

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Scientology Files to be examined
Source	“The Melbourne Herald”
Author	
Date	December 22nd, 1965

Contents:

Government officials will examine about 400 personal files police seized in yesterday's lightning raid on the scientology centre in Spring St.

The Chief Secretary, Mr Rylah, said this today.

The files would be studied by officials of the Crown Law and Health Departments, who would report to him “in due course.”

Mr Rylah said yesterday's police swoop, less than half an hour after Scientology had been outlawed by the State Government, had cleaned out all the records at the Spring St. centre.

But police were continuing efforts to track down files elsewhere.

An examination would be made of the files to see how complete they were, and a list would be compiled.

Files and records submitted at the marathon 159-day scientology inquiry would remain in the Government's possession.

Mr Rylah would not say why the Government had not immediately burned the 400 personal files collected yesterday.

In his report to the State Government on scientology, Mr. K. V. Anderson, QC, said:

“There was no evidence that blackmail in the legal sense had been practised - but the basis for such criminal activity exists in the files of the organisation.

“The existence of these files containing the most intimate secrets and confessions of thousands of individuals is a constant threat to them and a matter of grave concern.

“This aspect is the more serious because copies of these reports are also held in England.”

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	“Burn seized Scientology Files” Plea
Source	“The Melbourne Herald”
Author	
Date	December 23rd, 1965

Contents:

Files seized from the Scientology centre in Melbourne should be burnt, it was urged today.

Professor O. A. Oeser, professor of psychology at Melbourne University, and the Legislative Council Opposition Leader, Mr Galbally, agreed on this.

Files taken from the Scientology centre in Spring St. on Tuesday under the new legislation banning Scientology in Victoria are being studied by Crown Law and Health Department officials.

The officials will report to the Attorney-General, Mr Rylah.

Prof. Oeser, who was a witness at the inquiry into Scientology, said today he hoped investigation of the seized files would be done under proper supervision so that no personal details about innocent people came out. He would prefer to see them burnt.

Avoid Harm

The Attorney-General's Department must necessarily be trusted to see that nothing personal was revealed to harm innocent people.

Mr Galbally said the Government should immediately put to the torch personal files of scientology victims seized from the Scientology centre.

Government prying into the secrets of Scientology's unfortunate victims, who included many school children and university undergraduates, could have serious consequences.

It was very disturbing and quite wrong that any Government department should have the power to look at these files.

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Scientists' Circular Group in Move to lift Ban
Source	"The Melbourne Herald"
Author	
Date	February 15th, 1967

Contents:

Scientology, banned and branded an "evil practice with evil techniques" 16 months ago, is trying to make a comeback.

Two circular letters have been sent so far to all State Members of Parliament pointing out "anomalies" in the report by Mr Kevin Anderson, QC, which condemned Scientology.

Seven Scientists have formed a group known as the Committee for Legal Recognition in Victoria of the Religious Faith Known as Scientology.

Insurance salesman Mr Ivan Griffiths, 43, of Bogong Av., Glen Waverley, a member of the committee, said this today.

"We have a few other moves which we can make. It is not opportune at this moment to broadcast them.

"What we want to do is to obtain a good sane and rational look at Scientology and a review of the situation."

"Panic move"

He claimed the banning of Scientology in Victoria was "rather a panic move."

Mr Griffiths, in the latest letter to the MPs, says: "The continuing migration of scientists into exile is still going on in 1967. The first group for this year have already preferred exile to living in the State of Victoria where that basic human right - freedom of religion - is suppressed."

He adds: "Of those who previously chose to leave Victoria, a total of 12 have been publicly declared to have attained, stably and permanently the state of Clear."

Asked today for an explanation of the scientists' expression "state of Clear," Mr Griffiths defined it as "a person that has knowing and willing cause over his environment."

"Illusory"

Mr Griffiths' letter said the Board of Inquiry's report called the state of Clear "illusory" and "not attainable by Scientology practices."

He said that about 250 scientologists had left Victoria for other States or England.

In England they went to the castle occupied by the world Scientology headquarters under Lafayette Ronald Hubbard at East Grinstead, Sussex.

After the Victorian inquiry, a British newspaper labelled Hubbard a phony.

It revealed his claim to a Doctor of Philosophy degree from Sequoia University was false because no such university existed.

Hubbard took out writs against the paper but did not sue. Instead, in an advertisement in The Times he resigned "in protest" his Ph.D. degree because of the nuclear and psychiatric damage done to society by people calling themselves "Doctor."

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Rylah orders Probe into Scientology
Source	“Melbourne Herald”
Author	
Date	July 19th, 1969

Contents:

Plainclothes police will start an immediate investigation of alleged Scientology centres in Hawthorn, Noble Park, Cheltenham, Balwyn, Bendigo and Geelong.

