

### Sect ends protests

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Church of Scientology on Wednesday ended four weeks of mass rallies protesting a \$39 million court award to a former member who claimed the organization defrauded her with false promises.

However, Scientology President Heber Jentzch said a small contingent of followers would remain in Portland to monitor an appeal of the verdict.



Monday, June 17, 1985

Santa Monica, California

## Scientology protest moves to Southland

United Press International

More than 300 Church of Scientology members and sympathizers, fresh from a month-long protest in Portland, Ore., staged a march along Sunset Boulevard to draw attention to "religion on trial."

Busloads of Scientologists arrived at the church's Hollywood headquarters Sunday afternoon for the evening rally, carrying a large banner that read "Religious Freedom Crusade" as they marched along Sunset Boulevard 1½ miles to the church's Celebrity Center International.

The demonstrators also carried individual signs and sang "When The Crusade Comes Marching In," an altered version of *When The Saints Come Marching In*, during the 40-minute march.

Church spokesman Tim Skog said Scientology members were carrying the message of the Portland court's "threat to religious liberty" to the rest of the country.

"The message is that you cannot put religion on trial," Skog said. "You cannot put it in a courtroom and expect any jury to do anything

but rule against it.

"If you scrutinize beliefs from a secular viewpoint, you could come to the same conclusion about what a Catholic priest might promise a parishioner."

The \$39 million decision was in favor of former Scientology member Julie C. Tichbourne, who claimed in a civil suit that the church promised her eyesight and her intelligence would improve by following church tenets.

The May ruling prompted thousands of Scientologists to flock to Portland, launching what they called "A Crusade for Religious Freedom."

They marched around the Portland courthouse, held concerts and demonstrations in a downtown park, and brought in celebrity members John Travolta and Chick Corea.

The church has asked for a mistrial. A ruling is pending.

The church also planned further demonstrations today outside the Internal Revenue Service building in downtown Los Angeles in further protest of the Portland decision. He claimed the IRS planned to place false documents in church files.

# Los Angeles Times

Thursday, June 27, 1985

## **Scientists Picket Court**

About 400 members of the Church of Scientology's Crusade for Religious Freedom picketed outside the Los Angeles County Courthouse today and stood in a silent hallway vigil during a court hearing on former member Gerald Armstrong's \$60-million fraud suit against them.

Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Paul G. Breckenridge Jr., who last year absolved Armstrong of stealing documents from the church, said he would rule later on Armstrong's request to see statements he made to an "auditor" when he joined the church. Scientologists claim that the statements are privileged and that the First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom precludes their use in court.

## Scientologists Picket Court Over Freedom Issue

By MYRNA OLIVER, *Times Staff Writer*

About 400 members of the Church of Scientology's Crusade for Religious Freedom picketed the Los Angeles County Courthouse on Thursday, protesting what they consider to be court infringement on their constitutional right to religious freedom.

In a unique courthouse scene, more than half the group lined a hallway five deep on each side outside the courtroom of Judge Paul G. Breckenridge Jr. during a hearing on former Scientologist Gerald Armstrong's \$60-million fraud suit against the church.

The disparate group, which included babies in strollers draped in American flags and adults wearing clerical collars and religious crosses, stood silently in the sweltering corridor for two hours, politely obeying instructions from sheriff's deputies and their own monitors to permit access to various courtrooms.

The crusade began last month in Portland, Ore., when 15,000 Scientologists peacefully protested a jury's award of \$39 million to former member Julie Christofferson Titchbourne in her civil fraud case against the church.

"We are here," the Rev. Ken Hoden, president of the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles, said Thursday, "to let the people of Los Angeles know that we are not going to put up with having our religion dragged into court. The First Amendment says what is occurring is unconstitutional."

### Court Scrutiny

Hoden and Jeff Pomerantz, spokesman for the crusade, said the Portland and Los Angeles cases have wrongly subjected religious practices and policy to court scrutiny.

In the local civil litigation, Breckenridge absolved Armstrong last year of stealing from the church documents concerning controversial church founder L. Ron Hubbard. Armstrong's countersuit, claiming that the church defrauded him by making false promises about what it could do for him and caused him

emotional distress by harassing him, is pending.

Before Breckenridge on Thursday were motions by Armstrong's attorney, Julia Dragojevic, to obtain what Scientology calls a "pre-clear" file on Armstrong, containing statements he made to a church auditor when he joined. She also is seeking files from the church's "guardian" office, which she said she believes prove that the church uses personal pre-clear or auditing files to harass former members.

Church attorney John Peterson argued that the pre-clear files are similar to the confession of a Roman Catholic to a priest and therefore are protected from disclosure by the First Amendment. Donald Randolph, also representing the church, said the other files involve attorney notes and work products that also are privileged.

### Later Ruling

Breckenridge formally submitted the motions for later ruling but indicated that he will allow Armstrong to have his own statements from the pre-clear file but not the conclusions or comments of the church auditor-minister.

Demonstrators who remained outside the courthouse sang "We Shall Overcome." They wore T-shirts saying "Crusade for Religious Freedom Portland 1985" and carried signs saying "Your Church Could Be Next," "Religious Freedom Now" and "Never Again."

One person fainted because of the extreme heat while church attorneys addressed the group outside the courthouse after the hearing.

Also contributing to this story was Times staff writer Dorothy Townsend.



L.A. WEEKLY June 28-July 4, 1985

## Insights

**On the Waterfront** A 26-year-old longshoreman named Steve Surgan was the fifth worker to die while working the L.A. Long Beach Harbor in the last year, and his union says he died because people were trying to do things too fast. To make the point completely clear, the union won't be working at all on Thursday, June 27.

Surgan died June 22 unloading a containership, an example of the state-of-the-art shipping technique that bundles cargo into 20- to 40-foot-long steel boxes, which are unloaded as units with special equipment. In Surgan's case, the union says that the ship's crew unlash the cargo while the vessel was still at sea, to lessen the time spent unloading in port. The resulting unshipshape pile of loose ties fouled a crane hoist beam. The crane operator freed the beam — which swung and killed Surgan with a single blow to the head.

David Arian, president of Local 13 of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, says the union will wait until the Monday following their 24-hour walkout for an "appropriate" response to the safety issue from L.A. shippers. If none is forthcoming, the strike will go on for real, until the issue of safety gets taken seriously.

Metropolitan Stevedore Operators, in charge of unloading, had "no comment at this time." Evergreen Marine, owner of the Taiwanese ship that Surgan was unloading when he was killed, would only say, "There's really no one present who's allowed to give any information regarding this matter."

**Train of Thought?** Hard on the heels of a \$39 million damage award in Portland against the Church of Scientology comes a Los Angeles case that may create even more waves.

Larry Wollersheim is suing the religion/corporation for more than \$25 million in damages, claiming he was sold more than \$100,000 worth of Scientology training on the basis of bogus promises that the training would raise his I.Q., make him "well" and give him "supernatural powers."

On Monday, July 1, Wollersheim's case is scheduled to be assigned a judge for its day in court.

The decision last month in Oregon sent hundreds of Scientologists marching in the streets of Portland to protest the award.

Testimony in the case included accounts of "hard T.R.s" (training routines) in which subjects were made to sit absolutely still for up to 15 hours a day, seven days a week, for weeks at a time.

"I expect," says attorney Leta Schlosser, who is representing Wollersheim, "to present some interesting testimony."

**The Church of Scientology** filed a petition with the California Supreme Court seeking to halt a \$25-million damage suit against the church by a former member. About 800 church supporters rallied outside the state court building in downtown San Francisco after marching nine miles from the Golden Gate Bridge. Rev. Ken Hoden, president of the Church of Scientology in Los Angeles and the church's attorney, filed the petition with the Supreme Court for an "immediate stay of trial" in the Los Angeles suit by Larry Wollersheim, who was a member of the church for 11 years. Wollersheim contends that counseling he received from the church was "fraudulent and outrageous."

**Editor:**

This is in response to Arthur Krowitz' suggestion I obtain a copy of L. Ron Hubbard's book, "Dianetics."

In 1950, I was presented for review a copy of the book. Steeped in neo-Freudian theory at that time, I considered it a mechanistic technique, uninfluenced by the mind and emotions, which claimed incredibly unscientific results. Several years later, I was informed that L. Ron Hubbard was trained as an electronics engineer. It occurred to me at that time that if this were fact, it could account for the development of a counseling theory that appeared to treat the human brain as an electronic device. I recoiled.

Charlie Chaplain's satirical film, "Modern Times," presents us with a nuts and bolts society. I must confess that "Dianetics" also struck me as nuts and bolts, without the satire.

C.C. CHRISTIE  
Clearwater

*Clearwater Inn*

WEDNESDAY, July 17, 1985

A Hearst newspaper

# Scientology case declared mistrial

From Sun reports  
PORTLAND, Ore. — A judge, saying courts must pay closer attention to religious freedom, declared a mistrial Tuesday in a lawsuit that ended with a jury's \$39 million fraud judgment against the Church of Scientology, and ordered a new trial.

Multnomah County Circuit Judge Donald Londer said he based the ruling on improper and prejudicial arguments made by the attorney for plaintiff Julie Christofferson Titchbourne during the 11-week trial that ended in May.

More than a thousand Scientologists converged on Portland for protests for about a month after the jury's May 17 ruling, claiming the verdict represented an assault on freedom of religion.

Daily rallies, concerts and news conferences were held, sometimes featuring celebrity Scientologists, including actor John Travolta and jazz pianist Chick Corea.

Ms. Titchbourne, 27, said she was defrauded when the group claimed it could improve her intelligence, eyesight and creativity when she joined it in 1975. She also said the Church of Scientology lied about the background of founder L. Ron Hubbard. She quit the group in 1976.

Ms. Titchbourne's attorney, Garry McMurry, had said fraud was the only issue in the case, not religious persecution.

