

ondary engrams to clear up present time before going for prenatal engrams.

Not the same thing? The h--- it's not!

We've changed names on it, and we've gotten some extended concepts of just what we are working with, but a conscientious auditor working with only the first book, and a clear-cut knowledge of the chapter on Emotion and the Life Force, will produce an operating thetan just as surely as anyone else by later means.

Here's the new book - with two routes; one for low toned preclears, and one for high toned preclears.

The stumbling block is at step 4 - "Exteriorize". If the preclear does, carry on with route one.

You watch and see auditors taking every kind of low toned preclear straight through on route one techniques, completely ignoring the BASIC DATA, and plunging in to use every conniving trick in the book to get the poor cuss more involved in heavy facsimiles that he is already dramatizing and can't knock out!

What Ron means here is that you take a high toned preclear, and if he can exteriorize, run route one.

Such people constitute a mighty small minority in our population. The rest you run on route two, whether they exteriorize or not!

(To be continued)

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This issue of BDR is a controversial one. We do not ask you to agree with what we have written. But we do ask you to read the contents carefully, appraise them thoroughly and form your own opinions, irrespective of what Authorities say, on the matters at issue for they are of vital importance to the future of Scientology.

Whether you agree with us or not, we welcome your comments.

of view of numbers attending and financially (we have no doubts about the quality of the tapes which will be played there) it will do a great deal towards putting Scientology on the map.

What is necessary to ensure this success? Simply a good attendance! And this means that not only you and you and you must do your best to be there, but that you must publicise it so that many of your friends and acquaintances are there too - people who have had nothing to do with Scientology before. Now is the time to start interesting all sorts of people in the London Scientology Congress, January 1955.

London H.A.S. Bans Communication With BDR

No doubt many of our readers have seen the following notice which appeared at the foot of a circular letter sent out from the London H.A.S. dated 1st November and signed by Ray Kemp: "IN ORDER TO AVOID GIVING THE IMPRESSION THAT THE HUBBARD ASSOCIATION OF SCIENTOLOGISTS SUPPORTS THE THEORIES ON DIANETICS AND SCIENTOLOGY EXPOUNDED IN THE BRISTOL DIANETICS REVIEW, ALL MEMBERS OF STANDING ARE ASKED TO REFRAIN FROM CONTRIBUTING TO THAT PUBLICATION."

Raymond Kemp has written a good deal of the material dealing with current Scientology in BDR during the last nine months and we are sorry that he should take this attitude towards our paper. We regret that he should withdraw, especially in such terms, as we have enjoyed his articles and thought them full of good, sound sense; we know that a number of our readers have found them valuable both from the point of view of exposition and in their useful practical advice. We will take this opportunity of thanking him publicly for what he has done for BDR.

However, this H.A.S. ban on communication does raise a

A n A p o l o g y

We have had one letter criticising our editorial "Penny Plain, Twopence Coloured" last month. While we think our correspondent unduly harsh in describing it as "scurvy and untrue in its implications", it does seem that we may have jumped too rapidly to one conclusion, and that there may be other constructions of Mr Hubbard's remarks, to which we took exception, with which we are not familiar.

If we have done Mr Hubbard an injustice by our remarks, we apologise and withdraw them unreservedly.

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A Prophecy Fulfilled

In his article "The New Look" (October BDR), Raymond Kemp said: "1956 Congress in the Festival Hall is well within the realms of probability". We are happy to announce that he has told us that this prophecy has come true a year earlier than he opined. The third congress will be held in the Royal Festival Hall from 16th to 19th January 1955. Tickets will include a Buffet Dance at the Royal Festival Hall Restaurant, and meals will be provided during the congress. Further details will be issued by the H.A.S. in due course.

We are sure that all our readers will agree with us that this is wonderful news, and will join us in wishing the H.A.S. a resounding success with the congress.

This ambitious venture on the part of the H.A.S. is real reaching out. If the congress is a success from the point

very important question in our mind'. Are we, in fact, providing what our readers want, and have we been acting in the best interests of Scientology by publishing what we have? We must emphasise most strongly that it is our firm resolve to do our best for the stable and sane growth of Scientology. We are not conducting a guerilla campaign against the H.A.S. or Mr Hubbard, and we have no intention of becoming a rallying point for dissidents. Furthermore, we do not intend to be forced into the position of appearing to do so; rather than let this happen, we would close BDR down.

If the majority of our readers consider that we are not assisting the development of Scientology on a sane and stable footing, we shall be very glad to modify our present line or even to cease publication should that be the way in which our readers consider that we can best serve the interests of Scientology.

