

Opening Procedure Of SOP.8C. Part II.

by A.J.S.McMillan. Bristol.

I have unfortunately only a very brief space for what I have to say this month. We have heard from several people and groups who have given this process a trial and have learnt more about it since I wrote last month.

First, it is extremely important that step (a) should be completed before passing on to later steps. The emphasis I gave to this last month has been confirmed, and we have heard of a few preclears running into some trouble through not completing step (a). Secondly, the key to successful application lies in looking, make sure that your preclear is really looking and check this at frequent intervals. If the preclear wears spectacles, it seems desirable that he should take them off during processing, however, we haven't a thorough check on this and would appreciate comments. The third point is that many preclears feel depleted of energy during this processing, manifesting as dopiness, and perhaps a feeling of degradation. If these persist in your preclear, give him Remedy of Havingness in its simplest form as ARC straightwire or as in the Group Auditor's Handbook, or the full version as in the Auditor's Handbook or SOP.8C. This is done at the end of the session for preference.

The remaining steps of the procedure are: step (b) Instruct the preclear to find a spot in the room - "Pick a spot in this room." When he has done this and told you so, tell him to go to it. When he has done this, tell him to touch it then to let go of it when he has complied with the previous instruction. Step (c) introduces a greater element of decision on the part of the preclear. As before, he is instructed to select a spot, having done this, you tell him to decide when he will go to it and, when he is sure that he has made this decision, to carry it out. You repeat this with respect to the decision to touch the spot and when to touch it, and the decision to let go of it and when to let go of it.

When applying these instructions, they should be used in conjunction with the comments and notes to step (a) last month as the same observations are applicable to steps (b) and (c). I shall be glad to have further reports.

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"S c i e n t o l o g y I n A c t i o n"

The Weekend School At Towerleaze

by W.K.T.Barrett, HPA.

London.
This was my first experience of a meeting organised by the Bristol group of Scientologists. We all arrived at Towerleaze, situated on the Downs outside Bristol, in time for dinner on Saturday evening.

My first impression on reaching Towerleaze was that it would be difficult to find a more gracious or comfortable background in which to hold a weekend school. Towerleaze gave us, not only a large pleasant room for group processing and lectures, but the great hall where members could meet each other, exchange views and gossip by the fire, and also a drawing room where those, who wanted a quieter atmosphere, could sit and talk or digest information.

There were about forty of us present. This number included approximately ten members of the Bristol group, ten auditors trained by the London H.A.S., of whom nine had passed through one of the clinical training courses recently held by Jack Horner in London, and the remainder composed of persons meeting Scientology for the first time or attending to discover more about the science in practice and theory.

After dinner we all gathered in the room set aside for lectures and processing. There A.J.S.McMillan, who acted as chairman during the weekend, introduced Ron Young, B.Sc. to give the opening talk: "Introducing Scientology In Action". This introduction was really excellent in material, method of presentation and delivery. It opened upon the accepted fact that the physicists have demonstrated that all matter, so far from being inert solids, was found, on examination of its basic substance, to consist of electrical charges in constant movement caused by laws unknown to physics.

He followed this by explaining that Scientology had discovered and demonstrated in action the laws which caused and controlled the flows and condensations of energy. He then gave a brief description of the know to mystery tone scale, and explained from this how the man who was overt in action and acted in accordance with his feelings was higher on the tone scale, and would be more successful in living, than a man whose actions were dictated by re-active thinking. For re-active thinking was an automatic stimulus-response activity which had no relation to present time data and therefore produced ineffective solutions to the problems of life. He explained that a human being who could not be overt in his dealings with others, was covert because he did not wish to be seen as he was, he believed that there was something in himself which he must hide from others.

After some questions and answers, we spent the rest of the evening getting to know one another and discussing Scientology with those who were new to the science.

