

Britain's Scientologists Too Busy To Hold Sex Orgies

EAST GRINSTEAD, England (AP) — "They say we have orgies here, said the young Englishman, pointing at the swimming pool. "We're too busy to have orgies — we don't even have time to go swimming."

This was at the country mansion once owned by the Maharajah of Jaipur. It is now headquarters of the Scientology movement, a semireligious organization from the United States. This "largest mental

health organization in the world, as it calls itself, has become a storm center in Britain. Villagers in East Grinstead, a centuries-old market center 30 miles from London, seek a ban on the Scientologists, claiming they spread their influence in the town.

Londons press has campaigned against the movement. Health Minister Kenneth Robinson last month denounced Scientology as "socially harm-

ful ... a potential menace, and moved to keep foreigners from coming to Britain as students enrolled at the College of Scientology here.

"We used to get about 100 letters a day, most of them abusive," said David Gaiman, spokesman for the College of Scientology. "Now we get from 300 to 1,000 a day and none of them are abusive—they ask for information."

"We are in very nice shape despite the campaign," said

Gaiman, surveying the swimming pool, the 200-year-old manor house, a newly built stone castle filled with classrooms, all surrounded by 40 acres of rolling grounds.

The health minister has refused to disclose what he called government evidence against Scientology. The Scientologists say no government representative has ever come to East Grinstead to hold an investigation.

In Parliament Robinson said

Scientology "alienates members of families from each other and attributes squalid and disgraceful motives to all who oppose it. Its authoritarian principles and practices are a potential menace to the personality and well-being of those so deluded as to become its followers."

Scientology's founder, American science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, 57, is barred from returning to England. He moved his headquarters here 11 years ago but now reportedly

lives aboard a yacht in the Mediterranean.

Scientology calls itself "a practical religious philosophy interested in ability and increasing it ... the most vital philosophical movement on the planet ... the freeing of the soul by wisdom. Its publications contend it makes people "more aware, more alert, more successful. It has groups in the United States and around the world and claims millions of members.

The East Grinstead college has 200 to 300 students and a staff of about 150. Roughly half the students and staff come from outside Britain. The government restrictions ruled foreign students or staff members would no longer be admitted to Britain or allowed to prolong their stay.

Gaiman said Scientology has more than 100,000 members in Britain.

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Scientologist is refused entry

Mr. Michele Moretti, an Italian scientologist, was refused entry into Britain at Newhaven for the second time in four days yesterday. Mr. Moretti whose wife is undergoing a course in scientology at East Grinstead, Sussex, first tried to land on Saturday by car ferry but was turned back.

SCIENTOLOGY DEFIES VICTORIAN BAN

Cult keeps its secret fight going

By DOUGLAS STEELE

Scientology, banned by law in Victoria, has gone underground to try to make a comeback.



ROBERT DRAPER

It is being practised in secret in Melbourne suburbs, and big country centres, and particularly in Geelong.

Victorians are being bombarded with a flood of literature, directed mainly at former scientology adherents, trying to get them to join the underground cells.

Hubbard dream ship



RONALD HUBBARD

LONDON, Fri. — "Dr" Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, 57, the American who founded scientology in 1950, now lives on a 3300-ton ship in the Mediterranean.

The ship, a rusted former ferry on the Irish Sea route, now named the Royal Scotsman, is docked at Corfu, Greece, for repairs estimated to cost £25,000. It flies the flag of Sierra Leone, in West Africa.

On board, as well as Hubbard, his wife Mary Sue, and their four children, are about 250 scientology students, many of them with children.

Hubbard runs the ship as a scientology college.

A British journalist went aboard recently and interviewed Hubbard on his claims to have visited the planet Venus, and other matters.

He described the scene aboard as "dreamlike," because of the enormous bustling activity by people whose eyes "seemed devoid of any expression."

Hubbard founded scientology in Britain in 1959, when he bought for £14,000 a 75-room mansion in 30 acres at East Grinstead, Sussex.

These claims were made this week by Mr Andrew Jones, the South Australian MHR who wants the Federal Government to ban scientology. Inquiries seem to show that he is right.

"Don't make any mistakes, scientology is far from dead in Victoria," Mr Jones said.

Some people connected with the Victorian scientology inquiry in 1964 and 1965 said they would be surprised if scientology were not being practised in parts of Victoria.

Private homes

Inquiries this week showed that scientologists are meeting in private homes in Melbourne.

They usually gather on a Friday night, changing the location each week.

Between 80 to 100 have attended some of the gatherings.

Mr Robert Draper, a Victorian who turned up in Adelaide on Tuesday from the scientology headquarters in England, said gatherings had been held.

"I understand that scientologists have a Friday night meeting group," he said.

"This would be a social evening gathering. We are a law-abiding group. No scientology is practised or taught at the gatherings."

Mr Draper said he came from England to Adelaide to see what the proposed legislation in South Australia was all about.

South Australia plans

to introduce legislation banning scientology, similar to Victoria's.

In June this year a letter circulated to a number of people said a Balwyn man was "in a condition of enemy" because of "public disavowal of scientology" and denunciation to his family, friends and psychiatrists and prominent public figures.

