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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Expert in Sacramento |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Victor Krohn |
| Date | January 23rd, 1990 |

Description:

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Jan. 23/PRN - An international expert on information and privacy/data protection laws was in Sacramento today for the release of a new publication designed to encourage citizen use of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). The Freedom of Information Act is the law which allows public access to information maintained by federal agencies. The law was originally authored by retired U.S. Congressman John Moss from Sacramento.

Entitled, “The Handbook on How to Use the Freedom of Information Act: Holding the Government Accountable for Its Actions,” the publication contains information on the importance of FOIA, its benefits to society, and most importantly, clear, easy-to-understand instructions on how to use the FOIA.

The booklet is being released by the Church of Scientology. A Church sponsored group, Open Access, is launching a public awareness campaign to inform Sacramento residents of the growing importance of the Freedom of Information Act in the electronic age.

The group is concerned that recent court decisions are seriously weakening the FOIA, and public education is vital to ensure the law is kept intact.

Congressman Moss, calling attention to recent events in Eastern Europe noted in a prepared statement, “What has been revealed (in Eastern European block nations is the grave danger to the people when government is given too much latitude in determining what actions of the government should be kept secret.” Moss continued, “Self governing people govern best when they know the nature of government actions --it is most important that the courts not reinforce the tendency of government to hide its actions.”

“In the information age where technology is a driving force, the Freedom of Information Act has become an all important tool of democracy,” stated Tom Riley, who since 1973 has been involved internationally in public access and privacy protection issues.

Riley, an advisor to the Sacramento Open Access group, is the author of an extensive study for the U.S. Congress’ Office of Technology Assessment entitled: “International Trends in Government Information Dissemination.” Riley also spent six years in London as the executive secretary of the International Freedom of Information Act Institute as well as a commentator for BBC World Services. An advisor to governments and the private sector, Riley is currently based in Toronto.

“There are too many opportunities for governments to violate our basic rights,” said Riley. “Technology has the opportunity to enslave or create greater freedom. It is critical that technology is employed correctly so that citizens have a greater access to know what their government is doing and why.”

Commenting on the publication Riley said, “This booklet is important. For any law to be effective it is important that the people know of its existence and application. Education is a key factor in apprising people of their rights and the Church of Scientology is to be commended for their commitment to open government and informing people of their rights under the law.”

In the publication’s introduction, Quinlan J. Shea Jr., a former senior official in the Department of Justice, charges that the federal government has conducted a “relentless onslaught ... against the people’s right to know in every possible sense ... passing bills that weakened the Act either directly or indirectly.” Shea is the former director of the Department of Justice’s Office of Privacy and (Freedom of) Information Appeals.

Published as a public service by the Church of Scientology, the first edition of the FOIA Handbook was released more than 10 years ago. Now fully updated and expanded, this booklet is available from the Church of Scientology Western United States, 1404 N. Catalina, Los Angeles, CA 90027, for \$4.50 per copy or \$90 for 25 copies.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | IRS targeted Black leaders, according to Article in Freedom Magazine |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Alex Jones & Sylvia Stanard |
| Date | January 25th, 1990 |

Description:

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25/PRN - Internal Revenue Service documents reveal that the IRS targeted black leaders in a campaign of harassment that included surveillance at a Muhammad Ali boxing match in 1970, according to an article in the current issue of Freedom magazine.

The secret campaign, called “Operation Bird Dog,” involved a plan to harass black leaders and organizations by targeting them for selective tax audits, Freedom reports in its December/January issue.

Former senior IRS agent Paul DesFosses, president of the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers, said the purpose of Operation Bird Dog was not to collect taxes. “They were targeting people because the IRS was intent on wiping out key leaders of black groups around the country and attacking the individuals who supported those groups and leaders,” DesFosses said in the article.

Calling the IRS “an agency out of control,” the Freedom article discloses that IRS agents recorded license plate numbers of expensive automobiles outside a Muhammad Ali-Jerry Quarry fight in Atlanta in 1970, believing the cars belonged to black leaders. These persons were later singled out for IRS harassment, DesFosses said.

In another article in the December/January issue, Freedom reports on a secret IRS sting operation in Las Vegas that took in an estimated \$100 million in bets over a 16-month period.

The IRS claimed the operation, called “Project Layoff,” was aimed at nabbing illegal bettors, but when it ended in 1985 the agency had nothing to show for its \$600,000 expense except empty pockets. Some \$300,000 of the total cost is still unaccounted for, according to the Freedom article. Exposure of the operation prompted Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada to criticize the IRS’ defense of the project as “a cover-up and a whitewash.”

The current issue also includes a first-person report by Todd Patterson, an 18-year-old college student who found himself the target of mail tampering, phone taps and personal visits from the FBI when, as a boy of 12, he started a project to find out more about foreign countries.

Also included in the December/January issue: commentary by Harry Hammitt, editor of Access Reports, about two important Supreme Court decisions supporting the Freedom of Information Act; an interview with David Burnham, author of a new book, "The IRS: A Law Unto Itself"; a feature story on Human Rights Advocate of the Month, California State Sen. Daniel Boatwright, sponsor of recently passed legislation that will put psychiatrists and psychologists behind bars if they engage in sexual acts with their clients.

Freedom magazine, published by the Church of Scientology International, has received acclaim for its vigorous journalism that has exposed violations of human rights and revealed numerous instances of abuses by government agencies.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Suit filed against Interpol Chief for Documents |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | August Murphy |
| Date | February 15th, 1990 |

Description:

PUERTO RICO, Feb. 15/PRN - A suit was filed today against the head of Interpol in Puerto Rico, Hector Rivera Cruz, by Puerto Rican Congressman, David Noriega, for failure to disclose documents regarding a confidential agreement made with Interpol headquarters in France establishing an Interpol Regional Office in Puerto Rico.

The Puerto Rican office is unique in that it is one of only five Interpol regional offices worldwide, has a key location on the Caribbean drug route and is the main remote office for the U.S. Interpol Central Bureau.

Information on an agreement made by Cruz, who is also the Puerto Rican Justice Secretary, was revealed in confidential minutes of Interpol’s General Assembly held last November in Lyons, France, which Cruz attended.

The suit follows Noriega’s submission of a resolution to the House Government Committee 13 days ago to investigate the legality of the agreement. The resolution was brought before the House, after Representative Noriega learned of Interpol’s corrupt activities from an article in Freedom magazine, published by the Church of Scientology.

Freedom exposed that Interpol’s Secretary General Raymond Kendall awarded ex-dictator of Panama, Manuel Antonio Noriega, the bronze medal, Interpol’s most distinguished award. This was several months prior to Manuel Noriega being indicted in he United States for drug trafficking and money laundering. Other criminal acts were exposed by Freedom, including torture and murder by the Panamanian Interpol chief.

