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Mail From Everywhere...

Mayor Launches Narconon Inquiry After Receiving Adverse Reports From At Least Five Other States

Newkirk Mayor Garry Bilger says in the past two weeks he has been receiving mail from all over the country since an Associated Press article concerning Narconon Chilocco was released.

The article, which appeared in newspapers from Corpus Christi, Tx. to the New York Times, seems to have prompted the letters to Bilger. "I haven't received a letter favorable to the Narconon program yet... they are all negative!"

For example, a writer from Illinois says, "I can empathize with your town's plight and have the utmost admiration for those who are fighting to close down Narconon's newest operation before it actually is in operation.

"... it is strictly a method of recruitment, and their recovery claims are unfounded," the letter continues. The writer goes on...

"The Oklahoma Health Plan (sic) Commission had better do some fast and thorough homework - the information is available. They probably have never before been confronted with such a slick and deceptive organization."

Enclosed with the letter were clippings about Narconon's troubles in Italy and Spain.

A hand written letter from Pennsylvania says, "Without becoming too emotional, I want to tell you (my sister) gave thousands of dollars to Scientology, left all her Christian upbringing behind, and let Ron Hubbard rule her life with his values and teachings. Scientology is very sneaky, with their pseudonyms such as "Big Apple Schools" and "Narconon" - and practically took over a town in Florida.

She concludes, "Please, be very careful in letting them come into your town on their false pretenses."

Another example: "I have just read the New York Times article on your situation with Narconon and Scientology," this former Scientologist writes.

"...I will tell you straight out that Narconon is a sham. It is a front and a device used by the Church of Scientology to lure people into Scientology.

You must realize that you are deal-

ing with a very determined and ruthless bunch of fanatics. They resort to any deceit, any trickery to get their way... which is to promote and lure people into Scientology. Narconon fits very nicely into this as most people are concerned about Drug abuse and addiction and will give time and money to anything that looks like it might help.

Narconon is an elaborate scheme to entice people into Scientology, to promote Scientology and the name of L. Ron Hubbard. It looks like a noble work for the good of society. They will trot out a handful of people who will claim that they were helped with Narconon. They might even bring out a celebrity or two. Scientology will use very little of their own money in this con. They will go after Grants, donations, etc. and they are very skilled in getting other peoples money."

"...Sadly enough, most of the lower level Scientologists are not aware of the con and deception that they are involved with. They don't realize that they have been brainwashed. I didn't and went busily around promoting Scientology and Narconon all the while believing that I was working in a noble cause...."

"You can use what I have said here in any way you find useful. I would ask that you don't give my name or address to anyone connected to Narconon or Scientology.

Gary Smith, the Narconon spokesman quoted in the Times article, is lying through his teeth. You can quote me - I was there." concludes the writer.

Included with the letters are newspaper clippings from across the country alleging that Narconon units in at least five states have been shut down or severely curtailed over the years after questions were raised about their effectiveness and ties with Scientology.

In Michigan, for instance, a prison psychologist is reported to have charged that Narconon is a "con" to gain money and recruits for the Church of Scientology. A California report done for that state's Department of Health said Narconon's use of mega-

vitamins to detoxify addicts is a "hazardous" and "in some cases lethal" practice.

Prison programs in Delaware, Connecticut and Minnesota were reported terminated after questions were raised about the program's effectiveness.

In Clearwater, Florida, the program apparently never got off the ground, Scientology spokesmen complained in one clipping, due to the "climate" created by negative media reports about the Church of Scientology.

Michigan prison psychologist John Hand has been quoted as saying, "They are phony, a front for the Church of Scientology. We found out in Michigan that most of the money that we were paying Narconon was laundered back into the Church of Scientology." Gary Smith, Narconon's spokesman, was quoted in the same article, and branded Hand's assertion that money in Michigan was "laundered" as "ridiculous."

"It's just a basic technology whereby a person can get off drugs, back into life and be happy. We don't push it (Scientology) on anybody. We never have," Smith was quoted as saying.

But in view of the mounting material from across the country, as well as reports from abroad, Mayor Bilger has instructed an attorney to contact Corrections Department and Health Department officials in Michigan, California, Delaware, Connecticut, and Minnesota to find out the truth about the allegations.

