

Narconon

Chilocco Drug Treatment Center May Be Part Of Notorious Religious Cult

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NEWKIRK, OK—A proposed drug treatment and rehabilitation center which could be in operation on Indian land at the former Chilocco Indian School north of Newkirk by June 1990 may be part of a notorious...

Narconon was approved for a 75-bed facility by the State Health Planning Commission in January of this year as part of The Chilocco Development Authority. The projected cost is \$400,000 for renovation and the five Indian tribes involved are projected to receive \$16,000,000 in lease payments over 25 years.

According to published reports,

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Whoa, now! Maybe it's time for us back-water Cowboys and Indians to slow down our wagons and ponies a bit, before we get stampeded into thunderation by a bunch of slick talkin' riverboat slysters tounin' some new fangled snake oil cure-for-the fire-water frazzles.

Narconon is the drug rehabilitation program for the Church of Scientology, founded by L. Ron Hubbard. Last Friday Sociology Professor Richard Ofshe of the University of California at Berkeley confirmed that Narconon is an organization of the Church of Scientology. "I think it's common knowledge out here," he said. In a 1981 Digest article, the Church of Scientology was described as "fighting cult".

Tribal members contacted about the Chilocco project were not aware of a possible connection to the Church of Scientology. All they've been told is that it is a "private corporation."

Pawnee office of the Bureau of Indian Affairs said they were not aware of the connection, and were very

"surprised" because the "state" and the "governor's office" were involved in getting Narconon to come to Chilocco.

Narconon's literature says nothing about any connection with the Church of Scientology, but does say it adheres to the methods of L. Ron Hubbard.

Narconon material presented to Newkirk Mayor Garry Bugar at ceremonies held at Chilocco on Saturday, April 8, says only that "the Narconon program owes its success to the 'unique technology' of L. Ron Hubbard. Narconon uses the Hubbard® Method of drug rehabilitation to handle the root causes of why the person took drugs in the first place."

The only connection between Scientology and Narconon in its own material seems to be a reference to "RTC" that appears in literature from Narconon. In fine print, it says that "Hubbard is a trademark and service mark owned by "RTC" and is used with its permission. In literature received by the Newkirk Library from the Church of Scientology advertising books by L. Ron Hubbard, a footnote announces that Dianetics, Scientology, and Scientology are trademarks and service marks owned by Religious Technology Center (the same RTC?) and are used with its permission.

June 15. It has received the approval of the State of Oklahoma to begin with a 75 bed capacity, but Narconon staff member Edna Fulton, quoted in the April 11 issue of the Ponca City News, said she expects approval for reasonably rapid expansion. It could eventually house up to 1,400 "patients" and whatever "staff" would be necessary.

The Los Angeles based Association for Better Living & Education (ABLE), sent Rena Weinberg to Chilocco to present Narconon and the Chilocco Development Authority with a \$200,000.00 check to be used in establishing the local Narconon facility.

According to the Ponca City News, Weinberg said ABLE operates internationally and has been impressed with the success of the Narconon recovery program, hence the donation.

The address of ABLE is 3540 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 300, Los Angeles, California. The address of Narconon International Association is... 3540 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 300, Los Angeles, Ca. The address of Narconon Drug Education, U.S. is 3540 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 303, Los Angeles, CA. Same building, same floor, same offices.

Narconon's material says it is currently operating 26 treatment facilities in 11 nations. Nine facilities in the

and the magazine notes that at the Church of Scientology's First National Conference on Public Action and Social Reform in Los Angeles in 1974, "representatives of the California Legislature presented a special commendation to Narconon, Scientology's program to fight drug abuse." Over 1,500 Scientologists attended the meeting.

In 1952, Hubbard announced the birth of the Church of Scientology, an "applied religious philosophy" which retained most of the basic features of Dianetics.

According to Time, Scientology has several levels of liberation leading one to a state of "clear", in which all "engrams" from this or past lives have been erased. "Engrams", a biological term, was borrowed by Hubbard to mean the mental quirks he felt caused all psychic problems.

Once "clear" a Scientologist takes on super-human qualities and becomes an "Operating Thetan" with extraordinary powers. Hubbard was an "Operating Thetan."

Hubbard called his Dianetics, "a milestone for Man comparable to his discovery of fire and superior to his invention of the wheel and the arch."

This blend of Eastern philosophy, neuro-analytic techniques and futuristic

Like olden days when Dr. Malingere visited the town with his wagon of "tonic" guaranteed to cure everything from gout to the vapors in man or beast, we're about to be hoodwinked by another bunch of bamboozlers.

We need to wake up quick and smell the horse apples. This Narconon outfit appears to be a front for the Church of Scientology and it's founder L. Ron Hubbard. It looks right like a religious cult... a religious con that makes TV preachers look like choir boys.

Hubbard's Wagon seems to be filled with bottles of hocus-pocus, engrams, E-meters and other imaginary whoo-ha designed to dazzle the desperate and free from their wretched bodies not only their "Thetans", but also their backs. That this pseudo-theological mumbo-jumbo not only exists, but is actually growing is a credit to Mr. Hubbard's ability as a convincing science fiction writer.

Conanon.... I mean Narconon is setin' up shop at Chilocco with some "generous" assistance from a philanthropic outfit called the Association for Better Living & Education (ABLE) which says it has been impressed with Narconon's worldwide record. Just like it was a separate outfit looking for a good cause. And the Narconon guy profusely thanks the ABLE lady for the "donation" that will insure the success of the Chilocco project! How wonderful it all is. The melodrama is tearjerking.

ABLE and the Narconon International Association share the same building in Los Angeles. In fact, they share the same floor of the same building. In fact, they share the exact same office suite of the same floor of the same building. Why did they bother to come here to "donate" the money from their left hand to their right? Unless it was a hokum-pokum show for us dummies out here in the gulch!

They ain't selling snake oil, tax free cigarettes, or nickel bingo. What they're selling is hope, vitamin pills and steam baths. Packaged in blarney. Their own propaganda says their treatments "cannot be construed as a recommendation of medical treatment or medication and it is undertaken or delivered by anyone on his own responsibility." In other words, if it don't work, tough cookies.

Narconon says it has an 86 percent cure rate, but a West Berlin study showed the rate to be about 10 percent. Of course, if the first two weeks of the basic program don't work - and they probably won't - there are many more courses available that might. Nineteen volumes of them, in fact. All part of the "unique technology" of Mr. Hubbard. How much money can Narconon rake out of Indian Health Care funds that could otherwise be used for legitimate medical expenses?

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Girl Scouts Praise Newkirk; Petition Commission For Improved Facilities

Commissioners entertained several guests at Monday's regular meeting. Peggy Lawson and four of her girl scout troop members appeared before the commission with "advertisements" about the good things Newkirk offers as a place to live. The ads were written by members of Troop 183 and 184.

"Come to Newkirk," said one ad, written by Leah Whiteplume, "where we have swimming, biking, golfing, tennis, youth sports, country clubs, recreation, Girl Scouts, and a place for teens plus restaurants, beauty salons for your hair and a good school system. Library programs and more. See you in Newkirk!"

This one, like the others, was decorated with hand drawn pictures of stick figure children having a marvelous time!

On the back side, the girls had a list of things they would like to see improved in Newkirk.

- 1. Better streets.
- 2. Better sewer draining system.
- 3. Cleaner water.
- 4. More civic pride.
- 5. New Cable TV System.
- 6. More retail stores with competitive prices.
- 7. Better looking Main Street.
- 8. A Movie Theater.
- 9. Health Club (Year Round).
- 10. Improved Parks.
- 11. Day care center.

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United States, five in California, two in Colorado, one in Massachusetts, and one in Louisiana. According to the Golden, Colorado, Transcript, the Narconon unit in Golden just opened in the fall of 1988.

Layfayette Ronald Hubbard was born in Tilden, Nebraska in 1911. His father was a navy commander, according to Life Magazine, who, while in the far east on tour with his father, "studied with lama priests."

Although he attended college, and often claimed a degree, he never finished his schooling. During the 1930s, he traveled in Central America and wrote Science Fiction, Westerns, and Screenplays.

According to Time Magazine, Hubbard made up his own history and travels, claiming that he was a World War II hero and a nuclear physicist.

His book, "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" first appeared as an article in Astounding Science Fiction magazine.

Hubbard later claimed his book was a science, and eventually, a religion. In order to have freedom from inter-rumors so he could study and write more books, his followers say he took to life on the high seas, living and operating from a fleet of ships cruising in international waters. His detractors say he was avoiding legal problems in several countries.