But Londer said the jury was told improperly that information on the Scientologists' beliefs and practices could be used as a basis for punishing the group.

He also said the jury was prejudiced by abusive language used during McMurry's closing arguments, when the attorney called the Church of Scientology a terrorist group and Hubbard a sociopath.

"We're ecstatic over the decision," said the Rev. Ken Hoden, president of the Church of Scientology of Los Angeles.

Hoden and other Church of Scientology officials were preparing to return to Los Angeles Tuesday afternoon to celebrate the victory.

"We've blocked off a whole Los Angeles city block, and there's going to be a giant celebration," Hoden said Tuesday from Portland, Ore.

(Please see \* SECT, next page)

## \* Sect

(from page 1A)

Ms. Titchbourne's attorneys still can file for a retrial, Hoden said, but he believes criteria Londer has established for conducting further hearings on this case will protect the sect's religious beliefs from taking the stand.

"I can guarantee you that if there is a retrial, Julie Christofferson will be there."



# New Scientology Trial Ordered

## Judge Stops \$39-Million Payment to Ex-Member

By EDWIN CHEN,  
Times Legal Affairs Writer

Declaring a mistrial, an Oregon trial judge on Tuesday threw out a \$39-million fraud judgment against the Church of Scientology that a jury had awarded in May to a former church member.

In ordering a new trial, Multnomah County Circuit judge Donald Londer said he based his decision on improper, prejudicial and "abusive" statements made during the trial by the lawyer for Julie Christofferson Titchbourne, 27, who contended that she had been defrauded by the church.

Last May, after the jury awarded the \$39 million—nearly all of it in punitive damages—to Titchbourne, about 10,000 church members and supporters rallied in Portland to protest, and a handful has continued a vigil there while awaiting post-trial motions pending before the judge.

After Londer issued his 45-minute oral ruling from the bench, about 150 church members in the courtroom, including the Rev. Herbert Jentzsch, president of Scientology International, burst into applause.

Jentzsch later said the ruling not only vindicates the church but also should be construed as a judicial warning that "... such denigration, such animosity designed to taint the minds of juries cannot be

Please see SCIENTOLOGY, Page 7

Los Angeles Times

# SCIENTOLOGY: Judge Declares Mistrial

Continued from Page 1

accepted."

During closing arguments at the end of the 11-week trial, Garry McMurry, Titchbourne's attorney, called the church a terrorist group and its founder, L. Ron Hubbard, a sociopath.

Titchbourne's suit alleged that the church had cheated her out of \$3,253 by saying it would improve her eyesight, communications skills, intelligence and creativity. Titchbourne joined the church in July, 1975, and left the following April.

Tuesday's ruling was the second time Titchbourne's case had fallen victim to a legal practice that dates back to English law known as *remittitur*. It allows trial and appellate judges to reduce civil jury awards when they feel the damages are excessive, or to order new trials.

In 1979, the Oregon Court of Appeals overturned a jury award of \$2 million for Titchbourne and ordered a second trial.

### Subject of Speculation

Whether remittitur is a practice on the wane is the subject of scholarly speculation in legal circles, but that debate gained new

momentum in late June when the Missouri Supreme Court abolished the practice altogether in a pair of rulings growing out of the 1981 collapse of a Hyatt Regency Hotel skywalk in Kansas City.

In both those cases, Missouri's highest court restored the full, multimillion dollar jury awards that had been substantially reduced by the trial judges.

McMurry and his client refused to comment Tuesday, as did Judge Londer.

The Church of Scientology claims a membership of 6 million in 35 countries, including 4 million in the United States.

### Judge Assumed Blame

During the trial, Londer had ruled that, as a matter of law, Scientology indeed is a religion; but McMurry insisted that that was a question for the jury to decide. The judge Tuesday morning blamed himself for letting that erroneous jury instruction stand.

"I will take the responsibility for that," he said. Londer went on to add: "I think the courts must pay particular attention, closer attention, where issues involving religion and the First Amendment are concerned."

McMurry had maintained that the case was merely one of "common law fraud" and "deceit" and had nothing to do with religious persecution.

Boston attorney Earle Cooley, a member of the defense team, praised Londer's ruling. "It took great courage on his part. We are confident there will be a different decision the next time," Jentzsch was more exuberant. Celebrating in a hotel suite in Portland, he shouted into the telephone receiver, "I don't know whether they (Titchbourne and McMurry) want to try again. They've lost twice, and three strikes you're out."

### Millions of Sterile Fruit Flies Released in Miami

MIAMI (AP)—About 6 million sterile Mediterranean fruit flies were dispersed over the city Tuesday, the last scheduled release of the insects in Florida's battle against the dangerous citrus pest, officials said. If inspectors find only sterile flies during the next month of checks, the \$2.5-million program will be declared a success, they said.

# Los Angeles Times

Tuesday, July 16, 1985

LF/80 Pages Copyright 1985/The Times Mirror Company Daily 25¢

## Judge Upsets \$39-Million Award Against Scientology

### Lawsuit by Ex-Member Cited Fraud

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—A circuit judge declared a mistrial today in a lawsuit that had ended in May with a jury's recommendation for a \$39-million fraud judgment against the Church of Scientology.

The jury's decision had prompted more than a week of protests by Scientologists and supporters who alleged religious persecution.

Multnomah County Judge Donald Londer, saying he based his ruling on improper and prejudicial arguments made by the lawyer for Julie Christofferson Titchbourne, ordered a new trial.

About 150 Scientologists burst into applause when the ruling was announced.

Titchbourne, 27, of Portland alleged the group defrauded her by claiming it could raise her intelligence, correct her weak eyesight and improve her creativity when she joined it in 1975. She also charged that it misrepresented the background of its reclusive founder, L. Ron Hubbard.

#### Persecution Denied

Her attorney, Garry McMurry, said it was "a case of common-law fraud, of deceit," and not one of religious persecution.

Londer, who had delayed signing the judgment pending his decision on a motion for mistrial, said that issues dealing with the beliefs and practices of Scientologists were admitted for limited use, but that the jury was improperly told those issues could be used as a basis for punishing the group.

The judge also cited "abusive language" used in closing arguments by McMurry, who said the Church of Scientology was a terrorist group and that Hubbard was a sociopath.

"I will take the responsibility for that," Londer said. "Although (defense) counsel did not ask for a limiting jury instruction, I should have given it."

Londer noted that the courts have determined Scientology is a religion, and that the Constitution prevents prosecution for one's religious beliefs.

Defense lawyer Earle Cooley praised Londer as "a judge sensitive to our rights under the Constitution. It took great courage on his part. We're confident there will be a different decision the next time."

McMurry had no comment on the mistrial ruling, the latest chapter in the 8-year-old case. Titchbourne was not present at the hearing.

#### 'She's Laughing at Us'

In seeking a mistrial, Scientology attorneys said Monday that Titchbourne's statements in magazine and newspaper articles differed from her testimony about how she joined the group and how she was "deprogrammed" after she left it in 1976.

"She has misused and abused the judicial system," Cooley said. "With the \$39-million verdict, she's out there laughing at us all."

McMurry dismissed Cooley's contention that Titchbourne had contradicted herself in the news media. "What goes on in the courtroom is all that matters," he said.

Cooley also said Titchbourne's attorneys ridiculed Scientologists' beliefs during the 11-week trial, prejudicing jurors and convincing them they should punish the group with a large verdict.

Monday's hearing was the second held on the mistrial motion since the verdict was returned May 17.

# Clearwater Sun

SUNDAY, July 21, 1985

A Hearst newspaper

Volume 72, Number 81 50 cents

## Oregon decision has bearing on city, sect says

By LESLEY COLLINS  
Sun staff writer

**CLEARWATER** — A ruling that erased a \$39 million fraud judgment against the Church of Scientology in Oregon "directly affects Clearwater," the sect's international president asserted Saturday.

Scientology President Heber Jentzsch's statement Saturday came at a press conference that included a verbal onslaught against "deprogrammers" and Boston attorney Michael Flynn.

Flynn, a longtime Scientology foe, was paid by the city to conduct hearings in 1982 on Scientology activities in Clearwater. He recommended that the city adopt a charitable solicitation ordinance and three other laws following those hearings. Flynn also has represented former Scientologists who have filed lawsuits against the sect.

The city went on to adopt a charitable solicitation ordinance that Flynn recommended, a measure that gives the city attorney power to inspect the financial records of charitable organi-

zations suspected of misusing funds. The ordinance, however, has been on hold until a federal appeals court rules on its constitutionality. A hearing is set Aug. 5.

On Saturday, Jentzsch reiterated the sect's charges against Flynn and said Flynn's previous recommendations to the city should still be questioned. And Jentzsch repeated Scientology accusations that Flynn has been involved in "criminal activity" to thwart the group.

"If he goes to jail in the next six

months ... the laws he (recommended) in Clearwater come into question," Jentzsch said.

The sect has accused Flynn of conspiring to pass a counterfeit \$2 million check drawn on the account of Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard. Sect officials contend that Flynn did the forging and then blamed it on Scientologists.

Flynn, however, has vehemently denied the sect's accusations. No criminal charges have been filed.

Jentzsch was flanked at Saturday's

press conference by Earle Cooley, who represented the sect in the Oregon trial.

In that case, Multnomah County Circuit Judge Donald Londer this past Tuesday declared a mistrial in a lawsuit that had ended in a jury's \$39 million fraud judgment against the sect. A new trial has not been set.

Julie Christofferson Titchbourne, 27, had contended that the sect defrauded her, claiming it could improve her intelligence, eyesight and creativity when she joined it in 1975.

