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Church of Scientology to warn of Interpol dangers

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Members of the Church of Scientology will be in Denver this weekend to alert police chiefs nationwide to the dangers of cooperating fully with Interpol, the International Police Organization based in France.

The church members will attempt to influence the 3,000 peace officers who will attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference, which opens Saturday in Currigan Exhibition Complex.

Louis B. Sims, head of the U.S. Interpol office, also is expected to attend.

Jeff Friedman of Los Angeles, chairman of the church's national commission on law enforcement and social justice, is in Denver to present the church's objections to the world police organization.

"Interpol's affiliations are detrimental to the rights of all citizens and the integrity of law enforcement," Friedman said in an interview Friday.

"This organization has 120 countries as members and adheres to no national origin, which means it answers to no government.

"But, we have documented, and recently appeared before two U.S. congressional subcommittees to present our findings that Interpol was an organization that has strong Nazi ties and presently shares information with such Communist-bloc countries as Cuba, Yugoslavia, Romania and Vietnam as well as terrorist nations such as Syria."

Friedman said Interpol has access to FBI records through the National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and often calls upon local police intelligence agencies for information.

"Interpol has no powers of arrest in any country, but acts as an international information file for all the member countries," Friedman said.

"The real threat comes from local police who willingly give out information to Interpol without questioning where the information is going or who is going to use it."

Friedman said Interpol was formed in 1924 by Dr. Oskar Dressler, who was working with Hitler as late as 1944 despite the fact Interpol claims it suspended operations during World War II.

"We have Interpol magazines which show pictures of Interpol presidents in the years from 1938 to 1942. Those presidents were Reinhard Heydrich and Otto Steinhausl, who appear on the covers of the magazines in full Nazi SS dress.

"In 1946, after the war, the U.S. rejoined Interpol and the late J. Edgar Hoover was a vice president of the organization, then headed by F. E. Louwage of Belgium — the same man that was head of the Belgium police under Hitler."

Friedman said there is also documentation to show a great deal of funding after the war came from persons in Brazil and Venezuela, known retreats for Nazi's secreted out of Germany.

"Interpol refuses to help capture Nazi war criminals saying they don't mix in anything political, racial, military or religious.

"Yet, in 1969, Interpol was in Bermuda to help local authorities identify black power delegates attending a conference, which I think is racial.

"It refuses to assist in the curbing of terrorists because that is political, but allows Syria to be a member.

"Down the line Interpol is trying to lie to cover up its Nazi past, and I think the chiefs who are sending the organization information should know this."