The Acting Premier, Sir Arthur Rylah, called for an investigation today after reports that the banned sect has revived in Victoria.

Sir Arthur said that he would “make a full examination of material in the offices of the Attorney-General and Health Minister.”

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr Reg Jackson said today that police had received a report that Scientologists were “holding full Scientology church services at a house in Manchester St., Hawthorn.”

It had also been reported that scientology services were being held at Noble Park, Cheltenham, North Balwyn, Bendigo and Geelong, he said.

Watching

The State Government banned Scientology in 1965 after a Royal Commission into its activities.

It is also banned in South and Western Australia.

Mr Jackson said that police had been watching for any outbreaks of Scientology in Victoria since the sect was banned.

He said he did not know if the president of the Church of Scientology of California in Victoria, Mr I. K. Tampion, would be questioned at first.

But he said: “Investigations may lead to this.”

Mr Tampion has a telephone connected at a house in Manchester St., Hawthorn.

Scientologists can be prosecuted under the Psychological Practices Act of 1965.

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Bolte home to protest
Source	“Melbourne Herald”
Author	Ian Hamilton
Date	July 28th, 1969

Contents:

A group of 20 Scientologists demonstrated against the Premier, Sir Henry Bolte, at Essendon Airport today.

Sir Henry and Lady Bolte arrived back in Melbourne after a 96-day world trip.

The demonstrators held placards. Some said: “What's the next religion to be banned, Sir Henry?”

The State Government has banned Scientology.

One of the demonstrators, Mr I. K. Tampion, wearing a clerical collar and a metal cross around his neck, said the demonstration was by the Church of Scientology of California in Victoria to protest against religious persecution.

Sir Henry said he didn't suppose the demonstrators were doing much harm. “I don't suppose they're doing much good either. They didn't do very well in London.”

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Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Cult of Scientology – It lives on at Balaclava
Source	“Melbourne Herald”
Author	Bill Leslie
Date	September 12th, 1970

Contents:

The voice and the doctrine of Lafayette Ronald Hubbard live on in Victoria - and a band of faithful followers continue to worship from afar.

Behind the doors of No. 26 Balaclava Rd., Balaclava, on the face of it an ordinary suburban home in a garden setting - the cult of Scientology still flourishes.

Only now it shelters under the umbrella of religion.

Less than five years after scientology was branded illegal in Victoria under the Psychological Practices Act, propaganda leaflets are plastered all over the walls of the house in Balaclava.

Books written by Hubbard, the founder, are on view on the Registrar’s Office - along with “success stories” of those who claim they have become new people since taking the path of the cult.

Latest get-together was last Sunday when the Church of Scientology of California in Victoria assembled under the guise of an “Ability Congress.”

Although billed as a church event there were no prayers or hymns.

About 60 people - mostly middle-aged men and women - paid \$2 to listen to two tape-recorded lectures by Hubbard and one “live” from attractive, mini-skirted Judy Tampion who calls herself “the Rev.”

Screamed

Above their heads was a silver sign proclaiming “Welcome.” Another one in red screamed: “Scientology Works.” In front of them there was an illuminated portrait of Hubbard.

First speaker was the cult’s Victorian president, Mr Ian Tampion, in a dark suit and clerical collar. He also uses the prefix “the Rev.” Around his neck hung a large silver cross.

He spoke for half an hour on “What We Are Doing And Can Do About Existing Conditions.” It was all very chummy.

On his lapel - like other staff members - he wore a little disc on which was written: “Hello, my name is ...”

In his talks Mr Tampion posed the question: “What is the Ideal Scene?” He saw the world being split into various “games.”

Those who wanted “to play at war,” he said, could have a special part of the planet to do so. The same with those who wanted to “play at strikes.”

“I don't care what games people play,” he said. “It can be cops and robbers, husbands and wives or fathers and mothers - as long as they are doing it by choice.”

Before a break for tea and biscuits in the garden, Victoria's Hubbard fans listened to the voice of their idol for 1 1/2 hours delivering a lecture recorded seven years ago.

After tea came Judy Tampion's lecture on “Ability” followed by another 90-minute tape-recorded helping of Hubbard.

By this time two pig-tailed schoolgirls who came with their father were looking bored and the tiny son of a staff member was rolling restlessly on the floor.

Before they left, the audience was urged to “pack your bags” and go to Adelaide for next month's three-day congress.

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Australia “Land of Intolerance”
Source	“Melbourne Herald”
Author	Jack Cannon
Date	November 16th, 1972

Contents:

NEW YORK, Wed. - Scientologists demonstrated for two hours outside the Australian consulate in New York today to protest against Australia’s refusal to allow English scientologist, Mr Geoffrey Silver, to enter the country.

The demonstrators, who marched in pairs in front of the Rockefeller Centre in Fifth Avenue, carried signs stating: “Home of the 20th century inquisitions” and “Australia, land of intolerance.”