Sunday was chiefly devoted to group processing. This was arranged by Eileen Hibberson, B.Sc. and most of the processing on this day was given by Dr Johan Tempelhof, B.Sc. Johan has a special talent for group auditing, he can create a high level of ARC very quickly and obtain the happy and in-

terested co-operation of his group in processing.

In the evening Dr Jean K llerstr m, D.Sc., B.Sc. gave a talk on case histories with which she illustrated the techniques of Scientology in action. I found this talk one of the best and most valuable items in the programme. The relation of the case histories, with their individual problems, to the techniques used and the results obtained, was simply, clearly and convincingly presented. Both experienced auditors and unconvicted investigators alike were deeply interested and impressed by this factual record of the ability of modern processes, properly used, to solve human problems of mind and body quickly and effectively.

On Monday the programme arranged had to be considerably revised. H. Parley Spink, M.A., D.Sc. was unfortunately prevented by his hospital duties from attending, and Robert St. John, HPA was also unable to be present. Ron Young and his wife were unable to return to Towerleaze owing to an accident with their car.

In the morning we had some more group processing. In the afternoon Allan Miles, secretary of the Bristol group with long experience, gave us a very good and detailed case history which illustrated the great increase in the speed with which results were obtained by newer techniques when compared with the time taken by earlier ones. This was an interesting case, the condition treated had been very acute and the results obtained remarkably successful, showing great mental and physical changes in the preclear. This case has been stable for some two years now.

A London auditor gave a brief case history in which a very severe anxiety case with acute hysterical symptoms was completely restored to stability in eighteen hours, and had since remained in good health. The techniques used were given. Illustrating from another case, he described some of

the phenomena observed during the use of opening procedure (SOP.8C) and the necessity for this procedure being used correctly and for a long enough period.

A.J.S. McMillan described some methods of giving assists and their use with particular reference to their value when dealing with the minor accidents and pains suffered by children.

Earlier we had some group processing by Eileen Hibberston. This session produced a light hearted interlude when one of the larger sized auditors, while being a bee, became uncertain whether to clean the pollen from his fur with his legs or his proboscis. This caused a few moments of hilarious randomness in our attention. We also had a very effective session of group auditing by A.J.S. McMillan which resulted in certainty of exteriorisation for at least three of the newcomers to Scientology.

After supper a Brains Trust, consisting of Dr Jean K llerstrom, Eileen Hibberston and Dr Johan Tempelhof with Mr McMillan in the chair, dealt with written questions handed in by various members present. Work for the day closed with a group auditing session by Johan Tempelhof.

The organisation, administration and day to day management of the programme was, I thought, excellent and all of us who were there have to thank Mr and Mrs Elliot (herself a trained Scientologist) and Mr McMillan for a very comfortable, efficiently arranged and profitable weekend.

I was impressed by the spirit of the gathering as a whole. In the beginning, the attitude of one or two of the more sceptical enquirers gave the impression that their object was to invalidate Scientology rather than to examine it. But by Sunday evening I could find no sign of any such attitude. Everyone new to Scientology was interested, ready to examine

ing sessions on Sunday and 32 on Monday. Eight group processing sessions were given by various auditors, nearly all from the Group Auditor's Handbook Pts. I & II. All agree that the sessions in these books are excellent and the results obtained with one of the special exteriorisation sessions in Pt. II were very striking.

The London auditor modestly referred to in the above report was actually Kenyon Barrett himself and his talk, though short, was very favourably received.

During the weekend a cable of good wishes for a successful meeting was received from Ruby Mounds and Walter Elliot in New Zealand which was much appreciated.

All present were impressed by the warm friendliness and ARC which developed during the weekend, and several said that they had never enjoyed themselves so much. During several of the interludes on Monday Shula Doniach played to us on the piano and we all enjoyed this very much too.

T o w e r l e a z e P h o t o g r a p h

Allan Miles took two photographs during the weekend school, and they have both come out well. Some people show up better in one than the other so, if you send him 2/9d, he will let you have a whole plate print (8½" x 6½") of the one in which you appear best. Write to: Allan H. Miles, 37 West Town Park, Bristol 4.