According to Time Magazine, Hubbard's son, Ronald DeWolf, changed his name to disassociate himself from his father, whom he calls, "one of the biggest con men of the century."

In 1949, Hubbard told a group of science fiction writers, "Writing for a penny a word is ridiculous. If a man really wanted to make a million dollars, the best way would be to start his own religion."

Hubbard reportedly died as myste-

tic theory "concocted" by Hubbard offered everyone self help answers to an array of psychic and bodily ills. One of the reasons Hubbard incorporated his theories into a religion was partly to avoid attacks from medical and psychiatric critics. World Headquarters is in Los Angeles. Hubbard's Dianetics became Scientology's scripture. Through Dianetics, Hubbard claimed he could raise IQs, cure bad eyesight, the common cold, and radiation burns, among other things.

The book, "All God's Children" by Carroll Stoner and Jo Anne Parke says that Scientology is attractive to "those who are, or think they are, in trouble." Stoner and Parke say that Scientology is different from most religious cults because members rarely live in communal systems and most of their work is in the outside world.

To the extent that Dianetics offered everyone self help answers to an array of psychic and bodily ills, it was necessary. No formal education was mind that was at first simple and coherent, and it offered diagnosis of why so many feel they are unappreciated failures. Further and most important, it offered a cure.

From science fiction to science, then to religion, Hubbard's Dianetics drew big followings. The group expanded overseas and established centers in Australia and South Africa as early as 1953. Still, it was seen by the skeptical as a crafty tax dodge, even though it does have some of the trappings of a genuine religion.

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And beyond the swindle of Indian health care funds, how many patients will actually wind up believing they are "Super Thetans" capable of taking intergalactic voyages by leaving their bodies behind? How many people will forgo medical care while trying to "erase" the "engrams" that are causing their heart trouble? How many will die? It only takes a few more courses to get there. And money, of course.

How many of our sons and daughters will wind up working in Scientology missionaries or Narconon staffers in order to pay for their unending array of enlightening courses?

In return, Narconon is offering a measly \$3.2 million per tribe for a 25 year lease on misery. Our Indian neighbors have again been let down by the "agencies" designed to help and protect all of us from shysters and swindlers. Especially the Oklahoma Health Planning Commission, which must have had it's head plugged into an E-meter not to discover the true nature of this malignity. Surely information so readily available in the Newkirk Public Library is available in Oklahoma City.

If you think this all sounds like I've been smoking funnygrass, I suggest you not be over there and look it up yourself. If you need a list of references, I've got lots of 'em. But just reading today's paper will give you the general idea. And you won't need an E-meter to get the mental picture. We've already got too many drunks and dopers. Do we want a bunch of space Cadets, too?

We may be the only voice crying in the wilderness, but we suggest that Narconon is no answer to our area's drug problem, or it's economic problem. It would behoove us all to encourage Hubbard's hucksters to hook up their horses and get their asteroids on down the road.

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The visit is part of a project to earn a "Home Town" merit badge. Those attending were Megan Lawson, Cendi Broyles, Kati Broyles and Kelli Burke. Commissioners noted that they were losing money on the swimming pool operation, but decided "it was cheaper than hiring another policeman", and quickly decided not to increase pool rates for this summer.

The rates will stand as they have for the past several years. Family permits will cost \$45 plus \$3.15 tax for a total of \$48.15. Single Permits will be \$20.00 plus \$1.40 tax for a total of \$21.40. Daily adult permits are \$2.00, Student daily permits \$1. and children's daily permits 60c.

While studying the monthly reports of department heads, Commissioners heard City Manager David Haynes say that paving bids will be let May 8 for 2,400 tons of asphalt. City road projects slated for this summer include (for those of you who missed it

storage facilities. The association will be responsible for installing a fire alarm system. Haynes also said that overhead wiring to the softball fields has been removed, and the Softball people notified. Overhead wiring is a no-no in parks, and the city and Chamber of Commerce are trying to comply with all the advance rules in order to get a recreation grant for Country Club improvements.

Haynes also announced that he is negotiating with officials at Chilocco, hoping to trade fire protection for their firetruck. He's trying to work out a 3 year deal with them, and said that the Chilocco Development Committee had voted to go along with whatever deal he could work out with the leases.

IBM finally installed Newkirk had't paid them and Haynes said that they sent a top notch engineer down who solved all of their computer problems and everything was working smoothly now. So he paid them.

Commissioner Rogers said he had received complaints about model airplane flyers at the Country Club. He said one local pilot was flying his real airplane and couldn't land because of the models buzzing around. Commissioners made no decision on the complaint, but will look into trying to find a safe area for the model enthusiasts to operate from.

Haynes also noted that there were 71 paid up golfing members of the Newkirk Country Club so far this year.

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But primarily, the religious stunts offered the advantages of tax exemption and less government scrutiny than one receives in the fields of medicine or science. Religious regulation is looser than scientific or medical regulation.

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All E-meter, or "electroencephalogramminimograph", is essentially a crude lie detector, with which the "auditor" questions the recruit about intimate details of his life. When the needle jumps, an "en-gram" or sin has been uncovered, and the "auditor" helps the recruit confront and erase the "engram." E-meters were developed by Hubbard to speed up the Dianetics process of clear-

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ing engrams. Auditing is similar to confession in other religions. The E-meter and its use appear to be the only "unique technology" ever developed by Hubbard. An E-meter is a galvanometer attached to two cans. A S juice cans seem popular for the purpose, according to some reports.

The first level course releases a person from his problems, according to Life. The second covers "Overs (harmful or contrasurvival acts) and Witholds. Next comes a Freedom Release, then an Ability Release and five levels have been attained, further processing must be done at special Scientology complexes, such as Saint Hill, Sussex, England, which are only for advanced enlightenment. These higher levels will take a person to "clear."

Scientists, Newsweek says, believe that man is a spiritual creature descended from a race of omnipotent "Thetans" who decided to experiment with life on earth, and gave up some of their powers to do so. (There are at least two different versions of this story in print.)

But anyone can retrieve those lost powers by overcoming the "engrams" that have cluttered their personality during the eons of their existence. Such an "engram"-free person is said to be "clear." A "clear", according to Science Fiction Encyclopedia, is a person who has erased the aberrations from his "thetan" and in return

the same advanced training previously available only in Saint Hill, Sussex, England, or on the ocean fleet.

Despite the legal hassles upon moving to town, the Scientologists seem to have had few other problems with their Clearwater neighbors once the truth about what they were and where they came from was made known.

Scientology has a long history of problems with the rest of the orthodox world. The most recent came after a nine month Spanish probe into the group's Narconon unit in that country.

According to a December 1988 edition of the Orange County (California) Register, the president of the Los Angeles based Church of Scientology and 10 other members were arrested in an investigation of alleged fraud and tax evasion charges.

Judge Jose Maria Vazquez Honrubia of Madrid, Spain, said Narconon, a church-linked drug-rehabilitation program, swindled its clients and lured them into Scientology.

Church President Heber Jentzsch was released on \$1.1 million bail, and 10 foreigners were expelled from the country.

Earlier, the Register noted that Jentzsch and 70 other people were detained as part of an investigation into charges of fraud, criminal association and tax evasion. Judge Vazquez Honrubia said authorities had frozen \$1.76 million in bank accounts belonging to officials of the US based Church of Scientology and the

nesses. Scientology was banned in Victoria.

The Australian government branded Hubbard a "fraud" in 1965, and called Scientology "evil, fantastic and impossible, its principles perverted and ill-founded, its techniques debased and harmful," according to Time.

Life magazine, in 1968 quotes the Victorian government as calling Scientology "the world's largest organization of unqualified persons engaged in the practice of dangerous techniques which masquerade as mental therapy."

In 1971, Scientologists won a fight with the Food and Drug Administration over their E-meters. The agency

had confiscated them from the group's Washington D.C. headquarters in a raid in 1963. The Feds claimed that Scientology falsely promised the cure of "neuroses, psychoses, schizophrenia and all psychosomatic illnesses." After years of legal wrangling, Scientologists won their E-meters back, but only after agreeing to put disclaimers of any therapeutic power on the machines.

The IRS in 1959 got courts to deny Scientology a tax exemption. But after the case was over, the cult won limited recognition as a religion according to a Newsweek report in 1974.

