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Police Hold 2 in Raid on 'Dianetics School'

(See Pictures on Pages 20)

Activities of the Detroit Dianetics and Scientology School were under inquiry by police today, with the school's two operators arrested.

Held for investigation of running an unlicensed school and practicing medicine without licenses were Earl Cunard, 8901 Dailey court, and Mrs. Refa Postel, 16543 Oakfield.

Twelve students, eight men and four women, were at a class in Cunard's home when police raided it Wednesday night. They were released after questioning.

"Dianetics" is the brainchild of L. Ron Hubbard, a former science fiction author, who made his theory a national fad with a best-selling book three years ago.

Hubbard contended that by acting as psychoanalysts to one another, laymen could relieve their subconscious minds of painful impressions that cause bodily ills.

By submitting to the direction of a person versed in his theory, a subject could be freed of mental troubles originating from as far back as the prenatal stage, Hubbard wrote.

He said that his system could relieve difficulties ranging from heart ailments to poor eyesight.

ESTIMATE INCOME

Inspector Joseph V. Krug said he would have to confer with the prosecutor before deciding what charges to place against Cunard and Mrs. Postel.

He estimated that the school had been making \$1,500 a month. It had about 50 students, he said.

Cunard and Mrs. Postel charged \$5 an hour for evening classes in dianetics, and \$10 an hour for "auditing", or quasi-psychoanalytical sessions, Krug said.

Mrs. Postel told police that she and another woman organized the school a year ago. Cunard became her partner when the woman withdrew in November, 1952, she said.

RAID WITH WARRANT

Mrs. Postel said she thought that "licenses would not be necessary" for the school.

The raid followed weeks of investigation by Detective Sergeants Josef Van Wie and Raymond Forrestall, Krug said. He obtained a search warrant from Recorder's Judge O. Z. Ide and led eight detectives.

A half dozen devices called "electropsychometers" were confiscated from Cunard's home.

ADMITS HE'S BAPFLED

"These seem to be the gimmicks that perform their miracles for them," Krug said, "but I've no idea how."

Cunard explained that subjects undergoing an "auditing" hold the machines' hand grips (tin cans attached to electrodes).

Impulses registered on the meter show when the questioning has carried the subject back to a crucial epoch in his mental life, Cunard said.

A sound recorder, amplifier, textbooks and the school's accounts also were seized.

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CULT'S RECORDS SEIZED

Police Quiz 2 on Staff Of 'School'

Pupils Instructed In Dianetics

Detroit police Wednesday night seized the books, records and equipment of the Detroit Dianetics and Scientology School at 8901 Dalley Court.

Taken to headquarters for questioning were Earl Cunard, 27, who operates the school at his home, and his assistant, Mrs. Neen Postal, 35, of 16545 Oakfield.

INSPECTOR Joseph Krug, head of the Special Investigation Bureau, said he did not know what charges, if any, would be placed against Cunard and Mrs. Postal.

A search warrant, signed by Recorder's Judge O. E. Ida, stated the complaint as operating a vocational school without a license.

Dianetics, the science of mental health, has been called the "poor man's psychiatry." It sprouted as a fad three years ago on the West Coast.

Krug and six officers questioned Cunard and 12 students for more than an hour and a half at the school, which is in the Grand River-Joy area.

The students were not taken to headquarters.

Mrs. Postal had been picked up earlier in the evening by other officers at her home.

"We have not completed our investigation as yet," Krug said. "Those involved are pretty good people."

Working with Krug was Assistant Prosecutor Sam Brenner, but neither would give any details of what they learned. Krug would say only that he acted on "confidential information."

THE SCHOOL, which reportedly has 50 students, has been operating for more than a year. Lessons are said to cost \$5 each.

Cunard made no statement to reporters.

Dianetics was started in May, 1950, at Los Angeles by L. Ron Hubbard, a former science fiction writer.

Hubbard calls the mental science "the most clearly presented method of psychotherapy and self-improvement ever invented."

Followers of dianetics claim that it can cure psychosomatic ill. A psychosomatic ailment is one that manifests itself physically but stems from the mind.

Hubbard's theory is that the subconscious mind stores away painful experiences, which can affect the body.

The idea is to purge the mind of the painful experiences. So the patient lies down, lets his mind slide back on its time track and relates the painful experiences to an auditor:

THE AUDITOR may be a professional or simply a friend who is versed in the theory of Dianetics.

The theory holds that the patient can think back all the way to his prenatal state and actually remember and repeat things his parents said before he was born.

In this way, according to Hubbard, the mental trouble is removed and the physical ailment disappears.

