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HEADLINE: SCIENTOLOGY NOT-GUILTY PLEAS

BYLINE: BY BILL DUNPHY, TORONTO SUN

TEXT:

The Church of Scientology of Toronto Inc. and five members pleaded not guilty to criminal charges of breach of trust yesterday before a panel of 200 prospective jurors.

The charges, Mr. Justice James Southey explained to the panel, arise from allegations Scientologists got jobs with the RCMP, the OPP, the attorney general's office and Metro Police so they ``could act as a spy or a plant.''

These ``spies'', Southey said, are alleged to have ``obtained information for the church and passed it on to the church.''

The offences are alleged to have occurred between April 1974 and November 1976.

Jury selection begins today, with Crown attorney James Stewart slated to make his opening remarks in the case on April 21.

Residents Tell Concerns Over Scientologists' School Plans

■ **Green Valley:** Under the proposal, 250 students would board at the campus. A county spokesman says approval of a permit would be based on land-use issues.

By TRACEY KAPLAN
TIMES STAFF WRITER

The Church of Scientology is seeking permission from Los Angeles County to open a boarding school for 250 students on the site of a former juvenile detention camp near Green Valley.

The proposal has worried some of the 1,200 residents in the rural community, who voiced concerns about it at a public meeting Monday night.

About 40 people attended the meeting.

"They're a cult," Kimberly Flores, a 19-year-old Green Valley housewife, said before the meeting. "I'm afraid for the children in the community and of what they're going to do."

But questions at the meeting focused on land-use issues, such as sewage and fire protection.

A land-use consultant hired by the church, Stephen R. Frank, told the group that the church wanted to "be a good neighbor to this community. None of these kids has ever had a problem with drugs or been arrested."

Frank distributed copies of a letter from the Leona Valley Town Council, representing a community about five miles north of Green Valley, endorsing the Scientology boarding school project.

Frank assured those at the meeting that the facility would not be used for anything other than a boarding school and that parents would visit only for the day, not stay overnight.

Scientology is a religion created by the late science fiction writer Ron L. Hubbard in the early 1950s. It claims more than 7 million members worldwide, although critics say there are far fewer than that.

It has waged controversial campaigns against psychiatry and the Internal Revenue Service, and some former members and other critics have described it as a dangerous cult that has defrauded the public and

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brainwashed its members. But church leaders say Scientology is a bona fide religion that has benefited humanity and provided spiritual freedom for its believers.

The county will decide whether to give the church a conditional use permit for the boarding school based on land-use issues, such as sewers and traffic impacts, not on who operates it, said Dave Vannatta, a planning deputy for Supervisor Mike Antonovich, who represents the area.

"It doesn't matter to us if it's the Boy Scouts or the Catholics or the Methodists or the Scientologists," Vannatta said. "We're going to look at the nature of the operation, not the operator."

The church wants to build two dormitories and two classroom buildings on a 30.4-acre site on Bouquet Canyon Road that it pur-

chased 18 months ago, Scientology spokesman Kirk Steele said. The site is about five miles east of Green Valley.

The property now contains four dormitories that formerly housed 48 youths assigned to the Artesian Oaks juvenile detention camp.

Because the land is zoned for resort and recreational uses, the church must obtain a conditional use permit to open the school, county Planner Richard Frazier said.

County planners are now deciding whether the proposal requires a full environmental report. The Regional Planning Commission will eventually review the permit request, but no date has been set, he said.

In 1986, residents of Green Valley helped defeat a proposal to locate a state prison for parole violators on the same site.

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Scientists cited for crowded apartments

■ The church says it will move some residents of Hacienda Gardens to satisfy the Clearwater building code.

By CURTIS KRUEGER
Times Staff Writer

CLEARWATER — The Church of Scientology has been cited by city building officials for overcrowding in apartments.

In recent inspections, city officials determined that 34 apartments were overcrowded at Hacienda Gardens, a complex at 551 N Saturn Ave. used mostly for church staff.

James Bond, the church's director of renovations, said some of the residents would be moved to different apartments, so that no apartments would have more occupants than the city code allows.

