

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Moscow University to celebrate
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Contents:

"L. Ron Hubbard Day" will be celebrated at Moscow university, officials at the University announced Friday.

The decision to honour the famed American Writer, religious philosopher and humanist was made after his publishing house, New Era, donated a reading room to the university.

Hubbard was little known in Russia until now. Only two of his works have been translated into Russian.

But now, Moscow University students can go to the L. Ron Hubbard reading room and read hundreds of books in German, French and English, including Hubbard's volumes.

Hubbard is best known for having conceived the religious philosophy of Scientology.

октября (Корр. ИТАР-ТАСС Елена Югина) Управление Федеральной службы налоговой полиции РФ по Санкт-Петербургу арестовало имущество городского Саентологического центра - религиозной организации тоталитарного толка - за невыполнение требования о погашении задолженности по платежам. Из сейфа организации изъято 1,2 миллиона рублей. Компьютерная, аудио- и видеотехника, другое имущество и офисное оборудование оставлены председателю центра на хранение в арендуемом помещении под уголовную ответственность.

По результатам проверки финансово-хозяйственной деятельности центру еще в начале сентября было предъявлено постановление о немедленной уплате нало-

гов и штрафов. Несмотря на то, что наличные деньги к ним поступают, саентологи требованию не подчинились, а на их расчетном счете по-прежнему значится всего несколько рублей.

Проверка финансовой деятельности выявила нарушения правил ведения бухгалтерского учета и налогового законодательства. Основным способом ухода от уплаты налогов стало оформление выручки, полученной от сотен обучающихся на семинарах и курсах в качестве "членских взносов". Только в 1995 году таким образом было оформлено около 625 миллионов рублей: желающим обучаться в центре предлагалось подписать заявление о приеме в члены организации.

Кроме того, центр "списал" учебные пособия по ди-

анетике и саентологии, якобы предназначенные для задачи слушателям курсов и семинаров. Сумма списания по "липовой" накладной составила 10,3 миллиона рублей.

Соккрытие выручки на сотни тысяч рублей совершалось и при распределении литературы через петербургскую книготорговую сеть. Налоговые полицейские полагают, что деньги за проданные в магазинах книги исчезали в чем-то кармане, не поступая в кассу организации.

Центру предъявлены штрафные санкции на более чем 80 миллионов рублей. Проверка подтвердила известное во всем мире "своеобразие" способа извлечения денег, за которое саентологи имеют неприятности от налоговых полицейских многих стран.

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Налоговая полиция арестовала имущество Санкт-Петербургского Саентологического центра за невыполнение требования о погашении задолженности по платежам
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Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Hubbard Humanitarian Centre outlawed by Moscow Court
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Contents:

MOSCOW - The ruling of the Ostankino Municipal Court of Moscow on recognizing as invalid the registration of the Hubbard Humanitarian Centre, a regional public organisation, came into force on Monday, a spokesman for the press service of the Moscow prosecutor's office told Tass.

The Moscow prosecutor lodged a corresponding claim last autumn. It was satisfied on October 6, but came into force only on February 14, after the court collegium on civil cases passed a resolution on it.

The press service spokesman said as well that a preliminary investigation on the case of the leader of a regional branch of the Hubbard Centre under Article 171 of the Russian Criminal Code (illegal business activities) had been completed by the prosecutor's office of the North-Eastern Administrative District of Moscow and would be referred to court.

The Hubbard Centre was officially registered in Russian by the Scientological Church. It was actually a sectarian centre. In the opinion of Alexander Dvorkin, who handles the problem of religious sects at the Moscow Patriarchate, "this is a very dangerous sect. In Germany it was put under the control of the secret police. It is believed there that the Hubbard Centre is not a religious, but a commercial organisation, which is after power and money. In Greece it was outlawed early in 1998."

The organisation was named after Lafayette Ron Hubbard, American science fiction writer, who suffered from persecution mania and declared a war on what he described as "the world conspiracy of psychiatrists." He maintained, for example, that the massive extermination of Jews during the Second World War was organised not by the Nazi regime, but by "a secret union of German psychiatrist."

Category	Newspaper Article
Title	Scientologist convicted of Fraud in Russia's Far East
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Author	
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Contents:

A court in Russia's far eastern city of Khabarovsk Wednesday handed a local Scientology leader a six year suspended sentence for money laundering and setting up an illegal business, ITAR-TASS reported.

In the course of a year-long investigation launched against Olga Ukhova, prosecutors also accused the Dianetics center of inflicting psychological, physical and financial harm to its adherents, court officials said.

Scientology, founded by the science-fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard and based in Los Angeles, is recognized as a religion in the United States.

The Church of Scientology was officially set up in Russia in 1993 and claims 30,000 followers in the country. Since 1998, Russian prosecutors have sought to prove that its activities were illegal, but Moscow courts have twice dismissed cases against the church.

Scientology is considered a sect in some western countries, including France, Germany and Greece, where authorities contend that its leaders seek economic gain and use "quasi-totalitarian" methods to keep supporters in line.