Margaret Scholtz And The Scientology Road Show

Miss Margaret Scholtz, B.Sc., B.Scen. tells us that she will shortly be arriving in this country after her successful tour of U.S.A. with the Scientology Road Show. She expects to arrive during February, will any groups or individuals who wish to have Road Show lectures, group intensives or individual auditing from her please contact BDR.

it on its workability and anxious to discover more about it.

I was particularly glad to see the large number of London trained clinical graduate auditors present at this weekend school. This ensured that Scientology would be presented as it is and not as some individual, group or clique thinks it ought to be. There has, in the past, been an idea among some Scientologists in London that the Bristol group was out of date and not in communication with the latest developments in Scientology. I made it my business to talk to many members of the Bristol group. I have come away quite certain that the group is one of the largest, keenest and well run in England. The group is anxious to acquire and use the latest data available and makes it its business to contact London auditors, well qualified by training and experience to know, and obtain from them information and advice about the latest techniques.

I would like to see much closer communication between Bristol and London, and I think this goal would be achieved if more members of the Bristol group could take the HPA and clinical courses in London. I believe that the growth of Scientology in the U.K. depends largely upon unity in the whole British field of Scientology. This unity can only be achieved by good communication between groups and between individuals who are interested in, or practising, Scientology. Then our opinions about each other will be based upon present time looking and not upon other people's viewpoints or past facsimiles.

Before the weekend school began, a message of goodwill was received from L. Ron Hubbard himself. I am sure that he will be glad to hear Bristol's report on "Scientology In Action".

(Chairman's Note. Actually 40 people were present at Ron Young's opening address on Saturday, 45 at the group process-

Report On The Unification Congress

by Alphaia Hart, D.Sc.n, etc.

U.S.A.

(Note. This report is of the Unification Congress held in Phoenix from 28th - 31st December, 1954. It was recorded and repeated in London at the Royal Festival Hall from 15th - 19th January, 1955).

Dianetics, as a psychotherapy, is no more. Instead it was announced non-surprisingly at the Unification Congress that Dianetics, like Scientology, henceforth will concern itself only with the study and understanding of Man.

"Unification", or the adoption by Dianetics of the goals and aims of Scientology, took up only the first few minutes of the opening lecture. From then on, emphasis, both in lectures and in group auditing, was on the value of two-way communication, especially between the auditor and his preclear.

Although no exact figures were given out, it was estimated that about 200 - including students and members of the H.A.S.I. staff - enrolled for the Congress. This is slightly larger than the attendance at the June congress.

Some of the talks were given by Ron, but the majority were by Dr Hubbard.

In outlining the future scope of Dianetics, Hubbard traced the reception given to the first book in 1950 and said that this book is about to become H.A.S.I. property because of the royalties accumulating from continuing sales. When possible, he said, the book would be revised and re-issued.

Ron said that the road to freedom, and out of a policed universe, was not followed by looking at one disability after

another - such as psychosomatic ills - but at ability. Research, he said, is not completed, as there's no wrapper with which to wrap it up. "There is no ceiling on research into ability," he said.

However, he said, that just because they have a new book doesn't mean that the old data is being discarded. Today, a "clear" and "thcta exterior" mean the same thing, but the goal now is obtained without the erasure of engrams.

"We've found the thing that produced the facsimiles can be taught to handle barriers," he said, "and when he does, he becomes a clear." The longest processing on record with the new techniques, he declared, was 150 hours, and he compared it with what could have been expected back in the days when Book One was all we had.

Taking up the subject of communication, Ron traced the development of the ARC (Affinity-Reality-Communication) triangle which he conceived in 1950 while he was being audited. This triangle, he said, is even more important today than it was then, and one part of the triangle cannot operate without the other.

Communication, he said, is the most important point of the triangle, but nothing can happen when one of the three points is missing.