HURSDAY JULY 13, 1989

Thirty Attend Narconon Open House Sunday Afternoon

Gary Smith, public relations representative for Narconon New Life Center at Chilocco said Tuesday that about 30 people attended an event in celebration of the next phase of the Narconon renovation project last Sunday afternoon.

Highlights of the event, according to a press release issued by Smith, included a local band, STOC, from Redrock, rides for the children on the Chilocco red fire engine and a cooling run through the spray from the engine's hoses. The get-together concluded with a traditional Indian dinner held outside the Student Union building.

The Student Union building is one of the first buildings under renovation for the Narconon Chilocco New Life Center's drug rehabilitation program. Monday, July 10 marked the final days of the pre-construction phase to turn the dormant campus buildings into a vital project to bring new life to individuals who are afflicted with problems from drug and alcohol abuse.

Narconon has been in existence about 23 years and has units in Sweden, Italy and Spain.

Smith, director of external affairs for the Narconon Chilocco New Life Center, said, "Narconon's techniques are new to the drug rehabilitation field as they are totally drug free. This new innovative program is based on techniques researched and developed by writer and researcher L. Ron Hubbard. The program employs a practical and workable means of bringing the drug dependent person back in control of this (sic) own life to where he may again be productive in life.

These techniques have had a vital impact on the nation's war on drugs by bringing thousands of people safely off of drugs."

Full scale construction will begin in about 2 weeks according to the Project Manager, John Golashesky. "We are preparing for an early fall

opening of the first buildings," Golashesky said.

Smith said, "Narconon Chilocco New Life Center expresses its sincere thanks to the communities around Chilocco for their full support. All community groups and schools are invited to take advantage of the Drug Education lectures and presentations to learn more about the truth about drugs and to tour the Chilocco campus."

For further information from Narconon Chilocco officials, call 448-3904 or write P.O. Box 326, Newkirk, OK 74647.

JUNE

6-8-89

Renovation Underway At Chilocco Indian School

NEWKIRK, - Renovations have begun on buildings at nearby Chilocco Indian School, according to a press release issued by Simon Hogarth, a representative of the Association for Better Living and Education (ABLE), and Patricia O'Neal, one of the directors of Narconon. Narconon is the proposed drug rehabilitation center to be located on the grounds.

The press release issued Monday said that Narconon has obtained a Certificate of Need from the Oklahoma State Planning Commission to establish a 75-bed facility at Chilocco for drug and alcohol abusers.

The center is currently employing 25 people and now has one local volunteer. Edna Fulton, the Executive Director, is from Los Angeles, California. Mr. and Mrs. Jamie Culleeney recently arrived with their two children from Glendale, California. Mr. Jim Davidson is from Bristol, Virginia. The volunteer was not named.

Sixteen local residents are employed on the renovation crew and five local residents are working in the office and are beginning on the job training, according to the release.

"We have been working closely with the Native American Leaders at the Chilocco Development Authority," Miss Fulton said, "and look forward to bringing back life to the Chi-

locco facility."

According to its promoters, "The Narconon program, which has proven successful throughout the world, utilizes the drug rehabilitation technology developed by L. Ron Hubbard, philosopher, humanitarian and one of the most acclaimed and widely read authors of all time."

The release continues, "Narconon's program is a completely drug-free method of helping abusers to kick the habit. It combines a regimen of vitamins with the use of sauna and exercise, which enables an individual to rid his body of toxic drug residues. The program not only safely gets a person off drugs, but eliminates the adverse effects of drugs that continue long after such substances have been ingested."

Narconon's release continues, "The Chilocco program will service people from all over the United States who wish to free themselves from the debilitating consequences of drug and alcohol abuse."

Miss Fulton predicts the renovations will cost in excess of \$1 million and the program plans to provide more jobs for local residents.

Visitors are invited to tour the grounds during daylight hours, seven days a week. Opening of the facility is now scheduled for September, according to Hogarth.

8-10-89

Ex-Member Defies Gag Order, Speaks Out Against Scientology

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — A former member of the Church of Scientology is defying church lawyers and a federal judge by publicly alleging that the church held her captive and committed fraud by promising to cure her mental illness.

Margery Wakefield, 41, is prohibited under a 1986 federal court settlement from speaking out against the cult, which has its spiritual headquarters in Clearwater.

But she says she is ignoring the gag order so she can expose church practices and warn potential members of what she sees as dangers.

