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Supplement To BDR - December 1954

We have received so many letters that, if we published them in BDR, they would fill the whole magazine! We are sure that you will like to see other peoples' views on the November issue but, at the same time, we know you want more practical articles, so we are publishing the latter in BDR and a representative selection of excerpts from letters in this supplement.

We hope that the HAS and HASI will publish letters that they have received. We know that they have had many because, in a number of cases, the writers were good enough to send us copies, and we were interested to see that they all substantially endorsed the views expressed in November BDR.

If you haven't already done so, why don't you write to the HAS and tell them what you think?

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

"The BDR must go on...Our group think that you and Jon Skinner have put our case superbly...We strongly deplore the ban on BDR, and hope that there will be such a storm of protest from all over the country that it will cause London HQ to change their attitude."

"Like the majority of your readers, I look forward with keen anticipation to each month's issue, and would deeply regret it if you had to withdraw publication for any reason other than scarcity of material."

"Keep us informed of the latest developments. Give us informative articles on handling of techniques, auditing, applied Scientology, etc. in all walks of life. If the HASI think you're wrong, why don't they give you some help instead of low-toned slanging and cutting communication? You are doing a useful job."

"The whole tone of the issue is on a very high plane...and I think the whole question is put over with great dignity and reasoned thought...That you should suggest in the interests of Scientology, if it were thought best, you would close down, shows a very unselfish attitude. BUT TO DO SO WOULD BE A TRAGEDY. Anything worthwhile can stand fair and impartial criticism, also in the BDR one gets articles and comment from all over the world, it is a clearing house for information."

"Please don't allow mentally constipated people like xxxx and xxxx to impose their universe on BDR and your readers. For me, BDR does its job very well. The same can't be said for the HAS. If the HAS and HASI would act as relay points for data, and stop trying to control people, then Scientology would be much aided. I think that BDR has a great deal of goodwill, and the HAS has lost a lot by inept behaviour and general inefficiency."

"My primary object in writing to you is to full endorse and approve the attitude of studied moderation adopted under the completely senseless attacks which have been launched from certain quarters in the U.S.A. With all admiration for much of Ron's work, and free acknowledgment of great personal benefit, nevertheless the authoriatarian attitude and the brandishing of the big stick, will do much to lose him the support of the more thoughtful in this country and may do much to obscure the very real value of his work."

"I bought the BDR to learn about Scientology, its claims, its techniques, its successes and failures. About its results both to preclears and auditors; about procedures old and new; about the results of incomplete and complete processing of assorted kinds. And to see criticisms of its claims, processes and results -

to individuals, but to the organisations they represent. In response to many requests, we are printing articles on the practical side of Dianetics and Scientology. Editor).

"Regarding the organisation itself and its ramifications, we can only express disappointment. In fact, we are wondering if the "gods" are any higher-toned than we are! As supposed "clears", in our eyes they are behaving rather queerly and on a somewhat low tone of morality. First they promise a brilliant future and then immediately put up a stiff price barrier, this latter may not be too bad to Americans, but on our level it is fantastic! Obviously Hubbard's original mockup of a world made sane has been lost sight of; by 'world' we took it that he meant everybody, but obviously the whole set-up is to become a closed shop and a monopoly of the well-to-do. If Scientology is to achieve its original aims, it must be readily accessible to all, don't you agree?...It looks as if some bodies in this country, and it includes auditors, are cashing in on a good thing. Maybe, too, the "gods" really think themselves gods, without troubling to be properly cleared, mocking up each his own version of the movement and jostling for position - I don't know, we've only been a name as a group and not greatly informed...As I see it, H.A.S.I. needs - ALREADY! - a renaissance. All power to BDR and to others in their efforts to bring it to fruition!"

"Jon R. Skinner's article expresses my feelings admirably."

"ONE OF THE WORST THINGS THAT COULD HAPPEN TO SCIENTOLOGY WOULD BE FOR BDR TO CLOSE DOWN, SO PLEASE CARRY ON."

