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Scientology curb 'a worrying precedent'

The Government's clamp-down on scientology, announced last week, set a worrying precedent, Mr Tony Smythe, general secretary of the National Council for Civil Liberties, said in Edinburgh last night.

"I wonder who is going to be next on the list," Mr Smythe said at a late-night discussion "Injustice '68 Style," arranged by Shelter at the British Conference of Christian Youth.

Scientologists had somehow incurred governmental displeasure, and the Minister of Health had announced that administrative measures would be used "to oppress and harrass them as much as we can," he said.

"I want to know what the accusations are, I want to know what the proof is, I want a judicial or quasi-judicial hearing, and if that goes against the people concerned, I want some kind of appeal.

"None of this has happened with the Scientologists. They are unpopular, the Government makes a decision and presumably everyone has to tag along with it."