

Appeals Court Invokes Bail Reform Act

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Nine Scientologists Released

Nine members of the Church of Scientology, who were convicted for their roles in a massive plot to burglarize and spy on government offices and obstruct justice, were ordered released from prison yesterday pending the outcome of their case in the federal appeals court here.

U.S. District Judge Charles R. Richey, who found the church members guilty of the offenses and then earlier this month ordered them to immediately begin serving prison terms agreed to the release of the defendants provided they had paid \$81,000 in fines also imposed at sentencing. Attorneys for defendants late yesterday

began arrangements for their clients' release.

Richey took the action late yesterday after the U.S. Court of Appeals granted release requests for three of the nine defendants. A three-judge appeals panel said those defendants were eligible for release under the Bail Reform Act because there was no significant risk that the defendants would pose a danger to the community or fail to show up at their next scheduled court appearance.

Richey subsequently decided that the appeals court decision would apply to all nine church members.

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What is Scientology

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Scientology is very likely the fastest growing religion in the world today. By definition it is the study of knowing how to know (scio: Latin; knowing in the fullest sense—logos: Greek; study). It fulfils its function as a religion through a systemized set of teachings and disciplines designed to help man come to a realization of himself as a spiritual being, and to a better understanding of his relationship to the physical universe.

Founded in Washington D.C. July 21, 1955, by American philosopher L. Ron Hubbard, the organization has expanded to a membership in the millions with organizations and centers around the world and World Wide Headquarters at St. Hill Manor, East Grinstead, Sussex, England.

The Scientology headquarters for the U.S. are located in Los Angeles, along with the Los Angeles Organization of the Church of Scientology of California, the Advanced Organization at Los Angeles, and the American St. Hill Organization.

The church facilities now occupy five buildings in Los Angeles, and according to Tani Oman of the Assistant Guardian's Office for the Western U.S., "We're growing so fast we're getting crowded again already."

The Los Angeles Organization is housed in a large, white two story building on the corner of Westlake Ave. and Ninth Street, and in an adjacent building in the rear.

From the outside one gets the impression of a quiet but busily efficient organization. The lawns are well kept, the buildings freshly painted, and people move briskly back and forth through the full parking area between the buildings.

Inside, a few people sit in the reception area, talking quietly, and staff members pass back and forth. A receptionist greets you, asks your name and notes it down in a log with the time of your arrival, gives you a small name tag and asks how she can help you.

When your business is stated, she places a call to the department which will handle your needs, and asks if you would like

to have a seat until a page comes to route you to your destination.

There are Scientology books in the reception area and a bronze bust of Hubbard. On the table in front of the couch is a folder of "success stories," at least 75 personal accounts of how Scientology has helped the individuals who wrote the stories.

Almost everybody passing through the reception area is smiling.

The staff seems generally young, bright and intelligent. They look at you attentively when you ask questions and answer clearly.

A pretty young woman comes out into the reception area with a man in his mid-twenties, and announces that he is now a Grade IV Release. He is smiling and re-

laxed and there is a warm round of applause. He is congratulated by everyone, there are hugs and laughter, and he goes back to complete his routing.

Scientology processing is divided into Grades from 0 to Grade VII, which is called Clear. It's based on Hubbard's datum that for anything to be accomplished it must be approached gradually, one step at a time and each step firmly established before the next is attempted. Too steep a gradient, he claims, will cause one to become overwhelmed and give up the endeavour, while too long an approach will result in boredom and a movement away from the attempt.

A person who has attained the state of Clear is defined as one who is at cause, willingly and knowingly, over mental matter, energy, space and time as regards his own personal survival.

A Clear, according to Hubbard, no longer has a Reactive Mind. A reactive mind is defined as a stimulus response mechanism existing below the level of awareness and made up of mental images of moments of pain, unconsciousness, real or imagined threats to one's survival and real or imagined loss. This reactive mind, functioning in the logical framework of anything equals anything, assertedly keeps the

individual tied to painful moments in the past and interferes with his potential abilities for handling his day-to-day existence in present time.

Scientology processing is designed to rehabilitate a being's

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inherent spiritual abilities to a point at which he can clear himself of this reactive mind, according to Hubbard.

The technology for such rehabilitation is the synthesis of Hubbard's 35 years of research into the realms of religion (Eastern and Western), primitive cultures, psycho-analysis, philosophy, nuclear physics, metaphysics and occult phenomenon; in short, he says, into the mys-

teries of man's existence.

The technology is precise, and with it, according to Scientology officials, precise, uniform and predictable results can be obtained, which is the criterion for any valid scientific endeavor.

Hubbard refuses to have anyone "believe" in him or in Scientology. A Scientology student or preclear is expected to take four specific steps with every new datum encountered. Indeed, Hubbard claims, these four steps are essential to a certainty on any thing.

First, one must know a datum exists. One must decide whether or not it could possibly apply to oneself or the problem at hand. One must apply it. And, finally, one must judge the results.

Scientists trained in the application of this technology are termed Auditors, an auditor being one who listens. In an auditing session, a device called an E-meter is used as an aid in locating the areas of the reactive mind containing active emotional charge.

This is the meter which FDA officials claimed Scientology was employing to "cure" physical ills. Scientology leaders deny that the meter was ever intended for or used to cure anything.