Scientology spokesman Richard Haworth said Friday that the church was in the

midst of renovating Hacienda Gardens and that people were being moved during the work.

"We have and always will work closely with city officials on all of our renovations work," Haworth wrote in a statement.

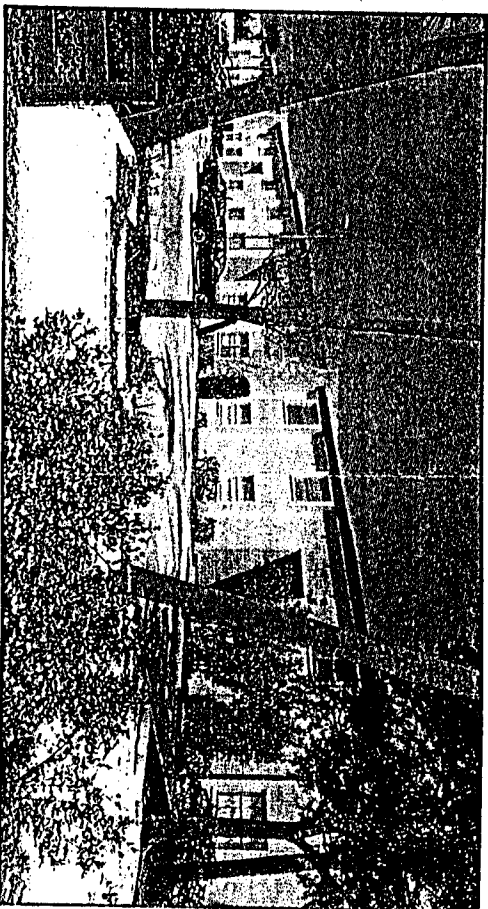
The city requires apartments to have at least 150 square feet of floor space for the first occupant and 100 additional square feet for each additional occupant.

At several of the Scientology-owned apartments, more people appeared to be living in the apartments than should have been allowed, according to city documents. Housing inspectors said they found as many as 10 beds in an apartment, and said beds often were set up not only in the bedrooms but in the living and dining rooms of the apartments.

The Scientologists seemed cooperative and willing to solve the problems, said Building Inspector Bill Phillips.

Hacienda Gardens houses church staff

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The Church of Scientology owns Hacienda Gardens, a complex at 551 N Saturn Ave. City inspections found overcrowding in 34 apartments.

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members, many of them members of a Scientology group called the "Sea Org," short for for Sea Organization. Sea Org members sign billion-year contracts and wear the Navy-style uniforms that are a familiar sight in downtown Clearwater.

Clearwater is the international

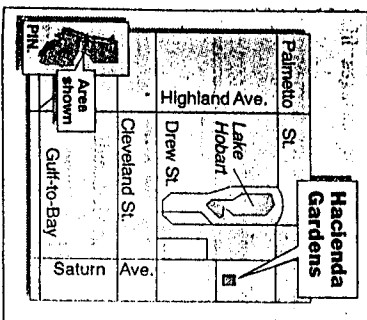
spiritual headquarters of Scientology. While some people say Scientology is a bona fide religion, others call it a money-making outfit or a cult.

The city's inspection last month was not the first indication of overcrowding at Hacienda Gardens. After a 1986 fire at Hacienda Gardens, firefighters found 10 beds in the apartment. Haworth later said only seven people actual-

ly lived in the two-bedroom apartment, and he added, "We're interested in efficient utilization of space."

A police officer said in a 1988 report that 12 people were living in one Hacienda Gardens apartment that he visited.

— Staff writers Laura Griffin and Rhonda Hollifield contributed to this report.



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HEADLINE: CHURCH SPY WEB ALLEGED//SCIENTOLOGISTS' TRIAL

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TEXT:

The Church of Scientology of Toronto and five adherents are on trial on charges they ran a spy network that infiltrated three police forces and the attorney-general's office.

A jury yesterday heard Crown attorney James Stewart outline a spy network that saw members of the church spiriting files out of police and government buildings for copying.

The five counts of criminal breach of trust faced by Scientology and the five co-accused stem from activities alleged to have occurred from 1974 to 1976.

