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Viewers' Choice:

Closeup on Cultism

Though religious cults have existed elsewhere for thousands of years, their ranks have only begun to swell in America in the past few decades. They flourished particularly in the sixties, when celebrity involvement — by the Beatles, among others — helped make cult abbreviations like "TM" (for Transcendental Meditation) commonplace.

Unofficial estimates place the number of cults in the United States today at 5,000, with an individual total of two million members. But as that number grew, so did the controversy surrounding them.

Critics have brought charges that the cults brainwash members and purposely mislead them psychologically and financially before the United States Congress. Parents of children who are involved in them have founded a national organization called Citizens Freedom Foundation dedicated to "educating the public to the dangers of religious cults." And a 45-year-old

Methodist man from Tennessee named Ted Patrick is currently facing \$10 million worth of lawsuits for his efforts to "de-program" young cultists.

ABC News (Ch. 7) will examine the controversy Thursday at 10 p.m. in the hour-long special "ABC News Closeup on New Religions: Holiness or Heresy?"

The program, narrated by Jim Kincaid, will focus especially on two of the most familiar religious organizations in the United States: The Unification Church founded by South Korean evangelist Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and the Church of Scientology, started by L. Ron Hubbard. It will attempt to examine their social and political implications, as well as their operation.

Moon's church declares its three main goals as unification of religion, creation of the true family of man with the founding of God-centered families and transcendence of all racial, na-

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Of Special Interest



Rev. Moon: Investigated

Holiness or Heresy?

ABC's investigative report, "Closeup on New Religions: Holiness or Heresy?" (10:00 on 2), focuses on two controversial religious organizations: the Unification Church founded by Rev. Sun Myung Moon, and the Church of Scientology. The program will explore the operation of the two sects and examine their social and political implications to learn whether or not the First Amendment guarantee of religious freedom is also being used as a shield against government scrutiny and regulation. In examining Rev. Moon's movement, ABC News will look at the South Korean evangelist's ties to the current government regime in South Korea. While looking at the Church of Scientology, the report covers some of the expenses assumed by members.

- ④ Bowling for Dollars
- ⑦ ABC News: Reasoner
- ⑨ Andy Griffith
- Andy, Opie, -Goober and Floyd are excited by the opening day of fishing.
- ⑩ Sgt. Bilko
- In order not to go on bivouac, Bilko feigns a rare disease and manages to get hospitalized, which he soon regrets.
- ⑩ Michigan Lottery
- ⑩ World Press
- ⑩ Speaking of Sports/ DRC Horse Racing
- (6) Hogan's Heroes
- (10) Michigan Lottery
- (11) Family Affair
- (13) Adam-12
- (23) Consumer Survival Kit
- (24) Crosswits

7:30

- ② Treasure Hunt
- ④ Don Adams' Screen Test
- ⑦ Match Game
- ⑦ Room 222
- Whitman High accepts a

youth on probation and regrets it when he pulls a gun on Alice Johnson.

⑩ Liar's Club/News

⑩ Hogan's Heroes
Klink faces a firing squad after being arrested for conspiring against his commanding general.

⑩ Robert MacNeil Report

⑩ News: Morison Team

- (6) (11) Wild Kingdom
- (10) Michigan Dancers
- (13) (24) Buckeye 1000
- (23) Robert MacNeil Report

7:45

⑩ Teen Profile

8:00

② The Waltons

(R) A handsome young art teacher is strongly attracted to Olivia, who is first flattered then disturbed by his attentions.

④ Voyage to Enchanted Isles **SPECIAL**

Narrated by Prince Philip, of Great Britain, this nature

special examines the unusual Galapagos archipelago and the unique forms of wildlife found there.

⑦ Welcome Back, Kotter

(R) Gabe tries to discover who is the father of Rosalie Totzie's expected baby. Debralee Scott.

⑨ Canada Cup Hockey

Live coverage of match between Canada and Finland.

⑩ Big Time Wrestling/News

⑩ Merv Griffin Show

Guests: Vicki Sue Robinson, Phil Silvers, Jack Carter, Milt Kamen.

⑩ Detroit Black News

⑩ Movie

(R) "The Outcast," (See 12:30 ⑩)

⑩ The Waltons

⑩ Family Doctor

⑩ Voyage to Enchanted Isles

⑩ Upstairs, Downstairs

⑩ Welcome Back, Kotter

8:30

⑦ Barney Miller

(R) Wojo gets jealous when