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RANDOMITY....

A MAN SPEAKS HIS MIND!!!

Mannie Stedman of Seattle finally came out with another issue of the NEXUS. What an issue! Rabid dianeticists and scientologists and nexologists and any other related "ists" are liable to resent Mannie, no end. Possibly this is what we have needed. In his article, Mannie makes many statements, universal and otherwise, which expresses his reality in no uncertain terms. It must be read to be appreciated. While we may not agree with him, it behooves us to examine our beliefs, attitudes and motives with regard to the particular path we are traveling on at the moment. It seems that there are quite a few of us who, after a successful session, find ourselves sitting on a private little cloud and out of contact with dark, cold reality. If such a condition is repetitive and continues for any length of time, the false reality becomes very real and when the little cloud finally dissolves, someone gets hurt. The fall back to earth is a hard one and sometimes recuperation can be rather slow. His article and others which may follow, may serve as an anchor to keep our feet on the ground and help us to determine where reality ends and imagination begins. Mannie's outburst can have no real effect on those of us who have selected reasonable goals and are willing to expend the necessary effort to gain them. Many of us have made real gains and are better in many ways as a result of our association with dianetics and the dianetic community. For these, we have no qualms. There is no doubt that Mannie Stedman is entirely right, in his own reality. We hope that his reality changes as time passes on. Time is said to be a great healer. Time, only, will tell!

SARAH Eichorn of Menlo Park, Calif., sent us a nice New Year's card introducing herself, her husband, and all of the kids. Sounds like a nice family, Sarah. Thanks for remembering us.

ACCORDING to Don Schuster, the foundation in Wichita is contemplating a "Test" package for the benefit of the auditor in the field. The proposed package will contain: an intelligence test, a personality inventory, a vocational interest inventory, the improved dianometry test, a social adjustment inventory, a memory test and a judgment test. The price of the package will be around three dollars (\$3.00) to the auditor. To quote Don, "The particular tests used, represent, in our opinion, the most up to date, short, comprehensive and pragmatic tests of the mental side of a person." Further information can be obtained from the Foundation... Sounds like a lot for the money. Incidentally, Don and Locky now reside in Lake Charles, La.

As forecast in the January issue, Walter Hanan and associates have opened scientology centers in our northwest extremity. The Institute of Scientology, with offices in Seattle and Spokane, Washington and Boise, Idaho, offers the preclear a chance to reside in a Scientology Home while he is being processed. The array of talent offering their services include Walter Hanan, his wife Gertrude, Jim Meinhardt, Morrison Helling, Earl Bennitt and Dave Cysewski. They are offering a course in Allied Sciences and Art by invitation only. No mail order courses will be offered... Our previous info had Wing and Smoky Angell as being interested in this venture, but as their names do not appear on the brochure, they couldn't have been too much interested. We wish the new association much luck.

WE have before us a copy of the DCI (Dianetic Center of Israel) Bulletin, Yvette Goldenhirsh, editor. The editorial was particularly interesting in-as-much as it stated that the Dianetic Center plans to incorporate with the Israel Government. As Yvette says, "All this is a far cry from our slow and difficult start"... We congratulate DCI for their achievements and hope we hear more and better things about them.

THE ROBE
by
Waldo Boyd

"Were all created things to be entirely divested of the veil of worldly vanity and desire, the Hand of God would in this Day clothe them, one and all, with the robe 'He doeth whatsoever he willeth in the kingdom of creation'.."

-- Baha'ullah.

We who number ourselves among DIANOTES regular readers have been, perhaps more than any other publication, with dianetics from the very beginning. Most of us have experienced each and every phenomenon brought to our attention by Hubbard or any of the other thinkers within our field. But unless there are a considerable number of silent Optimums, not many of us have achieved what we consider to be the state of clear. Question: why would an Optimum Individual remain silent? Answer: although his communication might well be on a different level than before, he wouldn't! Question: then why not more Optimums? Answer: We are still trying to be somebody else!

To a student of comparative religion (not the student of a professor of comparative religion) one of the astonishing--at first--facts about each and every great religion is the similarity of its basic teachings. From a dianetic point of view, would it be reasonable to assume that each Master Teacher appeared to beg, plead, threaten and cajole Mankind to strive towards Optimum? And that mankind, true to form, distorted the exhortations of the Masters to conform to his own vain imaginations?