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BY LOUIS COOK

Free Press Staff Writer

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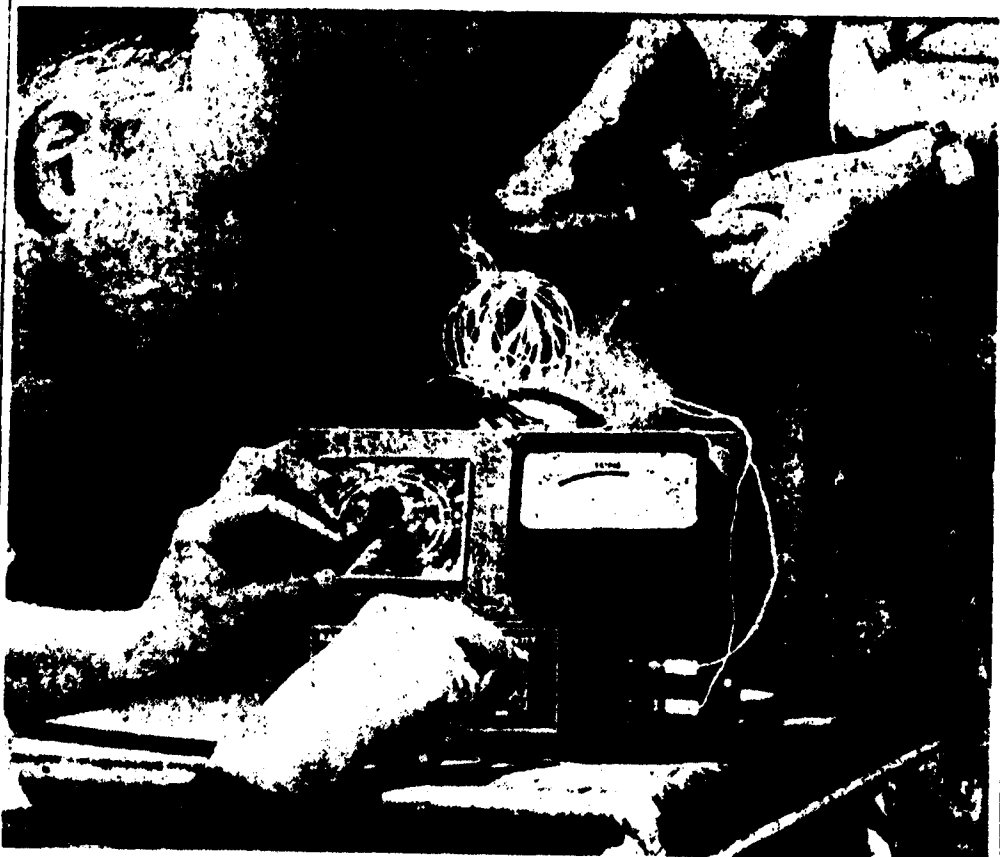
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For the past year there has been a constant stream of visitors to the Dailey Court address, mightily intriguing the neighbors.

Two weeks ago the Detroit Board of Health heard about dianetics. There was a meeting to decide whether the school operators might possibly be practicing medicine without licenses, or operating an unlicensed vocational school.

Dr. Joseph Molner, health commissioner, said Thursday the board asked the Police Department to check the situation.

DR. MOLNER was a little stilled to discover that the two operators had been collared by the law.

The arrests followed two weeks of undercover work by Detective Sgts. Josef Van Wie and Raymond Forrester.

They enrolled as beginners in dianetics. They paid \$5 an hour. They listened to the odd jabberwacky of dianetics, examined some strange devices known to dianeticists as E-meters and decided it was time to call for help.

Help arrived in the persons of Inspector Joseph Krug, of the Special Investigation Squad, and eight detectives.

They seized Cunard, Mrs. Postel and six E-meters and questioned 12 men and women in the Wednesday night class before turning them loose.

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tain publicity for dianetics by going to jail for the sake of scientology.

