

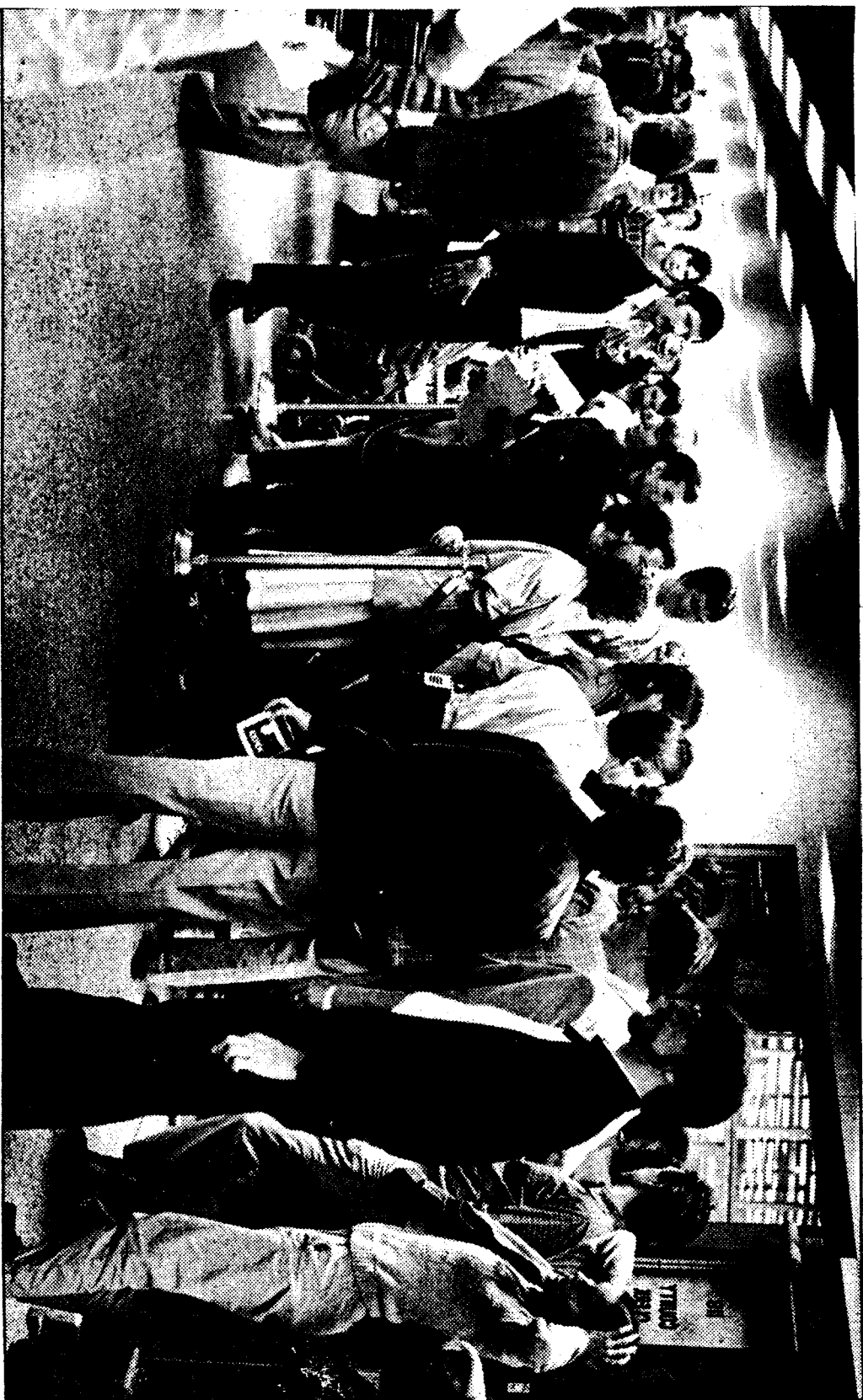
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SCIENTOLOGY: Protest Jams County Courthouse



JOE KENNEDY / Los Angeles Times

Some of the 1,500 Church of Scientology members who visited L.A. County Courthouse in an effort to block access to documents.

Scientists Block Access to Secret Documents

1,500 Crowd Into Courthouse to Protect Materials on Fundamental Beliefs

By JOEL SAPPPELL and ROBERT WELKOS, Times Staff Writers

In one of the largest court demonstrations in Los Angeles in years, about 1,500 Church of Scientology members crammed three floors of the County Courthouse on Monday, effectively blocking public access to documents that the church considers secret and sacred.

For hours, Scientologists swamped workers in the clerk's office with hundreds of requests to photocopy the documents, which reveal some of the organization's most fundamental beliefs. Scientology attorneys have argued that disclosure of the materials is a violation of the group's religious freedom.

Court officials, who said it was the largest courthouse turnout they had ever witnessed, were forced to set up three temporary windows to handle the throng.

The documents at issue were submitted as

part of a civil case brought by former Scientologist Larry Wollersheim. He claims that the organization defrauded him by promising him higher intelligence and greater business success through Scientology courses that cost thousands of dollars.

Superior Court Judge Alfred L. Margolis, over strong Scientology objections, issued an order Friday making the documents public at 9 a.m. Monday—on a first-come, first-served basis. But by snaking the line through three courthouse hallways, Scientologists made sure they were the only ones to purchase copies of the materials.

Jeff Pomerantz, a Scientology spokesman, said this strategy was intended to "keep the materials secure. . . . Religion is not supposed to be disseminated from the courtroom."

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published the best seller "Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health."

What is rarely discussed, however, is Hubbard's secret teachings, which reveal his thoughts on why mankind has been plagued by problems through history, the topic of the disputed documents.

Before Scientology attorneys had requested an order to seal the documents, The Times obtained them from the court file. Generally, they suggest that a major cause of mankind's problems began 75 million years ago, when the planet Earth, then called Teegeeach, was part of a confederation of 90 planets under the leadership of a tyrannical ruler named Xemu. Then, as now, the materials state, the chief problem was overpopulation.

