

Scientology believes that the United States of America and the World as a whole requires religious freedom to Survive. U

The following is a statement by the Founding Church of Scientology dated January 5, 1963, concerning the seizure of property by the Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare: U

"The seizure of the property and records of our religious organization, the Founding Church of Scientology, at the instigation of the Food and Drug Administration of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, is a shocking example of government bureaucracy gone mad. U

It is a direct and frightening attack upon the Constitutional rights of freedom of religion, freedom of press, and freedom of speech. U

Without any prior warning, or opportunity for officials of the Church to appear in Court for a hearing, a large force of United States Marshals entered Church premises and seized property and pamphlets used in the religious work of the Church. U

There is no criticism of the Court which issued the seizure warrant, because it is not apparent from the warrant that the Court was advised by the government department that the premises and property of a church were to be entered and seized. Nor is it clear that the United States Attorney's office was advised by the Department officials that a church owned or possessed the property and literature that was seized. U

More than two months ago, the Food and Drug Administration interfered with the delivery of the Church and its affiliated organizations of the imported scientific instruments which are used in connection with certain phases of the Church's religious activities. Protest was made with the Baltimore office of the Food and Drug Administration, and ample evidence was submitted showing that the detention of the property was in violation of the law and the Constitution of the United States. But up to this time the Church and its attorney have received no administrative ruling, which could be appealed either within the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare, or to the Courts. U

Instead, there has been a subsequent seizure of property, without notice or prior Court hearing for the

Church, such as might have occurred under Stalin or Khrushchev in Russia. U

If the legitimate work and activities of one religious organization can be ruthlessly attacked and violated by one branch of the United States Government, no other religious organization is safe from similar or like illegal intrusion and attack. The question directly raised is: "Are we in America today living under a Godless government which intends ultimately to destroy all religions and religious organizations?" U

There is nothing in the so-called warrant that was issued to indicate that the Court was informed... as it should have been ... that civil administrative proceedings were pending and had not been decided. The facts are that the District Office of the Food and Drug Administration in Chicago had previously ruled against the seizure or detention of property such as was seized by request of the same government agency in Washington on January 4th. And previously another government agency, the Customs Bureau, had made a definite ruling that is in direct conflict with the basic contention of the Food and Drug Administration on which its seizure of the Church's property was founded." U

"The Auditor", monthly journal of Scientology contains an advertisement for the Mark V E-Meter which reads as follows: u

"The Hubbard Mark V E-Meter (Electrometer) is a unique electronic achievement perfected by L. RON HUBBARD after years of intensive research. u

"The E-Meter is used to disclose truth to the individual who is being processed and thus free him spiritually.

"The mark V E-Meter is an extremely valuable and vital auditing tool which each student on the Road to Clear must own.

u "Buy your Mark V E-Meter and learn how to use it as an essential part of your academy training at your nearest local Organization. Prepare for the Saint Hill Special Briefing Course now.

"Price for your Mark V E-Meter, in its fine mahogany case and complete with full instructions on its care and maintenance, is \$140.00."

The following is a statement by L. RON HUBBARD, Founder, Church of Scientology, dated January 6, 1963:

"Toward the end of August '62 I offered President KENNEDY my assistance and the help of Scientology in

narrowing the gap in the space race.

"Twice in recent years the White House has specifically requested from us a presentation of Scientology to see what it could do to help the general effort. We responded with a mass of information.

"As Scientology can raise men's ability through the Church's processing procedures it could be of benefit in improving American scientists in their work on technical problems. However, as Scientology fell in the realm of the spirit and refused to consider Man an animal sprung from mud, the help was not accepted.

"In August when KENNEDY had been President awhile I thought it only courteous to make the gesture again. I did not realize that there were lesser officials of the government who were evidently imbued with ideas of religious persecution.

"I would greatly like to have a conference with Mr. KENNEDY on this subject. I am sure we could come to some amicable understanding on religious matters. Extreme measures such as attacking churches and burning philosophical texts are not going to solve anything. It puts America no further ahead in the space race. Religion should

not be a factor in these matters.