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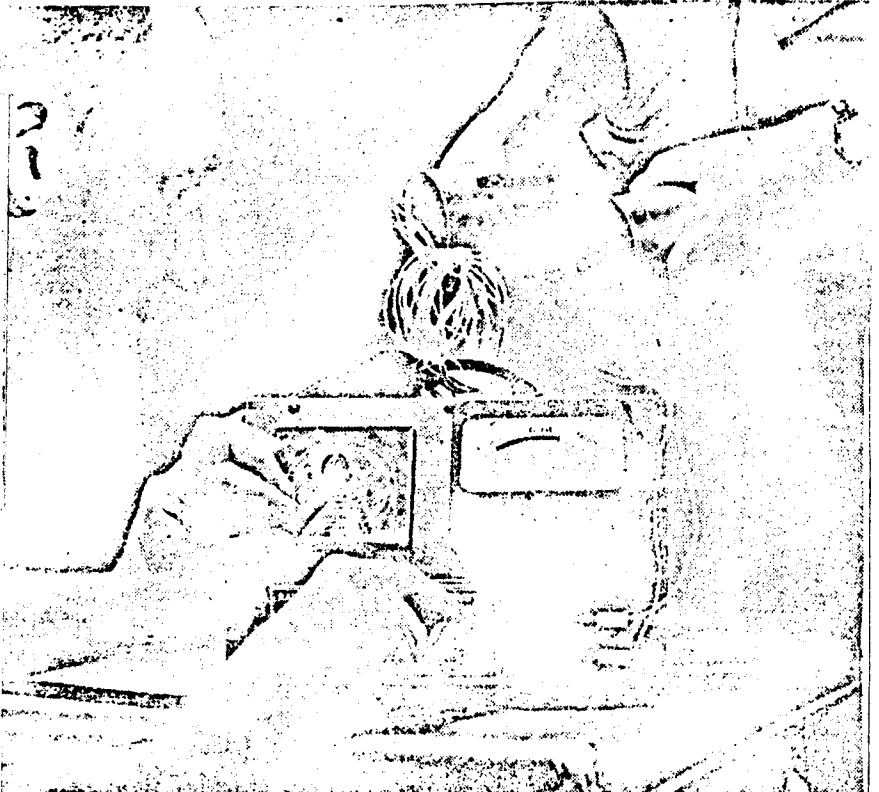
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Cult Leaders Dodge Questions:

'Cure-all' Machine Like Lie Detector

By Jack Pickering

Police took a machine seized from a mental health cult and used it—with mild success—as a lie detector today.

Two teachers of the cult were out on \$1,000 bond each today, while police delved deeper into the cult's activities.

They are Earl Cunard, 27, of 8901 Dailey court, and Mrs. Refa Postel, 45, of 16545 Oakfield, wife of an engineer for an industrial firm.

They were arrested Wednesday night when police raided the "Detroit School of Dianetics and Scientology" at Cunard's address.

Both police and Dr. Joseph G. Moirer, Detroit commissioner of health, described the cult's machine, which cultists call an "electropsychometer," as a very elementary lie detector.

Used as Lie Detector

Inspector Joseph Krug of the police special investigation squad and Inspector Albert Langtry of the police scientific laboratory hitched up the machine with its tin cans for electrodes, and used it as a lie detector.

Electrically, Langtry said, it is simply a micrometer which measure very small electric currents. Knobs on the machine, which is about the size of a small radio set, are used to vary the sensitivity of the contraption.

Two wires run from the machine to two empty tin cans which the patient holds in his hands.

Electrically, what happens is that a very small current runs through the patient's arms, far too feeble to be felt. I the palms of his hands sweat, the current flows more easily than it could through dry skin.

Records Responses

This tiny change in current shows up on the dial of the meter.

This method is one that is used in lie detectors by police everywhere—only the police don't depend on it alone. They also measure blood pressure and respiration.

As most people now know, a "lie detector" doesn't actually detect lies. It records the automatic physical responses, in the breathing, or the sweat glands, that result from any emotional

disturbance. Telling a lie is, for most people, an emotional disturbance.

Mental Upset Theory

Inspector Krug said that the two arrested "Dianetics teachers" had explained, in rough terms, how their method is supposed to work. He said:

"They explain it this way. They believe that they can cure ulcers or arthritis or tuberculosis or headaches in the belief that diseases all come from some sort of mental problems.

"They take a patient and talk to him, and they get a reaction on the meter when the patient mentions his Uncle John. Well, maybe the patient kicked Uncle John years ago, and this is preying on his mind. When he finds out what is really bothering him, he is supposed to be able to cure himself."

Goes to Extremes

Medical men for years have been pointing out that some illnesses can be caused or influenced by mental upsets, but they also point out that genuinely physical ailments should be found and treated first, before hunting for the so-called "psychosomatic" or mentally-inspired symptoms.

Apparently the "dianetics" cult jumps clear over that phase of healing, and assumes that because some symptoms come from worry or mental problems, that all can be treated that way with their tin can lie detector.

The two "teachers" didn't seem much inclined to talk, however.

Cunard promised the Times to answer questions "as soon as I get some lunch."

Ducks Questions

Instead he promptly disappeared, and it was learned later that he had hustled over to an attorney's office.

Reached finally at Mrs. Postel's

home, he ducked all questions.

The conversation:

Q—Does your machine really do anything?

A—You'd have to get ahold of one of the advertisements.

Q—Don't you know? Who wrote the advertisements?

A—Mr. Mathison, Volney Mathison, in California, who makes them."