Communication lag, he said, is technical, and could be called agreement lag. A com. lag is the time between the posing of a problem or statement and a direct answer. A "social" reply, in which the person addressed merely makes a polite response, does not count.

Persons who like only those they've known for a long time have an affinity lag.

A reality lag is a judicious decision from one who is always waiting to find out what it is all about before he commits himself. This person, Ron said, is crazy.

All three - communication, affinity and reality - must be instantaneous in order to obtain no time lag in reaction.

He pointed out that combat pilots have more accidents because they have been taught to hate, and have little, if any, affinity. That is the reason why military equipment is so difficult to maintain.

If a person is cold and calculating, affinity is missing, Ron said; then, so is reality, and therefore, he can make no sane decisions.

A contract, Ron declared, seeks to continue agreements without further communication, and that is why most contracts, especially if they are in force too long, wind up in courts.

Citizenship, he pointed out, is a contract between the State and the individual. Criminality is an abrogation of the citizenship contract, and if we made an effort to communicate with the criminal, instead of putting him in a cell and out of communication, the results would be more favourable to society.

"If you cut all lines to the body, you would probably have no memory at all," Ron said "because memory is an effort to communicate with the past. This is the facsimile, the engram. An effort to break communication with the past is what makes one badly off. Freud's idea was that one can be helped by getting him into communication with the past.

"People consider memory of the past THE thing, and become fixated on the terminal they want to communicate with. This is because they have a scarcity of anything to communi-

cate with the present."

The author of "Silence is golden" was indicted as "the guy causing so much trouble in society". Also, he advised against teaching children that it is better to be seen and not heard.

"Answer", Hubbard said, means both the reply and the solution. When people don't get answers, they begin to ascribe strange motives and secrets to that which doesn't reply. As an example, he said that the failure of the Communist party to tell McCarthy what they are doing gives the senator the idea that they have secrets, but if you know any communists, you know that they are incapable of holding anything. If they would communicate, no matter what they communicated, that alone would convince McCarthy that the party was open and above board.

A person having difficulty with any part of his body is having no communication with that part of the body, and one who wants to exteriorise from "that nasty old body" would first have to get into communication with it.

Hubbard spoke briefly of organisational problems, and said that if it were possible to get people confused by a large number of Dianetics and Scientology organisations, maybe he could get them to quit worrying about and fighting the organisation and get out and start processing preclears. Now that processing is no longer a goal, with results certain, the immediate goal is an organisational one, he said, and that goal might be control of the A-bomb, if anyone was interested in this as a goal.

Most of the lecture material centred on Ron's new book, "Dianetics 1955!", the manuscript edition of which became available during the congress.

B O O K R E V I E W S

"Group Auditor's Handbook". Large foolscap duplicated, pp. 59 + v. Published by H.A.S.I., Phoenix, Arizona, U.S.A.
 "Group Auditor's Handbook, Volume Two". Ditto, pp.55 + iii, both volumes price \$2.85 (21/6d from BDR post free).

These two books are the answer to the group auditor's prayers. The first volume has a red cover and approximately sixty foolscap pages. The printing is duplicated typescript on one side only of a heavyweight paper.

The first few pages contain instructions upon how to conduct a group auditing session and the way to use the book. Information is given about "communication lag", "boil-off" and dire warnings about copyrights! It is recommended that group auditors should have 'emergency auditors' standing by to cope with preclears who 'dope-off', interrupt the session or exhibit grief charges. Having used these books with a large group, I can recommend this precaution.

It is stated that only eight people in every hundred will receive little benefit from group auditing with these books due to their inability to follow directions, and the release of chronic psychosomatics should be expected in a few hours processing in the majority of cases.