"If Scientology can make smarter scientists I don't think we should forego this national victory just because of some point of religious difference. If we can make better pilots and astronauts without injuring their faith, I don't see why we can't forego the idea that Man is an animal for a bit. The matter should not rise to the heights of religious persecution. Religious bigotry has no place in national victory. Unless we do something to give America an edge over her enemies she will continue to be bled white by the tax collectors to support some stupid and costly science. If by making smarter scientists (and we have many cases that say we can) we can save America money and give her victory. Religious persecution should not be used to keep us from doing it.

"However, if President KENNEDY did grant me an audience to discuss this matter that is so embarrassing to the government at home and abroad, I would have to have some guarantee of safety of person.

"As all of my books have been seized for burning, it looks as though I will have to get busy and write another book."

L. RON HUEBARD

The "Life" magazine article mentioned above makes the following observations regarding Scientology:

"Among believers, Scientology and its Founder are beyond frivolous question: Scientology is the Truth, it is the path to "a civilization without insanity, without criminals and without war..." and "for the first time in all ages there is something that...delivers the answers to the eternal questions and delivers immortality as well."

"So much of a credo might be regarded as harmless--practically indistinguishable from any number of minority schemes for the improvement of Man. But Scientology is scary--because of its size and growth, and because of the potentially disastrous techniques it so casually makes use of. To attain the Truth, a Scientologist surrenders himself to "auditing," a crude form of psychoanalysis. In the best medical circumstances this is a delicate procedure, but in Scientology it is undertaken by an "auditor" who is simply another Scientologist in training, who uses an "E-meter," which resembles a lie detector. A government report, made to the parliament of the state of Victoria in Australia three years ago, called Scientology "the world's largest organization of unqualified persons engaged in the practice of dangerous techniques which masquerade as mental therapy."

The following article regarding two members of the Church of Scientology appeared in the November 25, 1969 issue of the "Los Angeles Times":

Motive Sought in Slaying of Youth, Woman

Only Clue Discovered Was
Common Membership of
Pair in Scientology Sect

BY DIAL TORGERSON
and JERRY COHEN

Times Staff Writers

Police investigating the weird slayings of a youth and young woman pursued Monday what they termed the only common thread between the pair: their membership in the Church of Scientology.

The Scientology organization—a mystical, quasi-scientific group—verified that Doreen Gaul, 19, and James Sharp, 15, were members of the group.

"We are shocked and bereaved by this sudden and brutal crime," a Scientology spokesman said.

The deaths brought to 13 the number of seemingly motiveless murders in Los Angeles since the first of the year. As in the Tate case and other still-unsolved killings, the murders of Miss Gaul and Sharp were crimes of shocking brutality.

Miss Gaul had been stripped except for a string of Indian beads. Both had been repeatedly stabbed and beaten about the face and head. Their eyes were slashed.

They had been murdered elsewhere and their bodies dumped in an alley a half-mile from a hippie-like cult commune which Miss Gaul had left Friday evening for a Scientology session with young Sharp.

Police were concentrating on two aspects of the mystery: where the couple had gone Saturday night and where the crime occurred.

"It's difficult to see how a crime of this sort could be committed—one which would involve this much blood and this much noise—without someone noticing it," said Capt. Frank L. Brittell.

He said it could have been the work of a gang—because of the excessive number of blows rained on the victims. Police talked to scores of people in the Alvarado-Westlake district where the victims lived. Many were fellow Scientologists.

"These two people could have both belonged to the Meat Cutters Union, or the church down the street," said Brittell. "But the only thing they have in common is Scientology. This is the only thread we have so far."

Scientology had its beginnings in the Dyanetics fad begun in 1950 by science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, who now runs what he calls a worldwide church.

In Los Angeles, Scientology has four "church" and administrative buildings and a number of communal living quarters in old Victorian mansions on side streets in the neighborhoods near MacArthur Park.

"Auditors" who offer "parishioners" of Scientology a mystical version of psychological therapy have been ordered by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to stop using a crude form of lie detector called the Scientology E-meter—a galvanometer.

ter with two tin cans, told newsmen in St. Louis attached.