Q—What will your method cure?

A—I'd rather not answer that.

The attorney said he would be our representative.

The attorney said he hadn't had enough time, and didn't know enough about the case to answer any questions yet.

Lessons \$5, \$10

Which seemed to leave the police the only ones able to "interpret" the cult which gives lessons to beginners at \$5, and to advanced students at \$10, and a "bachelor of scientology" for \$500 in a two-month course in Philadelphia.

Inspector Krug and Sgts. Joseph Van Wie and Raymond Forrestal said they hoped to contact, either directly or through newspapers, some of the pupils and patients of the "dianetics" system. Said Krug:

"We can promise not to embarrass them by publicity, but we would like to have some of them give us what information they can about this operation."

12 Pupils Found

Twelve pupils who were in the "school" when police raided it were given precisely that type of protection, police refusing to give out their names.

Officers were astonished at the apparent wealth of some of the pupils, and added that a number of them were successful business people, dentists and nurses.

They could not understand, they said, how so many could be found who would accept the mumbo-jumbo of the "dianetics" system.

Dianetics Pupil Was Policeman.

The investigation which led to the closing of the "Detroit School of Dianetics" turned up a former patrolman who was a follower of the cult, Deputy Supt. Kennedy Lawrence said today.

Patrolman Ernest D. Wirick, 38, of 15853 Fairmount resigned March 20 after special investigation squad detectives accidentally turned up his name as a devotee of dianetics.

Asked if dabbling in dianetics was a crime, Lawrence said:

"I wouldn't say that, but what do you think?"

Wirick, on the force six years and a specialist with the drunkometer test, declined to comment.

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Policeman Forfeits Job for Dianetics

When dianetics interferes with a policeman's job, one of them has to go. In this case it was the policeman.

He is Ernest D. Wirick, 38, of 15853 Fairmount, a member of the Detroit School of Dianetics and Scientology, which was raided Wednesday night, and a drunkometer expert for the Police Department for the last four years.

Wirick resigned last week, it was learned today, after being

called on the carpet for letting his interest in the fad interfere with his police duties.

No charges were brought against him.

He said he "may have some-

thing to say later" about his resignation.

Police have been given two weeks by Recorder's Judge W. McKay Skillman to decide whether they have a case against the school's operators, Mrs. Refa Postel, of 16545 Oakfield, and Earl Cunard, 8601 Dalley Court. They were arrested for investigation of running an unlicensed school and practicing medicine without a license.

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Dianetics to Get Test in Court

THE SO-CALLED "science" of dianetics will be explored in Recorder's Court April 21.

That is the date set by Judge George Murphy for examination of charges against Earl Cunard and Mrs. Refa Postel, whose Detroit Dianetics and Scientology School, 2901 Dalley court, was closed by a police raid last March 25.

Cunard and Mrs. Postel are accused of conspiracy, practicing medicine without a license and operating a vocational guidance school without a license.

They pleaded innocent when arraigned Thursday before Judge Murphy and are free under \$1,000 bonds.

EXPLAINS THEORY

MEANWHILE, one of the detectives who enrolled as a "student" and later took part in the raid, Sergt. Josef Van Wie of the Special Investigation Bureau, explained some aspects of dianetics he expects to be brought out in the court hearing.

All humans not devotees of dianetics, he said, are called "pre-clears." After a beginner's course, they are called "clears."

After becoming expert, and able to understand "theta waves," combining time and thought, they are called "theta clears."

ABLE TO LEAVE BODY

"A THETA CLEAR is the ultimate," he said, "and theoretically able to leave his body at will and go backward in time and space. One tenet is that the human body is merely a temporal case or abode for the human spirit."

"Some dianetics addicts believe that flying saucers are manned by theta clears from other planets."

Van Wie emphasized that scientific status of dianetics itself is not at issue in the case.

"Apparently," he conceded, "it does a lot of good for some people. It is not for me to com-

pare it with the sciences of psychology and psychiatry."

USE PSYCHOANALYSIS

PART OF dianetics teaching, he said, involves a sort of applied psychoanalysis, administered to each other by students holding hands. Once a pupil becomes a "clear," he said, he is supposed to be forever free of mental or physical ailments.

A former police officer, Ernest D. Witek, 1553 Fairmount, a dianetics pupil, who resigned from the force three days before the police investi-



DIANETICS IN COURT—Earl M. Cunard and Mrs. Refa Postel, operator of a dianetics school, pleaded innocent when arraigned on charges of conspiracy to practice medicine without a license and running an unlicensed vocational school.—News Photo.

gation began, will not be called in the case, Van Wie said.

Cunard, 35 who lives at the Dalley court address, gave his occupation as "unlicensed doctor" when arrested. Mrs. Postel, 45, of 16545 Oakfield, said she was a "scientologist."

