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Dracula's teeth

Scientology is evil. It is a cruel fraud. It cheats its members of money and a whole mind.

Therefore do we rejoice when former members of the cult rise up and strike back at the abomination that has so callously bilked them.

This week a musician, Gabor Szabo, filed suit in Los Angeles against Scientology.

He asks \$21 million in damages. He charges that Scientologists tried to gain control of his career, that they kidnaped him and made him spend \$12,000 on Scientology courses in Clearwater.

Cult representatives deny the charges. They say Szabo voluntarily came to Clearwater and took a drug rehabilitation course.

IN BOSTON this week, two young women filed affidavits accusing the Scientologists of maintaining a sort of concentration camp in the Fort Harrison Hotel.

The women say the cult used the prison area to punish or brainwash members for various shortcomings and offenses.

The affidavits are part of a \$200 million class action lawsuit charging Scientology with fraud.

We hope hundreds of other affidavits and lawsuits are forthcoming.

We also urge that State At-

torney James Russell begin an immediate investigation of charges that persons were chained and otherwise abused on the Fort Harrison property. That is heavy stuff that should—if true—be followed by criminal charges and prosecution.

The best hope of finally crushing Scientology probably lies in successful legal actions that force the cult to pay out millions in damages for the lives and minds the sect has ruined.

Only when the full truth is made known to the world will searching, deluded men and women stop turning to Scientology as an answer to their problems.

When new people stop signing up for courses, the cult will have lost its largest source of funds.

WITHOUT MONEY, Scientology will die.

Genuine churches and religions can not only survive but triumph over poverty and hard times.

But the false church of Scientology was founded to make money. It is a Dracula that can live only by a constant supply of cash from its victims.

With each lawsuit and affidavit that is filed against the cult, another tug and twist is given to the monster's teeth.

BIBLE THOUGHT

Call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me. Ps. 50:15