Consider the foregoing quotation, and strip it of its "religious" verbiage: "If the individual would but remove his aberrated self-esteem he could exercise free-will throughout the entire universe." Simple, isn't it? It must be -- it says so in all the books, in all the great teachings, in all the books on success, and in the hidden writings so highly advertised as "secret". True, the wording is always individualized, but the thought underneath -- self-honesty is the best policy -- is invariably there.

During moments of the highest degree of self-consciousness of which we are capable, we all have had glimpses of ourselves as we really are, and the immensity of it frightened us. Our capabilities, an open vista before us, were so incredible that we told ourselves to "Quit dreaming, and get back to Reality!" and promptly became "ourselves" again. Or perhaps it was the utter fluidity of it all that alarmed us; we assumed our masks once more and sought solidity, unchangableness -- but alas! We find only the illusion of stasis, and content ourselves with this.

Question: what is humility?

To the volatile proponents of self-determinism, humility is an aberrative attribute of the apathy case; but to those with wisdom, humility is the fruit of self-honesty. It is the essence of the true self shining through all the conceit, the false vanity and self-esteem. Why doesn't an Optimum shout loudly, "I'm a Clear!" and go around strutting and bursting his buttons? Because a true Optimum knows humility -- he loves his fellows. It has been said that the greatest among us is the servant of all. Can you be a servant without being servile? Lacking aberrated self-esteem you can!

It is evident that one who owns his home would not be working long, dreary overtime hours in order to pay for it; it is equally evident that he who is truly great is

not advertising his greatness. What is vanity but a false front to the world, an advertisement to everyone that we are what we secretly feel within we really aren't? Basic to each and every non-optimum is a self-invalidation, "I'm stupid," or "I'm nobody," or "I'm a failure." Against a basic postulate such as this we erect a wall of self-esteem, a face which we show others until finally it's the only face we ourselves can see. It is a long line of beliefs, deliberately laid in for the purpose of invalidating the basic invalidation. If we could only become what we imagine we are, we would be on the first major step upward toward Optimum. The rest would follow easily -- it is free and natural.

Why would we make a negative postulate with the force of our whole being? Simply because it seemed at the time to be true. There wasn't any way to think otherwise-- it was proved to us by our own environment, by our own feelings. We failed; therefore, "I'm a failure." We took it seriously at the time--remember the "serious button?" From this point of view we can readily see why most of the pre-dianetic methods have not consistently given good results. They simply exhorted the student to lay in a thicker wall, a heavier negation of the basic self-invalidation.

Perhaps the greatest exhilaration of all, to the author at least, is the awareness of new lands to explore, of pioneering where it seemed that at last mankind had conquered every square mile of earth above the sea. Make no mistake; the Optimum will develop new abilities never before realized by man. It could be said that the most important ability which needs rehabilitation is the ability to create new abilities! And among these newly created will be ... well, take your pick.

Remember the quotation at the beginning? "...He does whatever he wills in the kingdom of creation!..."

C O L D S

Colds....

Stuffy, Irritated, Irritable Colds...
Why do we have them? Is it because we want them? (They're wonderful excuses for getting attention, sympathy, etc.)
Or is it because we were exposed? (Mustn't be in the same room with a little cold germ, you know, and if you kiss someone who has a cold, tch, Tch, tch, you're sunk!)...
Or is it because we are especially susceptible to colds? (Remember when Mama told you that unless you dressed warm, etc., etc., you would surely catch a bad cold?)...Whatever the reason, we still catch colds...
We go out in a cold rain without a hat on, (Ooooooh! That's bad. Remember what Mama said!) and the flesh expels a fluid. Toxic stuff...The flesh swells, blood vessels dilate, the flesh swells some more...Congestion...Air passages fill in and mucous membranes become irritated...Woe is me! My Sinusitis! (The word sounds delightful, but gosh!

How painful!)...Little bundles of nerves become excited and a chain reaction sets in...Glands expel mucous which fills in any space that isn't swelled shut...Throbbing, pulsating misery...The air sinuses fill to the bursting point...More and more misery! Sore to the touch and sore without touching, just sore...All this is much easier to start than to stop...It is better to avoid colds than to cure them...Yoga states that pain which has not occurred, is avoidable...Sound reasoning, but each individual must work out his own way of avoidance...Internal Awareness is not sufficient...Internal Control, automatic circuits set up to take care of any contingencies...This without conscious prompting...Circuits to prevent the toxic fluid from forming and to prevent the nerves from becoming excited...No irritation, no swelling, no mucous, no pain...A state of Utopia in the body...AN OPTIMUM STATE!

