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Surprise!

It must be the season, or something, but I find myself writing again.

It would seem that the communication end of this network has gone thru its cycle. What has happened? A little over a year ago a lot of us were full of ideas we wanted to spread - now there is little but a "loud, long silence". Has anybody any idea as to why the lack of ideas?

I refuse to get into any arguments on the relative merits of the different ways humans have of controlling or reducing the population. My only object is to help people to learn how to think so they can and will take responsibility for themselves and let others do likewise.

By now most of you have heard of our venture in organizing the South-eastern Dianetic Conference which was held in Atlanta on September 19 & 20. This was the first dianetic conference to come to my attention where there was no one key individual. Instead we had speakers representing most phases of dianetics from first book techniques to the latest in scientology (SOP 8). Registration amounted to 71 individuals from 13 states and several others sat in on one or more of the sessions. For those who are interested we have a complete tape of the day and a half meeting including talks by Art Coulter, Ron Howes, Don Purcell, Dr. Nan McCurdy and some fifteen others including yours truly. If you would like to see a copy of the program, I have a few left which I'll be glad to send out as long as they last.

(Adv.) See the attached circular for the best buy of the year. (Adv.)

Apparently on the strength of my good looks, I was elected to the Board of Governors of the Dianetic Research Foundation, Wichita, last September. If any of you have any suggestions on how this group should fit into things, I'll be glad to hear from you. All ideas are welcome, but those that cost the least are the most welcome.

I met with the Niagara Falls group one evening last month. This appears to be a rather active group who seem to have benefited in direct proportion to what they have put into dianetics.

Who has some good ideas on what to include in a talk to a group who have never heard of dianetics. I have been invited to address the Men's Club of a local church the week after next. It is a little hard to figure out just what to say to a group of this sort - particularly since most of them are supervisors at the plant where I work. How about dropping me a line tonight?

Have you been trying Hubbard's "Six Steps to Better Being"? How do you do "ten minutes of nothing"? My mind does not like to be blank. I have started listening thru the tapes from the Philly Congress. The first two hours definitely alienate me. I hope the rest is better. On the other hand PRF tape 83 - an interview with Wing Angell - held my interest. It is a good picture of the results obtained by one who has no criticism of anyone.

Let's put the C back in ARC and resume communication.

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