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New policy

FOR THE past several months the Clearwater Sun has maintained a policy of omitting the names of persons who sent us letters critical of the cult of Scientology.

We instituted that policy because we did not want our contributors to undergo the risk of harassment by Scientologists.

Beginning today, however, the Sun is dropping that policy. Henceforth the Sun will require that, except in very special cases, published letters (regardless of their subject matter) must carry the name and home city of the writer.

We are changing our policy

because we feel the tide has turned against the Scientologists. In the past six months, thousands of local residents have stood up in public to be counted as opponents of Scientology. They have shown their faces without fear, despite the Scientologists' practice of photographing persons who oppose them.

Although the cult may never abandon its policy of harassing Scientology critics, we believe the likelihood of the cult's acting against the Sun's letter-writers is much more remote than it was when the Sun first adopted our unsigned-letter policy.

BIBLE THOUGHT

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another. Romans 12:10.
