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Authorities Claim

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The Ministry of Health acted on the basis of these complaints. Robinson told Parliament that he had "no power under existing law to prohibit the practice of scientology" but would take steps "to curb its growth."

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Britain is highly restrictive on visas to this country. It is extremely difficult to be admitted for paid employment, and students have to show some evidence of their status. Only tourists enter freely.

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### Dies In Australia

BRISBANE, Australia (AP) — Premier Jack Pizzey of Queensland State died after a heart attack Wednesday night. He was 57. Mr. Pizzey had been leader of the Country party Liberal coalition government since January 1968.