Noriega also noted that in a letter received by Cruz that the Interpol regional office in Puerto Rico was originally set up to handle the drug trafficking problem in the Caribbean. It is well recognized, however, that the Caribbean trafficking problem has not diminished over the years, despite the introduction of the Interpol regional station which was set up in 1986.

Noriega warned at a press conference held last week that “Interpol, for all its vaunted reputation, is not safe from penetration and in fact has been led in the past by individuals linked to criminal activities.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Citizens Commission on Human Rights expands to new Offices |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Ann Ruble |
| Date | February 20th, 1990 |

Description:

TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 20/PRN - The Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), established by the Church of Scientology in 1969, has announced expansion into new offices in Tacoma.

CCHR is an international organization with offices in 17 free world nations and 65 cities, including most of the major cities of the United States. CCHR has continued its work of investigating and exposing psychiatric violations of human rights with the help of people from different faiths and all walks of life who are concerned with the issues and problems arising out of psychiatry's impingement into society.

People who have friends or family who have been abused by psychiatric experimentation, electroshock, overdrugging, etc., please write to the nearest Citizens Commission on Human Rights.

In Seattle, please write to 300 Lenora Street, Suite B252, Seattle WA 98121, or Tacoma, at 7233 S. Tacoma Way, Tacoma WA 98409. Phone numbers are 206-768-0553 (Seattle) or 206-472-1560 (Tacoma).

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Church of Scientology releases Study on black Leaders |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Alex Jones |
| Date | February 21st, 1990 |

Description:

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21/PRN - Fifty-nine percent of black leaders share a strong fear that if key problems like drug abuse are not resolved, the African-American community will go into a steep decline, and will virtually cease to exist.

This is according to the results of a wide-ranging survey just released by the Church of Scientology on the feelings of African-American leaders on the future and problems of the black community.

The survey consisted of 47 in-depth interviews with directors and officials of national black organizations as well as aides to U.S. Congressmen. It touched on a wide gamut of issues, ranging from the most serious problems affecting the black community to the community's most admirable and valuable qualities.

The survey also revealed:

- Despite the great concern over current problems, 61 percent hold hope for the future, and feel the black community will resolve its current economic and educational problems.
- Forty percent of those surveyed feel drugs is the most serious problem affecting the African-American community today, followed by racism (15 percent).
- Seventy-six percent said they feel churches should be in the forefront in resolving serious social problems with community outreach, counseling, training and other programs.
- Nearly 80 percent stated that in order for an organization to win their support, it must pursue its stated goals, and must actually get something done worthwhile and substantial by helping people with effective programs.
- Nearly 70 percent of those surveyed named heritage and culture as the most valuable possessions of the African-American community.

Those surveyed came from a gamut of national black social reform, fraternal, and professional organizations, including the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, the National Urban Coalition, Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity and Zeta Phi Beta sorority.

The survey results represent the personal views and feelings of those surveyed, and not necessarily the official positions of their organizations.

The church, which has been actively involved in social reform and human rights issues for nearly four decades, is making the survey report available as a public service to other groups interested in attacking social ills.

“We live in a troubled world,” explained Alex Jones, director of Ethnic and Cultural Affairs for the Church of Scientology, “and we are committed to doing something about it.”

“We did this survey to help focus our own activities and programs in the African-American community. We are making it available free-of-charge to other like-minded groups and individuals so that they can use the results as well,” Jones said.

Scientology social reform efforts have included drug education, prevention and rehabilitation programs, criminal justice reform, exposes of government abuses, and public education campaigns on the dangers of giving psychiatric drugs to school-aged children.

Copies of the report can be obtained by writing to Alex Jones, Church of Scientology International, Office of Public Affairs, 400 C St. N.E., Washington, D.C. 20002, or calling 202-543-6404.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Scientology Task Force Director chosen |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Sara Griggs |
| Date | February 27th, 1990 |

Description:

SEATTLE, Feb. 27/PRN - The Church of Scientology of Washington state announced today the appointment of Dr. Michael J.K. Nelson, microbiologist, to the position of director of the Scientology Environmental Task Force.

Nelson has been active in the field of research and development of biological methods for cleaning up certain hazardous compounds found in the environment, and is recognized by scientific authorities for his work in the area of the biological disposal of waste products.

“I’m happy to be a part of the Scientology Environmental Task Force, and I look forward to doing my part in the community to increase individual awareness in regards to environmental concerns,” said Nelson.

Sara Griggs, director of public relations for the Church of Scientology, stated: “The Scientology Environmental Task Force was formed by parishioners of the Church because of their concern for safeguarding the environment. The Task Force already is underway with their first project - planting trees in downtown Seattle - to counteract the effects of rapid growth in the area.”

The task force is open to all individuals who are interested in cleaning up the environment. For more information on how you can help, contact Sara Griggs at 206-622-6344.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | And You thought it was EZ? A Story about the IRS Form 1040EZ |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Stephen Ford |
| Date | March 7th, 1990 |

Description:

BOSTON, March 7/PRN - Most people think of the IRS as a somewhat leashed predator that bothers them once a year, fervently hoping that they don't stike off season.

Well, the IRS struck saleswomen Mary Frances Stinson out of season for an alleged 10 cent error on a Form 1040EZ two and a half years after she filed her tax return. It may turn out that IRS owes her.

In hopes of keeping it as simple as possible, Stinson used the 1040EZ. She filled it out as carefully as possible. Isn't the 1040EZ supposed to be the simplest, the one the IRS recommend? She even had her boyfriend, now husband, check to make sure she added the figures up right.

She told her story to Stephen Ford, contributing editor at Freedom Magazine published by the Church of Scientology. She contacted Ford because he had beome expert on the Tax Payer's Bill of Rights from having covered the IRS for so many years.

Frances stated, "I brought in the mail that night, and started sorting through it. Then I saw the one with the return address Internal Revenue Service, 'oh, (bleep) what do they want now.'"

The letter starts, "Our records show that you have not paid the amount for the above form and year..." Frances read down the page, "Form 1040EZ, Tax Period Dec. 31, 1986." "Amount you previously owed... \$.10." Then her mouth fell open, "Plus penalty for late payment ... \$24.00." "Plus interest on late payment ... \$30.84." Frances now owed the IRS \$54.94 for a 10 cent error in her 1986 Tax Return. Plus \$30.84 in interest because it took the IRS two and a half years to find it.

The final twist of the story comes with a recent discovery by Frances. The IRS and State Revenue Service have been charging Frances for interest earned on the account of a woman born in 1897 for at least the past eight years.

She had to get a letter from Merchants Bank to prove to the State Revenuers that she was not the 93 year old women from Roxbury. She's actually in her twenties; seems like the Revenuers need glasses. Her next step is to try and prove she's not 93 years old to the IRS. So much for the simplest tax form. It's not always EZ.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Guidebook on Taxpayers' Rights released |
| Source | "PR Newswire" |
| Author | August Murphy |
| Date | April 5th, 1990 |

Contents:

SAN FRANCISCO, April 5/PRN - With the April 15 tax deadline rolling around again, the Church of Scientology has released a guidebook to help taxpayers protect themselves against any abusive or illegal IRS activities.