The meter is not a particularly imposing piece of equipment. It is basically a sensitive ohm meter which measures the body's resistance to a minute electrical current which is passed through the body. Not much larger than a cigar box, it has four knobs, an arch-shaped dial with graduations marked off and a needle which moves back and forth across the face of the dial.

On the cover of the meter is a small label reading, "The E-meter is not intended or effective for the diagnosis, treatment or prevention of any disease."

Two wires come out of the side of the meter and are attached with clips to two galvanized tin cans which are used, according to

Scientists, because they are good, reliable conductors.

The pre-clear (a person receiving Scientology processing) simply holds the cans in his hands and answers questions asked by the Auditor. The reaction of the needle on the meter indicates whether or not there is any emotional charge present on the question, and when, after examination of the area by the pre-clear, the charge has lifted or "blown."

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According to Miss Oman, "History has shown that as a person becomes more and more spiritually aware and at peace with himself, illnesses stemming from past upsets sometimes fall away. But the E-meter certainly doesn't cure anything. The person clears these things up himself."

Increased awareness, new confidence, greater ability, raised I.Q., improved health, more emotional stability, better jobs, happier family lives, and greater creativity are only a sampling of the gains individuals have reported after Scientology processing. The Los Angeles Organization, alone, has literally thousands of personal accounts of similar benefit on file, open to inspection.

William Burroughs, who completed Scientology processing through Clear this summer, wrote, in an article in Vol. 3 No. 1 of *Mayfair Magazine* (a British publication): "I had a number of misconceptions about Scientology—the lurid expectations of a secret and sinister cult. But as I learned more, I had a final conviction that Scientology does point out a whole new way of looking at

this universe."

He further states, "As one who wasted four years and thousands of dollars on psycho-analysis I can testify that Scientology processing administered by a competent professional Auditor can do more in five hours than psycho-analysis can do in five years... Scientology processing aims for a complete freedom from past conditioning and a level of functioning that has not been seen before on this planet."

Burroughs is currently working on a novel covering the years between 1969 and 1999 in which Scientology plays a major part in the course of historical events.

There is more than ample documentation of Scientology's effectiveness for those who take the trouble to look.

As Scientology has grown it has come under attacks from various sources. Kenneth Robinson, England's Minister of Health, attacked it charging it with "detrimental effects on the mental well-being of its adherents." He promised volumes of evidence and produced none. Last week, in Parliament, in an official government statement, charges against Scientology were withdrawn and it was announced that no action was to be taken against Sciento-

logy. It was further reported that Robinson was fired as Minister of Health as a result of the affair.

The FDA has been unable to prove its charges against the E-meter. A three-month investigation by Scotland Yard yielded no evidence of illegal or illicit practices.

A recent attack was made in a *Life* magazine article by a former psychiatric patient who, according to Scientology officials, was hired to try to get inside the organization to write an expose.

He had no trouble getting in, for Scientology is not secret, yet he lied on an attested form about his profession and about his psychiatric background. As a result of this initial dishonesty, there was a predictable failure of the processes he had contracted for.

According to Miss Oman, his case could and would be repaired if he ever decided to come back in.

The ethics policies of Scientology have come under fire, again apparently from sources who failed to investigate. The entire ethics program is explained in a book entitled "Introduction to Scientology Ethics", on sale to the public at all Scientology organizations.

"Ethics," Miss Oman said, "are simply concerned with optimum survival. An unethical action is one which inhibits the survival potential of an individual, his family, his group or mankind. An ethical action is one which enhances the optimum survival potential."

Hubbard claims that if you reward a down statistic, or non-survival action, you get more down statistics and non-survival actions. If you reward up statistics and survival actions, you get them. This is the basis for

the ethics system, he says.

Finally, the rather streamlined organizational structure of Scientology has come under fire. The need for the organization was explained by Miss Oman.

"We have a very complete and very precise technology here and our job is to apply it exactly as Ron Hubbard designed it to be applied. This demands control of our auditors and that is the function of the organization. Ron discovered a way to free man from the trap he has gotten himself into, and we want to get that word out to people. That demands organization. We have thousands

of people undergoing training and processing. That requires organization. Some day we won't need organizations any more. But we need them to reach that day."

Asked about the attacks on Scientology, in general, she said, "The people who have attacked us have never taken even enough time to read a book about Scientology. It's obvious in the misunderstood words, half conceptions and out and out inaccuracies they use in the attacks. And the funny part of it is, we aren't interested in them."

"One question everyone is asked before training or processing, is—Are you here on your own self-determinism? If the answer is no, we won't handle them. Scientology isn't going to be forced on anyone."

In response to the question "What is Scientology trying to do?", Miss Oman replied: "We are simply offering people a way to become happier, more able, more powerful beings, better able to handle the day to day affairs of living. The Aims of Scientology

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start with, 'A civilization without insanity, without criminals, and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights.' But the only way to do that is on an individual basis, one person at a time.

"We've got our work cut out for us handling the people who are eagerly reaching for Scientology. We just want to get on with the job."

Concluding the Aims of Scientology are these statements.

"Our aims are simple, if great.

"And we will succeed, and are succeeding at each new revolution of the earth.

"Your help is acceptable to us.

"Our help is yours."