She also protested that police and employes at the Wayne County Building, where she registered the school, both told her "we did not need any licenses."

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Dianetics Pair Pleads Innocent

Denies Practicing Medicine Illegally

Two operators of the Detroit School of Dianetics and Scientology pleaded innocent Thursday to charges which grew from a police raid March 25.

They were Mrs. Refa Postal, 45, of 18545 Oakfield, and Earl Cunard, 24, of 8901 Dailey Court, where the school is located.

They were accused of conspiring to practice medicine without a license and conspiracy to operate a private trade school without a license.

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DIANETICS is a mental health pastime which has been called "poor man's psychoanalysis."

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All, police were told, were "pre-clears"—the elementary stage of dianetics.

More advanced stages are theta clear and cleared theta clear.

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THE THEORY of dianetics is that impressions (engrams) are recorded on protoplasm. Maladjustments result from stored-up and almost forgotten bad experiences.

By talking with another dianetics devotee (auditing, emotional upsets are relieved and the patient may ultimately become "clear," advocates contend.

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ON GUARD FOR 137 YEARS

1953 ? APRIL ?

Court Bars 2 Dianetics Practitioners

The proprietors of a dianetics school today were on two-year probation, with court orders to stay out of business or go to prison.

They are Earl Cunard, 8901 Dailey court, and Mrs. Refa Postel, 16545 Oakfield. Their so-called Detroit Dianetics and Scientology School was operated in Cunard's home until police raided it last March 25.

In Recorder's Court yesterday, both pleaded guilty to operating a trade school without a license.

DROP OTHER CHARGES

More serious charges of conspiracy and practicing medicine without a license were dropped, over police protests, on the motion of William A. Flanigan, assistant prosecutor.

He said the other charges were "difficult to prove."

"The main objective was to put them out of business," Flanigan said. "This has been done—for two years, at least."

SENTENCED BY RICCA

Judge John A. Ricca sentenced Cunard and Mrs. Postel after accepting their pleas.

Dianetics, the brainchild of L. Ron Hubbard, former science fiction writer, contends that people can relieve their minds of painful impressions which cause bodily ills by psychoanalyzing each other.

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RETURN TO TOMORROW. By
L. Ron Hubbard. Ace Books. 157
pp. \$25. "As mass approaches the
speed of light, time approaches
zero." Or, in fictional terms, a
spaceship, moving as fast as light,
for a round trip of two years,
say, returns to earth to find two
or three centuries elapsed. The
crew? Why, flying Dutchmen, of
course, or wandering Jews. Inter-
esting. - FRED S. HOLLEY.

House Owner Sues Church

A \$9,000 DAMAGE suit was brought yesterday in superior court here against L. Ron Hubbard, the Church of Scientology, and others.

Mrs. Estrid Anderson Humphrey, formerly of Paradise Valley and now of Addicks, Tex., brought the suit through her attorney, George Botsford of Scottsdale.

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THE SUIT contends that Mrs. Humphrey's Paradise Valley house was extensively damaged by "persons" the suit charged "with seriously deranged minds" who were placed there for care and treatment.

It charges these deranged persons broke windows, tore out entire window casements, pulled loose electrical fixtures, tore and broke great

holes in the walls and ceilings, tore and broke off doors, screen doors, and cabinets, and did other serious damage.

Named as defendants with Hubbard are several persons connected with the Church of Scientology at 806 N. Third St., the church, and other corporations headed by Hubbard.

THE SUIT says that on Nov. 10, 1954, Leigh Tucker and Johnny Franklin leased the property as agents for Hubbard and the corporations.

Asked about the allegations in the suit, Hubbard said he had no official connection with the operation of the home.

Mrs. Humphrey asks \$4,500 actual damages and \$4,500 punitive damages.

Woman Sues Over Damage To Property

The Church of Scientology and others are named defendants in a \$9,000 suit filed in superior court over asserted damage to a Paradise Valley home.

George Botsford, Scottsdale attorney, brought the action for Mrs. Estrid Anderson Humphrey, formerly of Paradise Valley and now of Addicks, Tex.

Other defendants include the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation, Hubbard Association of Scientologists International, and L. Ron Hubbard Sr.

BOTSFORD CLAIMS Mrs. Humphrey's Paradise Valley house and property were extensively damaged by one or more persons with assertedly deranged minds who allegedly were placed upon the premises for care and treatment.

Named as defendants with Hubbard are several persons connected with the Church of Scientology which formerly was located at 806 N. Third St.

The suit alleges on Nov. 10, 1954, Johnny Franklin and Leigh Tucker, then known as Leigh Tucker, entered into a rental agreement with Mrs. Humphrey on the property.