W h a t D o Y o u T h i n k ?

In order that we may gauge the feelings of our readers on this matter, we ask every one of you to answer the following questions. Just write on a postcard with your name and address:

- (1) YES or NO.
 - (2) YES or NO.
 - (3) YES or NO. Send it to us as soon as possible.
- Of course, if you like to comment more fully, especially in answer to question (4), we shall be very glad, as always, to have your letters.

These are the questions we should like you to answer:

- (1) I think BDR should continue on present lines YES/NO.
- (2) I think BDR should continue, but without news items or critical comments. YES/NO.
- (3) I think that the best interests of Scientology would

be served by BDR ceasing publication. YES/NO.
 (4) I would like to see BDR run on the following lines:
 (All suggestions welcomed).

As this is a matter which concerns the future of BDR, we appeal to all readers to send us their views soon.

A L e t t e r T o R a y m o n d K e m p

We have had a letter from Raymond Kemp and, as it is written in a rather personal vein, we will not publish it though we do not wish to give the impression that we are suppressing what he has to say by this action, and we shall be glad to publish any statement that he gives us for that purpose.

We have replied to him as follows:

11th November 1954.

"Dear Raymond,

Many thanks for your letter of the 8th, and I hope that things go well with you on the clinical course.

I have told you that I am pro-Scientology 100% and this is as true today as it was two years ago, perhaps even more so. I have no reservations about the techniques disclosed in the current Auditor's Handbook or the goals of Scientology, or rather, what I conceive to be the goals of Scientology in the way of theta clearance. However, this does not mean that I have to accept the various displays of ineptness by the H.A.S.I. and the H.A.S. It appears to me, as it appears to many others, that there is an increasing discrepancy between the goals of these organisations and the goals of Scientology, though the former should exist to promote the latter.

As to your article being the only one on Scientology in the last BDR (there were only two articles), this is unfortunately true and you are aware of the difficulties I have had to obtain contributions to BDR. I have told you that many Scientologists are ready to criticize the contents of BDR, but will not write articles to put over the points they wish to make or even letters criticizing what they don't like.

With regard to the article "Calculating Boys" - 'a poor thing, but mine own' - you say 'what has this to do with Scientology or Dianetics?' Well, I should have thought that the association was obvious, here is data on a class of people who have no barriers in a particular direction, are we not trying to remove barriers? So, surely, any data bearing on this subject is of interest to the field? (See P.S.)

I would like nothing more than to devote the whole of BDR to discussion of Dianetics and Scientology, but the current material is so hedged around with copyrights, restrictions as to who may use it and awful warnings that it is difficult to know what we may print.

You write as though our publication of Henrietta Hubbard's letter of 9th October caused the enturbulation in the field, the fact is that the majority of our readers had already received the letter, we had already had adverse criticisms of it and so considered it a matter for comment. I certainly did not think to question it with the H.A.S. as I assumed that what was the policy of the H.A.S.I. was the policy of the H.A.S. I may say that I have written to the H.A.S. before asking for information with singularly poor response.

You say that the letter was ill-timed, my comment would be rather that it was ill-considered and I would point out that the time to consider what effect a circular letter will have is before it is sent out, not after. This remark applies also to the footnote to your circular letter of the 1st,

of which more below.

You write as if you have the idea that it is our publication and comment upon these letters from the H.A.S.I. which causes the enturbulation in the field. I would point out most strongly that the enturbulation is caused by the letters and that the purpose of our comment is to endeavour to resolve the enturbulation by ridiculing the more absurd, and inviting comment and discussion so that people can get their more obvious resentments and upsets off their chests.

I think you take a somewhat despondent attitude concerning the effects of your articles in a magazine which is "70% entheta". Surely your articles, rather than being contaminated by the remainder of the contents, will help to raise the tone of the balance - like "a good deed shining in a naughty world"?

I have written to Ron to explain the circumstances which prevent me from taking the HPA course, I regret that these commitments do preclude it, but see no way round them at present. This in reply to his letter of the 29th October.

With regard to the footnote on your circular letter of the 1st, you presumably considered the effect it would have before publishing it and are prepared to accept such comments and protests as have been and will be made. You have asked why I did not consult the H.A.S. before publishing the letters mentioned above, may I ask why you did not refer to me before sending this note to all members? or even to send me a copy when you had published it? You must know me well enough to know that, however stringent they might be, any comments you sent me for publication in BDR would be published in full? And I should have thought that the fair and honest thing to do was to thrash out your criticisms of BDR in the columns of BDR, unless you had evidence that they would not be open to you for this purpose. However, you have chosen

to follow the other course and I shall comment editorially. I propose to publish this letter in BDR and, if you give permission, your letter to me. If you do not wish your letter of the 8th to be published as it stands, I shall be glad to publish any other comment you may make.