Xemu, the documents state, decided to take radical measures to overcome the overpopulation problem. Beings were captured on Earth and on other planets and flown to at least 10 volcanoes on Earth.

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Scientologist Alan Brown of Los Angeles waited five hours starting at 6:30 a.m.—before the courthouse at 1st and Hill streets opened—to pay \$10 to have the materials photocopied. "Hopefully, nobody else will get their hands on it except us," he said.

Shortly before noon, Judge Margolis, at the request of Scientology lawyers, revealed the materials, pending a hearing today.

Scientology is widely known for its use of "auditing," a form of one-on-one counseling in which a lie detector-like instrument called an E-meter is used to help a person erase negative experiences, assertedly freeing him to achieve his full potential. The group bases its beliefs on the writings of L. Ron Hubbard, the reclusive science-fiction writer who in the early 1950s

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bombs far more powerful than any in existence today were dropped on these volcanoes, destroying the people but freeing their spirits—called *thetans*—which attached themselves to one another in clusters.

After the nuclear explosions, according to the documents, the *thetans* were trapped in a compound of frozen alcohol and glycol and, during a 36-day period, Xemu "implanted" in them the seeds of aberrant behavior for generations to come. When people die, these clusters attach to other humans and keep perpetuating themselves.

Before a Scientologist can learn about these *thetans* and how to eradicate them, he must go through a progression of costly programs.

In arguing to keep the court documents sealed, the church has told its members that it could be physically and spiritually harmful for them to learn about the upper levels of Scientology before they have mastered the preparatory courses.

Scientology's chief attorney, Earle Cooley, said outside the

courtroom Monday that unsealing the materials amounted to "the biggest threat to this religion so far."

He said the materials were stolen from the church and altered to hold the church's beliefs up to "ridicule, hatred and contempt"—allegations that attorneys for Wollersheim deny.

At the court's 5 p.m. closing, 440 requests had been filed with the clerk for copies of the documents. Hundreds of Scientologists still packed the corridor at day's end.

Clearwater Sun

TUESDAY, November 5, 1985

A Hearst newspaper

Sect forum blasts IRS tactics

By SUSAN SNYDER
Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — In its ongoing battle against the Internal Revenue Service, the Church of Scientology Monday hosted a public forum featuring a presentation from the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers and former U.S. Congressman George Hansen.

In January, Hansen, an Idaho Republican and a longtime critic of the IRS, joined the sect in charging that the IRS routinely singles out people for investigation because of their religious and political affiliations.

At that time, Hansen said, "It is shocking to any thinking American to imagine this kind of thing can happen in the United States."

The sect presented Hansen, who served seven Congressional terms, with a framed copy of the sect's "Code of Honor," written by Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard, for his efforts against the IRS.

"It's interesting, and that's why we had it here," Ludwig Alpers, sect spokesman, said of the forum.

During Monday's presentation, Hansen said he has been traveling around the coun-

try for the past 10 months promoting six television advertisements depicting violent and unjust acts committed by the IRS against people who have evaded their taxes.

All six of the two-minute dramatizations were shown to a group of about 60 people in the Crystal Ballroom of the sect's headquarters, the former Fort Harrison Hotel.

One of the commercials showed a woman being forced from her Volkswagen after

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IRS officials bashed in all the windows while repossessing it.

Hansen said the commercials have been shown on various independent television stations and by CBS. He said he has been pushing for the cable television market because it is a more available market.

"We have an 800-number and not many of the big media can take care of it," he said. "It doesn't do you much good to take on more than you can handle. But CBS had such a good response, they've asked for more."

Paul Defossez, president of the National Coalition of IRS

Whistleblowers and a former IRS employee for 20 years, said public awareness is the only way to fight the injustice of the government agency.

"The IRS is terrified of public exposure, and the only way to win is with public exposure," Defossez said.

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Wednesday, November 6, 1985

• A Los Angeles federal judge barred further public disclosures of sacred scriptures that the Church of Scientology claims were stolen two years ago from a Denmark church. Ruling in a suit filed by the church against former member Larry Wollersheim and a rival church in Santa Barbara, U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer ordered the material sealed until a hearing Friday. The material is evidence in the Superior Court suit filed by Wollersheim, who claims he wasted thousands of dollars on counseling sessions that the church promised would improve his intelligence and give him supernatural

Court documents revealed despite Scientology protest

By RICHARD BENKE
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Church of Scientology secretly teaches that 75 million years ago Earth was called Teegeeach and was among 90 planets ruled by Xemu, who spread his evil by thermonuclear bombs, according to court documents that sect members tried to prevent the public from seeing.

Xemu, attempting to solve overpopulation problems, destroyed selected inhabitants of the planets and implanted the seeds of aberrant behavior in their spirits to affect future generations of mankind, according to the documents briefly placed in open court records in connection with a lawsuit.

Church President Heber T. Jentzsch said Tuesday that news accounts of the documents were distorted. He contended that such piecemeal, out-

of-context reporting tends to hold his religion up to ridicule in violation of the U.S. Constitution.

Contending the materials were stolen, he said in a telephone interview, "any access to these materials is illegal." He said the church had obtained an injunction in Great Britain against disseminating the materials, and that now "the case moves into the U.S. arena." He said he had filed suit against those he viewed as responsible for the theft.

"We know the psychiatrists are behind it; they've been after us for a long time," he added.

"This is just another attempt to put religion on trial," said Ludwig Alpers, spokesman for the sect's Clearwater headquarters. "What has occurred is that our confidential scripture has been stolen and altered for the use of evaluation by

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godless psychiatrists.

"This act would be similar to taking the bread and wine of the Catholic church, which represents the body and blood of Christ, and holding it up to scorn."

