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## SCIENTOLOGY: wanted—facts

**T**HE case of the Scientologists raises a very prickly issue. On the one hand, it is difficult to fault the verdict of Mr Kenneth Robinson, the Minister of Health, that the cult is 'socially harmful.' On the other hand, the Government's decision to ban followers of the cult from entry into Britain does raise a very basic issue: should moral and social disapproval be translated into executive action?

In each and every case, the damage done to the principle of freedom of association has to

be weighed against the damage done to individuals or to society by the particular sect or movement concerned. In short, everything depends on the merits of the specific case.

Hence the overriding importance of having available the evidence about the Scientologists' activities. It is therefore essential that Mr Robinson should now publish the 'considerable body of evidence' that he says his Ministry has collected.

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## Tell us what's wrong, says Hubbard

THE founder of Scientology, Lafayette Ron Hubbard, wants a special meeting with representatives of older beliefs in Britain "to iron out problems."

And he says that if the Government wants followers of Scientology not to do something all they have to do is say what it is.

In a statement, released by the cult's headquarters in East Grinstead, Sussex, Mr. Hubbard says:

"News has reached me of Britain's decision to ban students of Scientology from entering the country.

"I am sure any trouble comes from adherents of older practices who resent the growth of Scientology because it is getting all the business.

"It was no intention of Scientology to injure older practices. Scientology directors

should get together with older activities and come to an agreement in a civilised way."

American-born Mr. Hubbard, who is believed to be cruising in the Mediterranean aboard his ship, is unaware of Home Secretary James Callaghan's decision to also ban him from Britain.

The statement, by the 57-year-old American, who says he retired as a director of Scientology two years ago, went on:

"If the Government wants Scientologists not to do something, they should say what it is. I am sure scientology directors would then forbid it.

"People who object should tell Scientology organisations what is wrong and why, and it could then be handled properly.

"New thought cannot be crushed by violence—thousands of years have proven that. The old has to make its peace with the new.

"Mr. Callaghan would look much better as a peacemaker than as a policeman."

More than 500 members of the cult returned to their East Grinstead headquarters yesterday after an all-day conference in the Cafe Royal, London.

**'Let's talk'**  
**appeal**  
**by**  
**Scientology's**  
**Hubbard**

By Daily Mail Reporter  
MR LAFAYETTE Ron  
Hubbard, American founder  
of Scientology, yesterday  
called for a meeting between  
the leaders of the cult and  
its opponents.

In a message telexed from his  
yacht to the Scientology head-  
quarters at East Grinstead,  
Sussex, he said: 'If anyone in  
the Government wants Scientolo-  
gists not to do something, they  
should say what it is.'

He added: 'There is enough  
trouble on this planet without  
making more over something so  
easy to resolve. Mr Callaghan  
would look much better as a  
peacemaker than as a police-  
man.'

Mr Hubbard, who claims to  
have relinquished control of his  
movement, has now been  
banned by the Home Secretary



**CHRISTINE KERR**  
*My nerves*

from entering the country. He  
is at present believed to be on  
a yacht off Tunisia.

A number of Scientology  
students have been refused  
entry to Britain since the  
Government decided to take  
action to curb the growth of  
the movement in Britain.

In Edinburgh, a Girl Guide  
captain talked last night about  
Scientology.

Mrs Christine Kerr, 26, spent  
a fortnight as a typist with the  
publications organisation of the  
cult in Edinburgh.

'But then I left—my nerves  
couldn't stand it any longer,'  
she said.

Mrs Kerr, captain of the  
200th Edinburgh Girl Guides  
Company (Broughton Place),  
said: 'I was asked if I took  
drugs, if I had been in trouble  
with the police, if I had ever  
embezzled any money—and if  
I was a pervert.'

The Hubbard Academy of  
Personal Independence is plan-  
ning a lecture tour of all large  
Scottish towns due to start  
this week.

Towns mentioned in orders  
of the day to the academy —  
one of the three Scientology  
organisations in Edinburgh —  
names Glasgow, Dundee, Aber-  
deen, Stirling and Perth as  
venues.

A bulletin says: 'This tour is  
very important for HAPI as it  
will make us known to a very  
great number of people,' and  
advises staff to be ready to be  
called out to help.