Ms. Wakefield spent 12 years in the church before suing in 1982, charging that Scientologists held her captive, committed fraud, broke their promises to cure her mental illness and practiced medicine without a license. Four years later, Scientology officials paid her \$200,000 in return for her silence.

At the request of church lawyers, U.S. District Judge Elizabeth A. Kovachevich reinforced the settlement in May, but Ms. Wakefield has ignored the ruling and the church has asked the judge to find her in criminal contempt.

Ms. Wakefield contends that Scientology is a dangerous cult, based on occult practices and mind control. It stole 12 years of her life and pulled her away from the psychiatric help she really needed, she said.

"I'm prepared to go to jail," she

told the Orlando Sentinel Tuesday in an interview in Tampa. "In fact, it may not be the worst thing. It would be an act that would get a lot of attention, and my purpose is to raise the awareness of people in this area about this church."

Church spokesman Bill Daugherty dismissed the controversy Ms. Wakefield has raised.

"This one gal," he said, "she's not really any concern. She's an unstable person—she's been in and out of mental hospitals. I don't know what her deal is."

Scientology was founded by L. Ron Hubbard, a writer of science fiction. His 1950 book "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" is the bible of the Church of Scientology. He called Scientology "applied religious philosophy" and said its practice could increase intelligence, improve behavior and unlock the secrets of life.

Ms. Wakefield said she became a church member in 1968, while she was recovering from a nervous breakdown at the University of Michigan.

From the beginning, she said, she was hypnotized and brainwashed by the church. Scientology gained control of her mind and will during hours-long sessions in which she would repeatedly answer questions, stare at an everyday object or repeatedly perform routine tasks.

After years of such treatments,

she suffered intense headaches, paranoia and nightmares. "I started just going down the tubes," she said.

Scientology leaders feared she was a suicide risk, Ms. Wakefield said, and feared she could bring bad publicity. They locked her in a room for two weeks and finally put her on a plane to Madison, Wis., to rejoin her family, she said.

Later, she said, Scientologists tracked her down and held her for three days, forcing her to sign an agreement promising not to sue the church in exchange for a \$16,000 check. She used the money to repay her father, who had loaned her money for many of the church's expensive sessions, she said.

In 1982, she filed her lawsuit, resulting in the gag order.

Since leaving the church, Ms. Wakefield had been in and out of mental institutions 14 times in four years, mainly for depression. She blames the false promises of Scientology for keeping her from the psychiatric care she says she really needed.

She is now working with Cult Awareness Network, a national group which uses her to warn potential Scientologists away from the church.

"My biggest hope," she said, "is that something can be done about Scientology so that other people don't have to go through what I've gone through. It's been a horrible experience."

Scientologists Continue Expansion In Florida Town

CLEARWATER, Fla. (AP) — The City Commission here has approved a site plan for a three-story addition on Clearwater Harbor property owned by the Church of Scientology, now the city's fourth largest property owner.

The preliminary document was sent to city planners late Thursday after a testy public hearing involving proponents and opponents.

Scientologists moved their reli-

gious headquarters to Clearwater in 1975 when they bought the old Fort Harrison Hotel. The group has since bought 11 other Clearwater properties, bringing total property values to \$21.5 million.

Proponents argued that Scientology helps people overcome drug and mental health problems. Opponents said it is a brainwashing cult that is taking over the city.

"It is the most honest and compassionate religion I've ever known," said Steve Lütler, who has been a member for 25 years.

But former Scientologist Lisa Hyatt, 26, spoke of a religion that worked her 22 hours a day and took over her mind.

"I still have nightmares. It's what happens to your brain when they reach that deep into you," she said.

Editorial Comment

HAROLD'S JOURNAL

By RWL

Oklahoma is becoming the CULT-ural Center of the Country, it would appear.

With the announcement in last Friday's Daily Oklahoman that the Maharishi Mahesh Yogi plans to build a 640 acre "City of the Immortals" west of Tulsa, and Scientology already trying to set up shop on Chilocco Indian Land, maybe it's time our legislators looked into whatever it is that makes Oklahoma appear to be such fertile ground for every wierdo bunch that falls off a lotus leaf.

Yogi, in case you don't remember, is the guru of TM - Transcendental Meditation - to whom the Beatles once pledged allegiance. It's another authoritarian cult which relies on the four techniques of Mind Control. Yogi controls his followers physical environment, their thoughts, their emotions, and their sources of information. No different than our own problem up north.