# READER

LOS ANGELES'S FREE WEEKLY

AUGUST & NOVEMBER 1985

## Personals

### READER

August 9, 1985 Vol. 7, No. 42

August 9, 1985 READER 27

DEAR RON: I loved your "Flagpole" bulletin. It seemed uncharacteristically frank of you. What happened? Blow some circuits? Some BT's, get loose? Love, Xemu.

ASKING L. RON Hubbard and the Church of Scientology to stop lying is like telling a man with a drop of honey on his tongue not to swallow. They can't resist.

YOU WOULD THINK that L. Ron Hubbard would be content with the millions he has stolen from his church, but noooo! Now he has to inflict on the world those long, boring sci-fi novels that make the label on a catsup bottle look like literature. Give us a break, Xemu, find another planet to supress!

### READER

November 15, 1985 Vol. 8, No. 5

## Personals

34 READER Section 2

RUMOROLOGIST: The issue isn't persecution of the individual by society, its persecution of society by the individual: Charlie Starkweather! L. Ron Hubbard! Jim Jones! You! Cheers, —Gurgle

TO WHOM IT MAY Concern: He who knows not and knows not that he knows not, he is a fool, stun him. —Obnois

Friday, November 1, 1985

I AM SICK and tired of people taking cheap shots at me. The crude electronics that exist on this planet prevent me from doing the job right, even the suppressives that I use are strictly third rate. They are not like that old gang of mine. So give me a break. I am doing the best I can. Love, Ron.

I WAS CASUALLY hanging around with my pal Jim at UCLA when we spotted this guy on a diving board just outside the sculpture gardens. He was clad in swim trunks, hooked up to this huge machine and bouncing up and down on this diving board. He stops, people applaud, and then he pulls out a pair of scissors and proceeds to chop off his hair. For the grand finale, he rubs black dirt all over his body—then he just walks off. Was this a mid-term or an act of insanity? (You think you've got problems Xemu?) —Alli

YOU CAN EXPLAIN not own, control, copywrite, or exploit spiritual freedom. Those who try will end in confusion and madness. This is the road to hell. Ask L. Ron Hubbard.

November 15, 1985 READER 35

DIARY OF A MAD PERSON. Part Two—"Corn Cob in the Sky." Overpopulation. You think it's bad now? Imagine trying to live on a planet with 250 billion fucked-up people. That's a real scary thought. Don't dwell on it too long or you'll go crazy. But just think of all the money you could make selling oxygen to humans.

75 million years ago I figured out the perfect solution to overpopulation on the 90 planets of this Galactic Confederation. I rounded up hundreds of billions of humans, froze them in an alcohol/glycol solution, and shipped them to Earth/Teegeeach, where I blew them up with H-bombs on all the major volcanos. A real wall of fire! The sky was burning! Then I captured all their souls with electronics and stuck thousands of them together in Clusters and brainwashed them with Christianity, God, the Devil, sexual perversion, Western Civilization, etc.

So if you ever suspect that your actions and motivations are pre-determined, that your life is following someone else's program and the controls are beyond your reach, just blame me, because I designed your Operating System. And if you ever get weird ideas in your mind which don't seem like you own, it's because they're not—you have thousands of other beings stuck to you.

So in one fell swoop I solved both overpopulation and loneliness in this sector of the galaxy. Yet all I get is slander and smear campaigns—not a word of thanks from anyone. And some of you ungrateful swine are trying to screw things up. You selfish bastards want to have one human meat-body all to yourselves, instead of being civilized and sharing it with other disembodied spirits. If you morons keep exorcising all those other beings, they'll just go and create more meat-bodies and soon there'll be 250 billion humans on this planet again, and it'll be Teegeeach all over again. The New Improved Wall of Fire. This time I'll do it right. I'll make sure you scumbags never get out of this Universe alive.

Some of you may be wondering why there aren't hundreds of billions of 75-million-year-old fossils lying around all over this planet. Good question. After I was captured and imprisoned in a wire cage with an eternal battery (I hope you guys didn't lose the Guarantee Certificate) inside a mountain top, my agents sent a clean-up crew to this planet to destroy all the human remains and replace them with dinosaur skeletons and T-Rex skeletons, etc. This was part of a clever scheme to confuse future generations of humans so they wouldn't be able to remember what happened on this planet, and anyone who accidentally stumbled upon the truth would be called a paranoid schizophrenic or a science-fiction cult leader, or perhaps just a common thief with a good angle to sucker the marks. So I hope this clarifies things for you, because it's not just another "Shore Story." Love, Xemu

WHEW! —E.Z.

# City, sect clash in federal appeals court

1st page

## From Sun reports

ATLANTA — A coalition of religious groups took its fight against Clearwater's charitable solicitation ordinance to a federal appeals court Monday, calling the law the first attempt in American history to require churches to have licenses to pass the collection plate.

But lawyers for Clearwater told the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta that the ordinance does not discriminate against churches and "doesn't stop anybody from doing anything that is legitimate."

The law, passed in 1983 after five days of hearings into activities of the Church of Scientology, requires many churches and ministers in Clearwater to register with the city under penalty of imprisonment or fine.

The law requires groups to file with the city clerk a registration statement detailing such things as how they intend to raise money and how much they estimate fund-raising will cost.

It also mandates internal financial auditing procedures of churches and allows the city attorney to investigate charges of fraud or misrepres-

entation in fund-raising by non-profit or religious groups if accusations are made by 10 or more people.

Although it was adopted by the City Commission in October 1983, the enforcement of the ordinance has been stymied until a federal appeals court rules on its constitutionality.

A federal judge in Tampa upheld the ordinance in August 1984, but urged the coalition of church groups challenging the law to appeal.

Plaintiffs in the suit include the Church of Scientology, the American Baptist Churches in

the USA, the American Jewish Committee and the General Conference of Seventh-Day Adventists.

Representatives of those groups, calling themselves the "Religious Freedom Crusade," marched about two miles through the streets of downtown Atlanta en route to the courtroom Monday.

They held a brief rally at the state Capitol, where they donned black gags to symbolize what

(Please see \* SCIENTOLOGY, next page)

## \* Scientology

(from page 1A)

the Rev. Ken Hoden of the Church of Scientology in Los Angeles characterized as the law's attempt "not only to restrict churches ... but to gag ministers."

They also paraded outside the building temporarily housing the appeals court.

Lee Boothby, an attorney representing the Seventh-Day Adventists, told the court the ordinance clearly discriminates against churches and non-profit organizations.

"Passing the plate inside church is regulated, but not panhandling outside," he said. "A fund-raising concert by the church choir is covered, but not a rock concert that brings in druggies."

Eric Lieberman, an attorney for the Church of Scientology, called the measure "a clear violation of First Amendment rights" and described it as "the first time in American history that a government has said a church must obtain a license to pass the plate."

Washington lawyer Lawrence R. Velvel, hired to represent the city, said the ordinance "pertains to all groups that are charitable. It does

not discriminate. It applies to everybody."

Velvel, who specializes in constitutional and antitrust laws, said the measure was needed because hearings in the city demonstrated evidence of misconduct and fraud in fund-raising activities by some groups.

The court took the issue under consideration without saying when it would rule, but one of the three panel members, Judge Gerald Tjoflat, indicated that the decision could turn on procedural matters rather than on issues.

Tjoflat repeatedly criticized the Tampa court's handling of the case, declaring at one point, "The court handled this in a very bizarre way."

He said U.S. District Court Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich's ruling that the statute was valid was based solely on the language of the ordinance. The judge's decision against hearing arguments of fact left no record for a higher court to review, Tjoflat complained.

"We only have the authority to act on a record established in a district court, and this district court didn't establish a record. This case doesn't have any facts because the district judge didn't find any," he said.

## Scientology Lawyer Jailed for His Jousts With Judge

By GEORGE RAMOS, *Times Staff Writer*

A lawyer for the Church of Scientology was jailed for several hours late Monday after he verbally sparred with Los Angeles' chief U.S. district judge, whom church officials have accused of taking away church-related cases from other judges in order to cover up alleged government misconduct.

Attorney Donald C. Randolph was taken into custody by federal marshals after he was found in contempt by Judge Manuel Real for repeatedly raising arguments that Real had rejected and said he no longer wanted to hear.

"Get on to something else!" Real shouted at Randolph as the Los Angeles lawyer repeatedly raised an argument over why federal prosecutors would represent former church member Laurel Sullivan in a lawsuit brought against her by the Church of Scientology.

"In Section 4.3 . . .," Randolph began.

"Mr. Randolph, I told you to get on to something else!" Real interjected.

### Appeals Court Intervenes

When Randolph persisted, Real leaned back in his chair and told the lawyer: "You're spending the night in (U.S. Marshal's) lock-up."

However, a three-judge panel of the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals several hours later granted a petition by church attorneys for Randolph's release.

After being freed at 8 p.m., Randolph, 41, met with Scientology supporters, who vowed to keep a nightlong vigil at the courthouse.

"They (the three-judge panel) did what was necessary to get me out of custody so I wouldn't have to spend the night in jail," Randolph said. "Now they will review the merits of the case and decide whether I acted improperly or properly. I am confident they will conclude that I was entirely proper in my arguments to the court."

Randolph said he would be back in Real's courtroom this morning, "as soon as I find my belt and tie," which had been taken from him by marshals.

Earlier in the day, 300 Church of Scientology members and supporters demonstrated outside the Federal Courthouse in downtown Los Angeles. Some carried placards that read, "Real is Unreal." The demonstrators also packed Real's courtroom. And when Randolph was ordered jailed, many began singing "We Shall Overcome."

Real and Randolph had argued loudly in the morning session. As Randolph continually raised a point that Real rejected, the judge finally stalked off the bench, telling the attorney, "Don't be ludicrous."

Church officials have accused Real, denounced by some critics as a judicial tyrant who is quick to shout at attorneys who offend him, of "case shopping"—allegedly steering church-related cases to his courtroom to cover government misconduct.

