U.S. FINANCIER IS REFUSED RESIDENCE PERMIT—TOLD TO LEAVE BY NEXT MONDAY

From Our Correspondent
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Mr. L. RON HUBBARD, the American financier recently involved in the purchase of the Bumi Hills Hotel and in a number of other big business deals in Rhodesia, has been refused permission to stay in the country and has until next Monday to leave.

Mr. Hubbard, founder of the controversial Scientology movement, has been told by the Ministry of Immigration that his temporary alien's residence permit will not be renewed, according to a spokesman for Mr. Hubbard.

The spokesman said the permit would expire next Monday and Mr. Hubbard was expected to leave Rhodesia, probably for Britain, on Friday. His wife, Mary Sue, is not in Rhodesia at the moment.

Mr. Hubbard refused to talk to the press tonight and would make no comment on the situation. A Ministry of Immigration spokesman also refused to comment.

Controversy

Explaining the science movement recently, Mr. Hubbard said he had started a foundation in 1950, “to discover the true nature of man, and make the world a better place.” To that end, he said he would be used in Rhodesia to improve the ability of executives in his new companies and to better their administrative know-how. Scientology has aroused considerable controversy in Britain, the United States and other countries.