From the beginning, Hubbard's

methods and technology have drawn sharp professional criticism. Newsweek noted that: the medical and psychiatric community responded "with alarm" to Hubbards book. Professional psychologists condemned Dianetics as amateurish and potentially dangerous meddling with serious mental problems, according to Time. A journalist who took the cult to said in Life magazine that Scientology "is scary" and uses potentially dangerous techniques. He reports that William Menninger decried the cult as "neurotic Auditing as potentially dangerous."

Monday Night City Commission Activity

is owned by Gerald and Ailene Black, and the park will consist of an operator's trailer house and 6 hook-ups.

Commissioners said they saw a need for such a facility, and approved the request, with the stipulation that a Dump Station be installed to the city manager's specifications.

Commissioners were scheduled to talk with Cindy Clover of the Oklahoma Municipal Retirement Fund, but she was unable to attend the meeting.

The city's retirement program may be in for some overhauling, but that will be covered at a later meeting. Newkirk's Library scared up another \$1,500 Federal Grant, which the

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Much higher than in past years, and possibly due to a hike in prices at Ponca's public course.

The mayor signed, and the commission approved a proclamation declaring May 1 to be "Loyalty Day" in Newkirk. Loyalty Day is a project of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, which urges the public to participate in public patriotic activities.

The City Planning Commission met earlier in the evening and gave a recommendation for approval of a 6 station RV Park in East Newkirk. The units would be on land that borders East 5th Street and M Street specifically, Block 27, Lots 1-4. The land

commissioners were only too happy to promptly appropriate. The money will be used for capitol outlays.

Claims amounting to \$67,808.79 were made against the Municipal Authority during the city meeting, and afterwards, the commission changed hats, became the MA, and agreed to pay the claims. It gets the money from the MA, where it is earned, into the City, where it can be spent. You should know that by now. They do it every month.

Commissioners also approved payment of \$118,898.48 in bills for the month. As usual, the big bite was the electric bill, which was almost half of the total cost of running the city.

Annual City Spring Cleanup Is Saturday

Volunteers who show up to help with the Annual Newkirk Clean-Up this Saturday will be treated to a free Pancake Breakfast at Lion's Park from 7:45 to 8:30 am before they start working on the project.

And afterwards, soft drinks will be available at the park to help them cool off and relax while they tell stories about who found the money buttons, and who picked up the grossiest objects or the most stuff.

Many of Newkirk's organized groups will be out in force, but even if you are not part of a group, come join the fun. Your help will be appreciated.

The Student Council, Science Club, and Eastman National Bank Employees will be working in the area bounded by South Main, South Street and the Elementary School; Starting at the High School, South on Main, West on South Street to Highway 77 on the west, plus the street running east of the elementary school, south of the soccer field, and back to the highway on Peach.

The Rotary Club will work Highway 77 and the football field; Highway 77 running on west side of Golden Acres and continuing north on the street between the football field and Main to the City limits on River Road.

Lions Club will work Peckham Highway; the Cub Scouts will pick up on 9th street from Elm to Peach.

The Bluebirds, Jaycees and Campfire will police Walnut and Maple north city limits to South Street, Newkirk Women's League will take down town Main Street again this year, and the Boy Scouts, Webelos and Newkirk FFA will work Pine Street and River Road; Pine Street at North end of city limits to 7th Street, 7th Street from Main to the City limits on River Road.

Church of Scientology and the Church's Drug-Rehabilitation program, Narconon.

Spain has twice refused to grant the organization legal status as a religious entity in that country.

The Spanish probe... Spanish Inquisition, according to church officials... Spaniards who said they had been swindled out of money through drug-rehabilitation programs and other activities related to the Church of Scientology.

In 1983, Hubbard's wife was sentenced to four years in prison for conspiring with other Scientologists to bug and burglarize government agencies including the IRS. Time magazine reported.

A Portland, Ore., jury awarded \$2 million to Julie C. Tishbourne on August 15, 1979, according to the World Book 1980 Yearbook. She was a former member of the Church of Scientology, and accused the cult of defrauding her on its promise to give her a better life.

Five Scientologists were sentenced to prison terms of four or five years in December, 1979 after they were convicted of conspiring to obstruct justice and to obtain government documents pertaining to the cult.

During a telephone conversation last Friday, while researching this story, the California Attorney General's office in Sacramento volunteered that they were very familiar with the operations of Narconon and Scientology, and had in fact convicted and jailed a "spy" whom they had discovered working in their offices.

Hubbard was sentenced in his absence to 4 years imprisonment in Paris in 1978 after being found guilty of obtaining money under false pretences through Scientology, according to the Science Fiction Encyclopedia.

The same book also reports that Hubbard was deported from the United Kingdom as an undesirable alien in 1968, after which he took to his fleet of ships to direct his worldwide operations. Life and Newsweek also reported the incident. Life said the Pri-

has powers of telepathy, radically increased intelligence, the ability to move outside his body, a photographic memory, and the ability to control processes such as growing new teeth.

Some reports say it takes about 60 hours of auditing and a course in Dianetic training in order to reach "clear." The first "clear" was a South African medical student named John McMas-

ter, who made the trip in 1966. Dianetics was a secular movement until Hubbard discovered the existence of the "Thetan". Thetans are reincarnated over trillions of years. Hubbard has been quoted as saying that he felt as good as anyone who was several trillion years old could expect to feel.

Over the years, Scientology has taken on trappings of more conventional religions, including ministers who perform legal marriages, baptisms, funeral services, liturgies, clerical collars, and a vague sort of theology that rarely mentions anything about spiritual salvation or God.

One media lawyer said, "A full-scale lawsuit would open them up to full disclosure, and most cults can hardly afford full disclosure in the courtroom." The Newsweek article referred to was authored by Betsy Carter with Michael Reese in San Francisco, and Martin Kasindorf in Los Angeles as well as from bureau reports.

In 1976, Time reported that England banned foreign Scientologists from entering the country because of the increasing number of complaints about the group.

Questionable practices reported in various countries included the recording of "auditing" sessions that made members susceptible to blackmail; "Disconnect" orders requiring devout members to sever ties with antagonistic family or friends (Suppressive Persons); "Fair Game" rules which said a defector from the group could be "deprived of property or injured by any means... sued, lied to, or destroyed."

The same article tells the story of the

1969 the US Court of Claims defined the beliefs of the Church of Scientology as belief in a "spirit" or "Thetan" which is said to reside within the physical body of every human being. They believe that the spirit is immortal and that it receives a new body upon the death of the body in which it resides.

Life magazine reports that Hubbard's teachings include belief in two minds, the Analytic and the Reactive. One, the Analytic, is a perfect computer while the other is a mass of "engrams" that provides incorrect data to the Analytic computer. The Reactive mind works like an adding machine with old totals still in its works.

Unless it is "cleared", it continues to feed the wrong answers to the Analytic mind even though a new problem has been punched in. The idea is to clear the Reactive mind of false data so the Analytic mind can work properly.

Another interesting theory espoused by Scientology is that many illnesses are caused by "engrams", including dermatitis, arthritis, asthma, and

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 According to The Scientology Catechism, it costs between \$2,500 and \$5,000 to go "clear". Paying for courses is a matter of personal integrity, the Catechism states, but charity cases are considered, and should see the chaplain.

It also says training scholarships are available for some groups, including workers in approved rehabilitation programs.

Life magazine reported that in order to become an Operating Thetan, Class VIII - the highest classification at the time, it would cost as much as \$15,000. Introductory lessons cost \$15, childrens courses \$10, or less. A sample audit might cost \$5 and last two hours. Some reports say "auditing" through Grade IV costs \$650. Other reports show a twelve and a half hour "Life Repair" session with E-meter at \$625.

But printed case histories abound telling of individuals who have paid Southern Land Development and Leasing Corp. purchased the building for cash and said it was to be used as headquarters for the "United Churches of Florida," a new ecumenical group. The sale won approval of local clergymen.

But strangers moved in, and an investigation soon traced the money paid for the building to the Church of Scientology.


As mentioned above, Clearwater Sun was sued over the investigation. So was the St. Petersburg Times and Radio Station WDCI. In addition, Clearwater Mayor Cazares was also sued... all unsuccessfully, but at great defense expense, which ultimately the church was ordered to pay.

