

DOLLAR CULT

Scientology 'sets an incomes record'

A FORMER recruiting director for the Church of Scientology in Britain claimed yesterday that their income had reached £33,000 a week.

Art student Nick Robinson of Reading Berks, added: "The organisation has a graph showing weekly income at their headquarters, St Hill Manor, East Grinstead, Sussex.

"Earlier this year it showed weekly income had reached a record peak of nearly 100,000 dollars. This is not so incredible. A complete clearing course in Scientology costs about \$1,250.

Millionaire

Mr. Robinson, 21, said he was the cult's recruiting director until April, when he was declared a "suppressed person."

He added that the cult had more than 8,000 salesmen in Britain — about 2,000 of them actually operative. They received ten per cent profit on the value of any "course" they

one American Scientologist who told me that selling courses had made him a million millionaire."

Then Mr. Robinson told of the recruiting drives. He said: "We tried giving lectures at universities and colleges, but the response was poor. Lecturers were booed off the stage. Then it was decided to have a big drive for recruits in the South of England this summer.

"We concentrated on resorts like Brighton and Bournemouth and towns along the Cornish coast. The idea was that people on holiday generally get a bit bored at night, so we would give them something to do.

"We were to use two girls

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in mini-skirts and painted-on tans, and four rugged Americans, futuristically dressed, to give a psychodrama appearance."

Mr. Robinson finally began having doubts about some aspects of the cult and went to Valencia to put his problems to the cult's leader, Mr. Lafayette Ron Hubbard.

Soon after this he was officially declared a "suppressive person."

An order to this effect—No. 2287 Sb—was sent to all Scientology staff and students

on April 16, signed "Helen Koppel, Staff Ethics Officer."

Among Robinson's alleged misdeemeanors:

"Wanking to be in Scientology so he can be in a position to play his own game, and didn't want to play Ron's game."

"Stating that guerillas, Communism and Jehovah Witnesses are similar to Scientology."

Contract

And "Intending to sign a million-year contract and then after he got his OT levels to just leave."

Mr. Robinson said he had never at any time agreed to sign anything called a "million-year contract."

Other "orders" by the Scientologists have been arriving at the

Sunday Mirror offices during the past two weeks. They include:

● Miss — is declared fair game and is without the rights, privileges and protections accorded to Scientologists by the ethics codes of Scientology.

● Mr. — is assigned a ten-hour amends project for having relations with a PC.

A pro-clear (or new recruit) who was also a staff member is very severely reprimanded for doing same. And if such a situation arises again will be dealt with more severely.

● Mr. — is to separate from his wife for the duration of his auditing (introduction to Scientology) as his wife is restitutive to him.

● An executive ethics hearing will be held. It having been reported that — had relations recently

AN attempt to gag the Sunday Mirror and two other newspapers was abandoned by the Scientology organisation in the High Court last week.

And costs were awarded to the Sunday Mirror and the other papers. News of the World and Daily Express.

The Church of Scientology of California is seeking damages for alleged libel in the three newspapers.

It had also sought injunctions to prevent further publication of the alleged libels.

But Mr. Leon Brittan, for the Scientologists, said that he was no longer seeking these injunctions.

Mr. Justice Fisher

ordered the Scientologists to pay the costs of the hearing—and ruled that these must be paid at once.

Until the costs were paid, he banned the Scientologists from dealing on with their legal action against the publishers of the newspapers — Daily Mirror, News of the World Ltd, and News of the World Newspaper.

The order for costs also made an order that Jane Kember, of Dorset, a sharpshooter from Last Grinstead, Sussex.

After the hearing, a spokesman for the newspapers said that they would strongly resent the proceedings and would plead justification, fair comment and privilege.