

The Dialogue Centre

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Further to my call, I enclose details of
DZOGCITEN BEARA. The charges of
abuse were made at a conference at
the LSE on May 3rd entitled NARMS &
Violence put on by INFORT.

The woman who spoke wanted to raise
these issues in the press, but has now
changed her mind.

I just want you to be aware, so that
when others come forward I have the tape
of her talk.

The LAMA who these charges relate to is
SOGYAL RINPOCHE

See also I.T 23/2/95 to show this is
not the only case

Greetings

Mike Gardi

New Religious Movements and Violence

Saturday 3rd May 1997, 9am - 5pm

at

The London School of Economics
(Rooms A42, A44)

Registration Fee: £27.50 (Full-time students £7)
Including buffet lunch, coffee, tea.

- 09.00 - 09.30 ✕ Registration
- 09.30 - 10.15 ✕ Prof. Eileen Barker
General Introduction & Overview
- 10.15 - 11.00 ✕ Damian Thompson
"Millennial Violence: Hollywood's Fault? An examination of the role played by mass entertainment in creating end-time fantasy"

11.00 - 11.30 Tea & Coffee

- 11.30 - 12.00 Jackie Davis (Member of the United Kingdom Churches of Christ)
- 12.00 - 12.45 Dr Bryan R. Wilson
"New Religious Movements & Violence"

12.45 - 14.00 Lunch

- 14.00 - 14.45 Dr J. G. Melton
"From Jonestown to Tokyo: Patterns of Violence in NRMs"
- 14.45 - 15.15 (Ex-member of RIGPA Fellowship)

15.15 - 15.45 Tea & Coffee

- 15.45 - 16.15 Robert Marks (Member of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness - ISKCON)
- 16.15 - 17.00 Panel Discussion (with all speakers)

Lama sued for \$10m by woman who claims to be victim of abuse

IT Thu 23/2/95

By Dick Hogan,
in Cork

A TIBETAN Lama who runs a spiritual retreat centre in the Beara Peninsula, west Co Cork, is being sued in the United States for \$10 million by a woman named as "Janice Doe" who claims she is the victim of sexual harassment, coercion and abuse, as well as assault and battery.

The Dzoghcen Beara Centre, run by the Dzoghcen Beara Trust, at Allihies, has refused to com-

ment on the allegations against the Lama — Sogyal Rinpoche — but Irish friends of the trust have been advised to remember that "allegations are only allegations and as far as we are aware, they have no foundation." A spokesperson at the trust said that there would be no further comment because of the legal implications.

As well as teaching regularly at the centre in the Beara Peninsula, the Lama is the spiritual director of the Rigpa Fellowship in America, which has a widespread following.

It is understood that the fellowship and the Beara centre are separate entities. In a letter to Irish associates of the centre, the Dzoghcen Trust has said that it continues to have confidence in the Lama. "We continue to have full confidence in Sogyal Rinpoche as a spiritual teacher and in his ability to act as spiritual director of the Rigpa Fellowship and Dzoghcen Beara Trust.

"We know that this may be a difficult and challenging time and we want you to know that we are

very concerned that all our friends and members feel supported... As legal proceedings have now been initiated, we believe it would be imprudent to comment freely on these allegations as we would have wished because our words may be distorted or quoted out of context in the lawsuit," the letter said.

In the lawsuit, filed in Santa Cruz, the woman claims that the Rigpa Fellowship is a cult and alleges that as well as being sexually harassed, she has been subjected to physical and mental abuse.