It was learned that Miss Gaul, the eldest of four children, was graduated in the spring of 1968 from a parochial high school in Albany, N.Y. Friends said that until she became devoted to Scientology after graduation, the attractive young woman had been a devout Roman Catholic.

Her father told a newsmen in Albany that she had apparently become disenchanted with Scientology in recent weeks.

Garb Described
"She was a good kid, but an emotional kid," he said. "She was always looking for green grass and rainbows."
Miss Gaul was wearing a skirt and blouse or sweater when she left Thetan Manor to go to Sharp's house. Mike Thompson, a

resident at the commune, remembered her looks: "She was outa sight," he said Monday.
Shortly before midnight, a man taking a short cut through an alley between Arapahoe St. and Magnolia Ave., south of 11th St., found the bodies. They were so badly battered police at first believed them the victims of shotgun blasts.

Preliminary reports indicated Miss Gaul had not been raped.

Police said Scientology officials cooperated with them in their investigation. The Rev. Natalie Fisher, who describes herself as resident agent of Scientology's American St. Hill Organization at

2723 W. Temple St., issued a statement saying in part:

"This organization has no facts or information regarding the circumstances of the crime, but we are doing everything in our power to assist law enforcement agencies to see that justice is done."

Police said there was no apparent connection between the latest deaths and 11 others, including the five Tate murders, which have remained unsolved in Los Angeles County since January.

Other seemingly motiveless crimes included the deaths of a wealthy grocer and his wife in the Los Feliz district and the slaying of four young women in separate crimes.

The "Los Angeles Times," issue of October 10, 1970, Part I, Page 23, contains the following article regarding Scientology:

Ex-Scientologist Tells of 'Fear' Atmosphere

McMaster Accuses Hubbard of Fostering Spiritual Tyranny Within Organization

BY JOHN DART

Times Religion Writer

One year ago an articulate but soft-spoken man named John McMaster was extolling the virtues of Scientology and L. Ron Hubbard, the founder of the worldwide, quasi-scientific "religion."

Appearing on television talk shows and giving lectures as Hubbard's personal representative, McMaster was eminently qualified. He was the first person to achieve Scientology's state of "clear," which purportedly gives a person full control of his mental processes.

Now McMaster describes the Church of Scientology and other organizations run by Hubbard as engaging in "spiritual tyranny."

"Ron was always busy getting everybody looking beyond the mulberry bush for a nonexistent enemy," said McMaster in a recent interview.

Discipline Group

The 43-year-old South African was in Los Angeles for the first time since he resigned last November from Scientology's Sea Organization.

Scientology was an outgrowth of a book, "Dianetics," published in 1950 and written by Hubbard, a onetime science-fiction writer and Hollywood screenwriter.

For more than a decade, working from a yacht in the Mediterranean, Hubbard has elaborated on psychoanalytic techniques with the "E-meter," similar to a lie detector, and the courses offering "the road to total freedom."

The Scientology organizations have had run-ins with the Food and Drug Administration and Inter-

nal revenue Service in this country and with some government agencies in other countries. However, Scientology officials claim that they have been falsely misrepresented by some disenchanted followers, government officials and the news media.

London Suburb

World headquarters is in a London suburb, but a large following exists in the United States, particularly in Los Angeles where the American Saint Hill Organization, 2723 W. Temple St., represents the only advance-course center for Scientology in this country.

McMaster said he resigned because of "unnecessary harshness" in the organization "that kept people in a kind of electronic jitter." He said he also opposed his reassignment from a public relations

mission to the United Nations to service aboard one of the Sea Organization's several yachts.

McMaster, still convinced of the value of Scientology's teachings and analytic techniques, recently gave some lectures in Phoenix and the Los Angeles area on behalf of a Dianology organization in Westwood run by Jack Horner, another ex-Scientologist.

Lecture sponsors in Phoenix, McMaster said, were told by Scientologists that "a different spirit was occupying the body of John McMaster." McMaster said he had heard that explanation used be-