Entitled "How to Protect Your Rights as a Taxpayer," and published as a community service by the Church, this publication contains information on taxpayers' rights covered in the 1988 Taxpayers' Bill of Rights, and other laws that the IRS is required to observe.

"IRS agents frequently overstep their bounds in the process of collecting taxes, leaving the taxpayer in danger of having his bank accounts seized, losing his home, car, savings and even his business," stated August Murphy, spokesman for the Church of Scientology in San Francisco. "This guidebook explains in simple language the protections taxpayers have and how to ensure the IRS observes them."

The Church decided to release this booklet after congressional hearings held by Rep. Doug Barnard last July which exposed rampant abuses by the IRS and helped place the agency under greater external control.

According to Murphy, "Rep. Barnard summed it up succinctly when he stated that the IRS 'exercises greater power over the day-to-day lives of American citizens than any other agency of government.' We saw how urgent it was for taxpayers to know their rights when dealing with the IRS."

The guidebook includes information on how the taxpayer can protect himself during IRS examinations, how he can utilize the Taxpayers Ombudsman to get help with a tax problem and what to do when the IRS threatens to seize one's home or property.

According to former New York Times investigative journalist David Burnham, in his bestselling expose "A Law Unto Itself," "It is absurd to think that any institution with the power and impact of the IRS can operate in a fair and effective way without sustained and forceful oversight."

"Every citizen demanding that the IRS observe taxpayers' rights will help bring about this much needed oversight," said Murphy.

Copies of “How to Protect Your Rights as a Taxpayer” are available from the Church of Scientology, 83 McAllister St., San Francisco, CA 94102. Cost of the booklets is \$3.50 each or \$35 per dozen, including postage and handling (plus 7.25 percent sales tax).

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Church files Suit on IRS |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | August Murphy |
| Date | May 2nd, 1990 |

Contents:

SAN FRANCISCO, May 2/PRN - The Church of Scientology filed a Freedom of Information Act suit against the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) in San Francisco to force the IRS to release documents in its files that the Church believes contain untrue derogatory information, a spokesman said Tuesday.

“We have long suspected that the IRS is deliberately maintaining false and derogatory information on our Church based not only upon information gathered under the Freedom of Information Act, but from a long history of improper, discriminatory actions directed against our Church which clearly show their religious prejudice,” stated San Francisco Church of Scientology spokesman, August Murphy.

Church officials representing three Californian Churches filed the request with the IRS San Francisco District Office in May 1989, asking for specific documents involving the Church.

In October 1989, the IRS office denied the Church’s request and refused to hand over any documents, alleging they were exempt from the disclosure.

The suit, filed Tuesday in the Northern District of California, states that the IRS, “in violation of the FOIA, continues to cloak its records in secrecy, refusing plaintiffs access to information to which they are lawfully entitled.”

“The IRS is undermining the Freedom of Information Act with administrative procedures that restrict the flow of information, blocking the people’s right to know,” said Murphy. “The agency is hardly in any position to take this stand. Congressmen and taxpayers alike who have suffered enough are taking a critical look at the IRS these days.

A growing number of people are fed up with IRS corruption at senior management levels and with their obsessive secrecy. Their refusal to comply to legal FOIA requests for information from the public further compounds this criticism.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Citizens cry out to abolish the Income Tax |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Susan Taylor |
| Date | May 4th, 1990 |

Contents:

WASHINGTON, May 4/PRN - The following was released by the Church of Scientology:

May 5, 1990 is National Tax Freedom Day across the United States. What is Tax Freedom Day? This is the day in 1990 when the average U.S. citizen stops paying taxes to the U.S. government and begins to work for himself.

On an average, it has been computed by the D.C.-based Tax Foundation, a taxpayer pays about four months of his yearly wages to the Internal Revenue Service. Each citizen has been working from January 1st until the 5th of May for the U.S. government.

Last year’s “National Tax Freedom Day” fell on May 3. 1984’s “National Tax Freedom Day” was on April 28.

“This is outrageous,” said Susan Taylor, spokesperson for the Church of Scientology. “The time when a citizen could call his hard earned money his own has passed. The present day system of taxation is killing taxpayer initiative and U.S. production and making slaves out of taxpayers. An alternative system of taxation is needed.”

“The tax experts in America need to take a look at getting rid of ‘income tax’ and implementing a national sales tax.

“This would mean that Americans would not get taxed on income but rather on what they decide to purchase excluding the necessities of life, such as food and medical care.

Per studies done, so far, this would mean more money for the individual taxpayer and more money for the government and would eliminate the reason for an Internal Revenue Service, which is totally out of control,” Taylor said.

National Tax Freedom Day shows graphically how each citizen is chained to the IRS and its demands.

With a national sales tax the government receives the funds which are needed to run the country and the citizen is rewarded for the hard work he does to support his family. The initiative for savings would be much higher, and taxpayers would get awarded for their production instead of penalized for working and making more “income.”

If you want to pay less money to the government and not have to deal with the IRS, it is time to consider an alternative tax system. Tell your congressman you want a change.

The Church of Scientology, founded in 1954 in Washington, D.C., has spearheaded many social reform campaigns for the purpose of improving life in a troubled world.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | IRS Victims demand increased Taxpayers' Rights |
| Source | "Business Wire" |
| Author | Lisa Lashaway |
| Date | May 10th, 1990 |

Contents:

Victims of IRS corruption and abuse who live in California and four other states converged on Washington, D.C., this week to meet with their congressional representatives to express support for continued congressional scrutiny of IRS abuse and corruption and demand increased taxpayer protections.

Army veteran Charles Pherigo of Ventura was among the group who took their concerns to the capital.

As a concerned citizen, Pherigo alerted the IRS to a multimillion-dollar tax evasion scam he discovered in 1980. According to an IRS employee at the IRS office in Van Nuys, the case was one of "the most blatant cases of tax evasion I've ever seen."

Pherigo claims top IRS officials repeatedly stonewalled collection efforts and criminal prosecution on the case in the years since his original report. When he complained, he said his wife became a target for IRS investigation and harassment.

"The IRS is now trying to shut me up by harassing my wife," Pherigo says. "Yet they won't go after this case where a tax evader owes millions of dollars in taxes and boasts that he has never filed a tax return."

Following the meetings with their congressional representatives, the victims held a press conference with Paul DesFosses, president of the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers, a group established by the Church of Scientology's Freedom magazine.

"The IRS is the largest agency of the U.S. government and arguably the single most powerful bureaucracy in the world," DesFosses said. "It's agents have enormous power to seize property and destroy lives and businesses without due process.

"Too often, this power is exercised in an unfair, capricious and sometimes vindictive manner, as the stories exemplify.

