

Scientology appeal rejected

WASHINGTON (AP)—The U.S. Supreme Court has rejected an appeal against back taxes and penalties by the Church of Scientology, leaving in place the 1967 revocation of its tax exemption.

The high court declined to review lower court decisions penalizing the group for tax deficiencies in 1970, 1971 and 1972, holding that large amounts of its monies claimed as tax-exempt went for private enrichment of Scientology's late founder

L. Ron Hubbard and his wife, Mary Sue Hubbard.

L. Ron Hubbard died in 1986.