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**Los Angeles Times, Tuesday, November 22, 1988
Scientology Chiefs From 8 Nations Detained in Spain
By Times Staff and Wire Service Reports**

1. Scientology and Narconon are facing a variety of charges in Spain, including suspicion of extortion, forgery and tax evasion. This incident is barely 9 months old. Included in those arrested was Church of Scientology President Heber Jentzsch.
2. The second article tells of the president of the Church of Scientology making bail in the Spanish case.
3. Later releases, not enclosed, tell of Judge Honrubia deciding that the case was too important for his court, and transferring it to a higher court for further action.

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Scientology Chiefs From 8 Nations Detained in Spain

From Times Staff and Wire Service Reports

Leaders of the Church of Scientology from eight nations have been arrested in Spain on suspicion of extortion, forgery and tax evasion, it was disclosed Monday.

Heber Jentzsch of Los Angeles, president of the Church of Scientology International, was among the 69 people detained Sunday at a Scientology congress at a luxury hotel in downtown Madrid. Twenty of those arrested were released Monday after authorities determined they were not involved in running the organization, according to EFE, the Spanish news agency.

Among those being held were Scientology leaders from the United States, Britain, Portugal, Denmark, Venezuela, Switzerland, Italy and Spain.

Police searched 26 of the group's offices across Spain on Sunday, shutting two of them down for a few hours, and seizing bundles of documents.

Scientology's lawyer, Jose Luis Chamorro, said evidence presented against the group was shallow and out of context.

The Church of Scientology was founded by the late science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard. Its activities in Spain center on a drug rehabili-

tation program known as Narconon and a spiritual group called the Civil Dianetics Assn.

The police action culminated nine months of undercover investigation during which 30 telephone taps were installed, said Examining Magistrate Jose Maria Vasquez Honrubia.

Spanish tax inspectors believe the organization illegally funneled money to the United States and Denmark, did not make payments to Spain's social security system and owed money to businessmen who supplied Narconon centers in Spain, according to the Spanish news agency.

Complaints Lodged

Vasquez Honrubia said police began the investigation after about 40 complainants were filed in Spanish courts, including one for abduction of a youth.

Those arrested, the magistrate added, also face charges of kidnapping, coercion, failure to meet social security payments and illegal association. He said more arrests were likely.

He did not specify what type of forgery and fraud the organizers are alleged to have engaged in. But news reports said at least one fraud charge stemmed from Narconon's attempts to

persuade its drug-addict clients to join the Church of Scientology as part of their treatment.

The magistrate said the group made members pay progressively larger fees for Scientology courses and threatened people who wanted to leave the organization.

The group was registered as a nonprofit organization, Vasquez Honrubia added, but documents showed profits of \$666,000 in Spain alone in 1986.

"The real god of this organization is money," he told reporters.

The magistrate said the group's four Narconon centers for treatment of drug addicts in Spain were run by unqualified staff in poor conditions of hygiene.

Boston attorney Earle C. Cooley, Scientology's U.S. national trial counsel, told The Times Monday that he did not know what allegations were being investigated by Spanish authorities, or the scope of the undercover probe.

"I know nothing about wiretaps," Cooley said. But he said the allegations, as reported by the news media, "look on the face of them as if they are trumped up."

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Scientology Leader, 10 Others, Freed on Bail in Spain

From Times Wire Services

MADRID, Spain—The president of the Church of Scientology and 10 other members arrested in an investigation of alleged fraud and tax evasion have been released on more than \$1 million bail, their lawyer said Sunday.

A judge's order releasing church president, Heber Jentzsch, an American, and the others came Saturday after facts were presented that "corrected" some allegations against the group, said the lawyer, Jose Luis Chamorro.

Jentzsch, 53, a native of Salt Lake City, lives in Los Angeles. Judge Jose Maria Vazquez Honrubia set bail at \$650,000 for

Jentzsch and at a total of \$430,000 for the others.

On Dec. 5, the judge had said he would not grant bail and that he had at least three months to file formal charges against Jentzsch.

The 11 were among 71 people arrested Nov. 20 after a nine-month probe ordered by Vazquez Honrubia, who says Narconon, a church-linked drug rehabilitation program, swindled its clients and lured them into Scientology.

Authorities also have frozen \$1.76 million in bank accounts belonging to officials of the church and Narconon because Vazquez Honrubia says the money was not

declared to tax authorities.

After questioning the 71 people arrested in the raid, Vazquez Honrubia expelled 10 foreigners and released 50 others.

Chamorro said those released Saturday must appear before the judge three times a week as part of the bail conditions accepted after hearing arguments by a six-man team of Spanish lawyers.

Scientology officials in Madrid said Jentzsch has nothing to do with church finances and could not have committed any crimes in Spain because he had never been in the country before November. The other 10 members released

Saturday are American Gerald Finn, a South African man, a Portuguese woman and seven Spaniards, three of them women. Chamorro said, declining to give further information on those released.

The Church of Scientology, founded in the 1950s by L. Ron Hubbard, an American science fiction author and former U.S. Navy officer, is based on Hubbard's 1949 book, "Dianetics: the modern science of mental health."

Followers strive toward a "clear state" by using a lie detector-type device called an "E-Meter," coupled with exercise and counseling.



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