

according to the survey. Among the unchurched, 53 per cent said they feel that way, but 74 per cent of the churched went on record as being always opposed to extramarital sex. Protestants (71 per cent) were somewhat more likely to hold such a view than Catholics (64 per cent). ☐

### Scientology in Court

Eleven high-ranking members of the Church of Scientology, including the wife of founder L. Ron Hubbard, were charged with a number of serious crimes in a forty-two-page indictment handed up by a federal grand jury last month. The indictments were expected ever since FBI agents, acting on information obtained from a former Scientology official, raided Scientology offices in Los Angeles and Washington last year and seized thousands of allegedly incriminating documents (see August 12, 1977, issue, page 32, and May 19, 1978, issue, page 60).

The indictment charges that the Scientologists conspired to plant spies in government agencies, break into government offices, steal official documents, and bug government meetings. A number of theft and burglary counts are included in the indictment. (Several members of the church were caught removing documents from government offices.)

Much of the evidence outlined in the indictment seems to be based on the church's own internal memos and other documents. The conspiracy against the government began in 1973, according to the indictment.

Scientology spokesmen implied that whatever the church did to obtain information about itself in government files was done in self-defense. The indictment, said a church news release, "places the Justice Department in a vulnerable position, for the very documents in question will support the church's disclosure of a twenty-eight-year campaign by intelligence agency operatives working throughout the world to create an international suppression of the religion of Scientology."

"This indictment represents grand jury findings of criminal conduct; nowhere does it mention religion," commented prosecutor Raymond Banoun.

In a rare public appearance, Mary Sue Hubbard surrendered in court in Washington with eight other Scientologists. They were released on their own recognizance. Two persons based in England—where the Hubbards live—were expected to surrender later. Those indicted either directed or worked for the church's Guardian offices. These offices apparently were responsible for defending the church and for attacking its real and potential enemies.

Those arrested include the church's highest U.S. official, Henning Heldt (listed as Deputy U.S. Guardian), and his chief deputy, Duke Snider. ☐

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