Scientology is based on science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard's 1948 book "Dianetics: the Modern Science of Mental Health." Through the use of a so-called E-meter, rather like a lie detector, members undergo exercises and counseling to eliminate negative mental images and achieve a "clear state."

The documents at issue were submitted as part of a civil case brought by former Scientology Larry Wollersheim, who claims

the organization defrauded him by promising him higher intelligence and greater business success through Scientology courses that cost thousands of dollars.

Superior Court Judge Alfred L. Margolis, despite strong Scientology objections, issued an order Friday making the documents public Monday. He resealed them Monday and took under submission a Scientology motion Tuesday to keep them sealed.

An estimated 1,500 followers of the sect, founded by Hubbard, lined up at the Los Angeles County courthouse Monday to copy the documents in an effort to crowd out anyone else who wanted to see them

before the order to reread them.

The Los Angeles Times, however, obtained copies and reported their contents Tuesday. They contain rare glimpses of so-called upper-level or "OT3" teachings of Scientology, available only to members who graduate through preliminary church programs.

Details of OT3 have previously been published in the personal columns of *The Reader*, a weekly Los Angeles newspaper, and the daily *Clearwater Sun*. Jentzsch said all such published accounts have been distorted.

Generally, the documents suggest that much of mankind's problems began 75 million years ago, when Teegeeach was one of

90 planets ruled by Xemu.

They say Xemu decided to take radical measures to control overpopulation. Beings from the planets were taken to at least 10 volcanoes on Earth where H-bombs far more powerful than any in existence today were detonated, destroying the beings but freeing their spirits, called thetans.

They said the thetans were trapped in a compound of frozen alcohols and, during a 36-day period, Xemu "implanted" in them the seeds of aberrant behavior for generations to come.

"The materials as I've read them in *The Times* are altered, corrupted and demigrated and twisted in order to undermine religion," Jentzsch said.

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was a "godfather" figure in the local black community, is in federal prison in Ossville, N.Y. U.S. Atty. Robert C. Bonner, who last year urged U.S. District Judge Richard A. Garbois Jr. to impose a 45-year sentence on Reese said he expected to go before the same judge in a few weeks and again ask for a stiff prison term. "Forty-five years is the sentence the government believes is appropriate based on the conviction in this matter," Bonner said.

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powers. In a separate action, the state Supreme Court refused to block a Los Angeles Superior Court jury from imposing punitive damages on the church. The jury will be hearing a separate \$25-million fraud suit filed by Wollersheim.

Los Angeles Police Cmdr. Thomas Windham was named new police chief of Fort Worth, Tex. City and police officials said Windham, 47, will succeed Chief H.F. Hopkins, who retired after 39 years with the department. Windham, a 21-year LAPD veteran, was one of 84 applicants for the job.

A San Dimas man was arrested and charged with molesting two girls at a Halloween party at the Covina YMCA, where he worked as a counselor. Covina police detectives said Noel Edward Smith, 24, allegedly molested a 9-year-old and an 8-year-old who were among 30 children at the facility for an overnight party. Smith was arraigned in Citrus Municipal Court on two counts of felony child molestation and one misdemeanor count of annoying a child. Bail was set at \$5,000.

This was reversed on a decision by the judge on 8 November, 1985 who ruled in essence that someone who had left the Church might be break-in the church covenants but that this was not a matter for the courts to enforce, and those who had left the church had a right to carry on and use the scriptures and religious materials that they had studied and learned.

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Editorials of the Sun

Scientologists deserve credit for anti-IRS forum

The recent anti-Internal Revenue Service forum sponsored by the Church of Scientology may turn out to be a boon to the taxpaying public.

While we hold no brief for the Scientologists or their doctrines, we feel it is only fair to spotlight their contributions to the public good.

And, although their motives are questionable (the Scientologists have suffered at the hands of the IRS and have a policy of getting even with attackers), they have certainly done the American public a service by providing an opportunity for the National Council of IRS Whistleblowers to publicize some of the abuses perpetrated by the agency.

The Whistleblowers were the guests of the Scientologists on Monday. The principal speaker was a former U.S. congressman, George Hansen, who is doing his best to alert the country to IRS outrages.

There are many such outrages. As the years pass, an impressive array of IRS horror stories has developed.

They include taxpayer investigations based upon religious and political affiliations; the canceling of taxpayers' rights because of large gifts to churches and other charities; and the persecution by the IRS of its employees who threaten to tell the truth about the agency's tactics.

As the federal government tries to stamp out the non-taxpaying underground economy, the extremist methods of the IRS are likely to grow worse. Uncle Sam needs every penny he can lay his hands on, and the IRS is his principal collection agency.

Wrongdoing by any government agency should be publicized. The Scientologists, who don't think they should pay taxes, have an obviously self-serving reason for wanting to put the spotlight on the less-savory doings of the IRS. But even with that clearcut ax to grind, the local Scientologists should be commended for giving the Coalition a chance to broadcast its message.

Xemu may sound wild, but so do

other beliefs

The Driver's Seat

By Bob Driver



worshippers. Such as, "Did you hit him? Where did you get the ink pot? Are you off your rocker?"

One of the world's major religions tells of an entire sea opening up to let some deserving people make a getaway from their enemies. There is also an account of food falling from heaven, and bushes catching on fire and speaking out loud. Then we have sinners being turned into pillars of salt, and a mortal man bringing down a temple just by pushing against a couple of supporting columns. Stuff like that. Many religions have two far-fetched ideas in common. (A) The religion's founder was born of a virgin, and (B) the founder died and then became alive again.

For people to pay much attention to a new religion, it must have a mind-boggling origin and history. Otherwise, it will be ignored.

I can't think of a single faith, church, cult or denomination that was founded by an average, run-of-the-mill person.