I shall be very glad to publicise the news of the third congress in the Royal Festival Hall. This is grand news and I offer my sincerest wishes for a resounding success.

Yours sincerely
(signed) Mac.

P.S. Incidentally, my interest in the subject of calculating boys was stimulated by two articles in "Certainty". "John the Genius Knows It All" in No.9, and "Uses Her Chin As A Pin Cushion" in No.10.

A L e t t e r T o T h e P r e s s

The following letter has been sent to the editors of "The Aberree", "The CADA Bulletin", "The Communicator" and "Dianotes".

9th November 1954

Dear Editor,

It may be of interest to you and your readers to know that the London H.A.S. has sent out the following notice to its members as a footnote to a circular letter dated 1st November:

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We have already had a number of letters deploring this rather violent assault on the ARC triangle, and we learn that many more have been written to the London H.A.S. protesting at this inhibition of communication, free speech and fair comment.

We have no intention of letting a quarrel or state of war develop between us and the H.A.S. As will be seen from our editorial remarks in the November issue of BDR, we are prepared to take drastic steps to prevent such a state of affairs arising to the detriment of the development of Scientology on a sane and sound basis. We will, if our readers think it in the best interests of the development of Scientology, cease publication of BDR rather than let a feud develop with increasingly acrimonious relations between the partisans of both sides.

You ask for news of what we are doing in England, and I imagine that you want news of constructive activities apart from puerilities such as the foregoing, the revoking of certificates and other political manoeuvres which are, unfortunately, occupying an increasing amount of auditors' time.

Here in Bristol we are working hard at opening procedure of S.O.P.8C and aim for every member of the group to have at least fifteen hours of it. We have learnt how difficult it is to duplicate even the simplest of processes such as this is, and we are learning what striking results even a simple process like this can have. We are very impressed with it and we have high hopes of building solidly on the foundation that successful application of this procedure and opening procedure by duplication can give. (I.e. we are doing route 2-16 and 2-17 extremely thoroughly).

As each member only gets two hours as auditor and two hours as preclear a week, we have something like three months work ahead of us.

Yours sincerely
(signed)

A.J.S. McMillan
Editor, BDR.

O u r C o m m e n t

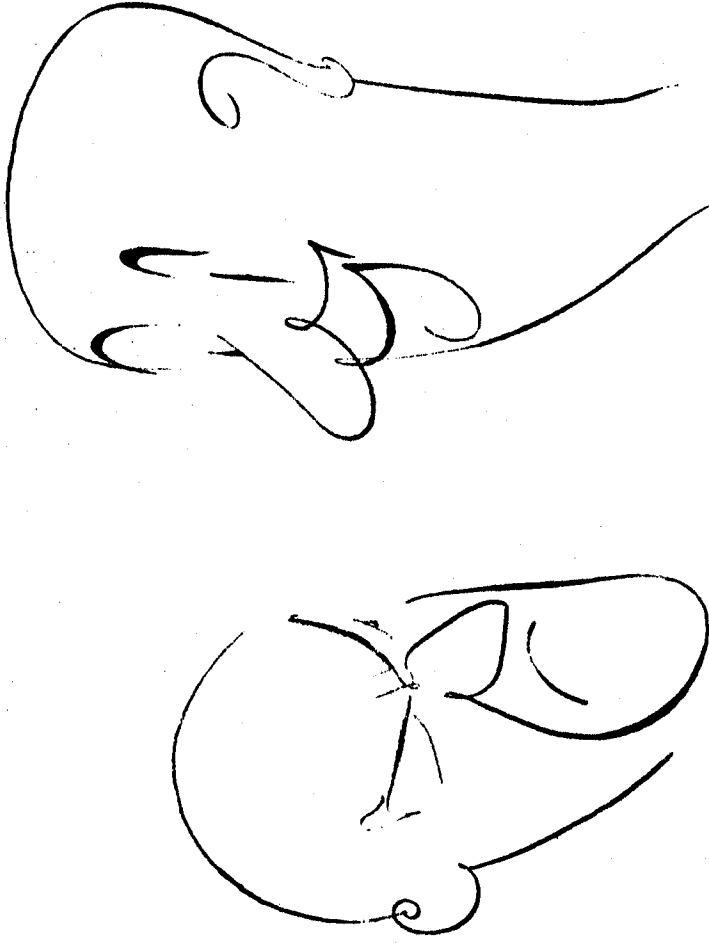
The foregoing all sounds awfully portentous, and has an atmosphere of 'pistols for two, coffee for one'. However, we realise that, so far as the larger issue of the development of Scientology is concerned, it need be no more than a storm in a teacup if we avoid semantic confusion and do not make the mistake of treating words as being anything more than what they are - merely black marks on white paper.