"IRS Commissioner Fred T. Goldberg is very adept at making promises and sounding sincere. However, we cannot afford to listen to promises while the lives of innocent citizens are still being destroyed by the IRS," DesFosses said.

“Congress needs to intensify its scrutiny of IRS corruption and abuses and enact more legislation to protect citizens from this agency (which is) out of control.”

The victims included a woman who gave birth to a stillborn child after her premature labor was triggered by the emotional trauma of a brutal IRS attack on her husband and a CPA and Scientologist who claims that she and other Scientologists she represents as clients are being targeted for IRS harassment because of their religion.

“The targeting of Americans for IRS abuse solely on the basis of their religious affiliation is repugnant. There is no excuse for this outrageous violation of the most basic American principle of religious freedom,” DesFosses said.

He added that the coalition has copies of secret IRS documents detailing what he termed “illegal IRS targeting” of religious groups.

“We need Congress to step up the heat on the IRS and invoke its full powers of oversight to keep this agency in check while we institute other alternatives,” DesFosses said. “More and more experts are now looking at the workability of replacing the income tax with a national sales tax.”

DesFosses said one serious problem is that the IRS is abusing Section 6103 of the Internal Revenue Code to stonewall congressional investigations.

The law was passed by Congress to protect the privacy of taxpayers. Various organizations and experts, including the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and author David Burnham, have raised concerns that the IRS is misusing the law to shield its activities from congressional and public scrutiny.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Church of Scientology demands CID Compliance with FOIA |
| Source | “Business Wire” |
| Author | Kendrick Moxon |
| Date | May 22nd, 1990 |

Contents:

The Church of Scientology International filed a suit against the IRS Criminal Investigation Division (CID) Monday to compel production of improperly withheld records requested under the Freedom of Information (FOI) act.

According to the suit, the records were requested by the church in December 1989 “to discover the nature and extent of agency misconduct” regarding the IRS’ CID.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court in California, states that the church has been on an IRS “hit list” that includes organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union and that Scientology churches and church members have been subject to harassment from the IRS.

The suit cites an instance of a case in 1984, wherein the IRS collaborated with an informant, who had planned to take over church management, to plant forged documents within the church.

“The IRS has a history of using the CID and its predecessor intelligence division for political, ideological and other improper purposes,” says Rick Moxon, an attorney with the Church of Scientology. “Congressional hearings in 1975 revealed an IRS national intelligence project that targeted individuals and groups.

“Testimony recently submitted to the current Senate subcommittee on IRS oversight shows that the IRS continues to step beyond the bounds of the law and is deliberately violating the FOI in an effort to shield its activities from congressional and public view,” Moxon said.

Testimony submitted to the subcommittee by the Center for Citizens Access to Government Information, headed by former senior Justice Department official Quinlan L. Shea Jr., stated that many “FOI requests to the IRS are effectively DOA - dead on arrival,” due to improper handling of FOI requests.

A pioneer and advocate of the FOI act, the church has successfully battled for the release of information to the public during the last 20 years. In 1984, the church released documents obtained through the FOI that disclosed the government’s secret spraying of live bacteria throughout a Washington airport terminal and bus station by the Army in the 1960s.

In 1979, again through the use of the FOI, the church uncovered the stockpiling of 50 tons of BZ, a powerful hallucinogenic substance developed as a battlefield weapon. Church research revealed that 50 tons of BZ was enough to incapacitate 40 billion people.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | New Group formed in Washington to help fight War on Drugs |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Pat Jones |
| Date | May 30th, 1990 |

Contents:

WASHINGTON, May 30/PRN - A national advocacy organization today announced the creation of a local task force to encourage corporate support of Washington area drug education and rehabilitation programs.

“Lead the Way to a Drug-Free USA,” a Los Angeles-based anti-drug group, has enlisted representatives from such diverse local associations as the Washington Urban League, the National Federation of Parents for a Drug-Free Youth, the Community Service Guild and the Church of Scientology to match corporate resources to appropriate community anti-drug programs.

Pat Jones, director of community affairs for the Church of Scientology, describes the new task force as a vital link between corporate benefactors and community drug programs.

“Any dedicated community group in the city will tell you their most pressing needs are donations and volunteers to help implement their programs,” said Jones. “As corporations increasingly respond to those needs, our aim is to ensure that those resources are distributed equitably to programs where they most can be effective.”

“Lead the Way to a Drug-Free USA” was established last summer in Los Angeles and has since expanded its reach to other urban areas including Dallas; New York City; Portland, Ore.; and Seattle.

The campaign harnesses the combined anti-drug efforts of churches, businessmen and drug rehabilitation organizations to provide much-needed drug education seminars, and accords special recognition to successful anti-drug programs.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Freedom releases Special Edition on IRS Corruption |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Stephen Ford |
| Date | June 7th, 1990 |

Contents:

BOSTON, June 7/PRN - Corruption within the IRS was the subject of a special edition of Scientology’s news journal *Freedom Magazine* released nationally this week.

Locally *Freedom* staff distributed a questionnaire to IRS employees entering and leaving the JFK Federal Building probing further into problems that have been uncovered in Massachusetts.

Freedom has been contacted by hundreds of people over the last year wanting to know what their rights are as taxpayers and documenting abusive practices of the Service.

According to *Freedom* staff distributing the special edition, over a thousand copies were grapped up in a little under two hours outside the IRS offices in Boston.

According to IRS workers who approached the *Freedom* staff, the special edition caused a bit of a stir as it circulated through the IRS offices at the JFK building.

The cover story focused on accusations that IRS Assistant Commissioner for Exempt Organizations, Robert Brauer, has made efforts to subvert protections granted to churches by Congress and to “eventually abolish the existing congressional protections in this area.”

Contributing Editor, Stephen Ford, noted that, “Many of the reforms of the IRS’ abusive practices and even corruption have been curtailed by the willingness of IRS employees to come forward and make a stand for an honest agency.

“It has been these brave and stalwart employees who have testified before Congress and brought the serious problems within the agency to the public’s notice.”

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | New Publication exposes the dark Side of Interpol |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Elaine Siegel |
| Date | June 13th, 1990 |

Contents:

SEATTLE, June 13/PRN - The Church of Scientology released the following today: The Church of Scientology, after undertaking an extensive investigation of the International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL), today released a fully documented “dossier” that exposes INTERPOL as a private organization based in Lyon, France with no oversight which has been involved in international drug trafficking.

The dossier, a 48-page glossy documentary full of photographs, charts and facts, tells the story of the “dark side” of INTERPOL, its Nazi past, its narcotics trafficking activity, the current immunity it enjoys, and its amassing of millions of dossiers on private individuals and disseminating this information to its terrorist “member countries” such as Libya, Iran and Cuba.