"We are not a turn-the-other cheek religion," a church spokesman identified as Arthur Moran is quoted as saying at that time. Clearwater is now... The Land Base of the Church and offers


son river in downtown Clearwater, Florida. A group calling itself the "Socially harmful," and barred foreign Scientologists from entering the country to participate in the World Scientology Congress scheduled at the Saint Hill, Sussex, England church complex. Newsweek said the British government's ban on foreign Scientologists was because of the groups "authoritarian principles... a potential menace to the personality and well being of those so deluded as to become its followers," and because of the cult's "technology of the human spirit" as well as its rejection of psychiatric and other scientifically endorsed approaches to mental health problems.

But even before that, the cult had its problems. A Board of Inquiry (released as the Anderson Report of 1965) in the State of Victoria, Australia in 1963 found that "Scientology is evil, its techniques are evil, its practice a serious threat to the community, medically, morally, and socially; and its adherents sadly deluded and often mentally ill." The board reached its conclusions after examining 151 wit-


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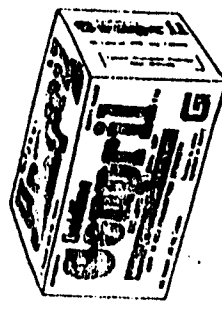
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Learn To Live With It...

State Boys Say Chilocco Is A Done Deal

About 80 persons appeared at the Newkirk City Commission meeting Monday evening for an informational session on the Chilocco Indian School project. Present at the meeting were Mr. Howard Miles, designee of the Commissioner of Health, who presides over the Oklahoma Health Planning Commission; Mr. Leroy Bridges, public affairs specialist with the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health; and Mr. William Mehojah, chairman of the Kaw Tribe, along with several members of the Chilocco Development Authority. Mr. Miles, Mr. Mehojah, and Mr. Mehojah were at the meeting at the invitation of Mayor Gary Bilger.

Mr. Miles explained to the group the purpose of the Health Planning Commission, which is to oversee the growth of health services in the state so that they occur in an orderly fashion and along guidelines of an existing 4 year plan. He said the operators of the proposed Chilocco project have complied with the existing rules and regulations of the State of Oklahoma, and that they have been issued a Certificate of Need, that the statutory period of objection is over and that the certificate is not subject to recall, even in court.

The next step, Mr. Miles said, is for the Oklahoma Health Department to issue a license, which, in the case of alcohol and drug abuse facilities, concerns only the physical facilities. The buildings. Plans are presented to the State Health Department which

ors, certified drug counselors, medical doctors, and nurses... This is the kind of program that all of the people comply with before they are certified in the State of Oklahoma."

Concerning the patients, Mr. Bridges said "All of 'em will be referred from other states into here except the local Indian people who will be given a chance to have first choice on beds out there if they are not able to pay. The local Indian people. All the rest of them will be from other states. Nobody from Oklahoma except the Indian people."

Mr. Bridges pointed out that if the program and treatment proposed for the Chilocco center does not violate the laws of the State of Oklahoma, the state can not refuse to issue a Certification from the Mental Health Department.

He said he called Mr. John Wilson, of the Alcohol and Drug Authority of the State of California, who reported they "had no problems" with the organization. He presented several other instances of reference-checking his department had made in regard to the matter, and reported that no negative information had been received.

Following the presentation by Mr. Bridges and Mr. Miles, there was a question and answer session.

In response to a question about prior notice, Mr. Miles pointed out that notice was published in the Newkirk Herald Journal in January of this year that the operators had applied for their

they "it be all right. And if they don't do it, there is a process that works that will usher them across the state line."

He added, "Let's just assume there is no such thing as Narconon, and all we're talking about is the Church of Scientology. What difference does it make?" If they do what they've applied for, and they do what they've been approved for, he said, then they have complied with state law.

"Now, if they start making it into something more than that, they start doing things that exceed their authority, if they violate the laws of the state in any manner than they have to answer for that."

"All we can go on is the history of what they've done, the record they've made in the United States and their statements they've made..."

Miles said the terms of the agreement between the operator and the CDA were none of the state's business. "The business arrangements... are not a function of our commission..."

In response to the question of law

enforcement and state regulation, Miles said, "Well, first of all let me say that there is control. The Chilocco Development Authority and Narconon both, have placed themselves under the jurisdiction of the State of Oklahoma for operation of a health care facility."

"They are not functioning as Indian country" he said, "The county sheriff will have police jurisdiction there, State Highway Patrol will have jurisdiction there, State Bureau of Investigation will have jurisdiction there, the investigative staff of the State Department of Health... will have jurisdiction there. So it will not be without government controls."

They could have sought exclusion from state laws, and in light of court decisions recently, they could have gotten exclusion, he said, but instead, they voluntarily placed themselves under state jurisdiction.

Mr. Bridges responded to a question about payment for services at Chilocco. He said that all patients will be

from out of state, except local Indians who do not have the ability to pay. "Nobody pays for it."

"They have provided 25% of the beds for the local Indian people, and nobody pays for it. They would be provided that opportunity."

"A prison was a possibility at one time at Chilocco," one member of the audience said, "but the problem was jurisdiction. They couldn't wait jurisdiction then, so I don't see how the state can change jurisdiction now."

Dave Baldwin, a member of the CDA answered that the State of Oklahoma couldn't afford the \$17 million to construct the prison, jurisdiction was not the problem.

One lady said she would have preferred the prison, "I know something about the Church of Scientology. I know a lady and her son is in it, and I know what happened to them," she said. "That's why I am so concerned." She received a round of applause.

Another in the audience asked if patients would be restricted to the Chilocco facility. Mr. Miles said State law prohibits restricting movement of residents. Mr. Bridges said there were already three treatment plants in Kay County, and saw no reason to be concerned about the freedom of movement that Chilocco patients would have.

"Chilocco ... they are somewhat isolated, ... these are not prisoners." Bridges said they are just people like

because they were mentioned in the application, and it was pointed out that only 4 methods, not the philosophy, would be utilized. Those methods with the exception of sauna, are common to all alcohol and drug treatment procedures. The sauna, well we don't have any feel for it...

... she then referred to the lady who said she knew someone in the Church of Scientology, "I've shared the same experience and I think my reaction probably was very similar to hers." But that experience, he said, was not grounds for refusing permission to operate in the state.

Bridges told the radio reporter that counselors will be certified in Oklahoma "by a local certifying group that certifies all the alcohol and drug counselors."

Some of the members of the CDA told of being in a Narconon facility last week in downtown Los Angeles, and gave glowing reports of what they saw there. They told of people cured of addiction in only 10 weeks, and of a five year followup program.

Miles said that most Narconon facilities are out-patient clinics, and that the Los Angeles program is the only in-patient program in operation. He said the OHPC had checked with state people in several states while gathering information for the certificate of need hearing.

As an example of how the investigation works he told an anecdote about a

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Well, now. Haven't we been put in our place. I guess now we know better than to mess with big, important folks from L.A. Narconon, it turns out, is a wonderful program after all. They said so. And

issue a license, which, in the case of alcohol and drug abuse facilities, concerns only the physical facilities. The buildings, plans are presented to the State Health Department, which assigns an architect, who approves the plans. Then the work proceeds, and when finished, the State Health Department inspects the facility for compliance with the approved plans. If the facility is approved, it is licensed. The State Health Department license applies only to the physical facility, and has nothing to do with the program or staffing.

That falls under the Department of Mental Health, which certifies the program and staffing, and is Mr. Bridges' department.

Mr. Bridges said that plans for the Chilocco project were submitted and will go through the regular process just like any other project in the state. He said that once the facility has been licensed by the State Health Department... when the facility has been approved... the State Mental Health Department will send an inspection team to the site to approve the program, if it complies with the normally accepted standards for such facilities in the State of Oklahoma.

He said that according to documents submitted to his department by the operators, the staff would consist of certified alcohol and drug counsel-

In response to a question about prior notice, Mr. Miles pointed out that notice was published in the Newkirk Herald Journal in January of this year that the operators had applied for their Certificate of Need, well in advance of the hearing.

To a question concerning the unanimity of the decision to lease Chilocco, Miles said he couldn't answer, but that the documents his department received were in order. He said the Bureau of Indian Affairs had approved the lease contract, but that he didn't know if the decision by the Chilocco Development Authority had been unanimous or just by majority, and that he had no information concerning any internal problems of the CDA.

If the validity of the CDA's decision to lease Chilocco comes under question, then the matter would be in the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts, he said. One person suggested that the authority of a tribal chairman was in question due to an election dispute.

Another questioner was assured that no Indian Health funds would be used, that no money from any governmental agency would be used in establishing the center.