Think what would happen, for instance, if the following ad appeared in every newspaper in the nation:

"C.Z. Frammerstone, a retired accountant, invites you to join his new religion. Mr. Frammerstone is a low-key, reasonable fellow who belongs to several service clubs and collects Hummels. His religion, called Instant Marvelousism, allows you to appreciate the ordinary things of life. A Marvelousist is able to look at an old inner tube, see its innate glory and say, 'Marvelous.' That's about all there is to say about Mr. Frammerstone and Marvelousism."

Do you think this new religion would sell? I doubt it.

To conclude: Heber Jentsch should not be disturbed if the judge let some Scientology secrets out of the bag, or if reporters don't get every last detail exactly right.

The Church of Scientology in Los Angeles is angry because a judge allowed outsiders to read about some of the remarkable lore that the Scientologists supposedly believe in.

An Associated Press report says the church teaches that 75 million years ago Earth was called Teegeeach. It was one of 90 planets ruled by Xemu, who was not a nice guy. He set off thermonuclear bombs to reduce the population, and implanted the seeds of aberrant behavior in the spirits of certain persons so that future generations of mankind would be affected.

Heber J. Jentsch, the Scientologists' president, said that news accounts of these supposed teachings have been distorted.

It wouldn't be hard to do. When you're dealing with 75-million-year time frames, and rulers named Xemu who go around setting off H-bombs, it's easy for a careless reporter to stretch the truth or mangle a fact or two.

But Jentsch shouldn't get upset. Most religions (if Scientology is indeed a religion, which many people doubt) are subject to having wild tales told about them.

In fact, many religions contribute to this cosmic science-fiction by originating some fairly outlandish official versions of just how they (the religions) got started.

These far-out tales are compounded by the events that followed, and by the distinctive (shall we say?) people who spread the religion. Martin Luther, for example, threw an ink pot at the devil. Or so the story goes.

Imagine what would happen to the average Clearwater clergyperson who stood before his or her congregation next weekend and announced, "I saw the devil in my study last night, and chucked an ink pot at him." There would be immediate questions in the minds of the

And members of other faiths should not snicker at the story of Xemu and his 90 planets. No matter what religion we join, we may be asked to believe some ideas and stories that in any other context would defy all good sense. Except for the dull, therefore-doomed church of Marvelousism.

BOOKS

Hubbard series off to bad start

United Press International

If L. Ron Hubbard sticks to the precedent set by this first volume, the 10-book "Mission Earth" series will run some 6,000 pages when completed. May God forgive the man for what he is about to do to all those trees.

The Invaders Plan and its planned successors — from Book Two, *Black Genesis* through Book 10, *The Doomed Planet* — spring from a compelling premise.

The idea is to follow the course of an alien invasion of Earth, but not from the point of view of its intended victims — us.

The heroes, as it were, of Hubbard's work are the invaders — the soldiers, politicians, nobles and functionaries of the corrupt, bloated, yet still mighty Voltar Confederacy.

The Confederacy is making its creaky way across the galaxies toward Earth, which it plans to conquer for use as a major supply base sometime within the next century.

Meanwhile, some of the smarmier elements of the Voltarian bureaucracy have already landed on our planet — they call it Blito P-3 — and are infiltrating our society in the hope of using Earth narcotics as a weapon in their own planned takeover of the Confederacy. It's a terrific starting point for a sci-fi novel, but Hubbard starts there and goes nowhere.

His writing is artless. His plotting is less than deft. And *The Invaders Plan* has no characters — it has only a collection of stick figures with no particular substance and no particular depth. —
Dennis O'Shea

BOOK REVIEW

The Invaders Plan

By L. Ron Hubbard
Bridge Publications
603 pages. \$18.95

WANTED: LADY IN black, with black and red boa/stole, flashing eyes, boyfriend, at the Palace on Halloween, by the long-haired, half-naked savage.

ALI LONZO: AUNTIE EM, Uncle Henry, Totop! It's a twister. —Twinkie the Kid

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, Xenu, find another planet to supress!

YES, YOU'RE HALFWAY discernably crazy. S'OK. Wish you'd tell everything though. Continue waiting faithfully if you'll ask.

PLAY FAIR SEEEE, don't sabotage her. She's too wonderful and I love her muchly.

I HEAR YOU ONLY too well. I just cannot talk. I am so sorry but I'm not ready quite yet. I will be with you very soon. Please believe me. Signed, your hands on my face.

IF THERE'S anything that you want, if there's anything that you need, there's no need to be evasive, money talks and it's persuasive. —Little Savage

ISN'T PURPLE HAZE another name for ultra-violet? —Fallen Star

MY DEAR VENEER: To encourage The Perpetrator in his bad habits would be a disservice. And to further insult dear Cordwainer would be foolish—for I'll tear off your tittles with my teeth! —Lady Griddlebone

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. Selfish bastards want to have one human that they all go 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 China. The time has come, my dear, when you scumbags never get out of the 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 the planet. Good question. After I was captured and I'm bonded in a wire cage with an eternal torment (I hope you guys don't lose the Guarantee Certificate) inside a mountain top, my agents sent a clean-up crew to the 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 market. So I hope this clarifies things for you, because it's not just another "Shore Story." Love, Xenu

READER

Friday, November 15, 1985

Appeals court skirts decision on city's sect law

By LESLEY COLLINS
Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — A federal appeals court ruling doesn't say a word about the constitutionality of a city ordinance regulating charitable solicitations, basically sending it back to a lower court.

The opinion issued Wednesday by the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals states there hasn't been enough legal record developed by the U.S. District Court in Tampa to warrant a decision on the law's constitutional merits.

"It's an interesting opinion because it doesn't decide anything," Scientologist attorney Eric Lieberman said Thursday. "Basically they decided on a bunch of hyper-technical lawyers' issues."

The appeals court in Atlanta ruled on three different sets of appeals tied to the city's charitable solicitation ordinance.

In one appeal, the Church of Scientology failed to get a preliminary injunction against the entire city law.

The appeals court affirmed the decision of U.S. District Court Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich denying a preliminary injunction that would prevent the enforcement of the entire city ordinance.