DIANETICA vs. SCIENTOLOGY

by
Vox Populi

The question asked is whether or not there is a difference between dianetics and scientology. The best way to determine the answer to this question would be to find the operational descriptions of these terms (i.e. the theory which communicates them and the technology which applies them), to produce the actualities which are communicated in some proper fashion and to look at what happened. Alternatively, and quite secondarily, one might examine the writings of L. Ron Hubbard, the originator of both, and find differences of statement.

A nearly complete bibliography of Mr. Hubbard's writings on dianetics and scientology is contained in Introduction to Scientology by Richard Demille, Ph. D., HDA, HGA, obtainable from Scientology Council, 621 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles 5, Calif. Additional taped lectures covering much of recent statements of scientology can be obtained by groups from the same source, or from the Hubbard Association, 726 Cooper St., Camden 2, N.J.

I have done both of the things set forth above, in addition to having heard lectures and question and answer discussions by Mr. Hubbard in 1950, 1952, and 1953.

Dianetics was described in Book I as the science of thought. Scientology was described in Issue 16-G of the Journal of Scientology as the Science of knowing or of certainty (the two are technically aspects of the same thing). There is an obvious difference between these two. Thought, all too commonly, implies little or no knowledge, and often less certainty. Direct perceptic knowledge of things is not required, at least in this culture, for a definition of thought. Perception is requisite in scientology to knowing or to certainty.

The goals of dianetics are included in scientology as sub-goals. The goals of scientology are not included in dianetics. Book I describes the "clear". Later Science of Survival describes the MEST-Clear. These are portions of the spectrum of beingness which is extended to the recent goal of scientology, the theta clear, and the more recently postulated operating thetan. The theta clear is defined, simply, as a person who can be within or without his physical body, remaining conscious and sane I would add, no matter whether or not the body is in pain. This state is easily tested for in any individual, and a matter of a minute should yield a conclusive result in my opinion. Quite incidentally, a theta clear is also a MEST-Clear (in brief has the body and its emotions "fixed up" to the degree he wishes) in all cases, even the MEST-clearing may have been obtained only very shortly before theta-clearing. The shortest time in processing individually in my practice to theta clear was six and one half hours addressed to this goal. I recently tested a theta clear who reached this state with group processing and self-processing alone in a matter of about three weeks. I do not know the number of hours involved.

Dianetics concerns itself with "I", Basic personality, or the "awareness of awareness." Scientology is concerned with the person, colloquially, the guy, operationally defined as the thetan. The thetan is simply the non-physical point source of energy which is also the person. Dianetics does not raise the question of the immortality of "I" or its mortality, but addresses itself to the pain, efforts, and emotions of the body in this life time (today usually called the Genetic Entity.. GE..) and occasionally in the history prior to this lifetime of the GE. Scientology finds the thetan to be non-physical and indestructible in terms of the MEST-universe, altho admittedly often much bruised and degraded. Scientology was, initially, much concerned with the thetan's history. Present technology address the present and the

future equally with the past. Additionally, the thetan can (and does) perceive independently of any senses of the physical body, originate measurable physical energy without physical implements, move physically in space without usual transportation, and indeed with none at all. Most importantly, despite the impotent theorizing of "science" thetans built the MEST universe and life most definitely was not a blind accident of the arrangement of protein molecules or some such balderdash.

There is little or no resemblance between either dianetics or scientology and much of the tripe being printed and disseminated in publications supposedly devoted to "communication" ARC and indeed dianetics itself. Nor is there any resemblance between either of those fields and the mouthings of self-announced "clears", "optimums", theorists, and experts in psychology, humblumism, or some "allied" fields. With the single exception of the required use of the electropsychometer in individual processing, and the recommendation of vitamin B₁ and an adequate diet from a common-sense point of view, no physical media other than those with which an auditor was born or developed naturally in growing up are a part of either field.

There is a community between dianetics and scientology. Both deal, each at its own echelon of goals, communications, and technology with the spirit which animates homo sapiens. Since human beings have monotonously similar problems from one individual to another, auditors in either science deal quite continuously with similar things. The Demon Circuit of Book I is still present, albeit much more easily handled as the automaticity of SOP 8C. Perception is still important (indeed of the highest echelon) as it was at the time of the May 1950 ASF article, even tho scientological auditors deal with perception today in terms almost entirely of the creation and destruction of, rather than the recall of, perceptics. Even Straight Wire is still present, as Step VI of SOP 8 and its variants, and required for use eventually in all cases.

