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## PROTEST MARCH AT SECT HQ

**FORTY-FIVE** members of a splinter group of scientologists demonstrated outside the entrance of Saint Hill UK headquarters on Sunday, in protest at the cost of the sect's courses.

The group demanded reforms within the workings of the church, including a refusal to interfere in the sexual, marital and family affairs of its members.

This was a reference to the Scientology practice of "disconnection" — cutting off communication with relatives if there

is a disagreement over their beliefs.

Mr Eric Ballard, a former sect official and spokesman for the breakaway group, issued a written statement which asked a number of questions.

Among the points raised were 'Why does the church maintain a

monopoly on the use of Scientology?' and 'What happens to the sums of money paid into the church by its devotees?'

"We want the public to know that Scientology isn't mysterious," said Mr Ballard.

In February the protesters made a press statement attacking disconnection. Another member of the group, Mr John Attack, claimed that Scientology courses were too expensive for the public.

At the time, press affairs spokes-

man for the sect, Mr Mike Garside, denied that families were being 'split up and said, that if problems existed between relatives, they might advise a cooling-off period where the persons concerned did not see each other for some time.

"We would never tell someone to stay away from their family permanently," he said.

He also challenged the statement about the cost of courses. The majority, he said, were under £50. A basic course might last seven evenings and cost £20. A full-time course over a year might cost about £3,000.

On Sunday, Mr Ballard told the Observer. "The Church of Scientology currently charges over £160 per hour of lower level counselling and someone embarking on the complete programme of counselling is facing an expenditure of somewhere in the region of £75,000!

"It is very important for persons receiving such counselling to know what activities they may be financing"

The protest march was peaceful apart from one incident which resulted in a member of the "independent scientologists" lodging a formal complaint with East Grinstead police.

A spokesman at the station said no action was being taken because the incident happened on private property, and the person concerned was technically "trespassing".

While demonstrators paraded with placards outside Saint Hill, Mr. Garside issued a statement offering £120,000 reward for in-

"They were acting on requests from the Danish police through Interpol following the arrest of Scott in Denmark."

The reference to the High Court order issued on Friday in Edinburgh relates to a Mrs Adrienne Scott, wife of the man, held in Denmark.

The statement continued: "The stolen scriptures are priceless to the church. Our members are very relieved that the police have been able to recover some of them. They have done an excellent job. formation" leading to the arrest of other people in England and abroad" over documents stolen from the sect's European headquarters in Denmark. "This announcement follows an international police operation and the issuance of High Court orders in London and Edinburgh to recover scriptures and any copies which have been made of them," he said.

"One man, Mr Robin Scott, of Aberdeen, is currently awaiting trial in a Danish prison on charges of theft

"Police in East Grinstead announced last week that they had recovered some documents after interviewing two East Grinstead residents.



The protesters with their placards outside the Saint Hill headquarters. Mr Ballard is on the left with the clipboard.



Mike Garside gives details of the £120,000 reward being offered by the Scientologists.

"Payment of the reward will depend on the volume of evidence and the degree of participation the person arrested had in the theft. We have already received valuable evidence after a previous offer of a £1,000 reward."

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## £300 reward for sect informants

**TWO East Grinstead residents are to receive £300 each for their part in the unmasking of a theft of scriptures from Scientology European Headquarters in Denmark.**

The two, who have not been named, are to share a reward offered by the East Grinstead-based sect some weeks ago when evidence of the thefts both locally and in Denmark first came to light

The announcement follows the arrest of Mr Robin Scott, of Aberdeen, at Copenhagen in Denmark, where he is currently awaiting trial on a charge of theft

Recently, a further reward of £120,000 was offered by the International Scientologists for in-

by an  
**Observer  
reporter**

formation leading to the recovery of all stolen scriptures and to the arrest of others responsible for the theft

Some copies of the scriptures— confidential documents dealing

with the advanced levels of Scientology counselling — were previously recovered by East Grinstead and Scottish police.

High Court orders to help recovery were issued in London and Aberdeen.

Announcing the payment Michael Garside, spokesman for the UK Church of Scientology, said:

"These scriptures represent the highest levels available in the Church. They are only available to those who have studied for some time.