In July 1984, Miss Kovachevich entered a preliminary injunction placing enforcement handicuffs on parts of the ordinance dealing with registration requirements and the maintaining of financial records.

Her order did not legally bind other sections of the ordinance requiring the

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city attorney to investigate charges of fraud or misrepresentation in fundraising by non-profit or religious groups if accusations are made by 10 or more people. That portion of the law, therefore, can be enforced by the city.

In a second appeal initiated by the city, the court ruled that Miss Kovachevich's decision on the original version of the ordinance should not have been rendered.

An "emergency" ordinance with numerous revisions was passed by city commissioners in March 1984. Two weeks later, Miss Kovachevich ruled the original ordinance was unconstitutional.

tional.

In a third appeal, the court declined to rule on the constitutionality of the revised ordinance because the district court opinion was rendered without gathering any factual evidence.

In July 1984, Miss Kovachevich ruled that the city's revised ordinance was "facially" constitutional, based on the language of the ordinance. The Church of Scientology appealed that ruling.

"Their appeal of that order is essentially worthless," Assistant City Attorney Alan Zimmet explained Thursday. "Miss Kovachevich is going to have to proceed with this case. We're going back to her right where we left off."

Because the essential issue of consti-

tutionality isn't addressed in this latest ruling, attorneys on both sides of the case are having to rethink their legal game plans.

"I'm not sure what recommendation I'm going to give to my client," Lieberman said.

At this point, the case could be rerouted through district court to hear necessary factual evidence, such as whether the Church of Scientology would be affected by the law and whether it falls under the protection of First Amendment rights to religious freedom, Zimmet said.

Other possibilities voiced by Lieberman include seeking an "en banc" review by judges at the U.S. appeals court level or appealing to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Letters to The Times

Scientology

Congratulations to The Times (Nov. 5) for revealing the absurdity of the core beliefs of Scientology. I hope that everyone will now laugh this so-called "religion" off the face of the Earth.

"A tyrannical ruler 75 million years ago, overpopulation on Earth and other planets, H-bombs exploded way back then, the tan spirits captured in chemical compounds and contaminated with evil"—Leapin' Lizards, it must be a job for Superman!

It is obvious why Scientology doesn't want this nonsense made public: the suckers (i.e., their clients) would never pay to get fully brainwashed through the early stages if they knew how silly the end would be.

MICHAEL KLEIN
Santa Barbara

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L. Ron Hubbard is no crazier than the average prophet, and Scientology is better than a lot of religions—at least it preaches self-improvement in this life through self-analysis rather than rewards in an afterlife through prayer.

But Scientology makes one huge mistake: it promises improved intelligence rather than the attainment of eternal bliss. And intelligence can be measured whereas no one has ever come back from the grave to prove that a religion was a fraud. Putting it another way, what Scientology must learn is that it's much safer to insult the intelligence than to improve it.

JAMES IRONS
Los Angeles

Reader appreciated referendum editorial

Editor:

First, let me and the hundreds of voters of the Palm Harbor fire district, commend and thank you for the informative editorial you wrote: "Fire district referendum makes us feel queasy."

As an active participant in local politics, a group of us tried to convey the message, that through better management the Fire Commission should practice fiscal control over taxpayers dollars. Mr. Arnold Anson and Mr. Bob Marcellus were quoted in a "flyer" sent out prior to being elected: "I believe in spending what is necessary to run an efficient fire department, but not one cent more than is needed." Of course, this was all pre-election rhetoric, but we of the Palm Harbor Fire District took them at their word.

Without your alerting uninformed taxpayers with your editorial this unneeded referendum might have passed.

Again, we thank you.

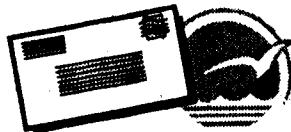
FOSTER R. RIZZUTO
Crystal Beach

In response

Editor

You are to be applauded for your editorial on the recent hosting of the National Council of IRS Whistleblowers by the Church of Scientology. This editorial showed a moderation in the Sun's attitude toward the Church and the local Scientologists who are part of our community, and this is commendable. One would hope that it represents a policy trend on the part of the Sun's management.

As both a Scientologist and a Clearwater resident I must correct you on one issue. The editorial included the comment: "The Scientologists, who don't think they should pay taxes, ..." This is not a factual or true statement, expressed like it is as a generality. I assume that the statement refers to income taxes, given its context in a commentary on the IRS forum of last Monday night. Scientologists are individuals, with a great variety of opinions on various subjects, just like one would expect to find in any



Letters to the Editor

group. The various ways that individual Scientologists choose to approach their personal income taxes would vary in a spectrum similar to that of the general public.

All that could be said in this respect is that most Scientologists think in terms of equitable exchange within the society. It is also true that Scientologists for the most part are very strongly against doing anything which breaks the law. Most Scientologists are adherents of the idea that one should "support a government designed and run for all the people," which is one of the precepts of the Way to Happiness.

So one couldn't really say what Scientologists as a generality think about income taxes or what should be done about them, as the attitudes on this subject would be likely to be quite diverse.

One could say that most Scientologists do uphold and try to follow as best they can the moral code expressed in the Way to Happiness. One of the precepts of this booklet addresses such things as being compassionate, appreciative, kind, considerate, tolerant, benevolent, honest, fair, just, etc.

Perhaps your comment that the Scientologists don't think they should pay their taxes refers to the Church rather than to Scientologists as individuals. The Church's viewpoint in this regard, as far as I am aware, is that the Church of Scientology should be treated the same as any other Church should be treated with respect to taxation, not that any special treatment is in order.

It is excellent that you have noted one of the contributions that the Church is making to the society.

JULIE GOLDMAN
Clearwater

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Wednesday, November 20, 1985

Scientists Win Major Court Victory Over Defectors, Documents

By ROBERT WELKOS and JOEL SAPPPELL, Times Staff Writers

In a major victory for the Church of Scientology, a federal judge said Friday she will bar breakthrough Scientology groups from using confidential church teachings that appear to have been stolen.