Pictured on the front of the dossier is INTERPOL’S General Secretary Raymond Kendall bestowing the highest INTERPOL award, the bronze medal, upon none other than infamous drug trafficker, former Panamanian dictator Manuel Noriega, for his diligence in “fighting” drug trafficking.

Kendall awarded Noriega the medal in April 1987 when governments across the world had full knowledge of Noriega’s drug trafficking activity.

The dossier also documents the story of former INTERPOL chief of Mexico, Miguel Aldana Ibarra, who was recently indicted in Los Angeles on charges of the murder of former DEA agent “Kiki” Camerena. Aldana Ibarra, who headed the Mexico Interpol office for many years, is currently in jail in Mexico City on separate drug and weapons charges.

Other INTERPOL chiefs have been charged, arrested and indicted over the past five years for drug trafficking, murder and illegal money laundering.

The dossier has documented over 10 such INTERPOL chiefs around the world, including the link with these chiefs and INTERPOL headquarters, which has been sending out to all member countries the narcotics trafficking intelligence reports on a weekly, pointing them in the right direction.

The Church of Scientology has been investigating INTERPOL since 1974, and exposed INTERPOL’s Nazi past, which is finally being admitted to by its secretary general. Past

INTERPOL presidents include such Nazi war criminals as Reinhard Heidrich, Otto Steinhasl and Ernst Kaltenbrunner.

Up until 1972, INTERPOL was headed by Paul Dickopf, a former Nazi SS officer, and as late as 1982, Klaus Barbie was using Interpol's office in Bolivia to assist in his escape.

Published as a public service by the Church of Scientology, more than 100,000 copies of the dossier are being distributed to editors, legislators, members of parliament, public interest groups, libraries and others internationally.

The dossier gives solutions as well, in terms of reform and alternatives to INTERPOL for fighting international crime.

According to a report from the General Accounting Office (GAO) in 1987, which investigated Interpol's United States Office (located in the Justice Department) they found that INTERPOL "generally does not attempt to verify the data it receives from other law enforcement agencies, or other automated systems, but relies on the collection agency to ensure accuracy."

What happens is that INTERPOL becomes a veritable "conveyer belt" of unverified and false information which gets passed around from country to country, and acted on. False arrests and other harassment to private citizens, which the dossier also documents, is the result of such unrestricted actions.

John Carmichael, spokesman for the National Commission on Law Enforcement and Social Justice, (NCLE - a Church of Scientology sponsored group that fights government corruption) states "The unrestricted flow of information amongst Interpol member countries is very useful to corrupt Interpol officials, and a real threat to democratic nations. Interpol members also include terrorist, totalitarian and communist countries, who are sometimes more interested in political manipulation than legitimate law enforcement.

"They are able to access information about any other country's private citizens' monetary and real estate assets, facts about their social lives, and political stances. Combined with very poor safeguards as to the truth of information passed from country to country, and the complete immunity that INTERPOL enjoys, they are a danger to every free-minded citizen in the world."

Copies of "Interpol: Private Group, Public Menace" are available from the Church of Scientology International, 6331 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 1200, Los Angeles, Calif., 90028. Cost of the booklet is \$ 4.50 each, or \$ 90 for 25 copies.

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| Title | New Role for Religions – Winning the War on Drugs |
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In large part because of these activities, there is growing evidence that the public are recognizing that religions have an important role in society.

In a nationwide survey commissioned by the Church of Scientology, for example, national pollsters Penn and Schoen Inc., found that a majority of the public said information about the Church’s anti-drug activities would give them a more favorable view of Scientology.

The survey also found that 78 percent of the national religious leaders polled felt that the Church serves a positive function by helping to get people off of drugs.

According to Mark Penn, “The poll clearly shows that Scientology receives high praise for its work to get people off of drugs.”

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are launching programs that cut through bureaucratic red tape and maintenance programs that don't work with fresh new approaches.

To meet the growing interest of the public in its programs - of people tired of the old answers turning toward new answers in Scientology - Bridge Publications Inc., has just released a new trade paperback edition of the book "Scientology: The Fundamentals of Thought" by bestselling author L. Ron Hubbard.

The book was read by heroin addict William Benitez while serving a lengthy prison term for narcotic addiction and trafficking in the 1960s. He got other addicts to study the book and then connected up to Scientologists in Los Angeles.

The result was Narconon (meaning "non-narcosis" or "no-drug" as no drugs are used in the program), a network of drug rehabilitation centers around the world which use L. Ron Hubbard's highly effective drug rehabilitation technology and are supported by Scientologists.

The largest of these centers, Narconon Chilocco, located on 167 acres in Oklahoma, has the capacity to deliver to 1,400 people making it the largest drug rehab center in the free world.

An independent study in Sweden found that after four years, 78.6 percent of those who had completed the Narconon program were still off drugs. Another study in Spain yielded a 78.4 percent success rate.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Scientology tells Congress Prozac causes Suicide Drug Recall urged |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Michael Lashaway |
| Date | July 26th, 1990 |

Contents:

WASHINGTON, July 26/PRN - Prozac, a widely-used psychiatric drug, can create violence and cause suicide and permanent, disfiguring neurological damage in persons taking the drug, a national watchdog group told Congress today.

The charges came in a submission presented by the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR) to the House Energy and Commerce Commission, chaired by John Dingell (D-Minn.).

The presentation documented false claims in Prozac advertisements and called for an immediate recall of the drug from the market.

According to the submission, advertising for Prozac has created an image that the drug is virtually side-effect free, when the drug has actually accumulated a number of reports of harmful effects in a short period of time.

The report cites numerous cases of persons who were driven suicidal or homicidal after starting on Prozac, including Joseph Wesbecker, the mass murderer who killed eight persons in Louisville last September.

Wesbecker had a high therapeutic level of Prozac in his blood at the time of the murder-suicide, and the coroner’s inquest into the deaths ruled that Prozac may have been a factor.

Last week, a New York woman sued Eli Lilly, the manufacturer of Prozac, for \$150 million, charging that the drug drove her to several suicide attempts and caused her to slash herself more than a hundred times.

A medical study conducted at Harvard Medical School and released in February showed that Prozac crated intense, violent suicidal thoughts in 3.5 percent of persons in the study group. CCHR charges that psychiatrists ignore this warning, then cash in on health insurance plans and other resources by giving destructive psychiatric treatments for the Prozac-induced mental problems that follow use of the drug.

“Despite the proven connection of Prozac to violent suicidal intentions, and despite tragic murders and suicides committed by people on Prozac, the manufacturer continues to ignore this threat in its promotion and psychiatrists continue to profit by its use. This is

criminal conduct which demands investigation,” said CCHR National Director Sanford Block.

“We have presented our information to the Energy and Commerce Committee so they can incorporate it into their ongoing scrutiny of Eli Lilly,” he said.

Block pointed to Lilly’s previous release of an arthritis medication, which was removed from the market after killing 100 people, as clear evidence that the drug company cannot be trusted with the health of Americans.