Recall the operational description of the clear in Book I. I would sum it up as a purposeful person, with no remediable physical ills, abundant physical and emotional energy, with good memory (not recalls—these are far too slow and detailed except for processing uses), and a creative imagination, available for solutions of life's problems on dynamics I-IV. This goal is obtainable today as it was in 1950. It is quite commonly being attained by scientologists. Fortunately, lest our existence become boring for lack of growth, higher goals are obtainable in scientology, and this last is a difference.

By the way, I have no statements to make as to my own state of being. Anyone who himself says he is "clear" or some word conveying that meaning is, bluntly, a phony. Anyone who long submits to having others so describe him is under grave suspicion. Whether I have progressed a millimeter or a light-year since I started in 1950, I know there is a lot more ahead. The high adventure recommended then is still there for those who wish adventure. The bridge has been built, actually, thanks entirely to L. Ron Hubbard. Few are using it, and I understand they need some help with the buildings for the new city.

RANDOMITY.....

TWO of our good friends from across the water have favored us with nice long letters. Jean Kellerstrom and George Gook, both of London, England, were kind enough to toss a couple of bookkays at us. If this keeps up we'll probably get the big-head. (Ouch! We asked for that one!) Ted Robles, Jr.'s current series received favorable comment, and Jean mentioned our Visual Correction technique. We'll excerpt their letters for the March issue....

I DARE YOU

by

Ted Robles, Jr.

Well? Have you had enough yet? It is hoped not, because we're about ready to start really learning about ourselves. There are only two exercises this month, but each is a nice one. This month should be a cinch. Of course, they aren't the easiest exercises we've encountered, and they are long and involved, but they are excellent practice. Here goes.

Exercise XI

There are twelve Cranial nerves. Each of these nerves fulfills a definite, necessary function. I shall not tell you, at this point, what these nerves are, nor what their functions are. If you must know, look them up in Gray's Anatomy, or other good anatomy text. First, though, it would be a good idea for you to try to recognize the following things each of these nerves.

1. Where does it arise?
2. Where does it go?
3. What is its function?
4. Is this function partially or completely blocked?
5. If so, why, and what can you do about it?

If you can not feel these nerves at first, and the probability is that you can't, look them up, and see where they should be, then see if you can trace them, consciously and analytically, throughout their entire lengths.

Having succeeded at this, find out how it is possible for the function of these nerves to become impeded, whence such impedances stem, and what you can do by conscious action to eliminate the impedances.

At this point it is suggested that you read Dr. Howes' pamphlet, 'Blueprint for a Human Being'.

Next, perform the above actions clear down the spinal column for each spinal nerve, then for the major, non-spinal ganglia, or neural plexes. That ought to take a month!

You will note that I have not been specific as to just how you 'should' do these things, for a very good reason. Four different people who have done this, in my own experience, used four different methods! It is probable that there are a limited number of methods by means of which one can trace the nerves, but I would be the last to suggest one. Do it, if you can, the way it seems natural for you to do it. If you can't do it at all, just keep trying. Success may be yours within the month!

Exercise XII

There are a definite number of habitual actions one performs every day. These include such commonplaces as putting on clothes, combing hair, shaving, eating, etc.

Slow these down until you know what makes each one of them tick. Feel the complex of neuro-muscular activity present. Learn each act. Is there a better, more efficient way each can be done? If so, change activity to the more efficient method. The principle of minimum effort should govern here. Rehearse the more efficient action until you know every muscular effort, every neural signal implicit in it.

Next, take charge of the rate with which each action is performed, gradually speeding it up until the ultimate speed of each action is reached, whatever that speed may be.

These exercises are for the purpose of teaching you that you do know what goes on inside your body, and that you are in complete control of your muscles and nerves. They are important for that reason. You get from them results proportionate to the effort you put in on them. Be your own efficiency expert.

ON PHONY DEGREES

by
Art Coulter, M.D.

The recent closing of the Institute of Humanics as a result of the disclosure that Ron Howes did not have a doctor's degree will, I believe, ultimately turn out to have been a blessing in disguise. Ron, for reasons which he does not wish to make public but which, I am sure, were good ones, had permitted the degree of "Doctor of Science" to be attached to his name in various communications. Most people who, like myself, have known Ron and followed his work will continue to regard him with admiration and respect. What is important about Ron is not whether or not he happens to have a degree, but the fact that he has been working actively and intensively on behalf of his fellow man.