### Involved in 2 Cases

Randolph was in the midst of presenting the church's arguments in two cases, one involving Sullivan, when he was ordered into custody.

The church claimed that its civil rights were violated because Sullivan allegedly passed confidential church information to federal authorities investigating Scientology.

In the other matter, Scientology has sued Boston attorney Michael Flynn for allegedly conspiring to bring "blatantly false and bizarre allegations" against the church. Flynn, who earlier this year filed a malicious-prosecution lawsuit against the church, has represented several clients in cases against Scientology.

## Scientologists Accuse U.S. Judge of Bias as Suit Against Ex-Member Is Dismissed

By GEORGE RAMOS, *Times Staff Writer*

Los Angeles' chief federal judge, who has been accused of bias by Church of Scientology officials, Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit filed by the church against a former member.

The ruling by Chief U.S. District Judge Manuel Real came after he again ordered a Scientology attorney removed from the courtroom for arguing too much. On Monday, Real sent another church lawyer, Donald C. Randolph of Los Angeles, to jail—also for arguing.

Although Randolph was released from custody several hours later, the ejection of another church attorney, Earle C. Cooley, Tuesday morning led Scientology officials to make an unusual decision—they asked the president of the church in Los Angeles, who is not an attorney, to address the court.

With Real listening impassively, the Rev. Ken Hoden, in an emotional voice, asked the question that had gotten church attorneys in trouble with the judge: Why was Real using his position to order all church-related cases brought into his courtroom?

"We just want to know what's going on here," Hoden said. "We just want our day in court. If we can't, we'll say goodbye and go home."

Real did not answer Hoden directly. But he denied a Scientology motion to return the church-initiated lawsuit against former member Laurel Sullivan to the court of U.S. District Judge William J. Rea.

"I've spent enough time on this and it would be a waste of judicial time," Real said in rejecting the motion.

The judge later dismissed the suit, in which the church claimed that Sullivan—who is cooperating with federal authorities investigating Scientology—passed on confidential church information to federal agents.

Before Hoden spoke, Cooley told Real that Scientologists believe that "justice is a joke" in the judge's courtroom.

As Cooley persisted in arguing a related point, Real cut him off in midsentence and told the attorney to sit down.

"Aren't I going to be allowed to finish my arguments?" Cooley asked.

"Please sit down, Mr. Cooley, or you'll also have to 9th Circuit. . .," Real said. The judge was referring to the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals, which ordered Randolph released from custody on Monday.

When Cooley ignored Real's repeated orders to sit down, federal security officers were instructed by Real—accused by some critics of being quick-tempered and often shouting at attorneys who displease him—to remove Cooley from the courtroom.

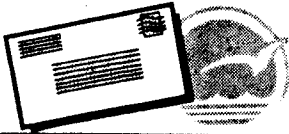
Later, Real rejected a motion on behalf of Boston attorney Michael Flynn, who was also sued by the church, to dismiss, with prejudice, the case brought against him.

The judge also ordered the church to file any actions similar to the suits against Sullivan and Flynn only in Los Angeles, where they would be assigned to Real's court.

That ruling, Hoden said later, proved that Real was guilty of "case shopping"—steering church-related cases to his courtroom to cover up what the church claims is illegal government misconduct.

One example cited by Hoden was alleged collusion between former church members and the Internal Revenue Service.

An estimated 300 church members and supporters, in protest of Real, paraded around the downtown Federal Courthouse on Tuesday as they had done the day before.



## Letters to the Editor

be stopped before it completely perverts their senses. Civil rights organizations will scream censorship but why can't we, as well, shout censorship and mean that we must put an end to the degradation of beauty in all its forms.

MRS. G.M. BLANDY  
Belleair

## An alternative

Editor:

I recently read an article in the *Sun* that stated that plans for a new psychiatric hospital in Clearwater had been rejected by

state officials. I want to give my own personal "Hurrah" for this rejection.

My own experience has been that the psychiatric thinking

does not make for restoration of self determinism to an individual, and it doesn't bring a person to be able to think for himself or care for himself or others or

lessen his affinity for drugs.

What I consider to be the true message of psychiatry is also supported in the writings of Thomas Szasz, M.D., himself a psychiatrist, professor of psychiatry at the University of New York at Syracuse and author of "The Manufacture of Madness," "The Myth of Mental Illness" and other books. He describes psychiatry as "ritualized personal degradation," and I certainly concur with that.

We have all seen, and see daily, psychiatrists pronouncing as not dangerous people who are then free to commit vicious crimes. And judging by the differing opinions offered in our courts, it is difficult to get two psychiatrists to agree with each other on the diagnosis of the

same patient.

Enough of this humbug that has fooled mankind for so long. Let's decide, on the basis of common sense, to dissolve psychiatry as a science and a profession, and to allow it only a modest existence as a faith. For so it seems to be.

And let us furthermore substitute a method such as Dianetics, which is a real science and does produce consistent good results time after time, without drugs and without electro-shock.

We need plenty of rational thinking in and about Clearwater, not more humbug. I congratulate the state officials on their decision and hope it will prevail through any coming challenge of it.

MARY BORDEAUX  
Clearwater

## On psychiatry

Editor:

I have been seeing a good deal of discussion in the media recently about religion, and how psychiatry is ebbing its way into religion, education and the field of law.

The belief that man is not a spirit is basically a psychiatric concept, and this concept is destroying the moral and ethical basis of this country.

Man is a spirit and there is a God and any psychiatrist who wants to debate this subject should please contact me, because I feel that this forum would definitely show the true color of the psychiatric "think" that man is mud and that there is no difference between right and wrong.

It is time to educate the people of America on this threat to religion so that they can correctly identify the poor results which are occurring in our educational system with the new techniques of psychiatry, for education is also an area in which psychiatrists have vested interests.

The last point I would like to make regarding this is that psychiatry today is trying to place itself above the law, in that a psychiatrist is now able to declare an insane person to be free from the responsibilities of what every good citizen in America has to bear. For such individuals as psychiatrists, who do not have a workable technology of the mind, to be placed in such a position in the courts is extremely dangerous and is the reason why our court system is failing.

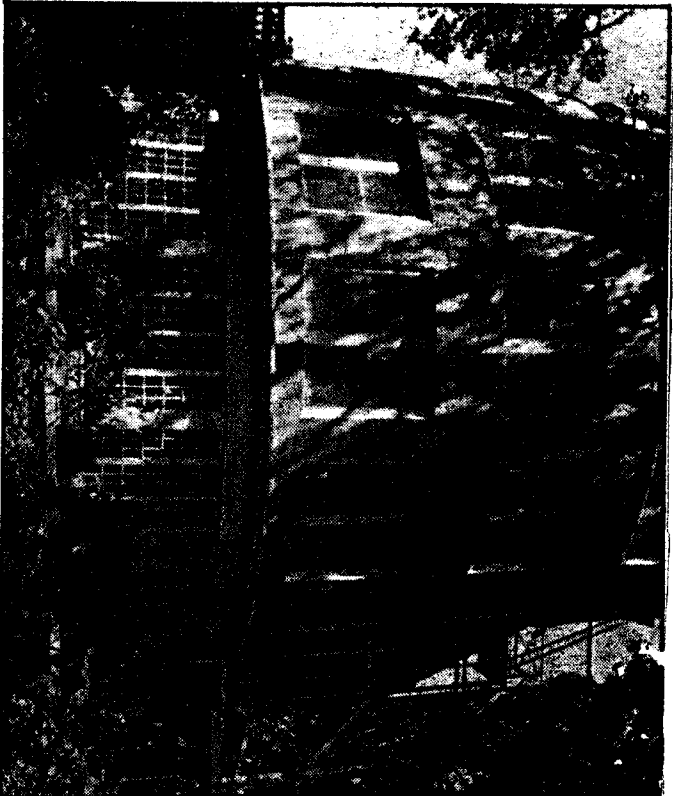
As for religious freedom in America, it is time that we do band together to wipe out this anti-God psychiatric faction and come to know the true devil and evil in psychiatry.

LUDWIG ALPERS  
Church of Scientology



Thursday, October 3, 1985

Clearwater Sun



Sun staff photo

The owner of the Gray Moss Inn has filed an appeal.

## Innkeeper appeals ruling to close landmark hotel

CLEARWATER — The owner of the Gray Moss Inn has filed an appeal with a city board in hopes of reversing the city building department's Sept. 6 order to evacuate the hotel and suspend its operation.

By Sept. 7, nine elderly residents, 65 transient guests and two storefront businesses had been evacuated from the 90-year-old downtown landmark.

City officials deemed the evacuation necessary after they found serious fire code violations in the building and the threat of structural failure due to the settling of the building.

The variance application, filed on Sept. 20, comes before the

Board of Adjustment and Appeal on Building/Flood Control during a 2 p.m. meeting Wednesday.

"In effect, the city has put him out of business at this point," said attorney Donald R. Hall, who represents John Welch Jr., owner of the Gray Moss.

"They just closed him down without any notice, without giving him any time to correct their alleged deficiencies."

Several elderly tenants who had to be evacuated quickly could have suffered health problems because of the unexpected move, Hall noted. His law firm is investigating whether the city acted properly in this situation.

# THE INVADERS PLAN

by Master Storyteller

## L. RON HUBBARD

Volume 1 of MISSION EARTH

The biggest science fiction dekalogy\* ever written. More than 1,154,000 words.

\*a work of 10 volumes.

Capturing the immense sweep of time and space...of intrigue and conflict...of planets and empires caught in the jaws of fate. Told as only L. Ron Hubbard can tell it with a unique twist, through the eyes of the Voltarian invaders themselves.

A stunning blend of high drama and incisive comedy satire from the giant of science fiction, who gave us the International Best Seller "Battlefield Earth."