They said they were members of the New York Church of Scientology and were led by the church's pastor, the Rev. James Meisler.

Later, Mr Meisler presented a letter to consulate officials addressed to the Australian Immigration Minister, Dr Forbes.

It accused Dr Forbes and the Australian Government of religious persecution and discrimination against scientologists, and demanded that Silver be allowed to enter Australia.

The demonstrators said similar picket lines would stage protests outside Australian Government offices in Washington, Los Angeles and Toronto.

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Scioentology big: Claim
Source	“Melbourne Herald”
Author	Geoff Easdown
Date	May 19th, 1977

Contents:

Scientology is operating in a bigger way than before it was banned in 1965, its first officially recognised minister in Victoria claimed today.

Controversial files are still kept on those who seek counselling from its ministers. The controversial E-meter is again in use.

At the Church of Scientology, 724 Inkerman Rd., Caulfield, I was given an E-meter test today by Mrs Elaine Allen, the first registered minister of the church.

One of the questions she asked as electrical impulses in my body recorded a reading on the meter was: “Have you a happily married lady, somewhere out there in the suburbs?”

I answered “Yes” and the needle swept right across the dial – indicating that I had answered correctly.

Mrs Allen, 40, a mother of four, said: “The meter is simply an aid, much the same as a Catholic priest uses a confessional. The auditor - we call him or her an auditor, or minister if you like - uses it as an aid to help him counsel someone who seeks help. It helps him get to the bottom of the matter that's troubling the person who seeks help.”

‘Green light’

Asked whether E-meters were in general use, Mrs Allen said: “Yes, we still have them ... and we still use them as an aid.”

I spoke with Mrs Allen and underwent the test after the State Government agreed to her registration. She said her registration meant that the Government had recognised Scientology as a religion.

“We’ve been given the green light ... it’s been a long time coming and it is a great victory for us,” she said.

Mrs Allen said Scientology had about 5000 followers in Melbourne. Records were still being kept - but not on all 5000 members. “They are kept only on those who have sought counselling,” she said. She readily produced the E-meter on my request to give me a test.

As she talked, a stream of young men kept entering the building. Behind her was a library of books - all about scientology - giving the name of the leader of the faith L. Ron Hubbard. There was a picture of a middle aged man on the wall.

“That's my mate Ron,” she said. “We met on his yacht in 1973 ... I am confident he will emerge as the world's greatest philosopher.”

Asked about the number of young people about the building, she says: “We have a staff of about 50.” She said the Church in Melbourne was self-supporting. It had about 40 ministers in training, and another 10 or 12 who had been trained and ordained into the church. There were also about 20 students on courses.

A course costs from about \$15 for a beginner's communications course to \$75 for the follow up - the next step in Scientology.

“Yes, we are bigger than we were in 1965,” she said. The Victorian Government banned the practice of scientology in 1965 after an inquiry that lasted nearly two years.

The E-meter I was tested on was a small wooden box, containing a meter, a series of knobs and a dial. Two wires from it were connected to “electrodes” - two Victoria Bitter cans scrubbed clean of their labels.

Jona: We're watching

The Acting Health Minister, Mr Jona, said the State Government could not stop Mrs Allen practising as a minister of Scientology in Victoria. But he said a close watch was being kept on her activities to ensure she did not breach the Psychological Practices Act of 1965.

He said this act outlawed certain practices being performed by anyone except qualified psychologists. And it also outlawed the use of equipment including the E-meter by anyone at all in Victoria.

Mr Jona said she was allowed to practise as a minister in Victoria because the Federal Government had recognised Scientology as an accredited church during the time that Senator Murphy was Attorney-General.

He said there had been no scientology ministers in Victoria, but a minister from New South Wales had visited the state regularly. “We can do nothing about it as such,” he said.

Mr Jona said there was no evidence to suggest that Mrs Allen was performing any of the practices outlawed under the Psychological Practices Act.

Mr Jona said she was performing no more than her duties given to her under the Federal Act of marrying people. He said anyone could preach in a church. Mr Jona said the Federal Government had accepted Scientology as an approved religion.

‘Raptures’ at church’s world HQ

The message from world scientology headquarters at Saint Hill Manor in England today was clear: “Scientology is winning. It's beautiful. We’re going to clear the planet Earth.”

Word that a Melbourne woman had become Victoria's first registered minister of the Church of Scientology sent the church’s technical services director, Mr Ulrich Kramer, into raptures.

He said: “This is the result of an international prayer day in California last year. We were told then there would be a change in the government’s attitude. It was foreseen that this would happen. About 10,000 people prayed for this and it's happened. Scientology is winning and it's wonderful.”

Mr Kramer said the founder of Scientology, Lafayette Ronald Hubbard will be thrilled at the news. “He has not been here for several years and is probably at Flag Landbase in Clearwater, Florida.”