The best thing about these books is that they are planned so that the auditor can read out to the group every command as it is given without any variation. Instructions to the auditor are given in parentheses, and even the repeated commands are given in full. The commands follow one another in a conversational style, and full marks must be given to John Galusha, D.Sc., HGA, who prepared the processes from the group sessions and lectures of L.Ron Hubbard, for his method of presentation. The commands are spaced and quite clear so

that the auditor need only glance at the book to find his place and read.

The first process in the book is, of course, an opening procedure. The purpose of this is to bring the group into contact with the physical universe in present time. It establishes ARC between the auditor and the group, improves the group's ability to receive communications and to carry out commands dealing with subjective processes. Both books strike a good balance between subjective and objective processing. Opening Procedure increases the preclears' ability to accept and carry out instructions exactly as they are given, improves their level of certainty, and enables them to make and change decisions about MEST.

The processing in both books appears to me to be based broadly upon performing basic theta activities both on a mechanical level and a subjective one.

The first book is divided up into ten sessions plus the session on Opening Procedure, an Introduction and an Appendix on the treatment of group members who dope-off, boil-off or who are bored.

The sessions are concerned with rehabilitating the pre-clear's theta abilities, his ability to exteriorise, to use theta perceptics, and to handle MEST, including his body. The sessions include Havingness processing, Universe processing and processes that deal with the inhibitions and enforcements of the preclear's ability to communicate. Each session has an 'end of session' procedure which ensures that the group is in present time.

In my opinion, the books could be used by any auditor to give individual processing and so, to any auditor who is unsure of his ability to apply his knowledge, I recommend this course.

The second book contains a farther ten sessions, an introduction, a copy of the Auditor's Code (1954) and the Code of a Scientologist. There is also an extra session on Group Opening Procedure, and two special sessions for exteriorisation only. The volume is of the same size and presentation as the first, and has a pale green cover. The sessions in this book have features not included in the first book. After the session is opened, there is a section between divisional lines that must be run over and over until you wish to end the session, then you continue with the end of session procedure given, which usually includes Remedy of Havingness. Not all the sessions are like this, only those, it appears, which are directly concerned with exteriorisation. The auditor must be careful during these particular sessions not to propitiate the group for fear of boring them. Put them through it without sympathy, pity or excessive speed.

Other types of processing given in the sessions are Ownership processing, Acceptance Level processing, Duplication processes and processes designed to free more attention for use in present time. The two special exteriorisation sessions at the end of the book are very good and I would recommend the first especially. I have watched this process at work on two groups with quite good results. It really does exteriorise preclears rapidly. It is recommended that no session in the book is done for less than an hour, and I cannot emphasise more than the book does that the important sessions are those on Opening Procedure, and that you cannot give too much of it.

I strongly advise all groups to have and use these books, it will give you the advantage of having up-to-date effective processing to work with, and the processes will do much towards holding your group together, besides the benefits the members will definitely get from the sessions.

My only criticisms are concerned with some of the words

used and the price. British readers suffer more than is realised in U.S.A. in trying to sort out what is meant by certain words. I am not referring to faulty English, we have learnt to accept that, but some words and phrases are meaningless to us. You will find in the book such phrases as, "What is in back of it?" This bit of double-talk means, "What is behind it?" The phrase - "Spot a spot" may give cause for wonder! "Spot" in the first instance is used as a verb meaning to find or locate, and in the second instance as a noun, i.e. a small mark or precise location. I deplore the high price of all H.A.S.I. publications especially when, as in this case, they are cheaply produced duplicated books with soft covers stapled on, but I suppose their operating costs are heavy when they send out so many circulars by first class air mail!

Your group cannot afford to be without these books, and I observe that they are used when free group processing is given to the public at the H.A.S.I. clinic. R.S.

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"Seven Steps To Better Living" compiled by William H. Wood and Frank Bannister. A set of 254 cards and a manual published by Scientology Council, 621 So. Oxford Avenue, Los Angeles 5, California, U.S.A. Price \$3.00.