Yogi has a sense of humor about him, however. He calls his followers by an endearing ancient Sanskrit term, which, when translated, means "Jackasses."

Like Scientology, TM has it's assortment of celebrities they parade about in public relations dog and pony shows. Some of them include Joe Namath, Carol Burnett, and the Rolling Stones.

Like Scientology, TM has a variety of front organizations, including Students International Meditation Society, World Plan Executive Council, American Foundation for Creative Intelligence, American Meditation Society, and the Institute for Fitness and Athletic Excellence, all designed to recruit new members.

Unlike Scientology, the leader of TM has a real college degree in physics.

TM's purpose is to relieve tension and stress, increase productivity, heighten creativity and intelligence. Sound familiar?

The techniques include a few extensive and expensive lectures on the basic methods of meditation, and upon graduation, each student receives his own secret and personal mantra or chant syllable to be repeated privately for twenty minutes each morning and evening to "clear" his mind and relax his body.

Adherents find it astounding that if they become disillusioned with one TM teacher and quickly switch to another, the new teacher will quite often issue a second personal mantra that is identical to the first one issued. How insightful TM truly is!

The true insight is that there were only 16 mantras ever issued, based on the age of the seeker. A secret personal mantra will change only if the seeker has celebrated a particular birthday since the issuance of his last mantra. How simply deluding cults can be.

Graduation includes submission to the Puja ceremony, including repeated bowing and worship of a picture of Guru Dev, the Maharishi's main source of inspiration, who was an Indian Hindu religious leader who died in 1953.

TM is camouflaged Hinduism, and few TM devotees in the West realize they are paying for an ancient Eastern religion in a new package.

Hindus believe there are seven levels of growth from "sleep" up through "unity consciousness", where a student breaks free from the need of passing through reincarnations and reaches oneness with god.

Maharishi says that through his methods a person can learn to float or levitate and pass through walls.

We hope our legislators are successful in finding a way to make them pass through Oklahoma.

In the meantime, our Scientology friends from up north have re-emerged from obscurity and have spent every afternoon from last Wednesday to Saturday out "surveying" Newkirk citizens in front of the Post Office, at EZ Mart, and near the cafe. They don't tell you who they are unless you ask.

They want to know what you like and dislike about Newkirk; who you like and dislike in Newkirk; and what a "new group" would have to do to become "accepted" in Newkirk.

You, of course, have no obligation whatever to participate in this silly little exhibition... even if they run over and write down your license plate number. They are desperately trying to find someone in town who will support their activities...

For the most part, they are sincere, dedicated, albeit misguided low level Scientologists who think they are saving the world. If you've read all I've printed on the subject, you know more about Scientology than they do.

STATE NEWS

Newkirk worries about scientology link

Tempest brewing over planned drug treatment facility

By SCOTT McCARTNEY
Associated Press Writer

NEWKIRK — Crews chip away old paint and hack at knee-high weeds at the abandoned Chilocco Indian School, seemingly unaffected by the tempest brewing in this remote corner of Oklahoma.

When a California group received state permission for a 75-bed drug and alcohol treatment center, Newkirk thought the project on the reservation six miles away would solve local economic troubles brought on by oil and farming slumps.

But the initial euphoria, like the old paint, has chipped away, replaced by distrust, frustration, even fear.

Townpeople say Narconon International hasn't been honest about its affiliation with the Church of Scientology, its financing, its medical credentials and its plans for the project, which will draw mostly out-of-state clients.

They say Narconon denied the project had anything to do with Scientology until Newkirk officials turned up a Scientology magazine with a story headlined "Trained Scientologists to Staff Huge Oklahoma Facility."

And the mayor says Narconon tried to dupe locals at a staged ceremony, where a \$200,000 check and a glowing study were presented to Narconon by a group that turned out to be part of Narconon itself.

Now the town fears it could earn a "cult image" because of the project's ties to Scientology, which follows the teachings of the late science fiction writer L. Ron Hubbard. Former members have accused Scientology of fraud and mental abuse, and the Internal Revenue Service has challenged its tax-exempt status as a religion.

"People interested in coming to this town will see the Church of Scientology thing — the cult thing — and I think that that image will hurt our possibilities for growth and development," Mayor Garry Bilger said in an interview last month.