"L. Ron Hubbard's latest is full of action and adventure...the action does not stop...The Invaders Plan reads like an intergalactic Raiders of the Lost Ark. Once you start you'll be hard-pressed to put the book down... On our scale of 1-10 with 10 being excellent, The Invaders Plan comes out as a 10. It's fabulous!"

PAUL THOMAS HUGHES  
United Press International

"An incredibly good story, lushly written, vibrating with action and excitement. A gem."

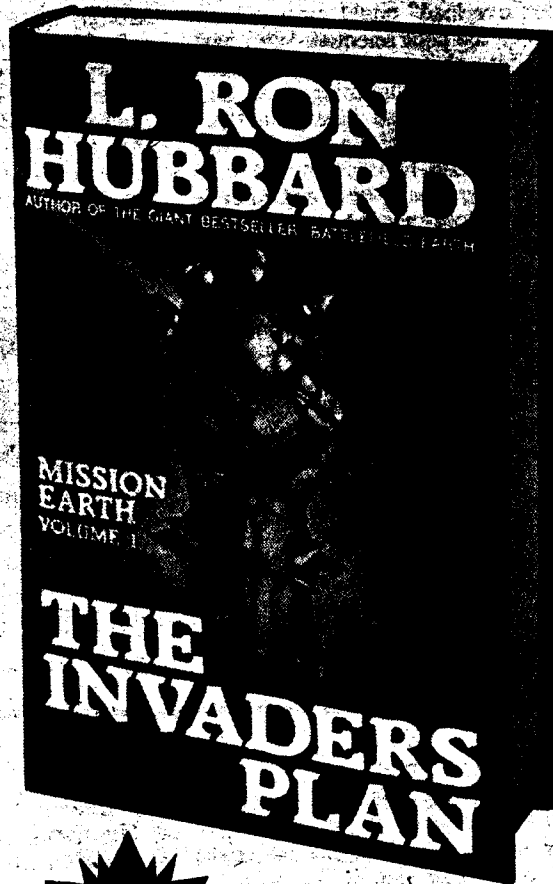
A. E. VAN VOGT

"...a big, humorous tale of interstellar intrigue in the classical mold. I fully enjoyed it!"

ROGER ZELAZNY

"...Like Hubbard's earlier stories, the adventure, colored by broad strokes of satire, is written with a vigor that splatters exclamation points across the page."

PUBLISHER'S WEEKLY



\$18.95 U.S.  
\$24.95 CANADIAN  
Hardcover, 576 pages

Available wherever fine books are sold

Bridge Publications, Inc.  
1414 North Catalina Street, Los Angeles, CA 90027

# Six candidates eye Tarpon Springs seats

By JACK REYNOLDS  
Sun staff writer

TARPON SPRINGS — The first day for candidates to officially file for the December municipal elections brought out six hopefuls for the four positions up for contention.

Voters will be picking a mayor and three city commissioners when they go to the polls Dec. 10.

Tarpon elections are citywide. Candidates run for a specific seat, but are put in office by the entire electorate.

Incumbent Commissioner Anita Protos and Marvin Johnson were the first applicants knocking on City Clerk Kathy Alestis' door at 8 a.m. Friday.

Johnson, who spearheaded a civic protest that led to an unsuccessful court battle against the Point Alexis development several years ago, filed for the seat being vacated by Commissioner Tom Koulianos. Johnson will be facing local attorney William L. Vinson, who also filed Friday to fill Koulianos' post. Mrs. Protos will be running to keep the position she now holds.

Koulianos, who is giving up his commission post, filed Friday for the mayor's job. Mayor Bill Lane was not one of Friday's filers, but he has said he plans to run again.

Former Commissioner Bea Raynard officially filed Friday. She'll be running against Mrs. Protos for seat four on the commission.

Accountant Anthony C. Samarkos also became an official candidate Friday, when he filed for the seat now being held by Commissioner Charles Roberts. Like Mayor Lane, Roberts did not file on Friday, but he has announced he will be a candidate for re-election.

All the candidates paid their \$25 qualifi-

cation fee and picked up a set of petition cards. A total of 25 cards, signed by qualified electors, must be returned to Clerk Alestis by each candidate before Nov. 1.

The first day of filing produced some verbal fireworks from an unexpected source: non-candidate Bill Howard, Tarpon's influential young developer.

Howard is a prominent partner in Arclote Property Corp., which is developing 623-home Whitcomb Place as well as the Windrush waterfront community and the Village Market, a westside shopping center.

Saying he was tired of a growing whispering campaign and "citizens being manipulated by innuendoes," Howard went public this week with his choices in the December election and his reasons for supporting those candidates.

He said he'd be supporting incumbents Mayor Bill Lane and Commissioners Anita Protos and Charles Roberts. He said there had been "positive change" in city government in the past two years since that trio had been together in office.

Howard said he'd support any "open, logical, objective" candidate for the third open commission seat.

"I'll support anyone I can communicate with," said Howard, who also has been active in renovating the city's downtown area along East Tarpon Avenue.

Two politicians he can't communicate with are Bea Raynard and Tom Koulianos, Howard said. He called Mrs. Raynard, editor and publisher of the weekly *Tarpon Springs Herald*, "a woman with a lot of ability," but "crafty."

He said that Mrs. Raynard, with her newspaper, was contributing to the spread of innuendoes he said already were surfacing in Tarpon Springs.

Speaking of mayor-candidate Koulianos, Howard said, "I can't even get a meeting with him."

Mrs. Raynard said Friday that "perhaps Bill ought to define what he means by communication."

"I receive mail. I have three telephones that are constantly ringing. Perhaps he means he can't influence me," Mrs. Raynard said.

Referring to his backing of Lane, Roberts and Mrs. Protos, Mrs. Raynard said she'd do the same if she were Howard. "They've been gracious and helpful to him."

Koulianos was not available for comment Friday afternoon.

Howard also took on rumors tying him to the Church of Scientology.

"The Church of Scientology is not involved in any of my enterprises," Howard said. "It never was and, if I have my way, it never will be."

"I have never been financed by the church and, to the best of my knowledge, they have not been involved in Tarpon development," he said.

Howard said he was clarifying his position regarding the Scientology movement to counter "whispers" circulating throughout the community as to where Howard is getting his business capital. Years ago, he said, when the church first came to the Clearwater area, he took a Scientology course "just to see what they were doing."

According to Howard, talk of an alleged Scientology connection are popping in AHEPA, the Greek fraternal organization, one of whose members is mayoral candidate Tom Koulianos.

"The rumors are unfair and some people are getting a lot of mileage out of them," Howard said.



About 150 people rallied at a park in downtown Los Angeles to protest a \$25-million fraud suit filed against the Church of Scientology by a former member. Police said the gathering at the Court of Flags Park on North Hill Street was peaceful. Church members said they expected 2,000 to attend the daylong rally; police said they had anticipated about 1,000. While the rally was proceeding, lawyers for the church argued pretrial motions before Superior Court Judge Alfred Margolis. The lawsuit filed by former church member Larry Wollersheim alleges that the church's teachings are fraudulent and caused him to suffer emotional distress.

---



Emmett Jordan/Daily News

Church of Scientology protesters piled up their signs outside a downtown Los Angeles court-

house where a hearing of a suit involving the sect's basic beliefs was beginning Tuesday.

## Scientology church loses its bid to avoid punitive damages in suit

By IRA RIFKIN  
Daily News Religion Writer

Attorneys for the Church of Scientology lost a series of key pre-trial motions Tuesday as a \$25 million lawsuit seeking to challenge some of the controversial sect's most fundamental aspects got under way in a Los Angeles courtroom.

The Superior Court trial began in a circus atmosphere similar to the one that permeated the recent Scientology-related case in Portland, Ore., complete with demonstrators and courtroom outbursts by church supporters.

One ruling by Judge Alfred L. Margolis was to deny a church request to rule out the possibility of punitive damages in the case of 37-year-old Larry Wollersheim, a one-time upper-echelon church member. The decision prompted church attorneys to claim the courtroom atmosphere would be poisoned by inflammatory statements designed to push jurors into punishing an unpopular religion.

In the Portland case, a jury assessed Scientology with a \$39 million judgment, nearly all of it punitive. A judge later voided the award.

"My worst fears have been realized," Scientology attorney Earl Cooley said of Margolin's decision. "The direction the court has taken ... makes it clear a heresy trial will take place with dimensions that boggle my mind."

Wollersheim, an 11-year Scientology member who says he spent \$100,000 on church counseling courses, has charged the church's California branch with "fraud and deceit" because he did not achieve certain mental and physical gains, including supernatural powers and business successes, he says were promised as part of the counseling process.

The suit also claims that the Scientology counseling process known as auditing, in which an electrically charged meter records emotional reactions, is psychological manipulation and that it was performed on Wollersheim in a non-religious context.

Scientology maintains that auditing is central to its religious philosophy and should be excluded from any court case on church-state constitutional grounds. However, Wollersheim's chief attorney, Charles R. O'Reilly, said "the religion of

Scientology is not on trial here," and that testimony would be directed at actions by church members, including the administering of auditing, conducted in an atmosphere "totally devoid of religious beliefs."

As the trial began, following a five-year period during which the church attempted to have the suit dismissed on constitutional grounds, several hundred Scientologists conducted a day-long demonstration and vigil in a plaza area across the street from the downtown Civic Center courthouse.

Scientologists also packed the courtroom and the hall outside and were warned more than once by Margolin to maintain order after several outbursts directed at the judge and opposing lawyers. One Scientologist was wrestled out of the courtroom by bailiffs while yelling that the judge was favoring Wollersheim's attorneys.

Rev. Ken Hoden, a church leader in Los Angeles, said Scientologists would continue to demonstrate throughout the course of the trial, which is expected to take several months.