"Their value is inestimable. There are probably less than 50 people in the world fully skilled in

their application and they are only held at five of our one hundred and fifty churches.

"We are greatly appreciative of the work done by the East Grinstead and other police forces who have shown a great understanding of seriousness of this issue," he said

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## *Five year ban for defendant*

THE MAN accused of entering Scientology European headquarters in Denmark and removing valuable documents has been banned from visiting the country for five years and given a three month suspended prison sentence.

Robin Scott, of Aberdeen, was also jailed for a month but was released following the court case because of the amount of time he had spent in custody.

Scott, who pleaded guilty to entering the premises without authority and removing material regarded as highly confidential by the sect, told the Danish court that he had not committed the offence for financial gain.

He said he only wanted to make the scriptures available to people who genuinely wanted to use them, as he believed counselling courses were too expensive.

The case follows the announcement of a £120,000 reward for information leading to the recovery of the documents by East Orinstead-based Scientology press officer Mike Garside recently.

Speaking from the sect's UK base at Saint Hill, he said "Anyone who comes forward to offer evidence about other people involved in the removal of material will be treated leniently if they are involved," he said.

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## Vicar attacks 'very evil' cult

A stinging attack on the Church of Scientology has been launched by a village vicar.

By Claire Denton

The Rev Alex MacLean has branded the religious cult and its philosophies as "very evil".

And now Mr MacLean, leading Church of England clergyman at Turners Hill, is warning parishioners not to be "taken in" by any literature distributed by the organisation—which has its UK headquarters in East Grinstead.

### ... Scientologists invite him to Saint Hill Manor

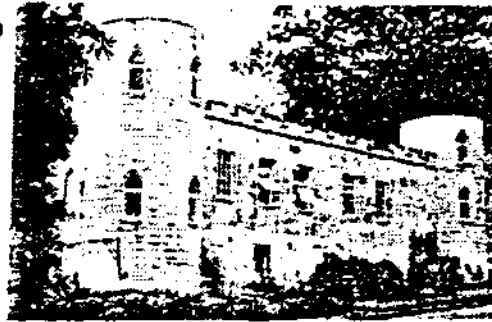
His attack comes after many families received leaflets entitled "Dianetics — The Adventure" through the post.

Printed by New Era Publications UK Ltd. the pamphlets were written by founder and self-styled Scientology leader L. Ron

Hubbard, a former science fiction writer who died recently.

But Mr MacLean described Hubbard as "more like a businessman out to make money".

"He was a pyramid seller — that is he was at the top and made all his millions out



of other lesser sellers", he says.

"It is interesting to note that the word Dianetics was a word dreamed up by Mr Hubbard himself", he adds.

Mr MacLean says he does not believe there is any real science in "their so-called religion — it is not a religion

but is styled that way so as to become a charity.

"I have spoken to a few ex-Scientologists, who had the mental strength to get out. They say it is the biggest con-trick out."

And Mr MacLean warns that the science of 'Dianetics' is more likely to "put you in a mental ward" rather than be of any help.

A spokesman for the Scientologists this week hit back at Mr MacLean's condemnation. "Mr MacLean obviously has no familiarity with Scientology and has spoken only to ex-Scientologists, so has a very one-sided view.

"His opinions conflict

with those of noted religious scholars who have agreed (hat Scientology is a bona fide religion.

"Mr MacLean's comments about L. Ron Hubbard are also wide of the mark. Mr Hubbard, in addition to being a best-selling author, developed

Scientology as a religious philosophy which takes Man to total freedom".

He said Scientology had expanded for 37 years despite attacks on it and added that he has now invited Mr MacLean to visit the Scientologists' base at Saint Hill Manor.

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# SPANISH POLICE SWOOP ON CULT

THREE BRITISH Scientologists - including one who worked at East Grinstead's Saint Hill Manor - were among 69 cult members arrested in a swoop by Spanish police.

The police raid on Madrid's Hotel Melia Castilla came after a nine-month operation which included phone wire tapping.

The police moved in as the sect planned an international meeting of Church of Scientology leaders.

Of those arrested, 24 were later released after they had been cleared of being involved with the running of the cult

But the three Britons are still being held in the cells and could face criminal charges of fraud, illegal association and forgery.

The trio have been named as Janet Murray and William Tucker from London, and Michael Wenlock of Harrogate.