Some townspeople say they worry about the kind of people the project will attract and that the stately 80-building campus, built of native Oklahoma stone and tucked



Pastors Mark Jones, left, of the First Baptist Church and Mike Clifton of the First Christian Church pose in front of the entrance to the old Chilocco Indian School in Newkirk. They are among those who oppose plans to turn the school into a drug and alcohol treatment center run by a firm linked to the Church of Scientology. (AP Laserphoto)

more than a mile off the nearest road, will become a Scientology recruiting station.

"I don't think any of us are against drug abusers getting rehabilitation," said Mike Clifton, pastor of the First Christian Church. "(But) there's a lot of concern in the community because we really don't know what these folks are exactly about. What really worries us is what they're not saying."

In the basement of the First Baptist Church, pastor Mark Jones is making copies of a videotape of a British Broadcasting Corp. documentary on Scientology, which he showed to his congregation at a worship service.

The tapes, along with Scientology literature, have been circulating in this town of 2,400. There have been town meetings and public forums, including a sometimes heated session with state officials who approved the Narconon project before the town knew it was supported by Scientology.

"The town got the shaft," said insurance agent Charles Eisenhauer. "I don't think anybody can undo anything that's been done so far." The center is scheduled to open in September.

Narconon officials say Newkirk's concern is inflated and unwarranted. Narconon is a legitimate, worldwide drug and alcohol rehabilitation program with 23 years' experience and an 86 percent success rate, they assert.

Narconon spokesman Gary Smith said he tried to reassure the town that Narconon's "sole intention is to get people off drugs." He said the town has been misled.

"There's fear being put into the town by false information being fed in there by somebody who's in favor of drug abuse. They're either connected to selling drugs or they're using drugs," Smith said.

Smith declined to be more specific about the identity or whereabouts of these "outside sources with criminal motives."

"Trust me, I know," he said.

Another Narconon attempt at persuasion provoked an angry response.

In a letter printed May 18 on the front page of the weekly Newkirk Herald Journal, Narconon president John Duff wrote: "There will be those that will not want Narconon to succeed at Chilocco because they are for drugs and are on the other side in the battle against

drugs."

Jones, the Baptist minister, responded the following week, writing he "resented the implication, or more accurately the accusation, that was made by Narconon's Mr. Duff. He accused me of supporting illegal drug use in our area if I did not swallow his program hook, line and sinker."

Bilger said he had been so optimistic about the promise of a revitalized Chilocco that last December he wrote Oklahoma health officials supporting Narconon.

But the mayor said his winter hope turned to disillusionment by spring when he learned of Narconon's history, and he came to believe he had been misled when Narconon held an emotional ceremony April 8 in which the Association for Better Living and Education presented a glowing study of Narconon and the \$200,000 check.

Later Bilger learned that ABLE shared a street address in Los Angeles with Narconon, and is identified in a Scientology magazine as part of Narconon.

"They totally misrepresented what was going on," Bilger said.

"I came away with the impression that we had an independent group here interested in mankind and they had researched the Narconon process. Then I find out ABLE and Narconon are part of the same organization," he said.

"I try to be straightforward, and when somebody doesn't do that, I wonder why."

In late June, Narconon's Smith used a copy of Bilger's December letter of support to suggest to The Associated Press that the mayor supported Narconon.

Bilger says the December letter no longer reflects his feelings.

"I imagine if I was in his shoes I'd use it, too," Bilger said. "I just think now it (Narconon) is a problem and if all the facts were out at the time, things might have been done differently."

The Chilocco Indian School closed in 1980 and was declared surplus property by the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

In January, the Oklahoma Health Planning Commission gave Narconon approval for an initial 75 beds. The group seeks 150 beds, with growth projected to 400.

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



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

Like olden days when Dr. Malingerer 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 bamboozelers.

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 bucks.

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 settin' 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?

Information we have read suggests that dependency upon drugs is simply replaced with dependency upon Scientology. A sociology professor in California has warned us that similar establishments have been used by this group in the past as warehouses for dissident members. The isolation is ideal. The lack of outside scrutiny is perfect. The potential is frightening beyond anything we have dealt with before.

These mental messiahs with forked tongues are treading on our Indian neighbors' hopes of economic and social development. What they really want is the isolation of Indian land, exempt from state and local law enforcement jurisdiction. And in the deal, they'll get a ready made crop of Indian "patients." With Indian Health Care picking up the tab for nearly all of them while they get "processed" down the path of "enlightenment."

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 as 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 trot on 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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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 these 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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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,
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