"They're a legitimate service, and they've received a legitimate hearing, and a legitimate authority to proceed," according to Mr. Miles, "if they do what they said they were gonna do,

Well, now. Haven't we been put in our place.

I guess now we know better than to mess with big, important folks from LA. Narconon, it turns out, is a wonderful program after all. They said so. And that, of course, is what AP reported to the world last weekend, gutsy organization that they are.

Now, we already had enough of Narconon's own material to tell you what they would say about their program. Of course it's wonderful. What else would you expect them to say?

We thought you had a right to know what they weren't saying. And we found plenty they were staying quiet about.

There is no shame in not knowing the difference between an ugly duck and the goose that laid the golden egg. The shame is in not changing ones thinking when one finds out the difference.

Mr. Miles, from the Health Planning Commission is a likable individual in a tough spot. His head is not hooked to an E-meter after all. He simply has to live by somebody else's regulations. Mr. Bridges is a fine fellow, too, with a sincere, personal interest in trying to help the Indian people. But he's in the same situation. Which boils down to the fact that the state can do nothing about the situation because everything is quite legal.

Narconon says it is not connected in any way with the Church of Scientology. Fine. It was just started by Scientologists, and Scientologists run it. But that is a coincidence of nature...

Suppose that next week, Brother Dominic announces he is going to start a Birth Control Clinic that adheres to the methods of John Paul II. What are we to believe about his clinic? (And I'm not picking on John Paul, either, it's just a handy analogy)

This deal is no different. A consistent history and long term reputation, documented in print doesn't change just because one refuses to read it or check it out. No matter how many times you "play it again, Sam," the record stays the same.

We'd all like the Chilocco project to be the grand and glorious establishment it's makers say it will be... helping humanity and providing economic assistance to the Indian people as well.

But I'm afraid if it looks like a duck, and sounds like a duck, and walks like a duck, it's probably a duck.

ment that Chilocco patients would have.

"Chilocco -- they are somewhat isolated, -- these are not prisoners," Bridges said, they are just people like us who have alcohol or drug problems, who have insurance. He said they just want to come here for treatment and go back home.

Mr. Bridges pointed out the CDA members in the audience, Dave Baldwin, Cynthia Stoner, and Mr. Mehojah. He noted that Bill Grant, who was not at the meeting, had told him just last week what a wonderful program Chilocco was. Bridges asked Mr. Mehojah to confirm Grant's attitude, which he did.

"A lot of the workers out there will be local Indian people, they're gonna be trained and brought on," Bridges said. He suggested there was nothing to fear from them.

Miles responded to a radio reporter's question about the alleged connection between Narconon and the Church of Scientology: "the answer we received was that there was no direct relationship between the Church of Scientology and Narconon. That there were members of the Church of Scientology who had been involved in the creation of Narconon, but the two organizations are totally separate. We questioned whether or not the philosophy of L. Ron Hubbard would be used,

people in several states while gathering information for the certificate of need hearing.

As an example of how the investigation works he told an anecdote about a nursing home operator who wished to locate in the state, but when investigation proved the man's previous operations had been closed by health officials in six states, he was refused a certificate. "He had no standing because his history was all negative."

"We try to check deep enough to try to determine something about the character of the applicant," Miles added.

How many doctors, someone asked, and from where, and how often will the state check the facility? Bridges answered that most places like this contracted with local doctors. "Quite often," he responded to the query about inspection.

Miles added that the facility would be inspected at least 6 times a year, unannounced. He said the program meets the legal requirements of the state, and "that's the end of it."

Kaw Tribal Chairman Mehojah reviewed the history of Chilocco for the group, and said the CDA had been working to find a use for the land. He said they had tried to do what they felt best for the economic benefit of the Indian people, and to provide jobs. He

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Oklahoma residents fear being labeled a 'cult town'

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Mayor Garry Bilger.

"We just want to find out what Narconon's overall objective is. Is it what they say it is — drug and alcohol rehabilitation? Or is it an effort to prolong the cult of Scientology?"

Narconon spokesman Gary Smith confirmed that many of the program's staff members, including himself, are Scientologists and that some treatment methods were devised by the late Mr. Hubbard.

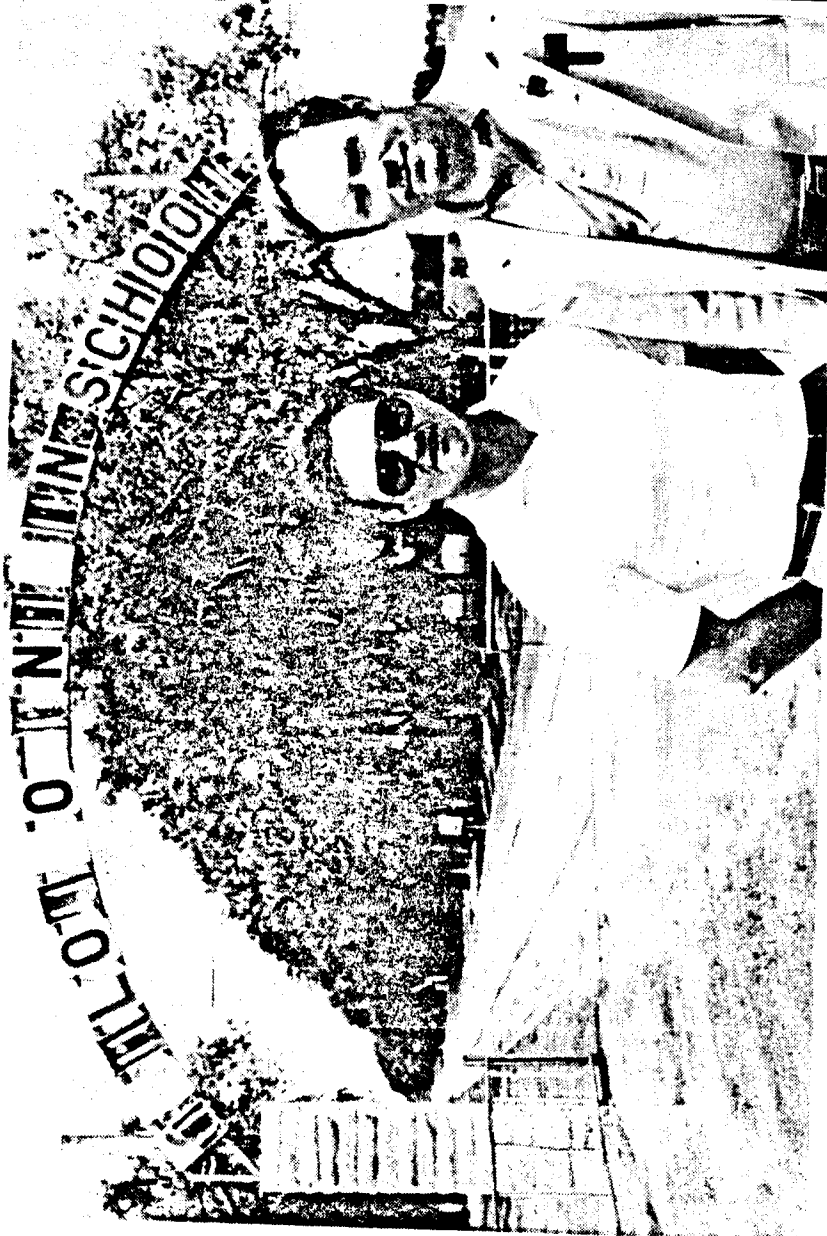
He also said many Scientologists, acting as individuals, have supported Narconon financially since its 1966 inception as an inmate substance abuse program at the Arizona State Penitentiary.

But Mr. Smith denied that Narconon is a subsidiary of the Church of Scientology or that it uses its treatment programs to help convert patients to the religion.

"They don't run Narconon and they don't give us money, although I can't say that if they did that I would turn it down," he said.

"It's not our right or job or purpose to dictate any religious affiliation. . . . Whatever a person chooses to worship, we encourage that, so long as it's not something negative like Satan worship."

The controversy has been swirling here since April 27 when the town's weekly newspaper, the *Newkirk Herald Journal*, first revealed the possible ties between Narconon and the Church of Scien-



The Rev. Mark Jones of the First Baptist Church (left) and the Rev. Mike Clifton of the First Christian Church oppose a town's mainline Christian churches. In addition, the *Herald Journal* has published an almost weekly series of stories about the proposed facility, Narconon and the Church of Scientology. Mayor Bilger, Rev. Jones and newspaper publisher Robert W. Lobsinger said they have received dozens of letters and tele-

tology.