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights was established by the Church of Scientology in 1969 to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Scientology: Are you still in the Dark? |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Cat Tebar |
| Date | August 23rd, 1990 |

Contents:

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 23/PRN - International Church of Scientology officials have announced that they are gearing up for a major distribution of a new brochure called “Scientology: Are You Still in the Dark?” later this month.

The brochure was created simply to “inform the public,” according to church officials, and more than 1.4 million copies will be distributed in major Southern California newspapers.

The church initiated the action after the results of a nationwide Penn and Schoen survey showed that the majority of the public in Los Angeles know little about the church but are curious to know more.

The brochure, produced in-house, covers such subjects as Scientologists’ effectiveness against illiteracy in South Africa and Zimbabwe; answers for stress in the workaday world and some impressive facts about the general successfulness of some of the church’s eight million members around the world.

The brochure also notes the expansion of the church, which now consists of 700 churches, missions and centers internationally, operating in 65 different countries.

Developed by world-acclaimed author L. Ron Hubbard, Scientology means literally “knowing how to know.” It provides exact principles and a practical technology for improving one’s confidence, intelligence, abilities and skills, the brochure says.

The goal of Scientology, simply stated, is “A civilization without insanity, without criminals, and without war, where the able can prosper and honest beings can have rights, and where man is free to rise to greater heights.”

For more information about Scientology, call 1-800-334-LIFE.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Breaching the Toxin Barrier Free Book available on the Effects of Drugs and Toxins |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | David Aden |
| Date | August 23rd, 1990 |

Contents:

BOSTON, Aug. 23/PRN - A New England drug-education effort was kicked off this week with the announcement of several donations of the book: Purification: An Illustrated Answer to Drugs by acclaimed author, L. Ron Hubbard. The book provides common sense information about the mental, physical and spiritual effects of drugs.

According to David Aden, spokesman for the Boston Church of Scientology, the book graphically depicts how drugs affect individuals on a short and long term basis.

“Body toxins affect more than just those people who do illegal drugs,” commented Aden. “The polluted oceans, the thinning ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, the smog-laden atmosphere all display man’s penchant for poisoning his planet and himself. This book zeroes in on the problems associated with widespread contact with such biochemical toxins.”

The book is being made available to libraries, parents, teachers and anyone interested in understanding the effects of drugs and toxins.

“The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress - drugs and other biochemical substances,” Hubbard writes. “These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being. That’s the situation today.”

Hubbard’s work on the effects of drugs and toxins began in the 1950’s and culminated with his development and 1979 release of the “Purification Program”, which flushes the body of built-up drugs, toxins, and poisons.

Since that time the program has been administered to over 100,000 people with uniform results.

Dr. Megan Shields, a physician in private practice in Los Angeles, has commented that the Purification Program “is the first and only regimen in existence that has been shown in scientific studies to reduce the level of toxic material stored in the body, and to do so safely and without the administration of any further drugs.”

Those interested in receiving a copy of Purification: An Illustrated Answer to Drugs may obtain one by writing to David Aden, the Church of Scientology of Boston, 448 Beacon St., Boston, Mass., 02115 or by calling to 617-266-9500, ext. 29.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | New national Group seeks to replace Income Tax |
| Source | “Business Wire” |
| Author | Brendan Haggerty |
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Contents:

A newly formed national public interest group, the Citizens for an Alternative Tax System (C.A.T.S.), Thursday announced the start of a campaign to “abolish the current income tax system, along with the abuse-ridden Internal Revenue Service.”

The group advocates replacing the income tax with a national sales tax.

C.A.T.S. claims that per a survey completed earlier this year by the Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations, the majority of Americans are dissatisfied with the current tax system and want a change.

The survey shows 63 percent of the 1,517 surveyed were in favor of a “new national sales tax on all purchases other than food.” Only 24 percent thought that “increasing individual income taxes” was a solution. The remainder didn’t know.

“The current tax system is a deepening swamp of complexity and unfairness, harming the individual and the economy. We are all burdened by the penalties placed upon us by this method of taxation. There is a better way,” said Vic Krohn, executive director of C.A.T.S.

“As a means of funding the federal government, the national sales tax would provide a simple and fair alternative, one which returns to people the power of choice and control over their money, and one which would actually reward hard work, savings and productivity in the U.S.” he said.

Krohn is contributing editor to Freedom, the investigative journal published by the Church of Scientology. Founding members and advisers of C.A.T.S. include attorneys, businessmen and financial experts from cities across the United States.

According to Krohn, the group’s initial support will come from individuals and corporations who see a major change in our national tax system as a vital necessity.

“We have no illusion that this is going to be a short campaign, but the need is urgent, and we have already found strong support,” Krohn said.

C.A.T.S. is preparing a booklet for national distribution documenting the need to replace the income tax with a national sales tax. The booklet will outline how this solution will work.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Taxpayers file Lawsuit to find out if IRS owes them Money |
| Source | “Business Wire” |
| Author | Lisa Lashaway |
| Date | September 19th, 1990 |

Contents:

A lawsuit was filed Tuesday, Sept. 18, charging that the IRS has deliberately withheld documents that show the IRS owes money to Marion and Charles Hefti of Carlinville, Ill.

The lawsuit follows on the heels of last week’s expose by the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers that the IRS could owe as much as \$ 13 billion to taxpayers due to an internal administrative error. The error involves 31 different unsigned “23C” forms, the internal IRS form that validates assessments against taxpayers.

The IRS admitted the error on Sept. 13, but contended that it only owed American taxpayers \$ 22.5 million dollars stemming from thousands of illegal assessments made by IRS officials around the country. A source outside the IRS alleged the error involved around \$1 billion, while another outside source estimated it would cost the IRS between \$1 billion and \$ 3 billion.

The IRS admission followed a media conference by the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers exposing a secret IRS document on the error, as well as the publication of the Church of Scientology’s magazine, Freedom, which first reported that the error could cost as much as \$ 13 billion.

Charles Hefti, a former CBS announcer, and his wife Marion, live in Illinois and own a video production business in St. Louis. They filed their lawsuit in federal district court in Springfield after months of attempting to obtain the IRS Form 23Cs that relate to alleged assessments made against the couple.

The Heftis are fighting in court with the IRS over almost half a million dollars of taxes, interest and penalties from six years’ worth of disallowances by the IRS.

In 1988, the Heftis were audited by the IRS. The revenue agent, however, refused to examine or photocopy the documents with the Heftis CPA and demanded that the couple leave the original financial records with the IRS. Because the IRS falsified the Heftis’ 1980-1982 financial documents, the couple refused to leave their original documents.

Even though there is no law requiring a taxpayer to surrender original documents to the IRS, the IRS went to court and obtained a court order demanding that the Heftis turn over their originals with no safeguards. When they refused, St. Louis Federal Judge George F.

Gunn Jr. ordered the couple arrested, placed in maximum security prison and fined \$38,000.