Stewart said Scientology officials - some trained in a ``spy school'' in England - ran a network of plants that obtained jobs with the RCMP, the OPP, Metro Police and the A-G's office.

Stewart then told the jury his first five main witnesses were former Scientology officials who were testifying under promises of immunity from prosecution.

Mr. Justice James Southey permitted three defence counsel to also make opening addresses to the jury.

Clayton Ruby, representing the corporation Church of Scientology of Toronto, blamed the allegations of a spy network on a ``small band of criminals ... who captured the church for a time.''

``These key witnesses are confessed liars and criminals, accomplished, trained liars,''' he said.

Scientology, he indicated, had wrested control back from this band.

EX-SCIENTOLOGY BOSS TESTIFIES

She 'ran the agents'

By **BILL DUNPHY**
Toronto Sun

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Scientology testimony marked by jargon

By Bruce DeMara
TORONTO STAR

A bewildering array of jargon and terminology characterize the first day of testimony at the trial of the Church of Scientology's Toronto chapter and five of its members on breach of trust charges.

The opening witness, Bryan Levman, left Mr. Justice James Southey of Ontario Court, general division, confused and frustrated as he tried to explain the organization's complicated management structure.

Southey stopped the proceedings several times to ask the crown and the witness to slow down so he could complete his notes about the testimony.

Levman and four other witnesses granted immunity from prosecution are expected to testify during the next month into allegations of illegal activities authorized by a branch of the organization called the Guardian's Office Worldwide.

"One of the things we were doing at the time ... was basically walking into various offices (of people) Scientology deemed enemies ... looking through their files and copying them," Levman said.

Such operations were known as "rip-offs," Levman testified, adding that members received training in picking locks.

Levman said he was told by Jane Kember, a senior member under founder and science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard, that the Metro branch was being investigated by the Ontario Provincial Police, Metro police and the provincial attorney-general.

"She (Kember) wanted the files, and it was my mandate to get them," Levman said.

In his opening remarks Tuesday, Crown Attorney James Stewart told the court some Scientology members acted as plants, obtaining jobs with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the OPP, Metro police and the attorney-general's office.

Levman testified he was forced to call a "committee of evidence" against himself in 1976, knowing

it would remove him from his position.

But it wasn't until 1983 that he was expelled from the church. He received a list of charges in the mail, including the accusation he was a "squirrel" — someone who tried to alter Hubbard's philosophy.

The trial, expected to last from eight to 12 weeks, promises to be a complex and contentious affair.

Charges were laid 18 months after a 1983 OPP raid, but some have since been set aside, and numerous legal challenges by defence lawyer Clayton Ruby to prevent the case from coming to trial have been dismissed.

Ruby made it clear from his opening statement last Tuesday that he thought five witnesses, including Levman — all of whom were granted immunity — should be sitting in the defendant's box.

"These wretched people captured this church — for a time," Ruby said.

Levman acknowledged, under Ruby's questioning, that the five defendants were underlings who received their instructions through him.

The court has already heard Levman relate how Scientology members made unauthorized copies of government and police files, usually through a "plant" or agent who obtained a job in the office.

Other members, he said, were engaged in "rip-offs," entering the offices of government and private lawyers to copy files and obtain information.

But Levman laid the blame for his actions and others on church policy, and at the door of its founder.

"Hubbard said you defend Scientology from your enemies. He has a share of the blame for Scientology coming to where it has today," Levman said.

"I was responsible — but clearly not solely responsible, or more responsible than any of my staff — as were my seniors in Scientology, right up to the top," Levman said.

"It was my job. I felt I was doing my part to save the planet, to use Scientology terminology," Levman said.

But Levman made it clear that, though he may have received immunity, the case has left him and his wife, Rose Marie, far from being unscathed.

"This is extremely difficult for me ... because of the notoriety, the things I did in my youth, because of my former allegiance to an organization I have no particular desire to attack, because of their view of me," he said.

The second major issue of the case is that charges have been laid against the Church of Scientology of Toronto itself.

"There has never been a criminal charge brought before a jury against a church itself anywhere