Since then, the treatment center has been a topic of intense debate on street corners, in Mother's Family Cafe on Main Street and in the

town's mainline Christian churches.

In addition, the *Herald Journal* has published an almost weekly series of stories about the proposed fa-

ility, Narconon and the Church of Scientology. Mayor Bilger, Rev. Jones and newspaper publisher Robert W. Lobsinger said they have received dozens of letters and tele-

phone calls from people across North America warning them about Narconon and the Church of Scientology and their potential impact on Newkirk.

As a result, the scheduled September opening of the 75-bed facility has emerged as perhaps the most controversial event in the history of this town of 2,400, located about 110 miles north of Oklahoma City.

It is so disturbing, in fact, that several residents declined to be quoted, apparently fearing retribution from an organization that remains mysterious to them.

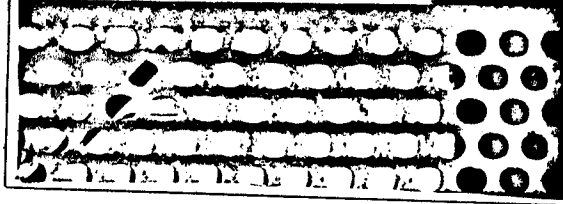
Some said fears were heightened when the treatment center hired a

private investigator from Stillwater, Okla., to help identify the participants in what Narconon's Smith described as a "whistle-blower" campaign. The investigator was told to find out who distributed private Narconon materials to staffers.

"There is a fear that it is a front to recruit for their church," said Jana Shafer, the local school board president. "I'd like to be proven wrong, but all the information we've received doesn't indicate that."

"We're a very careful community and we want what's best for our town," she said.

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Associated Press

JULY 30, 1989

New drug clinic splinters Oklahoma town

Scientology-affiliated treatment center alarms Newkirk residents

By Arnold Hamilton

Oklahoma Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

NEWKIRK, Okla. — The people of this farming hamlet near the Oklahoma-Kansas border thought the idea was the perfect tonic for their rural economic ills.

Out-of-state investors offered to take over the abandoned Chilocco Indian School and transform it into a major drug and alcohol treatment center. They signed a 25-year lease — worth an estimated \$16 million — with the five tribes that control the campus. They brought expecta-

tions of new jobs and increased business for the area.

Now, only seven months after state officials approved a license for the facility, the euphoria in Newkirk has evaporated. It has been supplanted by fears that the Narconon New Life Center is a front for the controversial Church of Scientology.

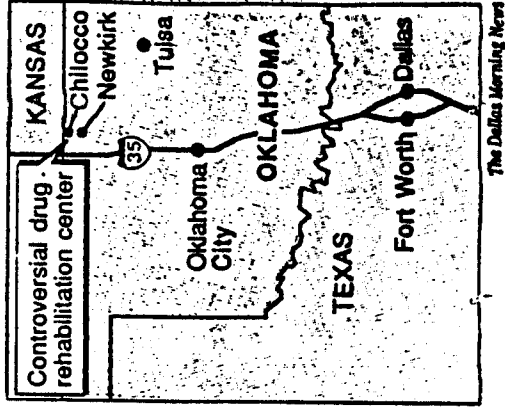
"It's real hard to differentiate Narconon from the religion of Scientology," said the Rev. Mark Jones, pastor of First Baptist Church in Newkirk.

"In fact, a directive I saw out of

one of their publications said the purpose of Narconon and their other organizations was to bring people up the bridge or over the bridge into Scientology. They need to be aboveboard about that."

Instead, many Newkirk residents say, Narconon officials have ducked and dodged when asked to clarify the 23-year-old organization's ties to the Church of Scientology, founded in 1952 by science-fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard.

"They have not leveled with us on everything," said Newkirk. Please see OKLAHOMA on Page 8A.



City Leaders Call For State Review Of Narconon Program At Chilocco Indian School North Of Town

Newkirk's School Board, City Commission, and Chamber of Commerce have jointly sent a 67 page document to 16 State and National leaders asking them to support a special review of the Narconon-Chilocco drug rehabilitation program and its connection with Scientology.

The cover letter of the package of exhibits says in part, "Based on this information, it appears that Narconon's primary objective is Scientology recruitment and not drug abuse treatment. Our community is very concerned and we are requesting your help in obtaining a complete review of their operation and the licensing procedure which allows Narconon to operate in Oklahoma. It is signed by the Mayor, the President of the Newkirk Board of Education, and the President of the Newkirk Chamber of Commerce.

The first exhibit alleges that there have been several instances of misrepresentation made by Narconon to the community, and the balance of the package contains individual documents, media reports, and sources of further information that the signers hope will cause officials to take a second look at Narconon.

Mayor Garry Bilger feels that it is pretty well documented that Narconon is a Scientology controlled organization. He points to a ceremony held at Chilocco on April 8, 1989. At the ceremony Bilger observed a representative of the Association For Better Living and Education (ABLE) "donate" at \$200,000.00 check to Narconon for seed money to get the project started.

Bilger contends that at the ceremony an obvious effort was made to have everyone believe that ABLE and Narconon were two entirely separate organizations that had nothing to do with each other until then.

But Narconon's own promotional material says it is owned by ABLE. And ABLE turns out to be one of the many organizations on the Scientology organization chart.

At a public meeting in Newkirk on May 8, 1989, Mr. Leroy Bridges of the State Mental Health Department told a group of about 80 people that there would be "no Oklahoma patients" treated at the facility, except for a few indigent Indians. Mr. Bridges also said that no state money would be involved.

But a document in the package, written sometime before July 1988, allegedly by Mr. John Duff, president of Narconon International, lists local and Oklahoma people as the top priorities in the Narconon marketing plan. It also lists "State Contracts that pay for beds," as a priority.

At the same meeting, Mr. Bridges told the citizens of Newkirk that Narconon had voluntarily placed itself under jurisdiction of the state for matters of law enforcement and inspection of their program and facilities.

However, a letter from Sheriff Glenn Guinn included in the package says, "As I understand it, I have no authority on Chilocco land. Everything at Chilocco comes under the F.B.I., and we have one F.B.I. agent in this area stationed at Enid."

The document allegedly authored by Mr. Duff also says that it is "essential" to procure state certification and licensing "because we will be providing services to both Indian and Non-Indian people paid through a fee for service, insurance coverage and possible state contracts. State licensing is mandatory for us to be able to accept Non-Indian clientele."

The package sent to the state says, "We find it curious that Narconon wants to be licensed in order to collect on state contracts and insurance policies from people Mr. Bridges has flatly said would not be served at the facility."

Narconon has consistently said it is not connected with the Church of Scientology, but the material in the package sent to the state seems to indicate that except for a "cold turkey" detoxification period, nearly all of the rest of the treatment consists of courses and programs also found on the Church of Scientology's religious progress

chart known as "The Bridge To Total Freedom."

City leaders are also questioning the cure rates claimed by Narconon. They consider it an exaggerated figure and say they have seen no data to support it. Several individuals involved in drug and alcohol rehabilitation in this area have said the cure rate for any program is between 15% and 30% at best.

Narconon spokesmen have said that the conversion rate of Narconon patients to Scientology is, variously, between 1% and 3%, and "under 10%." But an evaluation Team Report made to the California State Department of Health said "it was clear that nearly all the patients hoped to become Scientologists." Other reports from former Scientology members and Narconon patients puts the figure at between 50% and 75%.

Other exhibits contained in the package mailed to state officials consists of charts, news reports from around the country and several foreign countries, a radio transcript, and 13 pages of references for further reading or information which city leaders hope will be enough to convince the state that it needs to take a much closer look at this project before it is licensed for operation in the State of Oklahoma.

Scientific And Medical Accuracy Of Narconon Program Questioned

A Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma calls it "pure unadulterated 'cow pies'".

A Doctor of Internal Medicine in Ponca City says it is "filled with...many false generalizations, internal inconsistencies, outright lies, and potentially dangerous treatments."

They are talking about the Purification part of the Narconon drug rehabilitation program that will be offered at Chilocco.

According to a document called the Narconon Technical Line-Up copyrighted 1984 by Narconon, their rehabilitation program consists of several steps:

First, there is a Detoxification and Withdrawal program, followed by a Drug Education/Orientation lecture, Hard TR's (Training Routines), the Purification program, Objectives, the Drug Rundown, and the Way To Happiness Rundown.