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"Seven Steps To Better Living" is an interesting and useful addition to the rapidly expanding field of publications about Scientology, and one which satisfies a need. Its aim is to give a home study course in a number of the principal techniques and, in doing so, to 'cut the cackle' to the minimum and come, as quickly as possible, to the 'horses'. It consists of 254 small cards together with a booklet giving twelve pages of instructions and background knowledge.

The authors present Scientology as a means of developing a mind able to solve our personal problems, and of thinking "in such a way as to guarantee abundant living, the kind of relationships we want with other people, health (and) happiness." A slightly jarring note is introduced by a reference to the Christian Bible, the Hindu Vedas and the Bhagavad Gita which would seem to imply that no one has acted upon them, but evidently this is not quite what the writers mean.

In order to give the work a fair and practical test, it was put in the hands of a preclear who had received some time ago about 80 hours of Dianetic processing from a professional auditor, but, apart from a considerable amount of self processing with old and more recent techniques, he had had opportunity for a very few hours of processing with Scientology, either with an auditor or with a group. When he first worked through the cards, he had not read the theory which underlies some of the steps, but concurrently with his second run through, he was reading "Look! Don't Think", "Scientology: 8-8008" and various articles in BDR, which material provided a background for others of the "Seven Steps."

There was no difficulty in making the mockups required. Provision is made by the writers for preclears who do find difficulty in this respect; they are instructed to get the idea of the thing if they cannot mock it up, and after working through the course a few times, they should find their power of mental imagery and construction improving.

Step I deals with question and answer, and it produced an increase of confidence in one's ability to find the answer to the problems which are constantly being presented to us all. It should help to cancel the invalidations which most people have suffered.

The cards in the second part of this step on "Nothing or Nothingness" which are supplemented in the booklet by direct-

ions for "Ten Minutes Of Nothing", produced in this preclear a much greater awareness of his physical body, and seemed to put him in better communication with it. At the same time, it enhanced the awareness, already improved by Scientology, of the distinction between the body and the real self, the soul or Thetan. This is of the first importance. How can we expect to control our bodies, or to be at our best ourselves, so long as we are confused or vague about our own existence as souls or thetans, and hardly realise that we ourselves are, that we exist - that we are real? For that is quite different from knowing that our bodies exist.

Explosions, the seventh step, are divided into sections at the conclusion of each of the other steps, so that they receive adequate treatment without overwhelming the preclear. Even before the finding of the explanation in "Look! Don't Think", they were found to have a bracing, that is to say an energising, effect.

Step II, Duplication, should be a help to anyone who has difficulty in making mockups. Like other steps in the book, its value as a mental exercise alone might be appreciated by a reader who had little idea of Scientology. The letterpress points out its use in controlling feelings and states of mind, or in dealing with difficult situations.

Step III is Spacation. It includes holding the corners of the room which is useful in this course as a relief and safeguard in doing the exercises. Its value in bringing the preclear into present time is pointed out. The second part of this step deals with the establishment of the preclear's own space, helping him to take possession of the physical space around him. It was found of practical value in helping one to feel at home in unfamiliar places.

Step IV, Contact, is another safeguard for the preclear

doing the course on his own, and in the instructions for using the cards, he is directed to turn to it if he gets into difficulties or is upset by the exercises. The value of contact as a means of bringing oneself into present time, and also to control emotional states, such as anger, is pointed out. The use of the cards results, of course, in the application of this principle throughout the "Seven Steps".

Step V, called in the booklet "Self Analysis", deals with Affinity, Reality and Communication, and is a run of positive gain processing on rather similar lines to the last but one list in Hubbard's "Self Analysis". It would have been worthwhile, one feels, to suggest its use as an alternative resort for people who run into difficulties in doing the course. Its cordial and stimulating effect has, of course, been experienced by readers of "Self Analysis". The present writers point out its possibilities in improving relations with other people.