MRS. HUMPHREY alleges glass was broken from the windows in the house and that casements were torn out, that electric fixtures were destroyed or pulled loose, and that holes were torn in the walls and ceilings.

Attempts to locate Hubbard failed but he was quoted as saying he had no official connection with the operation of the home.

REPUBLIC 28 JUN 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

\$9,000 Suit Settled Here

The \$9,000 damage suit against L. Ron Hubbard, the Church of Scientology, and others was settled yesterday in public court. Terms of the settlement were not disclosed.

The suit was filed by Mrs. Estrid Anderson Humphrey, former Paradise Valley resident, through her attorney, George Botsford of Scottsdale. The suit filed by Mrs. Anderson, who now resides in Abilene, Tex. She alleged that her Paradise Valley house and property were extensively damaged by "persons with seriously deranged minds" who were placed there for treatment.

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Scientology Suit Settlement Made

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Mrs. Estrid Anderson Humphrey, formerly of Paradise Valley and now of Abilene, Tex., there for treatment. The settlement terms were not made public.

Sunday, September 4, 1955

Scientology Practitioner

Phoenix Man Jailed On Medicine Charge

By JACK KARIE

A practitioner of the Church of Scientology was jailed here yesterday on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Edd Clark, 36, of 1811 N. First Ave., was named in a five-count complaint filed before Justice of the Peace Stanley Kimball.

Clark was released after making \$1,000 bond.

County Attorney William P. Mahoney Jr. said Clark's arrest culminated a six-month investigation made by his office, city police, and sheriff's deputies.



Clark

Clark, who claims to be nearly blind, readily admitted having conference with a Phoenix police woman and with a secretary from the prosecutor's office, police said.

Mahoney said Clark told him that, "after helping" the two women he accepted payments from them, but he asserted that the money represented contributions to the Church of Scientology.

DETECTIVE Romona Wacker and Eythel Deuel were the two women used in the investigation of Clark's activities.

Both women declared they told Clark they wanted him to help them clear up their headaches and other aches and pains (all non-existent ailments).

Miss Deuel said she asked Clark how much it would cost to clear up her headaches.

"He told me that the amount was entirely up to me to decide on," she said. "Later I gave him a check for \$25."

MRS. WACKER said she paid Clark a total of \$30.

The arrested man said he received a bachelor of science degree after studying five months at the Hubbard Association of Scientologists, International, at Puget Sound near Seattle, according to the police.

He said he came here to study at the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation which then had its national headquarters in Phoenix, police reported.

L. Ron Hubbard, foundation head, recently moved the headquarters to Washington, D. C., officers said Clark told them.

Clark said he changed his pro-

fession from a music teacher to minister because "I really believe in dianetics, which is merely a modern science of mental health," police quoted him.

CLARK officers said denied that he had offered to treat the women, but said he told them he would show them the way to help themselves.

"I used techniques of Scientology in an attempt to help them," Clark told the police. "I used the theory of present time awareness on them—first making sure they realized where they were and why."

GAZETTE 5 SEP 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Medicine Charge Filed; Bond Given

A man accused here of practicing medicine without a license was free today on \$1,000 bond after being named in a complaint filed in Northwest Phoenix Precinct Court.

He is Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave., who allegedly accepted payments totaling \$55 from a police woman and a secretary from the county attorney's office.

Romona Wacker, the police woman, and Eythel Deuel, the secretary, said they made the payments to Clark after accepting his advice on how to cure their nonexistent ailments. Clark claims to be a practitioner of the Church of Scientology. He says he practices dianetics, which he describes as application of mental health principles.

GAZETTE 8 SEP 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Practitioner's Hearing Is Set

Preliminary hearing for a practitioner of the Church of Scientology who has been accused of practicing medicine without a license has been set for 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave. is accused in a complaint of accepting money from a police woman and a secretary for the county attorney's office for treating nonexistent ailments the women complained of to him.

GAZETTE 13 SEP 1955

PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Court Action Is Planned In Clark Case

Edd Clark, 56, who claims to be a practitioner of the Church of Scientology, faces superior court action on charges of practicing medicine without a license.

ARRESTED earlier this month after a police woman and a secretary from the county attorney's office assertedly paid him a total of \$55 for treatments. Clark, of 1814 N. First Ave., remains free on \$1,000 bond.

He was held to answer to the charges yesterday by Justice of the Peace Stanley Kimball in Northwest Phoenix Precinct Court.

KIMBALL denied motions by Clark's attorney, Harry Stewart, to dismiss the accusations on grounds that Clark's arrest was an infringement of religious freedom. As a practitioner of the Church of Scientology, Clark says he practices dianetics, which, he says, is the application of mental health principles.