"L. Ron Hubbard ought to be grateful to you for assisting him to remedy the mistakes of the staff, and his own lapses in entrusting powers to untrustworthy assistants."

"Present set-up looks good to me - would like to see BDR tell all those attempting to suborn and subjugate auditors to go to...!"

"I really am puzzled, just look at the Hubbard Tone Scale in "Science of Survival" across the line at 1.5 - "reception from the environment interpreted as threats...talks in threats...invalidates other people...destruction of opposing reality - "You're wrong!"...smashes or destroys others and environment...uses threats and punishments to dominate others." This is exactly the sort of action that we are seeing from the H.A.S.I. - all criticism is interpreted as a threat, everyone who does not conform most minutely to the party line is invalidated heavily (recall what has been said about doctors and psychiatrists, to say nothing of those who, till recently, have been prominent figures in the movement), the attempt to destroy the BDR by cutting communication lines, the threats and punishments to auditors by revoking their certificates for real or imagined misdemeanours without any opportunity to defend themselves - we have seen all this from the H.A.S.I. recently. You see the quandary in which I am placed? Scientology is supposed to raise tone, the people who do these things have been processed by the latest techniques in Scientology, what really is the answer? I am unwilling to face what seems to be the obvious one because within my own limited experience Scientology really does seem to work, but on the face of it, those who are running the organisation appear determined to invalidate Scientology by their own actions. I hope that someone can tell us what the answer really is, the outlook for Scientology in the future does not look good."

"I enclose P.O. for 6/3d, please send five extra copies of November BDR."

"I have been a reader of BDR since the first issue and have found it fair, unbiassed and practical, presenting all points of view. You have not often

"I have taken BDR for over two years, and have always found it stimulating, of great interest, and very fair-minded. I think your attitude with regard to the ridiculous ban put on BDR by the H.A.S. has been very fair and generous, and I can only hope that, as you have offered the olive branch, things will work out peaceably for all concerned."

"I'll accept BDR as it is. Don't think of closing down, but don't serve up many issues like November. Don't let BDR develop into a quarrel ventilating medium. It will always be easy to justify some quarrel or other, but we don't want BDR at the justification and blame end of the Tone Scale; the place for BDR is way up in the responsibility range and this applies no matter who is temporarily or firmly embedded in the irresponsibility end."

"Our attitude towards the latest HASI manifesto is just this - we have only one member of the HASI - that member is myself. The others can either not afford such membership or do not wish to become members because of the apparent low tone of the present operations in Phoenix. We nevertheless intend to continue to use any processes we consider to be effective, without the slightest regard to our ethical right to do so. We feel the HASI attitude in this matter to be arbitrary, low-toned and, perhaps, a bit childish. We have had some correspondence with the HASI on this and related subjects with quite unpleasant results which, of course, does have the effect of invalidating the techniques we hope to use to some extent. The computation here, if expressed verbally, would be in the form of a question, "If the processes are designed to raise tone, and the personnel at Phoenix is being audited with these processes, why is the tone of almost all Phoenix originated communication so obviously low?" This is a question I myself have been unable to answer in view of the fact that I use these processes on myself and others with good results."

"I trust you will feel better after having run out in the current BDR all the counter-efforts that have been flowing your way lately. xxx's action seems to me to be inexcusable. Whatever his opinion of your magazine may be, it is, after all, only his opinion and he has no right to be authoritarian and to start compiling an "Index Librorum Prohibitorum" of his own to foist on members of the HAS...For my part, my views on BDR are simple. Go on publishing anything you consider interesting and stop when you've nothing more to say. I feel free to accept or reject any of it without condemning the whole venture if one issue should displease me."

"The Portland group letter was good and it's contents needed saying. What hopes that it will have any effect?"

"I think BDR should continue. That it should continue on its present lines I leave as a matter for you to decide entirely. I don't see any reason to attempt control over you...In the matter of critical comments, let us have them by all means provided always that they are constructive and approached with sznity. I do not consider that the best interests of Scientology would be served by ceasing publication although I feel the vested interests would be. There are times when it is expedient to keep one's mouth shut, but this is not one of those times."