Pre-trial arguments are to continue today.

Ra  
Ac

By B.J.  
Daily News

An a  
ley rap  
on 12  
court  
caped  
with a  
tempt

Acc  
with  
prosec  
25, wa  
over t  
Distric  
reto-M

A Los Angeles judge ruled that allegations about the Church of Scientology's belief in and practice of "auditing" its members may not be introduced as evidence in a \$25-million fraud suit. Superior Court Judge Alfred Margolis also granted church motions to disallow any allegations as to the efficacy, successes or failures of auditing, which is the church's term for its confidential pastoral counseling. The Rev. Ken Hoden, president of the church in Los Angeles, said the pretrial rulings were a major gain for the defense, because "auditing is essential to Scientology, to achieving salvation in the church. . . . To put that on trial would be tantamount to putting praying on trial." The suit by Larry Wollersheim—who claims that he spent \$100,000 on Scientology counseling believing that it would make him more stable, healthy, confident and productive—contends that the church fraudulently promised that he would achieve those results.

Saturday, October 19, 1985

**CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY®**



Minister:  
Rev. Frank McCall

Sunday Religious Service  
at 7:00 P.M.

210 S. Fort Harrison Ave.  
Clearwater, Florida  
Frank McCall

**"BE AT PEACE WITH YOURSELF"**

*Scientology* and The Scientology Cross are  
trademarks owned by the Religious Technology  
Center and used with its permission.

# THE GREAT MYSTICS

FROM THE BEGINNING, men and women have claimed to possess magical healing powers that permit them to commune with the spirit world. Some have made history by exploring the outer limits of human existence. In this first part of a new series, the EXAMINER looks at great mystics of Russia and the Western world.

**HIS MOTHER** compared him to The Beast 666 from the Book of Revelations. Newspapers called him The Wickedest Man in the World.

Aleister Crowley, the object of all that verbal abuse — which he openly invited — was perhaps the most controversial occultist in history.

By EDWARD REYNOLDS

He was born Edward Alexander Crowley on October 12, 1875, the son of a wealthy brewer from Leamington, England. From the beginning, he was obsessed with sex.

At 14, he seduced a young servant girl in his mother's bedroom. Two years later, he blew himself up with a 10-pound homemade fire-bomb. He was unconscious for a total of 96 hours.

Miraculously, he survived.

Some say the explosion opened his psychic channels and paved the way for him to become a great magician, who used real magic — not stage illusions and tricks.

He was inducted into the Order of the Golden Dawn, an eerie occult society that included some of the brightest stars of literature and the arts of the early 20th century.

Rituals of the Golden

Dawn, many of them developed by Crowley, are still followed by occultists today.

Crowley was particularly fascinated with rites that he believed enabled him to summon terrible demons from the depths of the underworld.

In fact, he claimed to be possessed by an Egyptian God, which he said was the equivalent of The Beast in Revelations.

His greatest achievement as a magician was his astonishing power of will.

He practiced "sex magic," sado-masochistic whippings and other disgusting perversions, which reputedly enabled him to call forth horrible demons.

The Great Beast opened several occult temples that were patronized by aristocrats and film celebrities of the day.

Sex magic was the focus of the meetings, and Crowley and his followers par-



CROWLEY: Sex magic.

icipated in disgusting three-day orgies, practicing the kinkiest and most perverted sexual activities imaginable.

## His followers participated in 3-day orgies

He filed his teeth to a sharp point and when he was introduced to women, often gave them the 'serpent's kiss,' biting the wrist or occasionally the

throat with his fangs.

Crowley's evil will enslaved and ruined the lives of those closest to him. Often they committed suicide, became desperately ill, or were driven to madness.

He discarded his wives and children like excess baggage and was a tenacious heroin addict and deathbed alcoholic.

He squandered the family fortune and died a pauper in a rundown boarding house in 1947. He was 72.

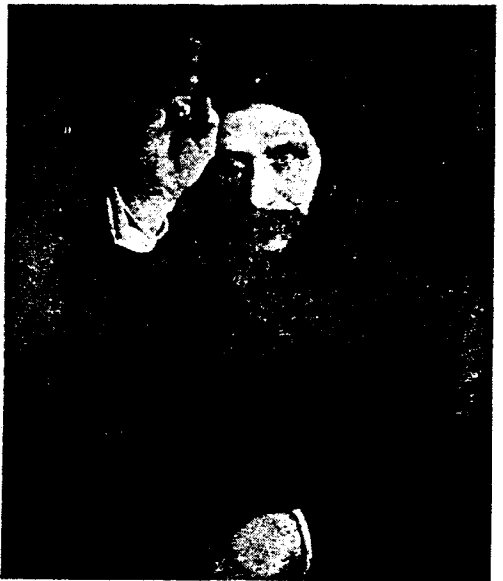
Completely different in character was the Russian peasant Grigori Rasputin who claimed to possess magical healing powers.

Rasputin gained enormous influence and prestige when he impressed Czarina Alexandra, wife of Czar Nicholas II, by saving the life of their only son, young Prince Alexei, who had inherited hemophilia.

The young prince had been injured in a mishap that might be minor to someone else, but was deadly to a hemophiliac, and even the most skillful physicians in the Czar's court were unable to control the bleeding.

Then the bearded Rasputin was ushered into the ailing prince's bedchamber, his piercing, hypnotic eyes glowing with a surreal brightness.

"He laid his hand on the boy's forehead, sat down on the edge of the bed, and began to talk to him in a quiet voice. Then he knelt and



RASPUTIN WAS poisoned, brutally beaten and then shoved into an icy lake.

prayed. In a few minutes the boy was in a deep and peaceful sleep and the crisis was over," wrote an astonished witness to the miraculous healing.

Rasputin later warned the Czar of a chilling prophecy. Rasputin predicted his own death by violence before the new year 1917. If the death was at the hands of peasants, the Czar would reign for many years to come, the mystic declared.

But, if he was killed by aristocrats then, "none of your children or relations will remain alive for more

than two years."

Soon after, Rasputin was lured to the palatial home of an aristocrat where he was poisoned, brutally beaten with a lead bar, shot and finally pushed under the ice of a frozen lake.

Two years later, the Czar and his family were murdered during the revolution, just as Rasputin had predicted.

Life dealt Rasputin's countryman, mystic Georgei Gurdjieff, a better hand.

After fleeing Russia during the revolution, he taught his followers how to call upon vital psychic powers that most people use only in times of crisis.

## Hardships

Gurdjieff's students learned to handle unbearable pain and hardships without exhaustion, new injuries or illness. His psychic powers were overwhelming.

"One day he told his pupils that a newcomer, who was out of the room, was susceptible to a certain chord of music.

"When the woman came in, he struck the chord on the piano, and she immediately underwent a hysterical fit," reported a witness.

Gurdjieff likened himself to a great battery. He explained that he was able to tap the cosmic energy force and store large quan-



RON HUBBARD disappeared five years ago and no one knows if he is alive.

**FIRST TIME OFFERED!**  
 PLUS THESE 3 BONUS STAMPS

**200 AUTHENTIC POSTAGE STAMPS FROM 200 DIFFERENT COUNTRIES**

Imagine the thrill of owning stamps from 200 different countries! Many collectors have spent a lifetime trying to achieve this goal! Now DOUGLAS COOK offers you the opportunity to reach this goal right now! For the incredibly low price of ONLY \$3.95 (less than 2¢ per stamp), you can be the proud owner of stamps from 200 different countries!

ORDER NOW AND RECEIVE THIS TRIPLE BONUS: U.S. ASTRONAUT (CAMEROUN), COLLIE (MONGOLIA), U.S. CONSTITUTION SIGNING (UPPER VOLTA). SUPPLY LIMITED!

This extraordinary offer is being made to introduce you to our Shop-At-Home Collector's Mail Order Service. Select those you like, return the rest. Cancel service anytime. Money-back if not delighted. DOUGLAS COOK, Dept. 40-GL, Las Vegas, Nevada 89132

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/State/ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

# OF OUR TIMES

tities of pure adrenal energy.

He believed that all mankind must be awakened to the presence of their potential inner energy, a force that is so strong, that it enables humans to develop telepathic powers and other forms of ESP.

Still another Russian mystic, Madame Helena Blavatsky, was a woman who stunned the world with her amazing powers of ESP.

Born in 1830, she traveled first throughout Europe, then emigrated to the United States. In 1875 she helped found the Theosophical Society, first headquartered in New York City.

Belief in the spirit world and in reincarnation are cornerstones of Madame Blavatsky's teachings.

## Murderer

And she once helped police capture a murderer when a spirit guide tapped out a code relaying valuable information to her.

Her powers of telepathy were so great that she could transmit messages to her followers from thousands of miles away.

Until she died in 1890, Madame Blavatsky held religious ceremonies in her home every evening,



MADAME HELENA

where she used her extraordinary psychic abilities to predict the future of her guests.

On one occasion, she caused a shower of roses to

**He predicted his own death by violence**

fall on the heads of a company of scholars, and on another, she made a lamp flame rise and fall, merely by looking at it.

More recently, L. Ron Hubbard, a former science fiction writer, became the father of Scientology, a cult that now boasts millions of faithful followers in the

U.S. and around the world.

The Church of Scientology, which has been beset by one scandal after another since its founding in 1954, offered courses that could reputedly cure almost any physical or mental ailment.

Hubbard, who would now be 75, dropped out of sight in 1980, leading to charges that he is no longer alive, and to quarreling among members of the family and the church.

Additional troubles have developed with the IRS, and with members who have defected after claiming they were brainwashed.

## Defense

When an Oregon woman, Julie Christofferson Titchbourne was awarded \$39 million in court after claiming she was defrauded by Scientology, some of Hollywood's most glittering stars rallied to the defense of the church.

