

## Scientology founder rebukes Britain as a 'police State'

BY OUR OWN REPORTER

Mr Lafayette Ronald Hubbard, American founder of the scientology movement, sent a message to the movement's East Grinstead headquarters yesterday saying: "I have finished my work. Now it is up to others." He founded the movement in the early 1950s.

The movement, which was called "socially harmful" by the Minister of Health in the House of Commons, has been described by one scientologist as "an applied religious philosophy, designed to increase the individual's ability within his community."

### View of world

The news of Mr Hubbard's message was given by Mr David Gaiman, wife of the movement's chief spokesman. She said the message read: "I retired from Scientology directorships over two years ago and have been exploring since. I gave Scientology to the world with hopes of good usage. If it is a decent world, it will use it well. If it is a bad world, it won't. I finished my work. Now it is up to others. Love, Ron."

In another message attributed to Mr Hubbard, there is a rebuke for England "once the light and hope of the world" and now "a police State" which can no longer be trusted. Mr Hubbard's whereabouts is a mystery. Last week he was believed to be somewhere

at sea aboard his vessel the Royal Scotsman.

The organisation yesterday also issued writs claiming damage for libel in four newspapers, the "Sunday Express," "News of the World," "Daily Express," and "Sunday Mirror." The writs seek injunctions restraining publication of the "said or any similar libels."

In the writs the organisation is stated to be a non-profit-making corporation incorporated under the laws of California and with a registered office in Fitzroy Street, London W 1. Co-plaintiff in two of the actions is Mrs Jane Kember, a senior executive and deputy guardian in the organisation at East Grinstead.

After a private hearing before a vacation judge, Mr Justice Fisher, in the High Court yesterday, the organisation's solicitors issued a statement. It said that following recent Government statements, an application was being prepared for submission to the European Commission of Human Rights.