If both sides are willing to admit that they have been hasty and, perhaps, standing somewhat on their dignity (and we, for our part, are quite willing to make this admission), we are quite sure that we can apply the lessons of Scientology, treat the whole situation 'AS IS' and re-double our efforts to the greater task of putting Scientology right on the map and really 'getting a show on the road' which is the avowed aim of all the protagonists.

With this end in view, we look forward to the restoration of all broken communication lines, especially with the H.A.S. and Raymond Kemp.

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One of our readers would like to purchase a secondhand copy of "History of Man" or "What To Audit". If anyone has a copy to spare, please tell us with the price you are asking.



NOW ANOTHER TIME

WHEN YOU WERE HAPPY !

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G r o u p R e p o r t

Last month we printed the H.A.S.I. letter of 9th October outlining a new policy. As we had already received a number of letters indicating that there was a strong reaction to this, we sent out a circular letter to all groups on the 26th. In this letter we asked, as neutrally as possible, for all groups to let us have their comments on this H.A.S.I. policy letter in order that any comment we made in BDR should be as representative as possible.

We are very pleased with the response to this letter, and we thank all who have written to us about it. In general, reactions are surprisingly similar. It appears to us, reading between the lines as it were, that there is little objection to the basic idea of the letter, but there is considerable protest at the way it was presented. Some say they are not going to be browbeaten, others that it is authoritarian and so on, but reasonable people do not expect to get something for nothing and are prepared to support the programme on a quid quo pro basis.

A widely voiced query is "what, in fact, are we going to get for our money? £7.10. 0. a year (three ordinary memberships) is quite a lot to pay out for service and we should like some indication of what will be forthcoming." The recent letter of 1st November from the H.A.S. will do something to answer this query though nothing specific is mentioned. We understand that final plans will be made by Raymond Kemp when he has completed the current clinical course. Nevertheless, if some interim programme can be issued, it will do much to clear this up.

Another objection comes from two small groups that they are unable to comply owing to their size and that it is un-

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fair that they should have to pay as much, in effect, as larger groups.

To sum up, it appears that it has been the presentation and timing of this letter which has caused enturbulation rather than its content. In principle, the groups think it fair that they should pay for what they get, but that it would have been more tactful to tell them what they would get and then ask them to pay, rather than tell them they had to pay first and that they would get something unspecified in the future.

One or two correspondents have mentioned affiliation or associate membership. This idea seems to us to be the fairest. If it was specified that each group should have, say, one full member and that an affiliation fee, based on the number in the group, would be payable so that the whole group could be affiliated to the H.A.S. or H.A.S.I., this would serve to knit the whole together better than the current proposals. For in this case the whole group would feel that it had an interest in the parent body rather than being composed of three full members and a number of guests. The complete programme would be put before the groups before they were asked to affiliate. We are sure that on this foundation a strong and corporate organisation could be built.

We are reprinting the following letter from the Scientology Group of Portland (Oregon, U.S.A.) for three reasons. Because it deals extremely cogently with (a) the points we have already mentioned, (b) the vastly more important question of the whole policy of restriction of information and (c) it is an open letter and, as such, has already been circulated widely among our American friends.

October 25, 1954

Group Secretary,
Hubbard Association of Scientologists, Int'l,

616 North Third Street,
Phoenix, Arizona.

Dear Madam:

We were astonished at the tremendous lapse into blindness which apparently preceded your latest attempt to "win friends and influence people", dated October 9, to Group Members. This amazing bit of nonsense comes on the heels of similar low-toned communications we have seen recently addressed to present and past holders of professional certificates and to the publishers of the Bristol Dianetic Review and the Aberree.

The resolution dated September 7 to the effect that "only a member...of the H.A.S.I....shall have the right to possess and use the information of Scientology is, on the one hand, to say the least, appalling, in the light of the many occasions on which L. Ron Hubbard has spoken of Dianetics and Scientology as his gift to the world.