A motion to see the state's evidence was also dismissed by Kimball.

GAZETTE 10 SEP 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA



Accused of practicing medicine without a license, Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave., will appear for preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Stanley Kimball at 7:30 a.m. Monday. Clark, a practitioner for the Church of Scientology, is free on \$1,000 bond. Hearing was postponed from yesterday when a court reporter could not be secured.

REPUBLIC 14 SEP 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Defendant To Contend Interviews Lawful

An attorney for Edd Clark, practitioner for the Church of Scientology, indicated he will contend Clark's interviews with two women informers didn't constitute practicing psychiatry.

The 58-year-old Clark, who lives at 1811 N. First Ave., was held yesterday for superior court action on a felony charge of practicing medicine (psychiatry) without a license.

Justice of Peace Stanley Kimball released him under \$1,000 bond.

CIRCA SEP 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
NEWSPAPER

Medicine Case Plea Is Filed

Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave., a minister in the Church of American Science, pleaded innocent today to charges of practicing medicine without a license.

SUPERIOR COURT Judge Fred J. Hyder set trial for Nov. 16. Harry Stewart, attorney for Clark, was granted 20 days to file motions challenging the information.

He indicated he will challenge the case as an invasion of the province of religion, which is protected by the U.S. Constitution.

Stewart said Clark is a minister of the Church of American Science, that he is a practitioner in the church, and is practicing scientology, which he said, is basically the application of mental health.

STEWART ALSO said Clark is completely blind in one eye and has no perceptive vision in the other.

Clark was arrested earlier this month after a policewoman and a secretary from the county attorney's office assertedly paid a total of \$55 for treatments. Clark is free on \$1,000 bond.

REPUBLIC 21 SEP 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Clark Trial Set Nov. 16

Edd Clark, 56, a minister in the Church of American Science, will go on trial Nov. 16 in superior court on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Clark, 1811 N. First Ave., appeared yesterday before Superior Judge Fred L. Hyder and pleaded innocent to the charge.

He was arrested early this month after a policewoman and a secretary in the office of County Attorney William P. Mahoney Jr., charged they paid him \$55 for treatment of non-existent ailments.

Harry Stewart, attorney for Clark, was granted 20 days in which to file motions attacking the complaint lodged against Clark by Charles C. Stidham, chief deputy criminal court attorney.

Stewart said Clark is both a minister and a practitioner in the Church of American Science. He practices scientology, which is basically the application of mental health, the attorney added.

Stewart said he would attack the complaint on the grounds it is an invasion of the constitutional freedom of religion.

CIRCA NOV 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA
NEWSPAPER

Continuance In Clark's Trial Sought

A motion for continuance in the trial of Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave., a minister in the Church of American Science, was to be heard today. Trial is set for tomorrow.

CLARK IS charged with practicing medicine without a license. Harry A. Stewart Jr., attorney for the minister, asked the continuance, stating that he wishes to withdraw as counsel.

Clark's trial will be extremely lengthy, with involved legal problems, and the defendant needs additional time for himself and a new attorney to properly prepare the case, Stewart stated.

He said the reason he had not presented his petition earlier was that he was ill and out of his office.

CLARK WAS arrested in September after a policewoman and a secretary from the county attorney's office assertedly paid him a total of \$55 for treatments.

Stewart said after the trial setting that Clark is a minister of the Church of American Science, and that he was practicing scientology which, he said, is basically the application of mental health.

GAZETTE 16 NOV 1955
Phoenix, Arizona

Edd Clark Trial Is Postponed

Trial of Edd Clark, 56, of 1811 N. First Ave., a minister in the Church of American Science, scheduled today, was continued to Jan. 3.

Clark is charged with practicing medicine without a license. Superior Court Judge Fred J. Hyder granted the continuance at the request of Harry A. Stewart, attorney for the minister.

REPUBLIC NOV 1955
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Minister's Trial Reset Here

Trial of Edd Clark, 56, a minister in the Church of American Science, yesterday was reset for Jan. 3 by Superior Judge Fred J. Hyder.

Clark, who resides at 1811 N. First Ave., was scheduled to go on trial yesterday on a charge of practicing medicine without a license.

Harry A. Stewart Jr., attorney for Clark, advised Judge Hyder he had been ill several weeks and had been unable to properly prepare his client's defense.

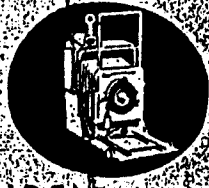
Charles C. Stidham, chief deputy criminal county attorney, did not oppose the defense motion.

Clark was taken into custody in September after a secretary in the county attorney's office and a policewoman allegedly paid him \$55 for treatments.

