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SCIENTOLOGY JET CHARTER FLIGHT OFF

A NOTHER Scientology jet charter flight to Scotland next month has been cancelled because of the Government's ban on the entry to Britain of followers of the

Caledonian Airways had planned to operate the charter. It was to have carried 186 members of the Hubbard Advanced College of Personal Independence from New York to Prestwick at the end of September.

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Two days ago, 186 scientology students should have arrived at Prestwick aboard a Caledonian jet charter but the flight was cancelled at the last minute.

The first party of scientology students to come here on courses yesterday flew home to the United States. At Prestwick Airport, 18 students, six men and 12 women—including four married couples—checked in for flights back to New York.

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Candy Chaleff, 22, said: "We are not abandoning a sinking ship. We had planned to go home before the fuss began. Ours is an expanding organisation. Nearly 6,000 people are joining every week all over the world.

"The main trouble about our religion stems from the fact that not many people in Britain—including the Health Minister—know what Scientology is all about. Basically, it is merely teaching people how to better themselves.

"Our first course is a communications course teaching people how to get on with each other. This costs £5. But our advanced courses about business, organisation and psychology cost about £350.

"We chose Edinburgh for our most advanced college in the world because it is quiet and peaceful. It's not only Americans who come. There are also a lot of Australians and South Africans, and many English and Scots are now joining."