Hollywood star John Travolta flew in his private jet to a midnight rally protesting the decision.

He held a news conference and declared that Scientology was a virtuous religion with plenty of redeeming value.

## Critics

Actress Karen Black sang a song of support and jazz and rock musicians Edgar Winter, Chick Corea, and Nicky Hopkins chimed in with a gang of hard core enthusiasts to support the controversial church.

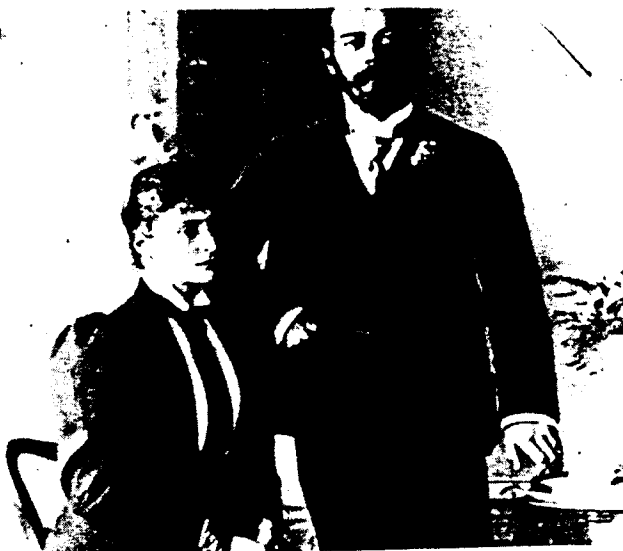
Critics of the court decision charged that the case of Julie Christofferson Titchbourne was singled out by the courts to set an example for future actions against Scientologists.

NEXT WEEK: Shamans and medicine men.

## TRIVIA TEASERS

1. Who said: "A woman drove me to drink, and I never had the courtesy to thank her.?"
2. What was the name of JFK's presidential yacht?
3. In Monopoly what's the price of the Boardwalk?

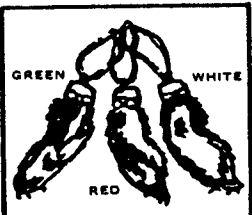
(Answers on page 43)



CZAR NICHOLAS and Czarina Alexandra were told that they would be murdered.

**Keep Your Own THREE LUCKY RABBITS FEET WITH YOU UNTIL THE MOMENT EACH OF THESE MIRACLES HAPPEN TO YOU...**

- \*Your Money worries vanish because Real Money comes to you and stays with you so you can buy anything you want.
- \*You get all the Good Luck you want so you can win at Bingo, The Lottery, The Casinos, THE JACKPOT!
- \*Lasting Love and companionship from someone you adore or even someone brand new comes to you to love you.
- \*You receive a Shiny New Car, a beautiful New Home fully furnished for you and your Family.



## "TRIPLE STRENGTH"

You will get THREE RABBITS FEET that ANN HOWARD feels are THE MOST POWERFUL Combination to get you ALL YOU WANT FAST. The first one is GREEN for MONEY, the second one is RED for LOVE, and the third is PURE WHITE for GREAT GOOD LUCK.

## AN IMPORTANT FACT

During the past year ANN HOWARD has received many letters from happy grateful people from all over America thanking us for the Personal Wealth and Happiness they feel came to them by having the THREE RABBITS FEET in their possession.

## AN IRON CLAD GUARANTEE

FROM ANN HOWARD IN WRITING.

As soon as you receive your THREE GENUINE ABSOLUTELY REAL "RABBITS FEET" expect something wonderful to happen to you. Expect Money by Cash, Check, or valuable items. Expect a New Lover to appear, expect expect Great Good Luck to be Yours. You have our IRON CLAD GUARANTEE. If you are not absolutely thrilled return the RABBITS FEET for a Full Refund. NO QUESTIONS ASKED!!

Just Write and we will RUSH you the THREE GENUINE RABBITS FEET so you can start sharing in all the good and wonderful things Life has to Offer. So many other people have so much... WHY NOT YOU!! Send \$4.98 plus \$1.00 for Postage and Handling to: ANN HOWARD DEPT. 644 - 200 West Sunrise Highway, Freeport, New York 11520 AND GOOD LUCK IN LIFE TO YOU!!



GURDJIEFF taught his students how to handle unbearable pain and hardship



**A Los Angeles judge** ruled that allegations about the Church of Scientology's belief in and practice of "auditing" its members may not be introduced as evidence in a \$25-million fraud suit. Superior Court Judge Alfred Margolis also granted church motions to disallow any allegations as to the efficacy, successes or failures of auditing, which is the church's term for its confidential pastoral counseling. The Rev. Ken Hoden, president of the church in Los Angeles, said the pretrial rulings were a major gain for the defense, because "auditing is essential to Scientology, to achieving salvation in the church. . . . To put that on trial would be tantamount to putting praying on trial." The suit by Larry Wollersheim—who claims that he spent \$100,000 on Scientology counseling believing that it would make him more stable, healthy, confident and productive—contends that the church fraudulently promised that he would achieve those results.

# THOSE MYSTIC SWAMIS OF

# THE EAST

October 23, 1985/EXAMINER 43

FROM THE beginning of time, mysterious men and women have claimed to possess magical healing and extraordinary powers that permit them to commune with the gods and the spirit world. Foremost among them are the mystics of the East. In this final part of an intriguing series, the EXAMINER looks at their fascinating lifestyles.

**H**E WAS once called "the swami of the me generation," but he is probably better known as the swami of celebrities who affectionately called him Baba.

He was the late Swami Muktananda and his Sidha meditation technique taught that happiness is not found in external things, but deep within oneself.

The concept has helped the careers of many famous actors and actresses.

Singer and actor John Denver says Baba helped him give up drugs and find inner peace.

Phylcia Ayers-Allen, who plays the TV wife of Bill Cosby in the hit TV series, claims the super swami gave her powerful magnetism which propelled her to stardom.

## Influential

While the swami brought many good things to the Hollywood set, there may have been times when he was just a bit too influential.

Insiders close to actress Marsha Mason say her frantic devotion to the swami irritated hubby, playwright Neil Simon, who, "resented her taking off on a plane to see her guru at any given moment."

Sources close to the actress claim she became so involved in the guru lifestyle, it got in the way of their personal life and caused them to separate.

Another popular guru called Da Free John lives on a tropical isle in Fiji



PHYLCIA: Stardom

## MAGIC AND RELIGION

By EDWARD REYNOLDS

with 60 followers known as "the inner circle" in a mansion once owned by actor Raymond Burr bought for him by a corporate millionaire.

He has nine voluptuous wives, one of whom was once a Playboy bunny and he commands a following

## Women serve as sex slaves

of more than 1,200 loyal devotees who give most of their personal wealth.

Born Franklin Albert Jones in Queens, New York in 1939, he is a charismatic leader who earned a degree in philosophy from Columbia University in 1961 and later a masters degree in English from Stanford University.

He was once a student of Indian religion and later a devotee of Scientology.

In the late 60s Da Free John had numerous religious experiences while experimenting with the dangerous hallucinogenic drug LSD.

Da Free John slowly began to think of himself as God, and in 1973 he formed a non-profit organization called the Free Primitive Church of Divine Communion and later renamed the Johannine Daist Communion (JDC).

Beverly O'Mahoney once was a follower of the crazed guru and now she's suing him for alleged false imprisonment, sexual abuse, assault, brainwashing, involuntary servitude and clergy malpractice.

Said the dejected woman: "I was forced to consume alcohol — and



DENVER: Peace

was required to partake in various sexual acts commanded by the Master."

Mrs. O'Mahoney, the former wife of Da Free John's top aide and president of JDC, Brian O'Mahoney, claims the guru partakes in drunken sex orgies while publicly advocating a serene, contemplative lifestyle.

She says women serve as slaves, sexual or otherwise, and are "compelled to follow the opinions or decisions of the men."

Sal Luciana, the guru's closest confidant until they fell out, says he and Da Free John consumed a batch of dangerous drugs and alcohol and seduced young women by getting them to do the same.

Mark Miller and his beautiful girlfriend Julie Anderson a.k.a. Whiney Kane, a former Playboy playmate of the month, believed Da Free John was God.

The tubby guru lured the beautiful playmate away from Miller, a former college tennis star and scholar, with drugs and alcohol.

Another controversial guru, known as "the swami of sex," is the Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh who came to the U.S. in 1981 after abruptly departing from his religious commune in

Poona, India.

The free-sex guru's commune in India lost its tax exempt status because it became a center for sleazy sex and drugs, prostitution and violence. The bhagwan moved near Antelope, Oregon, where he bought 64,000 acres.

Soon, with multimillion-dollar donations, the guru built a booming city of 6,000 and called it Rajneeshpuram.

Recently, Rajneeshpuram was rocked by scandal. The bhagwan charged at a national press conference that his top aides poisoned some local non-cult townspeople, stole \$55 million in cult funds and attempted to assassinate him.

## TRIVIA ANSWERS

(From page 19)

1. Alfred.
2. Bob Mathias.
3. They were all murdered by Jack the Ripper.

(From page 23)

1. A royal flush.
2. Mrs. Emma Peel, played by Diana Rigg.
3. THINK.

# READER

LOS ANGELES'S FREE WEEKLY

NOVEMBER 1985

## Personals

### READER

November 22, 1985 Vol. 8, No. 5

November 22, 1985 READER 27

### Personals

THE READER was founded to be a forum for the free expression of ideas. The Personals section is therefore open to all who wish to express their views in any way on any subject. However, the opinions, comments, and remarks published here do not necessarily represent the views of the publisher, editor, or any other staff member of the newspaper. The Reader takes no editorial position on any issue, nor does it endorse any person's views over those of another.