On the other hand, it would be laughable, were it not so tragic in its implications as to what is happening to your organization. How can you possibly hope to restrict the possession of the information of Scientology to members of the H.A.S.I., outside of personally brainwashing every person who has ever had contact with the books and tapes of Scientology? Are we to be expected to "turn in our books" as the disgraced police officer "turns in his badge"? The pursuit of this policy to its logical conclusion means that only members of the H.A.S.I. will be permitted to subscribe to the Journal of Scientology; that no one outside of members is to be allowed to buy or read any books or hear any tapes on the subject; and in the extreme, no one would be permitted to be audited save for members. And if the board which passed this resolution does not see that such a policy, if pursued in earnest, is equivalent to Scientology's death warrant;

then the board not only doesn't KNOW - neither is it looking, nor is it even thinking.

This is the very antithesis of Columbia University's oft-quoted slogan, to which we subscribe, "the right to knowledge and the free use thereof."

By adopting this infamous resolution, the board has started Scientology straight down the well-worn path to stagnation, dogmatic authoritarianism, and the other diseases of old age and eventual disintegration that so many of the organizations of the world have taken, e.g. psychiatry, psychoanalysis, etc. We had hoped you were intelligent enough to avoid this pitfall. We are at a loss to know what you believe can be accomplished by this sort of resolution, and more than a little amused at wondering how you intend to enforce it. Will we, like Catholics of the Middle Ages, be excommunicated for our heresy in not forking over our \$8.50 to \$25.00 pound of flesh?

What L. Ron Hubbard said in 1950 regarding legislation about Dianetics is as true today about Scientology as it was then about Dianetics, no matter who the legislating body is - the board of the H.A.S.I. or the Congress of the U.S.A. Read it again in case your memory fails you:

"It (dianetics) belongs to Man, and it is doubtful if anyone can manage to gain a corner on it, for it does not fall within legislation of any kind in any place; and if dianetics were legislated into a licensed profession, then it is to be feared that listening to stories and jokes and personal experience would also have to be legislated into a profession....It is a science of mind and needs about as much licensing and regulation as the application of the science of physics....Dianetics is not covered in any way by legislation anywhere, for no law can prevent one man sitting down and telling another man his troubles; and if anyone wants a non-

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opolly on dianetics, be assured that he wants it for reasons which have not to do with dianetics, but with profit." (My underlining).

It is chiefly the groups throughout the country and the world which keep the H.A.S.I. in business, through buying tapes, books, etc., and through their introduction of Scientology to individuals unacquainted with it and through maintaining the interest of those who have at one time or another become discouraged with this or that process, supplying from their ranks new grist for the professional course mill. But, apparently, this is not enough. Now, in addition to supplying the very life-blood of your organisation, the sum of not less than \$8.50 is to be exacted in tribute from each member so that we can continue to receive what should rightfully be ours in the first place in return for the important services the group performs on your behalf; a discount on publications and the questionable privilege of being able to say on our letterhead "fully accredited and licensed by the H.A.S.I."

And, lest you think the talk about "important services the group performs in your behalf" is idle chatter, let's put it in terms of dollars and cents, which seem paramount in your thoughts at the present time. Since L. Ron Hubbard moved to Phoenix from Wichita and opened the Office of L. Ron Hubbard, we have cancelled cheques amounting to \$1565 which went from our group to you in payment for books, tapes, periodicals, etc. This is over and above the more than \$822 we paid to the Hubbard Dianetic Research Foundation for similar purposes while Hubbard was still affiliated with that organisation.

In addition to this astonishing figure from one moderately sized group in the short space of four years, through our efforts at disseminating Dianetics and Scientology, five individuals come to mind, who, because they became affiliated to our group, later took professional, doctorate and clinical courses, the total fees collected amounting to approximately \$3250. So here is one group, duplicated many times, I am

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sure, across the country, whose direct or indirect contributions to the livelihood of the H.A.S.I. and its predecessor organisations total an amount in excess of \$5600 (£2000).

Up to now we have been proud to be able to say we are an accredited group of the H.A.S.I. It would appear now that the criterion for being a certified group is no longer (if it ever has been) what we believe, what we practise, the principles we uphold, with whom we agree and with whom we disagree; but rather whether or not each member of the group is willing to pay each year \$8.50 or more for "advantages" of dubious individual value.