Several area individuals have ask for and have been promised a copy of the Narconon "protocols" that will be used when Narconon is in operation, but after several weeks, nothing has been forthcoming from Narconon.

However, Narconon and Scientology documents have been provided by former Scientologists, Narconon volunteers, and Narconon patients which

give a pretty clear idea of program contents.

One of those documents, a Hubbard Communications Bulletin called "The Purification Rundown Replaces The Sweat Program" is said to contain the core of L. Ron Hubbard's "technology" regarding the removal of toxic substances such as drugs from the body.

It is a regimen which includes exercise, sauna sweat out, nutrition including vitamins, minerals, etc. as well as oil intake, and a properly ordered schedule of activity.

This and several related documents were offered for evaluation by a University of Oklahoma Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry, and by a Ponca City Doctor who specializes in internal medicine. Their reports are being forwarded by city leaders to the State Health Department.

The OU Professor in his August 4, 1989 report, writes, "My overall comment on Mr. Hubbard's literature is that there is an absolute lack of data to support his assertion that the Purification Program succeeds in doing what the presently adopted programs fail to do. The documents reviewed also contain many truths and half-truths."

"However," he continues, "there is no evidence that Mr. Hubbard's approach will cure these ill.

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Open Letter To Kay County Residents About Narconon

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

August 25, 1989

OPEN LETTER TO
CITIZENS OF NEWKIRK
AND KAY COUNTY:

In response to your packet and the numerous letters of protest concerning the Narconon Drug treatment facility to be located at the Chilocco Indian School complex, I want you to know that I, too, am extremely concerned and am doing everything I know to stop this development.

I have contacted and expressed my concerns to every individual and entity in state government that I felt might be of assistance in this matter and the process is continuing.

At my request, all notice of applications for certification, staff reports and board agendas concerning drug rehabilitation centers in North Central Oklahoma will be forwarded to certain community leaders. Before licensing or certification will take place, the citizens of Newkirk will have the opportunity to air their concerns at public hearings. I have been assured that certification does include a thorough review of rehabilitation methods.

The article in Friday's Oklahoman would be humorous if this situation weren't so serious. The Narconon group has hired a private investigator to identify those opposing "effective drug rehabilitation programs". I believe everyone in Kay County realizes this opposition has nothing to do with drug rehabilitation and everything to do with Scientology. From the responses I have received, I believe Narconon could much more quickly get a list of those opposing them by xeroxing a Newkirk phone book and marking off those few that might be employed by them or are otherwise connected.

For those who may be reading about this for the first time, the Church of Scientology was founded by L. Ron Hubbard. L. Ron Hubbard originally was a science fiction writer before starting his Church of Scientology. A quote later attributed to him was "Why write science fiction for a penny a word? If you want a million dollars, start a religion."

A former Scientologist, who has since escaped the church, has given some insight into the secret "O.T. Levels of Scientology". "O.T." stands for "operating thetan". A "thetan" is supposedly a spirit or being that controls behavior. The "O.T. Levels of Scientology" are based on the story of "Xenu", ruler of the 90-planet Galactic Confederation about 75-million years ago. According to closely guarded Scientology materials, "Xenu" trapped selected beings in volcanoes on Earth, then dropped powerful H-bombs, thus killing their physical bodies. He then implanted their "remaining spirits", so they would produce abnormal conduct in all future generations of the Human Race. According to the story, only Scientology can remove the "thetans" and end aberrant behavior.

I believe the primary objective of Narconon is Scientology recruitment. Newkirk City officials sent information concerning the treatments at Narconon to a Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at the University of Oklahoma and to a Medical Doctor, specializing in Internal Medicine and practicing in Ponca City, Oklahoma. One called the program "pure unadulterated cow pies", while the other said the program was "without merit".

What we must do is start a public awareness campaign to educate everyone about the Narconon Drug Treatment facility and what appears to be their suspect activities. The methods used in Newkirk closely parallel their methods used in every city they have entered. Just reading ahead to the next chapter, I envision those in Newkirk, who are leading the charge in "uncovering" them, being set up and accused of some sort of criminal activity which will be uncovered by the Narconon's private investigators. Hopefully, by disclosing what has happened in other cities, we can take the air out of their sails in advance.

I encourage everyone to become aware of these people and spread the word. If you would like to know more or receive a packet of information concerning this organization, you may contact me.

While the people of Newkirk are relatively aware of this situation, this letter is being sent to all Kay County media to assist you in your efforts.

Sincerely,
/s/ Jim Reese
State Representative
District 38
State Capitol Bldg.
1 (800) 522-8502
or (405) 447-7332

Narconon Researches Opposition Scientology Group Hires Investigator, Buys Ad

According to a story by Michael McNutt in the August 25th edition of The Daily Oklahoman, an alleged Scientology group operating as Narconon near Newkirk has hired a private investigator to find the extent of illegal drug use in Kay County and the identity of those opposing "effective drug rehabilitation programs."

Actually, the private investigator was hired over a month ago. Newkirk Mayor Garry Bilger says that he was visited by Woody Bastemeyer, owner of Western Investigating, 4423 N. Greenvale Circle, Stillwater, about July 20th.

Bilger said Bastemeyer told him he had been hired by Narconon to find out who had been supplying information about Scientology and Narconon, and was particularly interested in the source of a British Broadcasting Company documentary program on Scientology that has been circulating in the area.

Several other area residents have also reported being contacted by Mr. Bastemeyer.

Bastemeyer resurfaced around the first of August, according to Bilger, and wanted, but didn't receive, copies of letters the mayor had received from dissident Scientologists from across the country. He also visited with some local law enforcement people at that time.

On Tuesday, August 22, an advertisement appeared in the Ponca City News. It was placed by Western Investigating, and asked people to give the names, addresses, place of employment, and type of vehicle driven by anyone known to be selling drugs or opposed to "effective drug rehabilitation programs."

On Thursday, August 24, Kay

County Sheriff Glenn Guinn was contacted by Bastemeyer who was requesting information about Newkirk Herald Journal Publisher Bob Lobsinger's wife and children.

The Western Investigating ad reappeared the next day in the Ponca City News.

According to the story in the Oklahoman, Narconon plans to use the information to convince opponents in the area that a need exists for their drug treatment facility.

The North Central Major Crimes Task Force ran a similar ad in June, asking readers to identify who is selling drugs and where the suspect lives and works. The Western Investigating ad, however, also asks readers to list "anyone who may be opposed to effective drug rehabilitation programs."

Narconon's Gary Smith is quoted in the Oklahoman article as saying, "That's in there from past experiences that we've had in other areas... It's something that we're investigating."

The Oklahoman says Smith told them they only intend to send those people informational brochures, "We're not trying to hurt anybody or do any kind of blackmail thing," Smith is quoted as saying, but added that information about suspected criminal activity will be "turned over to the proper authorities."

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Bellmon Advised Against Signing Narconon Support Document

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Gov. Henry Bellmon is being advised not to

get involved in a dispute over a proposed drug treatment center in Newkirk, an aide says.

"It would be inappropriate for the governor to sign any document endorsing a drug treatment center prior to completion of the Department of Mental Health's review of the facility for certification," Andrew Tevington, Bellmon's aide, said Wednesday.

A group of Native Americans asked Bellmon to sign a proclamation about drug abuse that mentions the Narconon Chilocco New Life Treatment Center.

A few members of the group made speeches on the south steps of the Capitol Wednesday, saying five Indian nations in Oklahoma have banded together to address the problem of drug abuse.

But some critics feel the group is simply trying to promote the Narconon center because the company wants to use 165 acres of the 96-year-old Chilocco Indian School, which closed in 1980.

The Chilocco Development Authority has representatives from the Ponca, Kaw, Pawnee, Otoe-Missouria and Tonkawa tribes. The authority leased Chilocco to Narconon for 25 years in

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The Native American group's proclamation says the Indian nations were showing their dedication to the war against drug abuse by helping establish the Narconon center.

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Narconon plans to open a 75-bed center this fall, and buildings are being renovated.

The Oklahoma Health Planning Commission approved Narconon's application in January, granting the organization approval for an initial 75 beds.

Organizers said the Narconon center will draw on the group's six outpatient clinics in the United States and Canada. Some beds will be available for local drug abusers as well, officials said.

The state Department of Mental Health will assess the Narconon drug treatment program when it is in place and rate it according to accepted standards in the field, state officials said.

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Editorial
COMMENT
By RWL

The Components Of Mind Control...

