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Tell us what's wrong, says Hubbard

THE founder of Scientology, Lafayette Ron Hubbard, wants a special meeting with representatives of older beliefs in Britain "to iron out problems."

And he says that if the Government wants followers of Scientology not to do something all they have to do is say what it is.

In a statement, released by the cult's headquarters in East Grinstead, Sussex, Mr. Hubbard says:

"News has reached me of Britain's decision to ban students of Scientology from entering the country.

"I am sure any trouble comes from adherents of older practices who resent the growth of Scientology because it is getting all the business.

"It was no intention of Scientology to injure older practices. Scientology directors

should get together with older activities and come to an agreement in a civilised way."

American-born Mr. Hubbard, who is believed to be cruising in the Mediterranean aboard his ship, is unaware of Home Secretary James Callaghan's decision to also ban him from Britain.

The statement, by the 57-year-old American, who says he retired as a director of Scientology two years ago, went on:

"If the Government wants Scientologists not to do something, they should say what it is. I am sure scientology directors would then forbid it.

"People who object should tell Scientology organisations what is wrong and why, and it could then be handled properly.

"New thought cannot be crushed by violence—thousands of years have proven that. The old has to make its peace with the new.

"Mr. Callaghan would look much better as a peacemaker than as a policeman."

More than 500 members of the cult returned to their East Grinstead headquarters yesterday after an all-day conference in the Cafe Royal, London.