U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Praelzer said she will issue a preliminary injunction until a trial can be held on a lawsuit brought by the Church of Scientology against defectors who have established rival churches and counseling centers.

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ferred by the Church of Scientology—and stolen by Scott in December, 1983. Scott was subsequently convicted in Denmark of a charge comparable to industrial espionage.

"The church material that was stolen is substantially identical in content to that being used by the [Advanced Ability Center]," Praelzer said, adding that she was not accusing anyone of "outright theft" of the documents.

During the hearing, Mayo admitted that one of his employees—no longer connected to his center—offered to train two ex-Scientologists at half price in exchange for Church of Scientology documents.

Mayo said, however, that he quashed the deal when he learned that the materials had been stolen.

The documents Scott took are a refinement of Hubbard's account of Xenu, assertedly an evil tyrant who planted the seeds of aberrant behavior in people 75 million years ago.

According to documents obtained previously by The Times in Los Angeles Superior Court, Hubbard contends that Xenu trapped people in a compound of frozen alcohol and glycol and deposited them in 10 volcanoes. Xenu then dropped nuclear bombs on the volcanoes, according to Hubbard, destroying the people but freeing

The Church of Scientology contends the teachings are protected by federal trade secrets law.

Praelzer, at the end of a two-day hearing in Los Angeles, said the church's teachings can be construed as trade secrets, based on her reading of federal appellate court decisions.

"You've just seen history made," Joseph A. Yanny, a Scientology attorney, said after the judge's ruling. "It's the first time you've

their spirits, which clustered together and were brainwashed by Xenu.

These clusters, or body thetans, according to Hubbard, attach themselves to people, blocking their path to total freedom. When Scientologists reach a high-level in their training, a level known as "OT 3," they are taught how to identify thetans and how to purge them from their bodies.

The materials taken by Scott, according to those familiar with the teachings, explain that some body thetans do not respond to "OT 3" processes. At this level, new techniques of identifying and purging body thetans are introduced.

In a telephone interview with The Times from Scotland, Scott said he stole the documents to break the church's monopoly by offering the materials to independent practitioners who charged less.

The Church of Scientology, at its Florida headquarters, charges \$12,100 for the Xenu course. At Mayo's Advanced Ability Center, \$1,500 is charged for his version of the course.

Mayo is one of several former Scientology practitioners named in the suit. Praelzer said she would sign the preliminary injunction against them today. No date was set for trial of the case.

ever seen a decision that religious Scriptures constitute trade secrets."

The judge's remarks were a blow to David Mayo, who once worked closely with Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard and now runs the largest so-called independent center.

"[Praelzer's decision] means we could be wiped out pretty damn fast," said a dejected Mayo, president of the Church of the New

Civilization, also known as the Advanced Ability Center, in Santa Barbara.

The suit alleges that Mayo and the others conspired with an ex-Scientologist named Robin Scott to steal top-secret instructional materials from a church branch in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Under questioning by church attorney Earle C. Cooley, Mayo denied receiving any of the stolen materials. He said his own materi-

als, while similar to those offered by the Church of Scientology, were "reconstructed" from memory after he left the church. Mayo said he wrote between 80% to 90% of the materials when he worked as one of the church's highest theoreticians.

Praelzer, however, said a "next us" had been "very clearly established" at the hearing between a program Mayo offers and one of-

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Judge rules in Scientology case

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A judge says she will forbid groups that have broken with the Church of Scientology from using or selling confidential church teachings that were stolen.

The doctrine at issue is Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard's account of Xemu, a tyrant who supposedly planted the seeds of aberrant behavior in mankind 75 million years ago.

After a two-day hearing, U.S. District Judge Mariana R. Pfaelzer said Friday that the sect's teachings can be considered trade secrets.

"You've just seen history made," Scientology attorney Joseph A. Yanny said. "It's the first time you've ever seen a decision that religious scriptures constitute trade secrets."

The judge said she will issue a preliminary injunction until a trial can be held on a lawsuit brought by the sect against defectors who have set up competing sects and counseling centers.

David Mayo, who once worked closely with Hubbard and now runs the Church of the New Civilization in Santa Barbara, said "we could be wiped out" by the decision.

The suit alleges Mayo and others conspired with former Scientologist Robin Scott to steal secret instructional materials from a sect branch.

Under questioning by Scientology attorney Earle C. Cooley, Mayo denied receiving stolen materials, saying he was working from memory.

Mayo said he wrote 80 percent to 90 percent of the materials when he worked as a Scientologist of the sect's theoreticians.

The judge said there was a link "very clearly established" at the hearing between a program Mayo offers and a Scientology program that was stolen by Scott in December 1983. Scott was subsequently convicted.

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HONK IF YOU hate Ron.

TO WHOM IT MAY concern. He who knows and knows not that he knows. (Like most of us). He is asleep, awake him. —Obnosis

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! We, the First, Original, Genuine Committee of 100 denounce the forged notices Peoples Enemy "Gurgle-head" spreads like germs! Only authentic notices from Us, the First, Original, Genuine Committee of 100, shall uphold the honor of the heroic New America Glorious Peoples Revolution, lead by our Glorious Chairman Ron! Only We shall unmask the insiduousities of the Crypto-capitalist Soviet "Evil Empire" and overthrow the Imperialist Warmonger Gorbachev and his Lickspittle Apparatchik Running Dogs, who live in luxury on the sweat of exploited Soviet wage-slaves! Soon, very soon, will Our "Celestial Dragon" hyperdimensional Laser Orbital Battlestation rain the Fire from Heaven upon the Politbureau Oppressors in accordance with the Infallible Teachings of Glorious Chairman Rons Red-White-and-Blue Book! We hail Chairman Rons Heroic Swim of Twenty Miles up the Potomac River! Victory to the New America Glorious Peoples Revolution! Death to the Imperialist Warmonger Gorbachev and his Lickspittle Running Dogs Truth Squad and Peoples Enemy "Gurgle-Head!" —The First, Original, Genuine Committee of 100.