Step VI comprises Wearing Heads and Opposite Poles. One's use of the former bore out the writers' claim that the technique helps the understanding of other people. The section on opposite poles deals with the denial of imaginary threats from geographical areas, with a view to controlling the fear of ridicule or disapproval which so often plays too great a part in our lives.

The authors offer to help users of the cards who run in to difficulties. The only difficulties experienced by the reviewer were some fatigue on his first run through the cards, relieved by contact, and a few somatics when he did the course a second time. He continued or repeated the use of the cards which had brought them on and they quickly disappeared.

The use of the course was a very pleasant experience, which made one 'feel good' and tended to increase one's energy and cheerfulness. It should be clear from what has been

said above that the techniques work, even when one does not know why, but some preliminary acquaintance with Scientology is an advantage as, to a complete 'outsider', they would probably seem too bizarre.

"Seven Steps To Better Living" provides several safeguards for its use without an auditor, and it should be safe in the hands of most people who are not very low on the tone-scale. It should be a useful adjunct to auditing, providing homework for keen preclears, especially those who are a long way from their auditors or groups. N.H.

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G r o u p N e w s

"Croydon Certainty Group would like to get in touch with anyone in the Croydon area who is interested in Dianetics and Scientology. Please contact Group Secretary, The Bungalow, 2a Clarendon Road, West Croydon, Surrey."

"Bristol Dianetic Group meets twice a week. Separate sections for east and west Bristol. Anyone in this area, please contact Allan H.Miles, 37 West Town Park, Bristol 4."

(Note. We shall be pleased to publish any notices of group activities which secretaries may care to send us.)

"T h e A b e r e e"

In Enid, Oklahoma, Mr Alpha Hart publishes "The Aberree" monthly, a very lively paper full of news and views on Dianetics and Scientology presented in Mr Hart's own witty and humorous style. In addition, interesting articles and an extensive correspondence section keep you fully abreast of all that is going on in U.S.A. Subscriptions are \$2.00 (14/-) per annum and may be booked through BDR.

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C o r r e s p o n d e n c e

We are again publishing a series of excerpts from our extensive correspondence. Though we publish them without the writers' names, they are all known to us and we do not publish any anonymous letters:

"It is my sincere belief that the tone level of your publication is the highest in the field. It fills a desperate need. Keep on as you are now!"

"I have just gotten my copy of BDR this morning and I would like to give you my vote of support. In my opinion you should keep publishing BDR and use it to express your own opinion, being sure to label it as such. I have found myself that the main weakness in the field is that too few people recount their firsthand experiences but rather hash and re-hash the words of Ron Hubbard. While it may be that Ron's message is best kept intact by repeating his exact words, I do not agree that this is the only way. I think it is far better for each person to pass on both Ron's words and his interpretation of them...Please continue publishing, you have my support moral and slightly otherwise (i.e. financial)."

"As a member of the HASI and the ----- Dianetic Group, I think the BDR is a 'must'. Enclosed please find cheque for 12 months subscription."

"Yes, I should like to see the BDR continue on present lines but feel that it would benefit with one modification - i.e. that is present individuality should be even more outspoken and pointed. For it appears to me that all your criticisms have been valid and well considered, not hasty and vindictive like the recent communications issuing from the American and London branches of the H.A.S.I. Therefore, please continue your criticisms and do not be afraid to give them more sting and punch. If they are valid, they will

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have to be heard and answered; for the H.A.S.I. cannot continue and thrive by imposing such puerile things as bans on its critics. Even in our aberrated society, it is always the critic who speaks the truth as he sees it who is heard and supported by the majority. Such sorry things as petulant bans and vindictive sneers are always seen for what they are, and the perpetrator of them always suffers."

"To me BDR has so often been a cheerer-upper. When we have plodded along with this process and that with damn little success, it has been extremely heartening to have the BDR roll in - very validating."

