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Man behind the cult

THE first picture of Lafayette Ron Hubbard, founder of the Scientology movement, on board his 3,300-ton yacht Royal Scotsman. Smiling and wearing a nautical cap, he sits behind a desk in his elegant wood-panelled cabin.

This is where he holds court, this man who talks of 'visits' he

has made to Heaven, to Mars, and to Venus. This man who is banned from entering Britain.

From the yacht, which is lying off Bizerte, Tunisia, Mr Hubbard issued a statement yesterday claiming that he was owed \$13 million dollars by the Scientology organisation — and had forgiven it. He said he had drawn no salary for years.