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HELLO MISS. Look up into my blue eyes. I expect respect and obedience, do you understand? If you fail to obey or fail to show proper respect—did I say you could look down, Miss? Looks like you need a lesson. Perhaps you'd like to stand in the corner and hang your head for 15 minutes. Get over there. Drop your pants. Now your panties. You stay like that until I say you can stop. —Drop a line when you need to worship. —Ron V.

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WANTED—L. RON Hubbard for lying about his background, theft of Church funds, perversion of spiritual practices, and writing boring science fiction novels. Reward—your sanity and self-respect.

L. RON HUBBARD—Only weak men commit crimes; great and happy men have no need of them. —Voltaire

Sect mails taped message

By LESLEY COLLINS
Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — The "favorable" reaction from a Church of Scientology goodwill message via a cassette tape may spark additional tape mailings.

The Clearwater-based group mailed about 300 cassette tapes titled "Can We Ever Be Friends?" this week to local city officials, newspapers and randomly selected residents.

"We've gotten calls as to why people haven't received them," Scientology spokesman Ludwig Alpers said Tuesday.

Because of the positive response, "there might be more going out," he said.

A small group of Scientologists recently approached Alpers about donating money to provide the cassette tapes to community officials and residents.

"I think this will break the last bit of ice," he said, noting his belief that after 10 years of antagonism between the city and the Scientologists, both

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sides appear to be heading in the same direction. "We want to create better relations, and this tape helps explain who and what are Scientologists."

The Scientology mailout includes the tape, a cover letter by Alpers and a postage-paid postcard enabling residents to get more information about Dianetics and Scientology.

The taped speaker, who identifies himself as a minister of the Church of Scientology, talks about the possibility of repairing the "torn heartstrings" of estranged family members and friends.

"It often appears that the things they have done were monstrous and cruel, and that they never can be forgiven," the tape continues. "But forgiveness is the very stuff of which harmony is made. Big people can forgive."

According to public relations

officials for Scientology, every difficult situation they ever were called to handle, whether with parents or the press, was caused by "some new or untrained Scientologist completely misinforming others as to what was Scientology data," the speaker says.

"Feeling challenged and invalidated, the relatively untrained Scientologist sometimes tries to make an impact on a non-Scientologist by telling him bizarre and sometimes incomplete or incorrect data on the subject instead of some useful material the other could use to better his life," he continues. "Uninformed persons experience a drop in reality and feel antagonistic when this occurs.

"... The materials of Scientology are not very mysterious and when viewed as a whole, not as fragments, are very sensible."

Rather, Scientologists believe in kindness, understanding and better human relations, the minister says.

A fast answer to 'Can We Ever Be Friends?'

Scientists use various means of indoctrinating their members.

I have long suspected that boredom and confusion are two of their tools.

That belief got a boost Tuesday night as I drove to Tampa.

As I traveled east on Ulmerton Road and across the Frankenstein Bridge, I listened to a tape cassette recently mailed to me (and several hundred other people in Upper Pinellas County) by the Scientologists.

In a Wednesday story, Sun staff writer Lesley Collins ably described the tape's contents. She also quoted a local Scientology spokesman, who feels that the tape may help to end the antagonism between the cult and Clearwater.

The tape is called "Can We Ever Be Friends?" It is supposed to be about estrangement. It is one of the most boring, disappointed speeches I've heard.

In that respect, it resembles most of the writings of Scientology's founder and high priest, L. Ron Hubbard.

The Driver's Seat

By Bob Driver



The speaker on the tape is not identified by name. He has a pleasant enough voice. But as he gets going, a trace of pomposity creeps in and then grows to gargantuan proportions. After half an hour of this, I felt as if I were listening to what Charlemagne must have sounded like.

Except, I'm sure, Charlemagne would have been precise in his message. And the Scientology speaker is vague.

He rambles about, touching on human relations, psychology, dieting, college life and attitudes toward money. Each sentence seems to

make sense as it stands alone, but when you string the sentences together in the hope that they will add up to a definite, understandable conclusion, you are disappointed. Or I was.

One point was clear: the leaders of Scientology would like to blame all their past bad publicity on rookie members of the organization who allegedly were misinformed, or who spoke out of turn. This is scapegoating of a low order.

The motives of the Church of Scientology in sending this tape to Clearwater people are, like the tape itself, clouded in confusion. The stated purpose is to help change public opinion, and make local folks feel kindly toward Scientology.

But by now most observers have made up their minds about Scientology. The tape is not likely to alter the convictions of anyone who regards Scientology as a profit-making scheme for taking money from societal misfits in exchange for lessons in how to think more clearly, plus pseudo-friendship and a temporary sense of belonging.

Scientology has been in Clearwater 10 years.

During the first half of that time the cult played rough. It made many enemies in and around Clearwater. In the early 1980s the tactics changed, and the Scientologists took a lower-profile, less combative stance.

The new tape marks some sort of a re-emergence, it seems to me. The tape is intended as a bridge across troubled waters. But for many people it will simply stir up old, ugly memories.

If nothing else, thinking persons who listen closely to the tape will be struck by certain questions.

Such as, "What does all this gobbledygook mean? Why wasn't the speaker identified? Why was an attempt made to make the listener think the speaker was addressing a live group?"

But I could be wrong. Many recipients of the tape may think it is gang-busters. Maybe local radio stations will play it. Call them and find out.

Again, the tape is called "Can We Ever Be Friends?" In Clearwater, the answer is "It's doubtful."

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Wednesday, December 11, 1985

Sect gets tree for Christmas

CLEARWATER — The Clearwater-based Church of Scientology received a 120-foot present Tuesday from the town of Ironwood, Mich.

