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Cult's demand for public inquiry

Demands for a public inquiry into the conduct of Mr Kenneth Robinson, Minister of Health, and the action of the Home Office and Scotland Yard, were made yesterday by the Scientology headquarters at East Grinstead, Sussex.

The demand came as more cult students, newly arrived from America, were being flown out of Britain after being ordered to leave.

The chief spokesman for the Scientologists, Mr David Gaiman, said: "I want a public inquiry or a Royal Commission to investigate the propriety of the conduct of the Minister of Health and the action of the Home Office and Scotland Yard."

EDINBURGH BOOKING

"I demand an inquiry into why publicity has been given to police inquiries at this late stage, when Scotland Yard have been making investigations and tapping our phones for months."

A Home Office spokesman said last night that of the 74 students who had arrived on Tuesday and had been refused entry, all but one, who was awaiting a plane, had been sent back on return flights. They had been refused entry on the grounds that they wished to start "a banned course."

B.O.A.C. said 75 students arrived on Tuesday: 23 were sent back the same day and 52 were given overnight accommodation. One person was waiting a return flight, while the rest went back yesterday. The corporation would be footing the bill for the students' overnight stay.

A Scotswoman had made the block booking in an Edinburgh airline office for those who arrived on Tuesday. The students had been booked under the name of an oil company, said B.O.A.C.

Another charter flight which would have brought 186 students

to Scotland next month has been cancelled because of the Government ban.

A Caledonian Airways official said: "We had made the plans before the ban was announced and since then the Advance College of Personal Independence has dropped the plans for the flight."

FIRST PARTY

Yesterday, the first party of Scientologists to return to New York after completing their courses since the Government ban, left Prestwick Airport. There were six men and 12 women.

A spokesman for the group, Candy Chaleff (22), said: "We had planned to go home before the fuss began. We are certainly not abandoning a sinking ship. On the contrary, the organisation is expanding, and, indeed, about 6000 people are joining all over the world every week."