"Being away from New York for a while, I have just read the November issue of BDR. Here are my answers to the four questions: (1) YES (2) NO, to allow yourself to be stripped of the privilege of making critical comments would be to reduce the communicating ability you have, and also the right to pass on to others your views on important matters in the field. (3) NO - this would be ridiculous. (4) I would like to see BDR run on the following lines: I would want the editor to feel free to say any and all things that he felt needed saying without regard to the fragile toes that are being stepped on. Why use pseudonyms unless specifically requested by the author? Do the contributors have to fear what people will write in about what they have written? It would seem to me that the article they wrote could use re-writing. It is coming to the time when the people in the field need to stand up and be counted for open communication lines. A vigorous exchange of points of view never hurt anyone except he who is so set in his that he cannot accept anything else. Here's hoping you continue along your own merry way."

"The letter you mention dated 9th October from the H.A.S.I. was not received by us. If we did receive such a letter then it seems just plain ridiculous, as this movement is far too important to be limited to a few financial members...."

The possession and use of information in Scientology cannot be limited. I think I recall L. Ron Hubbard stating that it is like a jewel, the more it is used, the better it shines. Let as many know of its use and shining qualities, whether they are members or not seems unimportant. It is in the changes of behaviour that the interest lies for each one of us. Expect changes and there they are."

"May I take this opportunity of saying how very much I enjoyed the weekend school at Towerleaze? I was greatly impressed and hope to learn more about the subject."

"May I shew my appreciation of this last weekend at Towerleaze, and also state how much I enjoyed it all. I and others think that you made an excellent job of it - you are that rare bird, the cheerful chairman despite what turns up. Thank you Mac, and I hope we contributed to the Congress at least what you hoped and expected."

"I liked your thorough and businesslike article on Opening Procedure. The spirit of research is practically unknown at the H.A.S.!"

"I especially liked your write-up on opening procedure, and feel that this will make more sense to both auditor and preclear than any previous communication on the subject. Heretofore, it's been almost thrown at you as something to do without reason; you've given it beingness. It's worth re-printing in the JOURNAL of SCIENTOLOGY."

"Just a note from a reader in response to BDR 32. It has always been a joy to receive BDR. We in Australia are far away from the centre of things Dianetic and Scientological, and amidst all the claims, goals, procedures, etc. which have been made from the H.A.S. and the H.A.S.I. it has been good to have your comments, always helpful and suggestive in BDR. In fact, it is common talk among our group that your

friendly approach in experimenting is just what is needed to help and encourage others to make the effort necessary to prove the effectiveness of the processes and techniques in Dianetics and Scientology...Anyhow, surely no one is going to corner TRUTH. There is no room for Popes in the free world of our desires and minds. Always it has been the same story, the original idea and intention has been so good, but as soon as it has become organised, it becomes exclusive and defensive, and only reaches a few. But here I am philosophising when all you ask for is simple answers YES or NO. (1) the answer is YES, (2) NO, the comments are the best part of BDR. (3) Don't be silly, nothing would be served that way and many folk would be disappointed and drop their search. Your attitude of freedom and fellowship is essential to the future of Dianetics and Scientology, keep it flowing. Your loyalty to Dianetics and Scientology is unquestioned in our minds. Your faculty is that of a teacher, expositor and that is essential to any new group...There are certain queries in my mind which I have kept mostly to myself. In U.S.A., we know that one can do almost anything under the name of religion, is it just a mockup? Can one have a religion without a central point of identification? Is it worth going to all that trouble to make folk theta clear, if they only then become more selfishly efficient and dangerous to everyone but themselves? I could go on and on, but will spare you. I do trust that you will continue with BDR and that 1955 will be a year of much progress and real affinity for you and yours."

"First of all let me congratulate you on the way you have just handled a very sticky problem and the very fine response received from readers of BDR as a whole. No one in their right senses could but appreciate all that you have done and are doing for Dianetics and Scientology. I have always found your magazine so fair and unbiased, and stimulating to a degree. I should be really distressed if you ceased publication - so do please accept my most sincere good wishes for your continued success."