RUSSIA DROPPED

OSLO—The Norwegian Folk Vacations organization recently canceled two tourist trips to the Soviet Union for lack of interest. Now it has dropped plans for winter excursions to Russia for the same reasons.

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'Diploma' Witness Won't Talk

Joseph Hough, president of Fremont College and of Sequoia University on Melrose Ave., refused today to tell Assembly "diploma mill" investigators anything about his activities.

Hough stood on the Fifth Amendment 22 times today and the First Amendment once as he refused to answer questions by Jim Loebl, counsel for the subcommittee.

He also refused to tell if he had purchased a medical degree from the Free University of Mexico (Universidad de Libre Mexicana) in 1938.

Another witness told of buying a medical degree from the same Mexican institution for \$1100 through the mails and was granted a license to practice medicine and surgery in one Mexican state.

William B. Buchanan followed Hough to the witness stand in the State Bldg. after Hough refused to tell if he bought a degree from Adolph Osterveen, president of the Mexico university.

Buchanan of McFarland, Cal., said he bought his medical degree from Osterveen, and also a D.C. degree from the same man for \$300 in 1952.

The witness said he also bought a Ph.D. degree from the Sierra School of Los Angeles and another degree from Golden State University for \$200.

"I paid around \$2000 for various degrees merely by sending for them in the mail," Buchanan said.

He said he formerly was a herbiologist and naturopath and got the degrees to "influence my work."



Experiments to revolutionise gardening are being made at Saints Hill by American scientist Dr. Ron Hubbard. These tomato and sweet corn plants have already reached a height of 16 feet and completely dwarf Dr. Hubbard's son Quinton. He hopes to produce a tomato tree

His tomatoes keep on growing — to 16 feet

EXPERIMENTS being conducted by a nuclear scientist at Saint Hill Manor, East Grinstead, could have far-reaching effects on agriculture. Some of his tomato plants are growing from ten to 16 feet high!

One most interesting discovery of Dr. Ron Hubbard is a method of curing and preventing mildew in greenhouses.

Dr. Hubbard, who works in greenhouses fitted almost as laboratories, said this week that market gardeners had lost thousands of pounds through mildew.

"An infra-red ray lamp inserted in the greenhouse is a complete protection against mildew and a cure if it has already started to affect the plants," he said.

"The cost is no problem either. Once the lamps have been bought the running expense amounts to only a few pence each day."

FRUIT CALORE

In his tomato experiment, Dr. Hubbard claims that his plants, growing to a height of ten to 16ft., are ever-bearing.

By treating tomato seeds with radio-active rays he can produce a freak strain of tomato that grows rapidly and produces five times the normal amount of fruit.

His plants contain approximately

15 trusses with 45 tomatoes to each truss.

But Dr. Hubbard's experiments do not end there. In another of his greenhouses is sweet corn, which, under normal conditions grows to a height of four to five feet, its leaves being used as fodder.

MORE FODDER

Dr. Hubbard's sweet corn, treated with radio-activity, has shot up to a height of 12 feet, with 38 days' growth still left.

"Just think of the increase in the amount of fodder from each plant, also the increase in the amount of sweet corn. It represents about five times the normal quantity," he said.

Dr. Hubbard is also experimenting with the effect of light on plants and the growth of plants by light alone.

Agricultural authorities are following Dr. Hubbard's experiments with great interest. He claims to be working 20 years' in advance of present methods.

Dr Hubbard seen by TV millions

B. B.C. television viewers saw on Monday evening in the Cliff Michelmore "Tonight" programme the revolutionary horticultural scientist, Dr. Ron L. Hubbard, introduced to the gardening world several months ago by *Garden News*.

But it is comparatively recently that *Garden News* revealed the results of the latest experiments carried out by this rich, self-exiled American scientist working at East Grinstead, Sussex, when we published his latest discovery under the heading "Plants do worry and feel pain."

And it was this discovery that took interviewer Alan Whicker to East Grinstead. There, Dr. Hubbard demonstrated his experiments with an electric galvanometer on a geranium plant. The reaction of the plant to the threat or "fear of death" as Dr. Hubbard put it, was shown by the oscillation of the needle on the galvanometer.

Tongue-in-cheek

The tongue-in-cheek approach of the interviewer largely lost its effect due to the quiet and unexcited response of the scientist who refused to be drawn into admissions which might have labelled him "crank."

Dr. Hubbard successfully side-stepped the query on whether he thought that roses should not be pruned lest it caused them pain and anxiety and drew the parallel with a necessary operation on a human being.

Viewers had good scenes of the large experimental laboratory and gardens at East Grinstead and must have formed a favourable impression on this most likeable and confident personality.