The letter said the man was not to be communicated with, and that "any persons connected to him are to present evidence in writing to their nearest Ethics Officer of their handling or disconnection before they can be trained or processed."

The letter was headed H. C. O. Ethics Order and dated Adelaide (H.C.O. stands for Hubbard Communication Officer).

Sends letter

In a letter to The Herald this week from Adelaide, Mr R. A. Broadbent, who said he formerly lived in Victoria, said he was spokesman for "the Church of Scientology in South Australia."

He said politicians had no right to substitute themselves for God.

"The Australian Constitution quite clearly gives all Australians the right to freely practise the religion of our choice," he said.

Mr Andrew Jones says: "To call scientology a religion is absurd. A 'fleecing cult' would be nearer the mark.

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put it into its correct category it is blood-sucking and parasitic."

The practice of scientology is banned in Victoria under the Psychological Practices Act, passed in November, 1965, after the report by the board of inquiry.

The board of inquiry, Mr K. V. Anderson, QC, found that scientology was evil, a danger to the mental health of the community, based on fiction and propagated by falsehood.

His report said there were grave doubts about the sanity of the founder of scientology, Lafayette Ronald Hubbard.

The Act provides for a maximum penalty of \$200 on a first conviction of practising scientology for fee or reward.

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CUSTOMS SEIZE 50 SCIENTOLOGY BOOKS

ADELAIDE. — Customs and Excise Department in Adelaide has seized 50 copies of the Church of Scientology publication Kangaroo Court for the Commonwealth Censorship Board in Canberra.

The Collector of Customs in South Australia, Mr G. A. Venning, said today they had been sent to the Commonwealth Censorship Board in Canberra.

Kangaroo Court is a publication put out by the Church of Scientology of California, the chief headquarters of the cult.

It contains the scientists' answer to the report by Mr Kevin Anderson, QC, of the findings of a Victorian board of inquiry into Scientology.

The copies were seized by Mr L. Thompson, Deputy Customs Officer in Adelaide.

He prevented their collection by Mrs Dawn Crundall, assistant guardian and chief spokesman in Australia and New Zealand for the church.

Mrs Crundall arrived in Adelaide this week from Auckland.

Mr Venning said: "Mr Thompson withheld the publication and forwarded them to the Commonwealth censorship board for examination."

"No decision has yet been made by the censors as to whether they will be prohibited."

Mrs Crundall said: "It would seem that at a time when the Church of Scientology is again attacked in this State that there is an active desire to suppress

the true facts of the Victorian inquiry.

"We of the Church of Scientology unreservedly state that we shall, through due process of law, take this matter to the highest court in the land, and if necessary, the Privy Council of England."

"We welcome the opportunity to bring the conduct of the Melbourne inquiry to the public eye."

"Kangaroo Court is not seditious. It is a true report and will be read. Hundreds of thousands of copies are circulating in Australia and all over the free world."

Scientologist says he will sue MP

A scientologist who lived in Victoria has threatened to sue Mr Andrew Jones, MHR, for defamation of character.

But Mr Jones said today: "Their threats don't scare me."

"It might even be a good idea. Then it would give the public a real insight into the workings of scientology."

The threat of legal action was made by Mr Robert Draper.

Mr Draper arrived in Adelaide last Tuesday from the scientology headquarters in England to look into the proposed SA legislation to ban scientology.

Mr Draper said: "I object to Jones making such remarks as he has implied by his slanderous statements that I, as a scientologist, am a fleecer of money, rotten from top to bottom, and blood-sucking and parasitic."

"This cruel, unthoughtful and untrue set of remarks is defamation right before the very eyes of some 5000 friends that I have in Victoria."

ABSURD

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it is blood-sucking and parasitic."

Mr Jones, the Federal Member for Adelaide, wants the Federal Government to ban scientology.

"I will continue to collect evidence about scientology," he said.

5 COPIES

Today The Herald received five copies of scientology publications through the mail from South Australia.

They were printed in Britain and sent from Adelaide which Mr Jones claims is the new Australian headquarters for the group.

One publication attacked Mr K. Anderson, QC, who inquired into scientology in Victoria.

The Chief Secretary, Sir Arthur Rylab, has ordered a police inquiry into the activities of scientologists in Victoria, whom Mr Jones says have gone underground and are trying to make a comeback here.

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Scientologists issue writ

From Our Correspondent

East Grinstead, Sept. 20

The scientologists have issued a writ against a senior Sussex police officer and another against Mr. Peter Hordern, M.P. for Horsham.

Mr. David Gaiman, aged 35, chief spokesman at the scientologists' international headquarters at East Grinstead, Sussex, said today: "The writs have been issued but not yet served.

"One is against Chief-inspector Robert Marshall, of the East Grinstead police division, for unlawful imprisonment of Evert Doeve, aged 42, a Dutch citizen. Mr. Doeve, a minister in the Church of Scientology, spent some three hours under arrest after he was told by East Grinstead Magistrates to leave the country within seven days last month.

"We appealed and three judges in the Divisional Court ruled that the magistrates had overstepped their powers. The writ against Mr. Hordern is for libel."