



(THE DEFENCE OF LITERATURE AND THE ARTS SOCIETY)

PLEASE REPLY TO:-

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To: The Editor Sunday Times 1 Pennington Street LONDON EI 9XW

Sir

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION IN RUSSIA

Your correspondent Mark Franchetti reports from Moscow that Larry Flint is launching a Russian edition of his magazine "Hustler." Mention should aslo have been made that the magazine is illegal in the Unted Kingdom, because this country retains strict censorship. The Secretary of State for Culture, Chris Smith, for instance, has banned eight satellite televison stations, including a Russian one. No other country in Europe has done likewise. Britain has replaced Russia as the the continent's bastion of censorship!

Yours for freedom of expression (even for Britons)

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