"To me, it seems quite extraordinary that views and opinions should not be expressed...In my life, I have been mixed up in all sorts of movements - some completely mad and others fairly sane. It has always seemed to me that the disciples became dogmatic whatever the originators may have been, and that was where the 'rot set in' so far as I was concerned. I had thought that, as Scientology was a means of freeing people, this would not happen! I have enjoyed BDR because, not only were the articles interesting, but they often produced a new line of thought, or another 'bone' to worry. Sometimes one was reminded of things one had mislaid, as it were. I felt that BDR was a forum where things could be discussed and, if grievances arose, they could be brought to the attention of the originators and a manifestation

the magazine as it is now, and as it always has been, free, independent, informative and critical. As such it is essential in Britain at the present time, and no doubt for future time also. It is written in our native idiom which we can understand - in contradistinction to transatlantic publications which do not harmonise so well with our atmosphere. It has pioneered and popularised Scientology in Britain in a manner which one might expect would have merited the eternal gratitude of official circles. Consequently, it is difficult for we "men in the street" to understand what the H.A.S. objection is, since it does not offer any rival doctrine or compete with them in any way. In fact, instead of kicks one feels that you should have been awarded the F.Sc. If Scientology is intended to raise or rehabilitate one's self-determinism, why are the present batch of HPAs coming off the line subjected to this piece of other determinism? If BDR preaches false doctrines, should they not be allowed to decide for themselves? You have on occasion criticised some official features very justifiably (such as outrageous prices for literature, etc.), but I cannot see that they could take umbrage at this... Strife and violence seem to have been a feature of Dianetics and Scientology from the beginning, but I hope the matter of this circular will turn out, as you suggest it could, to be a storm in a teacup, and clear the air for further progress. In any case, I shall continue to support BDR and push it where I can."

"Re question 4. Well! you seem to me to be the only sane voice, so just carry on. I've just written to the HASI to tell them what I think about this toe the party line, etc. but what has surprised me the most is that Scientology should fall for this 'oh so old trap', I've seen it in groups from health and strength, occult, science fiction, right through to tiddleywinks, and I suppose you have too, but that the 'top-of-the-line' boys should fall for it - well! Could say a lot more, but what's the use."

"I have bought, subscribed to, or had foisted on me, I believe, just about everything ever printed on Dianetics and Scientology and, as far as I am concerned the BDR is right up at the top, any way you want to look at it. Please continue just as you have in the past, using your own excellent judgment. As far as the November issue being controversial is concerned, I only wish that I had written it, I wouldn't change a single word."

"I am sorry that it has become necessary to emphasise that contributions may be printed pseudonymously; particularly that pseudonyms may become the rule. Signing one's right name to an article is one way of accepting responsibility for that article. Still, one sees some reason for your newly announced policy. More power to you in your constant endeavour, despite misunderstanding, to promote the true principles of Scientology in the larger sense, and to resist encroachments and negative application of the ARC principle in particular, on the part of "authorities". Admirable!"

(This is a joint letter to Jon Skinner and BDR). "In reply to your communication concerning H.A.S.I. Board Resolution and Group Policy. If three members of your group are members of the H.A.S.I. the Resolution does not apply to your particular group, It is aimed at those who have classified themselves as groups and have yet to be certified by H.A.S.I. by complying with RULE 1 of the Group Policy. The creation of an Executive Council for H.A.S.I. was a wonderful idea, I wish I had thought of it, Scientology and Dianetics are the property of Mr Hubbard and he then, should be the judge as to what type of resolutions and policies H.A.S.I. members are to be governed by. Stop! THINK!! Would you be a Scientologist or Dianeticists if it were not for Mr Hubbard's years of study, research and hard work?? He should!! have control of H.A.S.I. groups, Who is better qualified? ME, You, Who deserves it more than he?? Can you suggest a method to H.A.S.I. that will allow them to operate without a financial system?? Establishing a non profits tax on groups is a means of..."