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I'm back in the USA. It's good to be home.

The year in Arabia taught me some things I needed to know about myself, and especially about my family relations. It was difficult, but worth while.

I received quite a surprize, and somewhat of a shock, the last few weeks I spent over there. I was gently informed that I was no longer needed in the Air Force - a part of the economy Reduction-in-Force program. The "dear John" letter was most polite and reassuring: it's all because I asked to get out of service next year anyway, you see, and since we're cutting down now, we thought etc. etc. Well, O.K. I got what I asked for, and a year early. Only thing is, the car and TV set were supposed to be paid for before I got out of service and now they're not. Problems. So: ....

First action upon arrival home: take the family and head for Atlanta and the South-Eastern Dianetic Conference. It was my first Conference, and, in my opinion, a good one. Eph Howard and Paul Metcalf presented data on Scientology. Don Purcell and Art Coulter told us about Foundation Dianetics and Analytical Procedure. Jim Welgos gave his latest views on Eidetic Nexology. Dr. Nan McCurdy gave a fascinating talk on her work, and so did Dr. Paul Beaver. Ron Howes sent a tape on Humanics. All in all, we got a good, broad, general picture of the latest activities in the entire field, and an excellent opportunity to evaluate their similarities and differences.

The Maier family: Don, Edna, and three kids, then headed for a two week intensive family processing session and combined vacation and honeymoon (we missed that ten years ago when we were married because of the war) at Paul Metcalf's delightful spot in the Carolina mountains. It is particularly beautiful there in the Fall. We got some wonderful color slides of the Great Smokey Mountains and the Blue Ridge Parkway. We learned something about ourselves there too.

A family intensive, incidentally, is highly to be recommended, in my opinion. It was Edna's first taste of the benefits of Dianetics, and the results were excellent, both in terms of her case and in general family ARC. Paul and I worked at my service facsimile package. Daughter Bonny, 9, a former epileptic case, had fun running birth in playful fashion, and possibly shifting control centers. Donna, the other twin, fell in love with Paul. Chuckie, 3, played with the cats and climbed in the tree house. A fine vacation.

Next, we headed for Tullahoma, Tennessee, and a week with Eph & Joyce Howard and family. We all learned something about ourselves in that situation: four adults and five kids living in a 6 room house! The Howards have a useful philosophy of family living and cooperation; it was really put to the test that week! Edna and I learned, the hard way, about full communications between husband and wife. It can be very painful at first, but the long-term results have promise of being lasting and very beneficial.

So, now we're back home in Middletown and I'll be out of service, after eleven years, on October 30th. I have a number of choices for work and living in the immediate future. Among them, the wisest in the long run appears to be to move to Colorado Springs. We may do that. My next communication will tell.

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During my year's absence from the States, the advances and growth in this field have been good. I expect to contribute materially to further growth. If we ALL dig in and work, we cannot fail!

I am sending this to people outside of our network, with cordial invitations to join us. Those interested may get the names of all members from Harry Fortune, 2144 Lincoln Street, Hollywood, Florida. Incidentally, there has been some confusion about this net which I should like to clear up here and now. Harry is just the Coordinator. His only function, according to him, is to furnish names and addresses of members to newcomers. Although this net somehow got called the Fortune Network, the original idea came from Maxine Smith, of Houston, Texas, the former editor and publisher of an excellent newsletter called the Preclear. As far as I can tell, this net is not owned, controlled, or operated by anyone. I send things to members when and if I turned please, and the things I get in return indicate a similar attitude on the part of the other members.

I have often been asked how one can stay in touch with all segments of the dianetic field without spending more than he earns! Here is my suggestion: Subscribe to the following: Dianotes, Dianews, The Communicator (Denver), Dianetics Today (Wichita), The Ghost of Scientology, Scientology (Philadelphia). In addition, ask to be on the active mailing lists of the Dianetic Foundation (Wichita), the Eidetic Foundation (Fairhope), the Hubbard Association of Scientologists (Philadelphia), and the Humanics Institute (Colorado Springs). All this should cost \$15 or \$20 a year at the most. Well worth it, I think.

To network members only, I am sending two inclosures with this. One is an essay on management called "Completed Staff Work". This is my adaptation of a military article by the same name; I changed it radically to include dianetic ideas which were conspicuous by their absence in the original. The other inclosure is a "Personnel Data sheet" which Eph Howard and I worked up to aid my finding employment. Since a lot of dianetikers go job hunting occasionally, the form and substance of this sheet might be of use to them. I know it helped my self confidence 1,000 percent to see that data so nicely arranged on paper when I had to go and sell my services. Non-members of this net will be sent copies of either or both upon request while the supply lasts.

Incidentally, we still are selling publications for the Central Pennsylvania Dianetics Group here. CPDG, PRF, and Eidetic Foundation Publications are available, often at attractive discounts. Write in while the supply lasts; we will probably discontinue this activity when our present inventory is depleted.

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