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## MOVEMENT'S APPLICATION FOR HALL REJECTED

An application on behalf of the Scientology movement for the let of a Glasgow hall to hold a public meeting was turned down yesterday by a corporation sub-committee. The decision was unanimous.

The application was made by Mr Ian M. Logan, public secretary for the Hubbard Academy of Personal Independence, Scotland, of 13 Queen Street, Edinburgh.

In a letter seeking to rent the McLellan Galleries in Sauchiehall Street on Thursday, he said the purpose of the meeting was "to show the public what Scientology stands for."

The City Treasurer, Councillor William S. Samuels, said after the sub-committee decision: "We knew the Government had certain reservations about this movement. Bearing in mind what Mr Callaghan said, we did not think it right that a public hall should be used for this purpose."

### "CONDEMNED"

"We take a lead in these things from the Government. We could not go against what the Home Secretary is doing. We are bound to trust him until such time as somebody asks questions and proves he is going beyond his powers."

Councillor William S. Gray, chief Labour spokesman on the sub-committee, said: "I think it would be quite wrong to let a hall to a body which has been condemned out of hand by the Home Secretary."

"If half of what is said about them is true then I would oppose strongly any granting of corporation property to them. I would hope the corporation would not let a hall to any body which is racist, or admittedly Fascist."

Mr Roger Barnes, governor of the Hubbard Academy, refused to comment on the decision last night.



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# Scientology brings its message to the people

BY OUR CLOSE-UP STAFF

Scientology took a hall in Edinburgh last night to bring its message to the people. The meeting, swelled by the notoriety the movement has gained, was partly baffled, but mainly bored.

The mailshot advertising the meeting (protected like all other Scientology literature by the copyright of L. Ron Hubbard, the founder) had promised much. It had offered, among other things, the answer to the question of how one's life could be expanded through the application of Scientology.

At the narrow entrance to the hall, in Keir Street, off Lauriston Place, about a dozen acolytes of the movement welcomed the curious; took the names and addresses of all who entered; noted the request by one who was insistent he received nothing through the post, and attempted to sell Scientology tracts with the air of usherettes offering theatre programmes.

A Press photographer was politely asked to leave. Inside the muggy, smoke-filled hall sections of the 250-strong audience occasionally heckled the lone speaker. He introduced himself as Mr Frank McCall, but was at pains to point out that he was not a Scientology staff member—merely a student.

## UTOPIAN EXISTENCE

He was fulsome in his praise of Mr Hubbard. "I have never known a man who had such compassion for his fellow beings," and said he was once captain of one of the founder's ships, but

## 'No Government attack'

Mr Lafayette Ron Hubbard, founder of the Scientology movement, who has been banned from entering Britain, said last night there was "no Government attack on Scientology."

A statement issued by the movement's British headquarters at East Grinstead, Sussex, in Mr Hubbard's name, said that what appeared to be an attack was "in actual fact, only an attempt by private groups of older practices to protect their Governmental appropriations."

The statement added: "Their motive is not evil — only self-protective and greedy. The only shame is that the Government can be forced to act for such private vested interests."

apart from a brief mention of research stations in the Antarctic, was markedly coy about his own personal background.

Weaving a dextrous web of semantics around a slightly dazed audience Mr McCall extolled the virtues of his cause to those who cared to listen, by promising a Utopian existence in which students passed their examinations; women bore children without pain; marriages ran smoothly; all were endowed with wisdom, health and immortality; and each was at one with his fellow being. But he was rather less than exact in specifying how this would all take place.

## APPLAUSE

Brushing aside hecklers with the assurance that he would answer all questions after the tea break, Mr McCall failed to be disturbed by several noisy and obvious exits, and finished his lecture to a round of applause that was spontaneous, even if its motives were questionable.

Then flanked on both sides by tables full of Scientology literature he urged a persistent young man seeking further enlightenment to "pay £1 and knowledge will be yours." Presumably he meant the purchase price of one of Mr Hubbard's books, who, if nothing else, is a prolific writer.

The meeting gave way to clattering tea cups, crunching biscuits, and an endless succession of American females, from miniskirt to matron, who passed restlessly from one group to another testing reaction and seeking converts. However, it was obvious from overheard remarks that the majority of those attending the meeting were no wiser at the end than they had been at the beginning.