Wenlock is said to have worked at the cult's British headquarters - Saint Hill Manor in Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead.

A Spanish judge has begun questioning the Church members and has said 51 could be charged with threats of coercion, forgery and tax evasion.



Those in custody also included Herbert Hertzch, a 53-year-old US citizen from Utah and an alleged "Commander" in the organisation a judge told reporters at a news conference last night

Judge Jose Maria Vasquez Honrubia said the raid was carried out after police investigations indicated leaders of the organisation were planning an international meeting in the Spanish capital

Judge Vasquez Honrubia said those under arrest who also included two other unnamed Americans, two French, four Italians, five Argentines, two Mexicans, one Swede, one Swiss, one Chilean, one Venezuelan, one South African, one Peruvian, and 20 Spaniards, would be charged with fraud, illegal association, coercion, forgery of public documents, tax evasion and failure to meet social security payments.

Police also raided the headquarters of Narconon, a drug rehabilitation programme, Dianetica and the Civil Association of Applied Philosophy, all associated with the Church of

Scientology, in Barcelona, Valencia, Alicante, Seville, Jerez de la Frontera, Bilbao, Burgos and Ondarroa.

More arrests are expected.

According to information distributed by the Organisation, The Church of Scientology has offices in 30 countries.

There are no restrictions on its activities in the United States where it was founded in 1954 by L. Ron Hubbard, who suffered a stroke and died in 1986.

In 1984 the US Government began an investigation of Hubbard's tax returns after the Internal Revenue Service said it suspected millions of dollars in church funds had been transferred to Hubbard in a scheme to protect the church's tax-exempt status and to avoid paying taxes on the money.

As Judge Honrubia started his investigation he told reporters: "The real God of this organisation is money".

He said the sect made members pay progressively large fees for attending courses and threatened people who wanted to leave.

Up to 40 complaints had been filed in Spanish courts, including one for abduction of a youth.

A spokesman for the Scientologists' British headquarters at Saint Hill Manor was not available for comment.

## EVIL SEX PERVERT SENT TO PRISON

### Scientology teacher molested schoolboys

A PERVERT teacher at the Scientology Greenfield School in Forest Row who sexually assaulted young boys has been jailed for five years.

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## CULT GROUP HIT BY TELEVISION BAN

### 'Advertising is unacceptable'

THE controversial Church of Scientology has been banned from advertising on TV, after an investigation into public access to its meetings.

The cult may not put out any adverts after the Independent Television Commission ruled it is "not an acceptable advertiser."

The Commission's

rules say a religious group can only advertise if the public has direct access to its meetings, but commission investigators found they had

to buy a book and pay upwards of £30 for a "course."

The move comes after the Conservative Family Campaign complained

about an advert shown last year on the satellite superchannel.

The advert showed a number of happy, smiling faces, and ended with a call for people to trust each other to make the world a better place.

But the Commission said this was against the rules, as religious groups are not allowed to push any aspect of their philosophy.

Andy Wilson, who was case officer for the investigation into the complaint against the cult, stressed the Commission was not trying to brand any particular groups as good or bad.

"From our own research we know the public is concerned about religious advertising and we have made rules which reflect their concern that vulnerable people could be exploited for their money or their souls," he said.

The ruling means the Commission will not accept any advertising by the cult, unless they successfully appeal against the decision.

## DUO VOW TO EXPOSE 'EVIL CULT'

**TWO FORMER** Scientologists left the High Court last week, vowing to expose the organisation as 'evil'.

The Church of Scientology now faces massive legal bills and publication of its secret papers, after it ended a legal action against an East Grinstead dentist and his friend who they claimed unlawfully obtained them.

Both men are former cult members, who say they will now expose it as an "evil organisation that preys on the weak and vulnerable."

Judge David Sumner of London's High Court ordered the cult to pay legal costs of Ron Lawley of St James Road and Staffordshire accountant Robin Scott, and also return their copies of the documents.

In 1983 the men disguised themselves as senior cult members at its offices in Copen-

hagen, Denmark and "obtained copies of what are described as the New Operating Thetan Materials," the Judge said.