The problem of the H.A.S.I., as we see it, is not to keep people from using Scientology, but on the contrary, to encourage its free and widespread use, the problem the recent Journal of Scientology, entitled "Any Two People Can Do It", rightly tackled and tried to solve. Yet the board's September 7 action, far from making the study and practice of Scientology a desirable thing, actually discourages its use. We are sure that there are a great many people who, if they are bluntly told they must join the H.A.S.I. or be unacceptable to Scientology, are just discouraged enough with results to tell you to go to hell or its equivalent. There is a point beyond which you cannot push people and still retain their goodwill, and for many that point is rapidly being approached by this new group policy. How much respect can you expect for the processes which produce the kind of individuals who would propose and enforce a policy such as this is?

How many from the groups do you think are going to be anxious to put upwards of \$1000 or \$1500 into becoming a professional Scientologist if the organisation is controlled by individuals as stupid or unethical or both as to issue tripe of this kind? A great number will think twice before doing so.

And we venture to make a prediction or two; that scarcely a group will honestly comply with such a dictum; that this is not, by any means, the only letter of its kind you will receive in the next few days or weeks; and that if such a policy is enforced, you will see a definite slackening off of the flow of money into the coffers of the H.A.S.I.

Completely aside from ethical considerations, however, most Scientologists I know are far from well-to-do financially and they are not the type of people who are so anxious to get rid of their MEST that they would willingly pay from \$8.50 to \$25.00 per year in order that we may get a discount on books and tapes. Such a thing is simply not financially practical, for few of our members buy enough books during the year to save this much on discounts. I am afraid that if this group policy is enforced, we will be obliged to become, as you say, an "inactive" group.

Please let us know if this resolution and group policy are to be reconsidered.

Yours very truly

SCIENTOLOGY GROUP OF PORTLAND

(signed)

Jon R. Skinner
Corresponding Secretary.

P.S. We are sending a copy of this letter to interested groups throughout the country for their information.

The Background Of BDR

It may be of interest to some of our newer readers to know something of the reasons which brought BDR into being.

The paper was first issued in April 1952 under the style of "Bristol Dianetic Group Newsletter" and, at this time, there was no form of organized communication among those who were interested in dianetics. There was a great dearth of news about what was going on (the growing science was in a great state of flux) and there was an insatiable thirst for news of the latest techniques.

In our opening editorial we said: "The Bristol Dianetic Group would like to pass on to you some of the interesting and exciting news about dianetics that is coming along all the time. Our purpose is to affirm our faith in Hubbard dianetics, to assist the understanding and practice of dianetics by publishing practical and theoretical articles, letters, suggestions and case histories, and the general promotion of ARC.

"We do not publish this newsletter in a spirit of rivalry with any other publication, and we will do all we can to assist others in their work. We believe that there is such a flux of ideas, and dianetics presents such a wide field, that the more propagation and interchange of views and information there is, the better for the future of dianetics. Your comments on and criticisms of this issue are therefore earnestly requested."

We soon found that our scope increased widely beyond that of our group and, as many new contributors were coming in from this country and the U.S.A., with our fourth issue we changed the title to "Bristol Dianetic Review". This continued until April 1954 when we changed the format to its present style and the title to "BDR" since this was how most people referred to our paper.

During the whole of its career, BDR has tried to present as much data as possible, especially factual articles giving practical aspects of the various techniques, critical

reviews, an endeavour to link up dianetics and Scientology with other fields, to see the whole picture rather than to lose sight of the wood for the trees. During this time we have also learnt that it is impossible to please everyone! Our only wish in this respect is that if people do not agree with anything in BDR, will they please write in and say so, we will always print what they say and, maybe, this criticism will lead to a better understanding of what is at issue.

We believe thoroughly in the goals and possibilities presented by Scientology and will continue to do our best to help make them practicable. Our objectives now remain exactly the same as they were when we started this paper more than 2½ years ago in respect of the larger issue of Scientology. We still need, more than ever, your comments, your criticisms, your appraisals and your articles if we are to carry on with the work that we have started.

We are not running BDR as a platform for a small and narrow group of people, and we have no axe to grind. If we do not get contributions from as wide a range as possible, then BDR will die of inanition, unmoored by anybody. Though we think it will be a sad day for Scientology when there is no more independent discussion, comment and criticism.

We have decided that all future contributions to BDR will be published under pseudonyms (unless the author requests that it should appear under his own name). This does not mean that we will accept anonymous contributions, but that we will not disclose the name of the author of any contribution to anyone unless he specifically asks us to do so.

