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Alexander Dodi, Editor  
Palo Alto Times  
Lyttou Avenue  
Palo Alto, California

Dear Mr. Dodi,

On Monday, October 15, on Page 2 of the Times you printed an unsigned article concerning recent events in Lyttou Plaza. A significant portion of that article was about me. I would suggest that you make a public retraction and apology ~~XX~~ concerning two particular statements which appeared.

The first statement, which I believe to be intentionally defamatory, was: Sapir, "an admitted radical leftist". This phrase implies: 1) guilt by insinuation (of what I don't know) 2) that someone has asked me, "aren't you a radical leftist?".

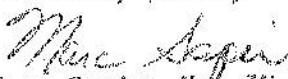
Since my leftist politics have always been widely known (with the help of the P.A. Times I might add) it is not possible that I have ever had to "admit" what is already accepted to be a fact by myself and the Palo Alto-Stanford communities.

The second statement concerns my membership in the Mid-Peninsula Free University. Contrary to your information I am one of the 1500 or so members, whatever that means. Why anyone would waste their time to report whether I ~~KNOW~~ was or was not a member, however, is certainly beyond me. If I give the Free U. \$10 they'll send you a membership card too.

I do want to make it clear to the Times, nevertheless, that I take this matter very seriously because it could greatly hurt my future as a physician in this area and because it will undoubtedly have a negative effect upon my current bid for a position on the Board of Trustees of Stanford University.

Therefore, I hope that you will print this letter and make the appropriate retraction in the near future, lest a damage suit become necessary.

Sincerely yours,

  
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