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# 'EVIL CULT STOLE MY BROTHER!'

**A GRIEF-stricken man has accused East Grinstead's sinister Scientology cult of stealing his brother from his family.**

Heartbroken John Phelan says his brother Tony is now a virtual prisoner of the organisation, slammed by a British judge as "corrupt, immoral brainwashers."

This week officials at the cults European HQ Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, refused to discuss the case with the Observer.

Now the anguished Phelan family have threatened to step up their campaign against the Church of Scientology, unless Tony is "released" to them. "We're trying to make as much of a nuisance of ourselves as possible until the Scientologist's let him out," said John.

"This evil cult stole my brother from his family, and we want him back"

## Scientologists accused of wrecking family life

added the distraught Irishman.

He said Tony, a single man in his 30's took up with the cult in 1989, when he was emotionally vulnerable and consumed with grief over the death of his mother.

Since then, said John, he had put on weight, stopped playing the guitar, and lost his £30,000 a year engin-

ering job.

He said Tony was a changed person coming out with "wierd things," and spending his money on courses at Saint Hill and the cult's other premises.

"If I get upset about the cult then Tony will get fiercely angry. You're not getting real contact with him," said John.

The family, from Tip-

perary, Ireland, said Tony is under an "evil form of mind control"

And John claims there have been threats of unspecified reprisals against the family for talking to the Press about the cult.

But in a letter to an Irish newspaper, Scientology officer Gerard Ryan says the allegations of "brainwashing" and Tony being a "prisoner" are "nonsense".

letters to: The Editor,

## Cult is evil

**I SEE that that disgusting evil cult based up at Saint Hill have been up to their old tricks again, with false advertising about their summer fair.**

**Surely it is about time that the Scientologists and all of their wicked off shoots ie: Greenfields School and their bookshop were run out of town.**

**Clear off Cult members you're not welcome in this town.**

**Name and Address withheld by request.**