A giant blue spruce tree, packed in snow and delivered by a semi-tractor trailer, will tower above the former Sandcastle Motel, 200 N. Osceola Ave., a downtown Scientology property.

Two cranes will be used to pull the huge Christmas tree upright before parishioners decorate it with gold tinsel and red ornaments, Scientology spokesman Ludwig Alpers said.

"It's going to be quite an undertaking," Alpers said of the decorating effort, which should be completed by Friday.

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Tuesday, December 17, 1985

Lawsuit creates quandary

By LESLEY COLLINS
Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — E. KOVACHEVICH
City attorneys and special counsel from Washington, D.C., are debating whether to go up or down.



Because the latest court ruling on the city's charitable solicitation ordinance essentially did nothing, city attorneys are trying to decide what would be best from their perspective — a U.S. Supreme Court ruling on the case or its return to U.S. District Court in Tampa.

On Nov. 13, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta ruled that there hadn't been enough legal record developed by the U.S. District Court to warrant a decision by them on the law's constitutional merits.

Since that time, the Church of Scientology, one of two parties challenging the ordinance, has filed a motion asking the appeals court to reconsider the case on its merits, Washington attorney Lawrence Velvel told city commissioners Monday.

In Velvel's eyes, the chances of the court agreeing to such reconsideration are "very small." The court could rule on that motion in two weeks to six months, he said.

If Scientology attorneys seek a Supreme Court ruling on the ordinance's general legality, which

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Velvel believes they are leaning toward, it might be in the city's best interest to go along with the request, he said.

"They want to win this case as fast as they can," the attorney said.

Even if the city supported a Supreme Court decision on the case, Velvel said the chances of the nation's highest court agreeing to hear the case are not that promising.

If the remaining option is taken and the case returns to the district court, Judge Elizabeth Kovachevich will have to rule whether the Church of Scientology is a religion and whether the ordinance requirements pose an undue burden on the affected parties, Velvel said.

In July 1984, Judge Kovachevich ruled that the city's revised solicitation ordinance was "facially" constitutional, based on the language of the ordinance. In an appeal by the Church of Scientology, the U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals declined to rule on the constitutionality because the district court opinion was rendered without gathering any factual evidence.

The solicitation ordinance, adopted in 1983, requires charities and religious organizations to register with the city and maintain financial records. That portion of the ordinance cannot be enforced, however, because of a July 1984 preliminary injunction ordered by Miss Kovachevich.

Her order did not legally bind other sections of the ordinance requiring the city attorney to investigate charges of fraud or misrepresentation in fund-raising by non-profit or religious groups if accusations are made by 10 or more people.

Scientists mail \$9,500 in 'presents'

By LESLEY COLLINS
Sun staff writer

CLEARWATER — Local Church of Scientology parishioners put up a large chunk of cash to send 1,200 books and tapes on Dianetics to Clearwater residents over the weekend.

The holiday packages included a copy of "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health," authored by Scientology founder L. Ron Hubbard in 1950, a cassette tape of Hubbard expounding on Dianetics, his theory on mental well-being, and a cover letter from Scientology spokesman Ludwig Alpers.

Based on cost figures of \$4.95 for each book and \$10.95 per tape, the Scientology members doled out about \$9,500 to pay for the 600 "Christmas presents."

The packages were sent to Clearwater residents in four or five different professions, such as chiropractors, who were con-

sidered "most likely to be interested in the technology of Dianetics," Alpers said Monday.

According to Scientologists, Dianetics is a "religious philosophy," whereby a practitioner can discover painful subconscious memories that thwart his mental happiness. Through Dianetics counseling, or "auditing," one can rid himself of these bad memories, called "engrams," and become a happier, more productive person.

The package deliveries fall on the heels of a similar Scientology mailing in early December.

In that mailing, about 300 local city officials, newspapers and randomly selected residents received a Scientology-produced cassette tape titled, "Can We Ever Be Friends?"

Favorable reaction from that goodwill message prompted the weekend mailing.

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Driver disappoints

Editor:

We are disappointed that Bob Driver chooses to misconstrue Scientology so thoroughly, and chooses to use his column to attempt to perpetuate misunderstanding between the people of Clearwater and the parishioners of the Church of Scientology.

If Driver has a personal grudge, he should take it up with a minister or official of the Church personally. We will go to all possible lengths to settle any misunderstanding or differences.

Also, it is a basic tenet of our faith that a person is responsible for truly and correctly representing facts and for personally observing and checking out his facts whenever possible. We would be happy to acquaint Driver with some of our better known parishioners, among whom are:

✓ A world-class concert pianist and recent winner of the international Chopin and Liszt prizes, and a Columbia, Decca and MCA recording artist.

✓ A leading soprano of the Metropolitan Opera in New

York and the 1985 Grammy Award winner for her starring role, with Placido Domingo, in the movie "Carmen."

✓ An international jazz/classical recording artist and several times "Jazz Musician of the Year," along with numerous other jazz greats.

✓ An Emmy award winner who created the currently running animated movie, "Star-chasers."

✓ A German painter who is also a *Time* cover artist.

✓ The star of the TV series "Baretta," and "Double Trouble," and founder of "Right Track," a drug education program for kids; along with numerous other TV celebrities.

Not to mention a host of business, school teachers, doctors, artists and professionals of all kinds, some of whom have their own corporations and businesses in Clearwater and reside here.

I venture to say that these parishioners would be astonished to hear themselves dubbed as "societal misfits" who need "psuedo-friendship and a temporary sense of belonging," and know any of them would be only too happy to personally give Driver some idea of what Scientology means to them and what it has contributed to their lives, as well as why they proudly choose to be members of the Church of Scientology...if only Driver would ask them!

Whether or not Driver wishes to be our friend, we still wish to be his, and will continue our efforts to create a climate of tolerance and understanding, as well as work to make Clearwater a better community for citizens of all faiths.

LUDWIG ALPERS
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