

AS MORE ARE BARRED, SCIENTOLOGISTS SAY:

We will beat ban

By TOM BROWN

THE scientology sect—whose students are barred from entering Britain—is going ahead with plans for an “international conference” in London this month.

Yesterday 72 scientology students were turned back at London Airport—52 of them after a night under guard in £4 10s.-a-time rooms at airport hotels at the expense of B.O.A.C.. They booked with the airline as a party from an American oil company.

SCIENTOLOGY—By a scientologist

It is an applied religious philosophy solely designed to increase the individual's ability within his community—regardless of race, class, colour or nationality. Thousands of people, having tried it, find it workable and use it in their everyday life to become better people. It is **NOT** a philosophy which accepts for training the insane, the physically or mentally sick, or the criminal.

Delegates to the international scientology conference in Croydon from August 16-18 will beat the ban by declaring themselves at immigration control points as visitors.

Despite protests, and the Minister of Health's clamp-down on the cult, the local council say

they cannot stop the conference from going ahead in their hall.

Officials of the scientology movement in London and at their East Grinstead, Sussex, headquarters would not divulge what was on the agenda of the conference. But one agreed that the recent Government action

against the movement was “an obvious item for discussion.”

A preliminary conference of about 500 field staff members of the scientology movement will be held this weekend in the Café Royal in London's West End.

The Home Office said yesterday that 73 “foreign nationals” had arrived the previous night at London Airport saying they had come to study scientology.

Seats were found for 21 on flights and yesterday the rest flew to America and Sweden.

A B.O.A.C. spokesman said that 40 of the scientologists were members of a party that had been booked for a charter flight which was cancelled by Caledonian Airways after the Home Office ruling.

The scientology institute said last night they had never heard of Kathleen (19), and Noel O'Donnell (18), from New Zealand, whose parents claimed they had been “swallowed up in the organisation.”



A student at Prestwick Airport yesterday

Entry was easy, say students

By LORNA BLACKIE

SCIENTOLOGY students, newly arrived from overseas, were still enrolling yesterday at the Edinburgh “Advanced Org” headquarters of the cult.

Two of the new students at the centre, where only the most advanced members go, described how they had come into Britain yesterday.

Mrs. Ruth Forsin (39), from Farmington, Michigan, said it took her less than five minutes to pass through immigration.

“I said that I was here for pleasure and study,” said Mrs. Forsin, who plans to stay for five weeks.

“I was only asked how long I was going to be here. Scientology was never mentioned. The immigration

officer was very polite and very pleasant.”

Mrs. Grace Collins (61), from Detroit, arrived with her husband, Dr. Alan Collins, also experienced no difficulties.

“The immigration authorities wanted to know what I planned to do. I told them I was here for a holiday,” she said.

“I expect to be in Edinburgh for about two weeks. This is a beautiful course.”

A spokesman for the Home Office, in London, said yesterday that once such visitors had entered the country they could normally remain until their term of stay expired.

He added: “We do not ban a scientologist because he is a scientologist. We just refuse admission to people coming as students of scientology.”

At the Edinburgh college yesterday more than 150 students—an increase of 20 on last week's numbers—were taking courses.