Webster's New World Dictionary defines a "Cult" as a group of followers. Which means all of us are cult members to some degree. All of us belong to something, or follow some line of thinking or belief.

Where two are gathered together, any one of three things may happen: If both are leaders, a state of war develops. If both are followers, a state of confusion develops. But if one is a leader and one a follower, a new cult develops.

And so, cults are nothing to be unduly concerned about. But according to author Steve Hassan, when cults develop and grow by implementing components that result in control of their members' minds, the cult is said to be destructive. Hassan, who holds a master's degree in counseling psychology from Cambridge College, is the author of "Combating Cult Mind Control", and a former member of the Moonies. Much of the information in this editorial is extracted from his book.

Mind control is not brainwashing. Brainwashing is coercive. The victim knows from the start that he is in the hands of an enemy, and usually complies only to gain relief from some type of oppression, and then attempts to justify the compliance by changing his beliefs to fit his action. The effect is usually not lasting, and disappears once the threatening force is gone.

Mind control is more sophisticated and subtle. Victims are manipulated and deceived instead of being directly threatened. They respond to prescribed choices and never realize what is happening to them. Mind control is more permanent and more devastating than brainwashing.

There are four recognized components of Mind Control, according to Hassan: control of behavior, control of thoughts, control of emotions, and control of information. All destructive cults employ these four components in order to gain "voluntary" compliance from their members.

Once a leader can regulate a person's physical reality (control behavior), sometimes including where he lives, what he wears, when he sleeps, or what jobs he does... then that person begins to think that what is happening to him is what is supposed to be happening to him. Bingo... control of thought is almost automatic.

Thought control in most destructive cults is reinforced by the foundation of a new language system and an absolute doctrine that allows no gray area, but develops a bipolar attitude about reality. Everything is "in or out", "black or white", "us or them".

Thought-stopping rituals are employed by most destructive cults to block out negative thoughts about their organization. After all, if the leader is perfect, and the doctrine is perfect, then any negative thought about them must be a defect in the follower. So, trying to be perfect, the cult member puts the thought out of his head. Before he starts feeling guilty about thinking it...

If he does allow a negative thought about the cult, he's sucked into the next level of Mind Control... emotional control. Since the leader is perfect and the doctrine is perfect, a destructive cult member feels guilty if he doubts. And he fears that his doubts will become exposed and earn the wrath of the group. He also fears that if he doesn't live up to the group's expectations, he will be the cause of their failure, and subject to whatever boogymen the group has devised to punish such failure.

Finally, if a destructive cult member has no access to external information, he has nothing by which to judge his situation. Many cult members shun external information sources, because the leader and the doctrine are perfect... so why bother with anything else? Often, even information about the cult itself is controlled from within. The higher levels are confidential, or the inner circles are unknown to those in the outer circles. A destructive cult prospect doesn't know what he is buying until he's trapped. If it were all

laid out to start with, nobody would join. That's why information control is necessary to the success of destructive cults.

By this point, a recruit is deep into the quagmire of Mind Control and will protest vehemently that he is not a victim of "brainwashing." And he's right, nobody brainwashed him. But the results are the same, and they last longer.

☆ Destructive cults actively recruit new members, often through deceptive "front" organizations.

☆ Destructive cults claim to offer absolute Truth. Their teachings are not (to them) mere theory or speculation. The most effective cult doctrines are those which are unverifiable and unvaluable.

☆ Destructive cults reduce everything to a bi-polar attitude: "for us, or against us."

☆ Destructive cults generate some kind of external "pseudoreality" with which to threaten their members if they should doubt, or fail, or ever leave the group.

☆ Destructive cults lead their members to believe they are somehow superior to all other humans on the earth.

☆ Destructive cults put the will of the group above the will of the individual. This is often reinforced with simplistic games or rituals of some type designed to make the individual subservient to the group.

☆ Destructive cults teach that the end justifies the means.

☆ Destructive cults teach strict obedience to superiors and encourage the development of behavior patterns that are similar to those of the leader.

☆ Destructive cults offer acceptance, and conversely, withhold it for poor performance.

☆ In destructive cults, fear is a major motivator. Guilt is a close second, and shame is third. Only the cult leader is perfect, so everyone below is fearful that those above will find out their shortcomings. Cult members feel constantly guilty for having those real

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or imagined shortcomings, and are ashamed that they haven't worked harder to get rid of them.

☆ Destructive cult members swing from emotional highs, to emotional lows regularly. Lows are not long tolerated, and result in more indoctrination, or even ejection from the group if they last too long.

☆ Destructive cults tend to re-write their members' past, manipulate their present, and distort their future. Disturbing time orientation is an honored technique of all such cults.

☆ And, finally, there is never a legitimate reason for leaving a destructive cult. The only reason members leave a perfect system, is because they are imperfect in some respect, and will be punished for it.

No matter which destructive cult you choose, the above 13 items will almost universally apply.

Study the methods of est, LaRouche, Transcendental Meditation, Truth Station, Nichiren Soshu (Soka Gakkai), The Way International, Children of God, Temple of Set, Synanon, Scientology, The Peoples Temple, Unification Church, Hare Krishnas, House of Judah, Ramtha, Garbage Eaters, Rajneesh, ECK Church Universal and Triumphant, Elean Vital, Posse Comitatus, or any of the others... they use the same techniques, even though each of them claims unique and absolute ownership of the "Truth."

You'll notice that not all destructive cults are religious in nature. There are, in fact, destructive cults in several arenas: Religious, of course, but also Political, Psychotherapy/Educational, and even Commercial. Still, the overriding principles of their success are the same thirteen items above. The more faithfully they adhere to those principles, the more successful they become.

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for the Advancement of Science and Education, and most recently the Save Our Society campaign, among many, many others.) all recruiting for the cause.

☆ Scientology's doctrine is absolute truth to Scientologists. It is also extraordinarily unverifiable and unevaluable, often confusing inscrutability with wisdom.

☆ Scientology reduces reality to the bi-polar "us against them" attitude: Persons opposed to their drug treatment program are obviously (to them) drug pushers.

☆ Scientology tells it's members that it is the "Road to Total Freedom" and without their training, persons are doomed to life after aberrated life with no hope of freeing the Operating Thetan (god) trapped in this parade of physical bodies throughout eternity.

☆ Scientology teaches its members that they are the most superior humans on the planet. Members have an arrogance, a truculence about them that belies this training, and insulates them from the reasonable world.

☆ Scientology teaches that the goal and purpose of its existence is to "Clear the Planet." Everyone in Scientology is working for the goal of the group. Group dependency is developed through the early training steps called TR's and similar repeated drills throughout a member's career in Scientology.

☆ Scientology's history of break-ins, frame-ups, harassment, and intimidation confirms that anything that furthers the ends of Scientology is an acceptable means.

☆ Scientology requires strict obedience without question by all its members, and has developed a complicated structure of enforcement agencies to insure compliance, such as the Ethics Office (now the Office of Special Affairs), Religious Technology Center, and others.

☆ Scientology pays it's staff members based on production. The more recruits, the more they get paid. Performance is rewarded, failure to per-

form up to "stats" might result in a stint on the "Rehabilitation Project Force" doing laundry or chipping paint.

☆ Scientologists fear reprisals from their superiors, but recognize it only as their own failure to come up to expectations of the group. They think there is something wrong with them if they can't produce the expected result, which fosters guilt and shame. They also fear being thrown out and facing an eternity of reincarnation without ever attaining "Total Freedom". To a believer, this is a worse fate than any offered by "outside" beliefs.

☆ Scientologists have been dumped when they became ill, or were otherwise unable to perform RPF'd to mental tasks when they have an attitude problem. Low attitude is not tolerated for long without some kind of official sanction being taken. Highs are reinforced through constant "auditing" to produce "wins" for the members. Hassan compares this process to post hypnotic suggestion.

☆ Just about every recruit into Scientology in the past 30 years has been told that with his or her help, Scientology could "Clear The Planet" in this decade. But the decades have come and gone, and the older ones are still telling the younger ones the same thing. Members view their pre-Scientology life as unbelievably bad, and see the future outside of Scientology as unbearable, all reinforced by continual "auditing".

☆ The only right way to leave Scientology is to become "Totally Free" like founder L. Ron Hubbard, who, they say, "causatively" left his body to go to a higher plane of existence. "Causatively" means he was in charge of his body and determined when he wanted it to die.

In simpler terminology, he was the cause of his own death. Can we assume, then, that suicide is at the end of the "Road to Total Freedom"?