Unfortunately some groups--notably the scientologists--have been exclaiming with ill-concealed exuberance, "Ron Howes is a phony." In doing so they are not only smearing a wonderful person who has given freely of his time and energy to so many others; they are overlooking the fact their own idol not only also has advertised himself with phony degrees, but continues to do so. I am at a loss to understand why a "double standard" should be applied here.

Ron Hubbard would be a great deal more respected, in my opinion, if he would drop all phony degrees and represent himself as "just plain" Ron Hubbard, as Ron Howes has had the courage to do. If Hubbard has anything worth while to say about the human mind, the value of what he has to say will be made that much the greater for the fact that he does not really hold any legitimate advanced degrees.

Let's have an end to all phony degrees. After all, a degree simply means that a man has been exposed to a particular education; it does not mean he is any better (or any worse) because of it. (I specifically apply this to myself.) The only qualification a man should be judged by is what he can do, not by the courses he has taken.

In fact, let's have an end to all pretense and be honest for a change. I think the time has come for the people in dianetics to acknowledge to ourselves--and the world--that we don't know the answers we have been claiming to know; that there aren't any clears--I don't know of any--does anybody else?--and devote ourselves to finding those answers by the scientific method. If dianetics is a science, it should be scientific.

In fact, I'd like to propose to DIANOTES that some sort of campaign be run along these lines; Does anybody know a clear? We have been told from the very start of dianetics that there are clears, and even today there are certain groups which claim to be producing them. As far as I am concerned, there aren't any; but if there are, let's have some evidence. A clear is supposed to have, among other things, eidetic recall, to be completely sane and rational without any aberrations. It should be the simplest matter in the world to test any individual claiming to be clear, and to report the evidence. Where is the evidence? Does anybody know a clear? I'm from Missouri. Show me.

A SUMMARY of RESEARCH
(Robinson Theory)
by
Laurie Conway, HDA

Part IV

The olan and the GE will run separately their intentions which do not correspond sufficiently with those of thetan major and minor to be thrown out simultaneously. In order to permit them to communicate, thetans major and minor simply relax the speech controls. Always check to see if you are in communication with the entity whose intentions are then being run and that that entity is doing the running.

If the process, at any point, is not going as it should, check for three things; strain in any of the fields; clamps on the body or on any of the entities - and the intention to clamp - or interfering intentions. If a pc is using a circuit, have him locate it spatially in the fields and find the number of control points in it. He then reads off the phrase(s) on the first control point, gets the positive and negative intention behind each phrase and blows the point. Continue thru all the points in the circuits. Then have him adjust the field in that area and continue with whatever process you were using. Another problem may be the dragging up of painful emotion. This, as with facsimiles, is in the action fields. The pc is requested to stay in the intention field and is asked for the intention (and its negative) not to do so.

Every action is preceded by an intention as is every emotion or postulate. Giving up the intentions does not mean the loss of anything desirable. One may wonder what happens if one blows the basic intention to be (and not to be), or, to be happy (and not be happy). The goal is simply to remove the spatial warps in the field and to blow the facsimiles, including all the failures on the subject. The intention will be remade when and if it is desired. An intention such as "to be" is probably remade immediately, but this is a new intention with no control points or failures on it. There is nothing wrong with intention. Wrongness is in those intentions locked by counterintentions and failures. One soon acquires the habit in present time of dropping ones original intentions instead of putting in negatives if ones course of action is changed. This leaves no room for regret or blame at losing the original course of action. One becomes free to act as one wishes in any situation.

At this time, I shall not go into the re-absorption of thetan minor into thetan major or running the self-limitations in the awareness of awareness, since these are fairly advanced projects. Suffice to say, that so far as we know, the only true theta clearing is accomplished by this re-absorption. Otherwise there is merely a switch of identification with thetan minor still remaining inside the head. Techniques for accomplishing both of these steps are found in the tape recording mentioned.

All sessions, regardless of techniques, are ended by going through steps 1-6 (See Part III, Jan. issue of DIANOTES). (All the active entities do this simultaneously.) The following instructions are then given, the auditor waiting until each one is completed before going on to the next one:

7. Thetan major, put your attention on the governor of the olan identification package, and blow everything which will blow at this time.
8. Thetan major, creme the OIP.
9. Thetan major, thetan minor and the olan, put your attention on the governor of the service facsimile package, blowing everything that will blow at this time, turning white the lines from the governor to the various parts of the body. (If the pc sees black and white, he can observe this process.)
10. Creme the fields of the SFP. (Same three entities).