We are sorry that most of this issue is taken up with polemics, however, we have room for a practical article and part of a review which will be continued next month. We hope that we shall then be able to revert to our role of disseminating useful information, we have a number of useful and interesting features nearly ready for future issues.

T R Y I t A n d S e e

by Robert Shaftoe. (A pseudonym).

Bristol Dianetic Group is at present conducting an experiment in auditing instruction, and we would like to pass ideas and experiences on to other groups.

I. Ron Hubbard asks, in his introduction to the Auditor's Handbook, for data: "You will assist me if you will, from time to time, let me know your successes and failures with these processes.....so that I can add to my catalogue their relative effectiveness in the hands of auditors."

To this end, the Bristol group is giving eighteen of its members individual processing; this consists of a minimum of fifteen hours of S.O.P.8C opening procedure and fifteen hours of duplication (first step of technique 30). From what we have seen and have been told by professional auditors whom we can trust, we are convinced that an extremely thorough grounding in these opening procedures is an essential basis for further processing. It seems fairly definite that the reason why previous processing has either not been completely successful or has not 'jelled' in some cases is due to the preclear not having over come the barriers to duplication which these processes are directed against.

After this has been completed, an analysis will be made to ascertain what results have come from the therapy. To ensure that the auditing is being carried out properly, it is being supervised by experienced auditors. We have found that supervision is essential in the earlier stages because inexperienced auditors will not, on the whole, carry out the instructions without introducing their own improvisations and

variations. Also, each co-auditing pair has been given detailed written instructions.

I should explain here that the Bristol group is, by agreed policy, split into two sections for several reasons. One of these is that a large group is difficult to handle in private homes, especially with opening procedure and another, a matter of geography, to avoid time wasted on travelling. The two sections keep in good contact and meet together when policy has to be decided or other reasons render it desirable.

Our experiment is well under way now, and we wish to pass on a report of our progress so far in the hope that other groups, who are not doing similar work, may benefit from our experience.

Our members taking part have been paired off, given instruction in the processes by demonstration and left to audit. Each auditing couple is regularly visited by an experienced auditor who watches without comment and, if necessary, passes a note to the auditor. This is done as little as possible.

To explain the programme, the following are the techniques used. S.O.P.8C is to be found in issue 24-G of the Journal of Scientology and a modified version in P.A.B. No.34 and in the Auditor's Handbook. The opening procedure of S.O.P.8C is in three parts, (a), (b) and (c). Each preclear was given a minimum of two hours on step (a) and more, if judged necessary, according to his needs. For instance, if he found difficulty in following the commands, or if any emotion below cheerfulness was displayed, then further time on this step was given. The step is intended to bring the preclear into good communication with the physical universe and to improve the preclear's ability to receive and obey commands accurately and without resisting them. The preclear is sent to different places, objects and spots in the room, and told to touch them and let go of them at the aud-

itor's command. The auditor must be specific in his directions and firm in his manner.

The first difficulty we ran into was that the auditors would not carry out these simple orders, there was a temptation to embroider and complicate the step. The reason for this was that the auditor was inclined to be too sympathetic with the preclear and was afraid of annoying him or boring him with repetitive commands.

Having completed this step cheerfully, properly and without automaticity, our eighteen proceeded to step (b).

In this step, the preclear is told to select a spot, place or object and then is ordered to go there to touch it and let go of it on the auditor's command. At this point, the auditors were inclined to propitiate the preclears with phrases like: "Would you please do so and so" and "Would you mind?"

All of the members had at least two hours of step (b), usually more, as delays in communicating, emotional changes and reluctance to carry out commands exactly as given made it necessary for some of them.

We are now progressing to the third stage which is telling the preclear to select spots or objects, telling him to decide to go to them and then to go on his own initiative. Then to decide to touch and do so, to decide to let go and do so, etc. The preclear is often asked to change decisions after having made them. More difficulties turn up at this stage than at others, though some of the preclears have turned on somatics and emotions, while others have had regular somatics go away during all stages of the procedure. In general, a considerable tone rise is apparent.

Whatever condition the preclear exhibits, if it is

other than cheerfulness, he is kept at that stage no matter what happens until he performs it happily.

The experiment, so far, shows every sign of being a success, but I will not make a full report until all have had at least fifteen hours of opening procedure and a further fifteen of duplication.

I would like to suggest that other groups in Britain join us in this test and give all their group similar processing.

Every group, whatever its financial problems, should obtain a copy of the "Auditor's Handbook", the latest publication by L. Ron Hubbard price one guinea, now, and start getting results. Here is a chance to spur activity in your group. Opening Procedure is route 2-16 in the Auditor's Handbook and full details are given of the steps I have briefly outlined.

