

Father 'alarmed' at rise of the mind cult

By NIGEL BENSON

A FATHER said yesterday he was 'alarmed' at the rise of Scientology. Mr Thomas Riley, 45, spoke after his daughter Kathleen, 15, was sacked from a job in the publications organisation of the cult in Edinburgh.

Kathleen, of Niddrie Marischal Place, Edinburgh, worked for five weeks in the cult's offices which send out pamphlets and leaflets.

Last night she told of tests she had been given on an 'E' meter. 'They asked all sorts of questions—they were really odd.

'I was asked if birds flew and if I had been in trouble with the police.

'Finally, after one session, I was told that I was 'clean.''

She said that after a row with staff at the publications department in North-East Thistle Street Lane, Edinburgh, she was asked to leave.

Mr Riley said: 'She tells me that at times staff were expected to work late, and even sleep on the premises. I told her that she was not going to work late and this caused the row.'

He added: 'I am very alarmed at this going on in Edinburgh, especially where teenagers are involved.'

Mr Lafayette Ron Hubbard, 57, the American inventor of Scientology, has sent a message to his followers at the cult's headquarters in East Grinstead, Sussex.

It said: 'I finished my work. Now it is up to others.'



KATHLEEN RILEY
Odd questions