Charles Hefti spent three weeks in jail while Marion was held for eight days on civil contempt charges. They were released only after a public outcry against the action but were forced to sell their family home to satisfy the alleged IRS assessments.

Subsequently, the Eighth Circuit Appeals Court overturned the IRS Tax Court decision for 1983. The Eighth Circuit ruled that the statute of limitations had expired.

The Heftis then hired access expert Wayne Bentson of Payson, Ariz., to obtain IRS documents under the Freedom of Information Act. In their suit, the Heftis seek Form 23Cs for each year of taxes the IRS collected.

The secret IRS documents recently released by the Whistleblowers organization include admissions that “highly sensitive issues” may be encountered, such as enforced collection action, sales of assets on barred assessments and litigation involving invalid assessments - all of which may have been undertaken by the IRS illegally.

Such illegal action by the IRS could place IRS collection officials in jeopardy of prosecution under IRS Code Section 7214 (a) (2), which provides criminal penalties for any IRS agent “who knowingly demands other or greater sums than are authorized by law....”

“The codes and regulations that the IRS has violated were designed to give the American taxpayer a measure of protection from arbitrary or improper actions by the IRS,” said Paul DesFosses, president of the National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers.

“We look forward to seeing the IRS Form 23Cs, which will be revealed through the Heftis’ suit,” DesFosses said. “This will show how big the problem really is, and I am confident we will find that the IRS actually owes billions of dollars or more to taxpayers for illegal assessments rather than the \$22.5 million they have already admitted owing.”

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | President Buch proclaims religious Freedom Week as Churches proclaim War on Drugs |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Susan Taylor |
| Date | October 1st, 1990 |

Contents:

While President George Bush issued a proclamation designating “Religious Freedom Week,” churches are forming a new army to activate an all-out war on drugs.

The National Council of Churches is planning a summit conference in Washington D.C., this fall. It will mark the first time in its history that the leaders of its 32-member bodies have been called together to map out an assault against drug and alcohol abuse.

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By all indications, “Religious Free Week” in 1991 could become a celebration of the churches’ victory over drugs.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Protest held at Cult Awareness Network Fund-Raiser |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Susan Taylor |
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Contents:

Members of the Religious Freedom Crusade recently held a protest demonstration on Capitol Hill against the Cult Awareness Network (CAN). CAN, whose critics charge it is an anti-religious hate group, was hosting a fund-raiser featuring well-known TV entertainer Steve Allen.

“Can is the KKK of religion,” charged Dr. George Robertson, a Baptist minister. “For years this group has been spreading lies and misinformation about a host of churches around the country. It is an extremist group attempting to subvert fundamental First Amendment guarantees of freedom of religion.”

During the recent protest, participants carried signs saying, “No More Hate Groups - No More CAN,” and “Deprogrammers Go Home.” Deprogramming, the Religious Freedom Crusade said, is a controversial process which often involves kidnapping and detention of individuals for the purpose of forcing these people to denounce their religious beliefs.

The Rev. Robertson stated, “Deprogramming is a vicious attack against a person’s religious freedom and I am surprised that Steve Allen would be associated with a group that touts such an act.” Allen is currently on the advisory board of the National Cult Awareness Network.

Deprogramming has been condemned by a variety of organizations including the National Council of Churches and the American Civil Liberties Union.

According to issues of CAN’s newsletters, faiths that have been targeted by CAN and that have been victims of deprogrammings by CAN members include the Catholics, Episcopalians, Black Hebrews, the Boston Church of Christ, the Church of the Living Word, Christian Scientists, Faith Assembly, Jehovah’s Witness, Potter’s House, Bible Speaks, and hundreds of other churches, large and small, around the country.

At the protest, demonstrators passed out copies of The Crusader, a newspaper published by the Church of Scientology’s Religious Freedom Crusade. The Crusader featured an article on the national president of CAN, Michael Rokos, whose arrest and conviction for “soliciting lewdness” from a young undercover policeman in 1982 on the streets of Baltimore, was recently uncovered.

Rokos, who was promoted as a featured guest at the Capitol Hill fund-raiser with Allen, did not appear.

During Allen's visit to Washington he was met with by a delegation of religious leaders and appraised of the criminal background of the Cult Awareness Network's national leaders including Rokos' sexual arrest.

According to the Religious Freedom Crusade, Ted Patrick, who was instrumental in the formation of CAN in 1974 and named as the "father of deprogramming" was convicted three times; twice for religious kidnappings and once for cocaine possession.

The Rev. Robertson predicted: "Based on the evidence of criminality within CAN that has been uncovered, first with Ted Patrick and later with the convictions of other national deprogrammers and now with CAN's National President Michael Rokos, I would not be surprised if additional crimes surface in the future. What else is going on behind the PR guise of this 'hate group?' An investigation must be done."

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Scientists ask Congress to stop religious Persecution by IRS |
| Source | “Business Wire” |
| Author | Carol Brooks |
| Date | October 11th, 1990 |

Contents:

Sen. Robert Kasten Jr., R-Wis., and Rep. Jim Moody, D-Wis., have written to the Internal Revenue Service on behalf of local members of the Church of Scientology, asking IRS officials to explain the agency’s discrimination against members of the church.

The representatives took the action after receiving numerous letters and visits from constituents, who presented them with documentation of IRS discrimination against church members, including being the target of IRS harrassment.

“Going after ordinary citizens solely on the basis of their religious affiliation is blatant tyranny,” said business owner Loring Ward, a member of the Church of Scientology. “We’re raising this issue for the sake of all religions and all Americans who value religious freedom.”

Members of the Church of Scientology are engaged in a nationwide campaign to bring the issue of IRS religious persecution to the attention of every member of the House and the Senate. To date, an estimated 350 letters have been written to the IRS by congressmen and senators, asking the IRS commissioner to explain his agency’s misconduct and documented violations of constitutional rights.

“We are asking Congress to demand that the IRS commissioner explain why his agency is harrassing church members and what he is doing to stop this practice,” Ward said. “Congress needs to use its oversight power to get the IRS out of the sordid business of attacking members of religious organizations.”

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Congress asked to help stop IRS religious Discrimination |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Cheryl Duncan |
| Date | November 15th, 1990 |

Contents:

Representatives Ted Weiss (D-NY-17) and Norman F. Lent (R-NY-4) have asked IRS officials to explain alleged discrimination by the agency against members of the Church of Scientology. The action was taken on behalf of New York-area parishoners after numerous letters and visits were received from constituents, presenting documentation of IRS discrimination against members of the Church of Scientology.

“Even after an IRS National Office memo instructed IRS agents to stop harassive audits and labelling of Scientologists, New York parishioners still received the brunt of IRS harassive treatment,” stated John Carmichael spokesman of the New York-based Church.