Our experience is that each preclear should have at least two hours straight off with each step, without intermission for cigarettes or general natter. As much room as possible should be allowed to each couple to give full scope for the preclear to walk about and, if possible, each couple should be alone.

While this procedure sounds the most boring thing in the world, surprisingly enough, our group members look forward to these evenings, and preclears are seldom bored during the processing; though some of them have hit this barrier hard, they have soon passed through it.

If your group lacks space for individual auditing, I recommend you get the Group Auditor's Handbooks, Vols I & II where these processes are put in the form of hundreds of simple group auditing commands. Try thirty hours of these on

your group and let us know the results. If considerable progress in each case is not noted, I shall be very surprised.

Do as we are doing - try it and SEE.

(Editor's Note. This article is not meant to be an authoritative exposition of how to apply this technique, but one group's experience in making it work.)

The Big Trouble With Dianetics -

Nobody Ever Tried it!

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(We reprint this article, with grateful acknowledgment, from "The Aberree" November, 1954 issue. We intend to give a full scale review of Mr Hubbard's new book "The Auditor's Handbook" with a discussion of current trends in Scientology in the next issue of BDR.)

During the last four and a half years, I've heard a lot of "bull" about what is wrong with Dianetics - and lately, Scientology. Some, from people who should know better.

But the main item has been missed completely. The big trouble with Dianetics is that nobody ever tried it!

It's true that there may have been a half-dozen conscientious auditors who tried to get Hubbard's real data from the first book, but most of them used "The Modern Science of Mental Health" as a springboard to dramatize their own engrams and sympathy excitors, or to prove some crackpot theory they already had.

It was a jolt in 1950 to see a graduate of the first Elizabeth Foundation School practising a type of auditing that "The Book" warned against time and again - and from correspondence with other graduates, it appeared that the technique was being taught. This also was true with other so-called schools: California, Wichita, etc., as well as the groups.

All programs were aimed at ignoring the most important tenets of Hubbard's first book and substituting every kind of screwball substitute - from E-Therapy and self hypnosis to the nonsense scattered from centers of idiocy in Colorado, Alabama, Florida, Washington and elsewhere. Seeing supposedly long-term friends of Ron's turn to the enemy for money, and later come back hypocritically contrite has only intensified my dislike for people who ignore data, and then blame Ron for the miserable failures attendant upon their efforts.

If the first book was ignored, still less attention was given to what may yet prove to be THE classic work: "Advanced Procedures and Axioms". Even Hubbard has rejected both of these works by implication, which might serve to validate F. Scott Fitzgerald's statement that writing and works of art transcend their creator's own understanding of them.

"Advanced Procedures" brought clear light and understanding to mankind's greatest mystery and suggested a means of solving that mystery. But it was used as a springboard to dramatize what was called the "service facsimile chain", and instead of following Ron's basic advice to always use light techniques on low-toned preclears, the heaviest stuff possible was run by screwballs looking for blueprints on how to make a bap gun instead of how to get a preclear out of an engram he was stuck in.

As a result, many calling themselves "Dianeticists" got only the results they should have expected, yet they used

their own failures to "prove" Hubbard was wrong - that his techniques didn't work.

Now we have the recent "Auditor's Handbook and Intensive Procedure", which stands with the first two as a major work on mental - or, if you prefer it, spiritual therapy.

This book is a full package, as were the first two. This book, if followed carefully, will produce the miraculous betterments in health and mind that Ron always extravagantly claimed for all of his techniques.

But it has the same pitfall as the other two - the same upsetting factor that auditors, en masse, used to nullify the preceding books.

Ron has again taken it for granted that auditors will follow his instructions and audit according to the outlines of Dianetics and Scientology already given. He has assumed that the stuff will be used with a modicum of horse sense.

Well, let's hope so. But let's not forget a few things that Hubbard knows darn well and hasn't overlooked, even if they are not emblazoned in glaring neon lights at the head of every page.

Most important is Ron's continued admonition to use LIGHT techniques on low toned preclears.

For example, Ron has repeatedly stated that psychotics are low toned preclears, and has urged auditors to avoid running the psychotic carelessly, if at all. He has asked over and over, in the paraphrasing of the first book, for auditors to find someone with good reliable sonic, clear visio, and NO CIRCUITRY AT WORK, and "clear" a few of them before tackling the most horrible mental and physical wreck in town. Even on a case in "good shape", he suggests lock running and sec-