11. The GE is asked if the cellular intelligence package needs adjusting. If an affirmative answer is given the GE is told to adjust the CIP and when finished to creme it.

Prior to recognition of the other entities, the pc may be only able to complete steps 1-10, with only thetan major (or minor, if minor was the first one to be addressed) acting.

After these are finished, all the entities refill the beauties of the auditor, pc, auditor's contribution, pc's contribution, the session, etc.

As one can see, these techniques are entirely mechanical. The art of auditing lies in raising those pc's who may be inaccessible to them. For this, all the techniques now available, from first book through 8-3008, should be known thoroughly and used as desirable. However the major duty of the auditor is to keep his own case well along. An auditor who throws energy beams whenever the pc's intentions rub his own sore spots will, needless to say, not be working at his full capabilities as an auditor. Our experience is that together with running the self-limitations, these techniques will achieve the goal of cleared theta-MEST clear in 75-100 hours. Research is now being done on more rapid techniques which will soon be made available.

A last word. Please remember: always get the counter-intention; always keep the fields destrained, always keep the pc on the basics of a subject (and don't be surprised if he turns up intentions on the static ~ and before); always check for deniers, holders, forgetters, protectors, etc. You may find it desirable to make a list of these and read it to the pc to bring the intentions into view.

BOOK REVIEW

ON AUDITING by Martha W. Courtis.

This book could be said to be based on two questions- "So you want to become an auditor - why?" and "So you want to become an auditor - how?" The author faces up to the task of dealing with these two difficult questions and comes out, in my opinion, with some convincing answers.

The first section of the book is concerned for the most part with the responsibilities of the auditor. The question "why?" mentioned above is dealt with here. The auditor's attitudes toward people, life and especially the pre-clear are examined over and over again. The possibility of near optimum auditing situations is discussed, and the auditor's code is frequently referred to. Goals of an auditor and auditing are carefully examined. After reading this section I think most auditors are in for some very real soul searching.

Sections two and three deal with the "how?" of auditing. In these two sections techniques and their application are discussed. The availability of techniques and their manipulations for the infinite differences in pre-clears are discussed and demonstrated intelligently and frankly. All the theories and techniques in the book appear to be based on the works of L. Ron Hubbard.

...and now if I may raise my ugly head from the keys of a reviewer's typewriter and say...if you care to become a better auditor or start auditing...read this book...

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This book can be purchased from Martha W. Courtis, PO box 480, Ann Arbor, Michigan, or HAS, Camden, N.J. \$2.50 postpaid, in lots of 10 or more special discount.

(2) channeled vs. free discussion; (3) expanding vs. limiting group size. Problems unsolved: (1) changing group name; (2) clearout, agreed group goals; (3) bull sessions.

Data on individual reactions to "upper two corners" step of SSBB: (1) one used this to solve present-time problems by withdrawing briefly from business situations, contacting corners by self, calming, then solving problem in resumed activity; (2) another found the step uncovered swarms of locks which were scanned out between concentrations on corners (which required repeated commands from another); (3) another found it turned on body awareness par excellence, by self; (4) another reported it raised general tone each time and sometimes uncovered facsimiles, which were disposed of by exploding or turning around; (5) another felt it opened up "locked-in somatics" while the family dog acted puzzled during the pc's self-contact with corners; (5) another could not contact corners; (6) another did not try.

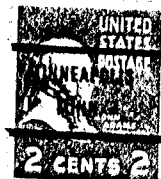
Jan. 12. Group acts: (1) heard last third of LRH tape; (2) ordered 5 copies "Look! Don't Think"; (3) had 30 min. group SSBB session. Group decisions: (1) send for first "Operation Bootstrap" tape; (2) start at 7:30, end at 10:00, altho any can continue later. Reactions: (1) SSBB fine; (2) SSBB no good.

Jan. 19. (Second-hand, may be garbled). Group acts: (1) named JR moderator for meeting; (2) SSBB-30min. Problem: latecomers tend to disrupt harmony of meeting.

Jan. 26. (Attendance limited by sleet storm. Second-hand report.) Group acts: (1) SSBE. Group considered: (1) Why meetings "degenerate" into bull sessions.

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