DEAR XEMU—thank you for revealing what a fraud and criminal I really am. I just couldn't bear to face the truth about myself and what a loser I've been all my life. That's why I had to lie and cheat to get control of people. I'm so grateful to you I just want to hold you tenderly in my arms and kiss you all over and feel your hairy legs against mine. I know that Quentin didn't think he was good enough for you and that's why he killed himself, but I've made a major new technical breakthrough on the subject, and I promise to satisfy you in every way. I'll do anything for you, Xemu. Just name it. All my love, El Ron. P.S.—you don't have AIDS or herpes, do you, Xemu my love? Even if you do, I'll still be yours for a billion years. ARC, El Ron.

WHAT CULT LEADER once set up a special project with unlimited funding to buy himself a Nobel Prize? That's right. Buy as in bride. Needless to say such buffoonery came to nothing, but if they ever give a Nobel Prize for megalomania, old Xemu deserves it. Love ya, big guy.

EL RON HOBO is a flea-ridden snake oil salesman on the lam. —Xemu

#### 28 READER Section 2

SELLING IMMORTALITY to spiritual beings is like selling ice to Eskimos, except Eskimos aren't that dumb. —Xemu

DEAR XEMU, the immortality business has minimal overhead, no consumer fraud investigators, and no taxes. You ought to try it. Love, El Ron.

RON'S BT'S—Corn cob alert! Watch out for large incoming corn cobs! —Xemu. P.S.—Don't read the newspapers or you'll get sick and die. L.A. is a real freewheelin' town, wouldn't you say?

DEAR XEMU—am I getting more tight-assed or are those corn cobs getting bigger? —El Ron

EL RON—GO ahead. Make my day. —Xemu

GIVE ME THEIR Minds and souls and their bank accounts will follow. —L. Ron Hubbard

### READER

November 29, 1985 Vol. 8, No. 6

32 READER Section 2  
continued from page 31

HEBER—I CAN tell you're lying. Your lips are moving. —Xemu

GREEDY GURU 'Groks' Greenbacks/Charismatic commodore comes a cropper/Babbling beast builds bogus bridge/Frustrated fraud fathers fruit/Schizophrenic sailor scribes Satanic saga/Masturbating messiah makes moonchild/Xemu zaps zealots!

WHY ARE SCIENCE-ODOLOGY beliefs kept secret? Are they ashamed? They should be proud! To exorcize thousands of demon spirits for only \$80,000 is a real bargain! —Xemu

TO WHOM IT may concern: He who knows not and knows that he knows not. He is simple. Teach him. —Obnosis

WARNING—NOW that El Ron's flag landing base has been kicked out of Clearwater, Florida, expect a massive influx of Science-ology Mind-Control Robots in Hollywood. Humans beware! —Xemu

WARNING TO SP'S (schizophrenic paranoids)—it's starting! The exploding volcano in Columbia is a premonition of the new improved OT3 wall of fire dramatization! It's the beginning of the end! OT3 in newspapers everywhere! They're freewheeling across the nation! Dropping like flies! Exorcize now! Mortgage your house! Sell your grandmother! Sell you Dianetics books! Disconnect! Lie, cheat, sue the bastards! Destroy them! Panic! Eat your BT's! Eat this newspaper! Love, Xemu the Magnificent. P.S.—I'm not just a comic book cartoon character, or Ron's hallucination. Good luck, Robots.

I GOT INTO Scientology because I was inhibited but now it turns out I was inhabited. —B.T. Blues

TO ALL BT'S: Ready...one...two...three. We are the world, we are the children.



# Family save son who paid cult £100,000

By SEAN RYAN

THE son of a wealthy landowner has been rescued by his family from a cult with whom he spent more than £100,000.

Andrew Dobie, 22, was held a virtual prisoner by his family in a remote cottage where the windows had been nailed shut and the keys hidden.

There he was rigorously de-programmed to reverse the teachings of the cult, the Church of Scientology—an organisation branded 'immoral' in a High Court judgment last year.

'It wasn't the money they took that made us resort to this,' said his father. 'They had taken his mind and his future as well.'

Andrew was studying to help run the 4,000-acre family estate when he joined the Scientologists.

Within a month, he had spent £90,000 on books signed by the cult's reclusive founder, science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

'I'd inherited £200,000 which I hadn't lifted a finger for,' said Andrew. 'I was happy it was going to our cause, and I thought the books were worth that much.'

But Christie's, the fine art dealers, confirmed his parents' suspicion. The leatherbound volumes, a mixture of Hubbard's pulp fiction and philosophy, were 'virtually worthless' on the open market.

## Secrets

An expert at the auctioneers' Glasgow office concluded: 'This is the worst example of profiteering from cheap and fairly commonplace material I have seen.'

'I cannot but reel back in astonishment that anybody has the gall to offer them for such extortionate sums.'

Andrew also paid more than £10,000 for bizarre courses of self-improvement and psychotherapy run by the church, which numbers film stars John Travolta and Karen Black among its followers.

A happy, normal student according to his former tutor at Seale Hayne agricultural college in Devon, he became convinced that the sessions had unlocked the mystical secrets of his past lives.

The Scientologists recruited Andrew to spearhead a gruelling nationwide campaign to promote their

Days of tough arguments . . . and a guard on the bedroom door

# Son saved from cult

Continued from Page One

leader's latest bestseller, Battlefield Earth.

Terrified of losing the youngest of their four sons, John and Helen Doble at first entertained cult members at their Berwickshire home, and visited him at Saint Hill, the cult's headquarters in East Sussex.

They decided on the kidnap only after Andrew telephoned in tears demanding access to a further £53,000 for Scientology.

It was frighteningly out of character, explained 68-year-old Mr Doble. He was shouting so much that I had to hold the receiver away from my ear.

They were obviously putting him under enormous strain to get more money out of him. That's when I knew we had to act.

## Lured

The Dobles heard through a family friend of Martin Fayers, a 31-year-old former Moonie turned de-programmer. They paid £210,000 for his services.

Andrew was lured by his 27-year-old brother, James, to the six-room stone cottage where he was held prisoner.

Andrew had been invited home to celebrate a grand family reunion. He suspected nothing as James drove him on to a neighbouring estate, ostensibly to pick up a party guest.

But when they reached Greenhope cottage Martin Fayers was waiting with a team of de-programmers, including three former cult members.

When they reached Greenhope cottage Martin Fayers was waiting with a team of de-programmers, including three former cult members. They were shocked with a week's supply of food, while in a bedroom were several changes of clothes for Andrew. There was, too, a library of



Andrew Doble (left) with Martin Fayers

documentary and video evidence forming a case against the Church of Scientology—statements from disillusioned Scientologists, court judgments, Press cuttings and psychology texts on the art of mind control.

The de-programmers—two men and two women—had devised elaborate plans to wrest Andrew away from any Scientologist accompanying him, by force if necessary.

In the event, those plans were not needed. For the next eight hours,



Mr and Mrs Doble, the relieved parents.

until 4 a.m. it was Andrew who appeared dominant, animatedly praising the cult in language peppered with its terminology.

Fayers knew he could not afford to lose a single argument, but struggled to reason against an astonishing series of allegations.

Chain-smoking roll-up cigarettes, Andrew, the product of a Christian upbringing and a public school education, claimed Mr Justice Lacey's High Court denunciation of Scientologists, along with pol-

ice reports of reprisals against church enemies, had all been proved wrong.

There is an international Nazi conspiracy against us, he declared.

At one point during the days of arguments, Andrew was brought to tears.

Your problem is you can't see reality any more, said Fayers. You're not foolish. You've been fooled.

Another day Andrew broke down at the realisation that he had been pressured into parting with his money. He had begun by boasting of

## 'Sell Scientology' to your friends'

The Church of Scientology, believed to have 10,000 followers in Britain, hotly denied that it exercised mind control or placed supporters under high pressure to spend.

Confidential church documents from an international Scientology conference in London last month tell a different story.

One, a policy letter entitled How to 'sell' Scientology to Your Friends, lists 'control' among four steps necessary

to interest potential recruits.

Another, headed Hard Sell, says: 'The art of Hard Sell is you tell people to do something . . . Hard Sell means insistence that people buy, it means caring about the person and not being reasonable about stops or barriers.'

In a High Court tug-of-war case last year, Mr Justice Lacey said of the church: 'It is out to capture people, especially children and impressionable young people, and indoctrinate and brainwash them so that they become unquestioning captives and tools of the cult.'

his swift decision-making—15 minutes' thought had gone into his move from college to the Scientologists' headquarters at East Grinstead after he had read a Hubbard book.

And he had casually agreed to buy his first books over a drink with two cult members.

The boast turned into a confession. I lost reality in terms of the amount I was spending. It was a big thing, but it didn't seem like a big loss. It was stupid and irresponsible.

Later Andrew agreed to leave the scientologists and return home.

Last night, he was with his family planning to go into the forestry business with his 30-year-old brother Willie.

Church spokesman Mike Garbide denied that Andrew had been swindled. He claimed that Christie's new nothing of the 'specialised' Hubbard book market. And he alleged that Andrew had been 'kidnapped' by a common criminal.

Mr Doble said: 'At no time was physical force used. All I have done is free my son from a cult which a High Court judge described as corrupt and dangerous. Surely that is every parent's right.'

Citing a scheduling conflict in January, Los Angeles Superior Court Judge Alfred L. Margolis has removed himself from the trial of former Church of Scientology member Larry Wollersheim, who is suing the church for fraud. The judge's announcement came during the third week of pretrial motions. Margolis said he would decide the motions under submission, but asked attorneys for both sides to return for selection of a new judge. Church attorneys had told Margolis they expected the trial to last a year. In his suit, Wollersheim claims the church falsely led him to believe he could achieve tremendous business success and improve his I.Q. by following Scientology programs that cost him thousands of dollars. The church has branded the suit an attack on freedom of religion.