These were seized and returned to the cult by British police after Mr Scott was arrested and imprisoned for four months by Danish authorities, while the copies were given to cult solicitors following injunctions against all

those involved, Judge Sumner said.

Ruling the cult could discontinue its litigation despite the men's wish to have a day in court, the Judge ordered the copies returned to the two men, and all legal costs to date paid for them.

The court heard Mr Lawley now intends to publicise the documents on the cult's practices "in the public interest".

Outside the court he said: "It now means we can expose this organisation for what it is."

Mr Scott said: "By ending this litigation prematurely the Scientologists have basically lost everything they set out to win

He added he would have liked a day in court, and estimated legal costs could run to hundreds of thousands of pounds.

## Cult picket man's home

FOLLOWERS of the cult Church of Scientology have been picketing the house of a former member, who claims the church practices "mind control".

Scientologists bearing placards accusing John Atack of breaking up families and 'owing the cult money, have demonstrated outside his Cranston Road home six times.

"They came on Saturday and the police told them that if they returned they would be arrested," Mr Atack told the Observer.

Mr Atack left the cult in 1983, after being a member for nine years.

Since then he has counselled former members of the cult, and written books he says expose their methods of encouraging

"fanaticism".

"I gave them a lot of money to damage my mind," said Mr Atack, who claims he has amassed a quarter of a million pages of documents proving the cult's founder L. Ron Hubbard is not the war hero and explorer he says he is.

Mr Atack has had no

protesters since Saturday, and is relieved they have not returned, but says the cult has systematically put pressure on him for the past ten years.

"I am not anti-Scientologist, I want these people to come to me for help, but I am anti-Scientology itself," said Mr Atack.

# CULT MAN'S PALTRY POCKET MONEY

A SOLICITOR defending a member of the cult Church of Scientology told Mid Sussex Magistrates his client received only £25 a week "pocket money".

Russell Owen, 29, of Stonelands, West Hoathly, admitted driving charges of having no insurance and no test certificate, after being stopped by police in September last year.

Jim Hinchilffe, defending, said Owen had been insured and had his car tested, but he could not now trace a friend of his who had the documents, and so must plead guilty.

## £25 a week

Mr Hinchilffe said his client was a member of the Church of Scientology, and paid all his money to the controversial cult.

"He is given some £25

# CLAIM

a week pocket money to spend as he pleases," said Mr Hinchilffe.

Owen was convicted of having no insurance or test certificate at an earlier hearing, but the court heard he had not received the summons.

Stipendiary Magistrate Paul Tain fined Owen £120 and put six penalty points on his licence for having no insurance, fined him £30 for having no test certificate, and ordered he pay £25 court costs.

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## CULT FACES MULTI MILLION DOLLAR LAW SUIT

THE EAST Grinstead-based cult Church of Scientology (aces a multi-million dollar law suit from an American anti-cult organisation.

The Cult Awareness Network, which aims to "alert the world to the dangers of destructive cults," says the Scientologists have been harassing it with law suits.

CAN says the cult has brought over 45 legal cases, and numerous human rights complaints, against it. In the last three years in a bid "to cause CAN to go into bankruptcy."

Of the 30 cases heard against CAN so far, none have succeeded being either withdrawn by the cult, or won by the network.

**By  
Sean Bell**

CAN has now filed a suit in Illinois' against The Church of Scientology International, the Illinois branch of the church, eleven cult members, and law firm Bowles and Moxon, which the network says has close links with Scientology.

The suit charges that the defendants tried "to disrupt and interfere with the ability and right of CAN, its members, and the members of

affiliate organisations to freely and voluntarily assemble together and associate with each other."

CAN say the cult was behind all the law suits brought against it by members, and had provided all of them with legal and financial assistance through Bowles and Moxon.

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# 'EVIL CULT STOLE'

MY BROTHER

**A GRIEF-stricken man has accused East Grinstead's sinister Scientology cult of stealing his brother from his family.**

Heartbroken John Phelan says his brother Tony is now a virtual prisoner of the organisation, slammed by a British judge as "corrupt, immoral brainwashers."

This week, officials at the cults European HQ Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, refused to discuss the case with the Observer.

Now the anguished Phelan family have threatened to step up their campaign against the Church of Scientology, unless Tony is "released" to them.

"We're trying to make as much of a nuisance of ourselves as possible until the Scientologist's let him out," said John.