Parishioners of the Church of Scientology have engaged in a nationwide campaign to bring the issue of blatant IRS religious persecution to the attention of every member of the House and Senate. To date, over 400 letters have been sent to the IRS from Congressman and Senators, asking the IRS Commissioner to explain what they consider to be his agency’s misconduct and documented violations of Constitutional rights.

According to David Burnham in his book on IRS abuse, A Law Unto Itself, “The IRS has long exercised significant power over a range of matters that are far removed from the collection of taxes. The IRS does not just enforce the laws in an evenhanded and uniform way.”

“The IRS, when confronted with proof of abuses may backpeddle and promise to change its ways,” concluded Carmichael. “However, the IRS’s history of false assurances and selective treatment of Scientologists is a repeating pattern and the IRS policies responsible for these sort of operations, must be flushed out and this discrimination stopped.”

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | New Stockton Group warns of Prozac Suicide Danger |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | August Murphy |
| Date | November 21st, 1990 |

Contents:

Stockton, Calif., Nov. 21 - A new chapter of the National Prozac Survivors Support Group (PSSG) has been formed in the Stockton area to help Northern Californians who may have become violent or suicidal because of the controversial psychiatric drug Prozac.

Stockton resident Kathi Ranagan said she formed the group after her own “harrowing experience” on the drug.

Ranagan was put on Prozac because she remained distressed over the death of her daughter for some years. No warning of adverse reactions and personality changes were given. Within the first few weeks she said she began having suicidal thoughts and developed an obsessive dislike for her next door neighbor whom, at one point, she intended to kill with a knife. Another neighbor intervened and stopped her.

Another member of the Stockton group, Larry Donovan, was put on Prozac for a painful hyper-extended elbow. Prior to going on Prozac, Donovan had never had any mental problems. After being put on the drug, he experienced wild and destructive personality changes. He said he began to drink and smoke heavily, went on wild spending sprees and exhibited bizarre physical behavior. Five months after throwing the pills away, he is still experiencing twitches and teeth-grinding, symptoms of potential permanent neurological conditions which have been associated with the use of Prozac.

A Harvard Medical School study published in the February edition of the American Journal of Psychiatry documented the ability of Prozac to generate violent and suicidal thought in as many as seven percent of persons taking the drug.

The Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), a watchdog group established by the Church of Scientology to investigate and expose psychiatric violations of human rights, has also repeatedly attacked Prozac as highly dangerous. According to the Executive Director for the commission, Sanford Block, the Harvard study shows that up to 140,000 people in the United States have become violent and suicidal by Prozac. “These people, most of whom have never had any previous record of violence, can explode any moment without provocation,” Block said.

The first PSSG was formed by Janet Sims of Illinois, after she appeared on the nationally televised Geraldo show to discuss her own nightmare on Prozac. Following the show,

hundreds of calls were received in CCHR's toll-free Prozac hotline 800-869-2247 from people who experienced similar violent or suicidal thoughts, permanent neurological damage, severe rash or other damaging effects from the drug. "Prozac is a horror," states Sims. "It deludes people into thinking they are better. Then, it viciously twists a person into suicidal and self-destructive behavior. People have to know how deadly this drug is because it can destroy entire lives."

The Stockton Prozac Survivors Support Group can be contacted by calling 209-339-1065.

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| Category | Other Document Type |
| Title | Saving the Day – And the Christmas Party too |
| Source | “PR Newswire” |
| Author | Cat Tebar |
| Date | December 20th, 1990 |

Contents:

Los Angeles, Dec. 20/PR Newswire - With the help of the Church of Scientology, Santa and Mrs. Claus delivered gifts to more than 350 foster children of the Metro-Crenshaw Foster Parents Association recently, as part of the association’s second annual Christmas party.

According to Nettie Clark, who was having little success in attracting toy contributions by telephone, “The Church of Scientology saved the day.”

The presents were provided through a weeklong toy drive conducted by the church where many community-minded businesses such as Survival Insurance, Executive Software, David Morse and Associates, Sterling Management, Roger Perron General Contractor and Toy Airplane Gliders of America, donated toys or money to turn the party into a success for Los Angeles foster children. Not one of the 350 children left without a doll, toy cars, stuffed animal or other toys in their hands. Participating teens were given radio-watches, jewelry and other gifts.

The Church of Scientology Community Outreach Program has been active since 1981. It has expanded into many different areas of community support including food and clothing for the homeless, toys for the needy children of skid row, entertainment for hundreds of senior citizens’ homes and foster children, raised funds for special programs, and has donated hundreds of pints of blood to the Red Cross.

“The lifeblood of our program is that we really want to make a difference,” stated Cat Tebar, community affairs director for the church. “We’re some the guys who are getting out there and doing something about it. Making Christmas special for all the children of Los Angeles is something we know the community wants to participate in. We make it happen.”

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The Internal Revenue Service put 12 California families out on the streets this Christmas, by selling their homes on the tax collector’s auction block.

Eleven other California families are facing the same fate, after the seizure of their houses by the taxman. The National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers charges that the IRS has been making American families homeless for decades, winning the Scrooge of the Year award from their organization.

“The IRS has taken the art of being a ‘Scrooge’ to new heights this year,” stated Stephen Ford, national investigator for the Whistleblowers. “The IRS has set up in each of the five IRS districts in California, a 24-hour-a-day telephone Seizure and Sales Hotline giving fellow Scrooges the latest on which homes are being siezed or auctioned.”

In California, the IRS is adding to the numbers of homeless individuals and families, having seized 23 homes and auctioning off 12 of those before the Yuletide. The IRS Seizure Hotlines have been found by the Whistleblowers in the western region of the nation. While other IRS District Offices still seem to use public notices to announce auctions of taxpayer’s homes.

Ford stated: “Two years ago, in an attempt to undue the IRS’s Scrooge image, an IRS employee at the Andover Service Center in Massachusetts, got the IRS to join the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. The IRS converted receptacles normally used to collect tax returns, to collect the toys. However, even this bid to undo the IRS’ Scrooge image failed, when the employee resigned.”

The 1988 Taxpayers Bill of Rights was designed to protect the residences of taxpayers from IRS seizure, but a loophole was left in the law that allows an IRS revenue officer to throw the taxpayer out on the streets if they receive permission from an IRS district director.

When the Whistleblowers group analyzed property seizure rates this past year, they found that Austin, Texas, had caught a “seizure fever.” In Austin, the property seizure rate is running 4,100 percent higher than Nashville, Tenn., the district which has the IRS’ lowest confiscation rate. Las Vegas, another high-seizure area of the country, has installed the Seizure Hotlines, too.

However Nevada, unlike California, has no properties on the auction block this holiday season.

The National Coalition of IRS Whistleblowers was founded in 1985 by the Church of Scientology's Freedom Magazine and is composed of former and current IRS employees and concerned citizens. If you are presently having problems with the IRS, the Coalition can be contacted in Washington at 202/328-1638 or in Los Angeles at 213/662-9876.

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