 1973.

During the same period, an attack was made on our church's college, Shelton College,

Cape May, by the Department of Higher Education. This litigation continued over 10 years and left the College all but dead. (I am enclosing a couple of our papers dealing with these two issues.)

Now, Dr. Goldstein, I find again what appears to me to be a similar situation in a number of aspects. I know that all of our people are going to be very much upset and disturbed. Just the proper communication and a proper attitude on your part in dealing with us would have prevented all of this and what it may lead to. Please be considerate.

Very truly yours,



Carl McIntire

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June 25, 1985

Dr. Carl McIntire
Bible Presbyterian Church
Haddom Ave. and Cuthbert Blvd.
Collingswood, NJ 08108

Dear Dr. McIntire,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your two recent letters regarding the Bible Presbyterian Home.

In response to your request, I have forwarded copies of your correspondence to our leaders in New Jersey as well as to the National Jewish Community Relations Advisory Council. I have asked them to look into the facts of the matter as well as its community relations implications.

Sincerely yours,

Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum
Director
International Relations Department

MHT:RPR

cc: Dr. J. Richard Goldstein

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