"This evil cult stole my brother from his family, and we want him back"

## Scientologists accused of wrecking family life

added the distraught Irishman.

He said Tony, a single man in his 30's took up with the cult in 1989, when he was emotionally vulnerable and consumed with grief over the death of his mother.

Since then, said John, he had put on weight, stopped playing the guitar, and lost his £30,000 a year engin-

earing job.

He said Tony was a changed person coming out with "wierd things," and spending his money on courses at Saint Hill and the cult's other premises

"If I get upset about the cult then Tony will get fiercely angry. You're not getting real contact with him," said John.

The family, from Tip-

perary, Ireland, said Tony is under an "evil form of mind control"

And John claims there have been threats of unspecified reprisals against the family for talking to the Press about the cult.

But in a letter to an Irish newspaper, Scientology officer Gerard Ryan says the allegations of "brainwashing," and Tony being a "prisoner" are "nonsense".

letters to: The Editor,

## Cult is evil

I SEE that that disgusting evil cult based up at Saint Hill have been up to their old tricks again, with false advertising about their summer fair.

Surely it is about time that the Scientologists and all of their wicked off shoots ie: Greenfields School and their bookshop were run out of town.

Clear off Cult members you're not welcome in this town.

Name and Address withheld by request

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## *Press watchdog backs Observer*

# SEX PERVERT WAS A CULT TEACHER

BRITAIN'S newspaper industry watchdog, The Press Complaints Commission has dismissed a complaint by the Scientology movement against the East Grinstead Observer.

The cult tried to stop us toning OUT huge following of readers that an evil sex pervert who preyed on schoolboys at the cult-backed Green fields school was a Scientology teacher.

The cult accused us of inaccurate and misleading reporting following a court case earlier this year, when cultist Mark Kent was jailed for five years for serious sex offences. The Saint Hill-based cult attempted to stop us from disclosing that Kent was linked to

their organisation.

The Scientologists complained to the Commission that the Observer's coverage had breached the newspaper industry's strict Code of Practice.

But the Press Complaints Commission found no substance in those claims whatsoever.

On hearing of the Commission's ruling Observer Editor Ron Parsons said: "We have been totally vindicated, and I never had any reason to think otherwise. As I have said before this newspaper has always printed the truth and will continue to do so. The public has a right to know the truth".

## ADJUDICATION

MS SHEILA CHALEFF, Public Affairs Director of the Church of Scientology, Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, West Sussex, complains to the Press Complaints Commission that a headline "Evil sex pervert sent to prison — Scientology teacher molested schoolboys" which appeared in the East Grinstead Observer on January 26, 1994, inaccurately referred to the defendant as a "Scientology teacher" in breach of Clause One of the Code of Practice.

The school where the convicted man taught is managed by Scientologists. In these circumstances the description "Scientology teacher" in the headline is not unreasonable, and in the view of the Commission would not mislead readers.

The complaint is rejected.

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## Scientology film team targeted by vandals

David Harrison

STAFF AT a television company embroiled in a legal battle with the Church of Scientology have had cars vandalised and a mobile phone 'cloned' and used to run up a huge bill.

Staff at Twenty Twenty, an independent production company, believe they are being harassed by Scientologists over their investigation into the church's activities, broadcast on Carlton TV's *The Big Story* last Thursday.

Windscreens and lights of three cars belonging to Twenty Twenty employees were smashed shortly before the programme was shown. A fourth car, which did not belong to a company employee, was also vandalised.

The vehicles were parked near the company's offices in Camden, north London. 'It looked like a baseball bat job,' said Claudia Milne, the programme's executive producer. The 'cloned' phone belonged to Alison Braund, the reporter who attended a course at the church's headquarters at East Grinstead, West Sussex, last month.

Police are investigating and have not ruled out a connection with the Church of Scientology.

The church has issued writs against Twenty Twenty, Carlton, producer Simon Berthon, Ms Milne and Ms Braund. It alleges that they tried to obtain services by deception. Lawyers for Carlton are attempting to have the summonses, due to be heard on 28 July, overturned.

Margaret Reese, the church's UK director of public affairs, said suggestions that scientologists were behind the vandalism and the phone cloning were ridiculous.