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**WHAT WOULD
YOU DO--- IF?**

Successor Organization Is Religious Fellowship

"What would you do with a billion dollars?"

This was one of the questions L. Ron Hubbard used at a surprise group processing session at the Phoenix Congress. One of the auditors in the audience admitted he took 15 minutes before he came up with any kind of an answer, and he then decided he'd spend it.

The remainder of the session, while not recommended for either group or individual processing, might, if analyzed, answer some of man's questions as to why he has a body, why we pretend occlusion, or why we limit our capabilities.

Some of the questions follow:

If you had the body you wanted, what would you do with it?

If you had no body at all, what would you do?

If you had full perceptsics, what would you do?

If you knew you were incapable of error or accident, what would you do?

If you had all your money troubles solved, what would you do?

If you knew it was utterly impossible to die, what would you do?

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Formation of the Hubbard Association of Scientologists, International (HASI) to replace the Hubbard Association of Scientologists (HAS) was announced by L. Ron Hubbard during the closing sessions of the June Congress in Phoenix.

Death of the HAS, Mr. Hubbard said, was preferable to going through all the red tape and filling out the thousands of necessary forms to transfer the old organization into the new.

As far as the "field" is concerned, this will make little difference except to give auditors and schools complete security from legal interference. The new organization, the HASI, is a non-profit religious fellowship, and as such, Ron said, is entitled to the constitutional guarantees of a Supreme Court ruling that no state shall take action to prevent operation of any organization concerned with the study or advance of the human soul.

Facetiously, Ron added that the old HAS, set up for study into problems of the mind, was out of date, since Scientology has no

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AUDITORIALS

IF YOU NEED A REASON, HERE'S THE BEST WE CAN DO

Some of those people who have to have a reason for everything want us to explain why we have a fluctuating price policy: \$1.67 a year the first issue, \$1.68 the second, and \$1.71 the third.

For their benefit, we went up to \$1.68 from \$1.67 because of the high price of coffee in Phoenix, and we had so many visitors wanting to know what we were going to print next time, and staying for a cup of coffee. Then we came to Oklahoma--where coffee still is only 5¢ a cup--and our excuse was eliminated, but we found a new one: our bookkeeper that took the checks to the bank was tired of adding all those 8's. Therefore, we went up to \$1.71 to make it easier on her.

It was such good therapy, and she has been so cheerful about one

thing and another the last month, that we're going to give her another boost, and if you'll look in the proper place, you'll find that we're now charging \$1.80 a year so that she'll not even have to add up a column of 1's.

You may say lots of things about us, but not that we're not considerate. We'll even waste a lot of valuable space for which a dozen auditors are clamoring to pay \$1 an inch to give those who have to have a reason for everything a reason why we went up to \$1.80 from \$1.67 in a few short months. You see, we could have gone up to \$5 and not given you anything for it--not even a reason--as another magazine we could have named did.

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REDS HAVE NO MONOPOLY ON SUBVERSION

After listening to some of the radio programs out of Washington and reading news accounts of Joe Sta--pardon--McCarthy's "circus", one wonders whether the Wisconsin senator is hunting "reds" or red headlines. Certainly such a painful "Burlesque of Democracy" won't convert anyone who thinks we'd do better sending retired actors and comedians to Washington rather than ham lawyers.

Since we hold no brief for the Army in this controversy either, it looks like a proposition of "dog eat dog"--in its nastiest hyphenated nomenclature.

One thing these hearings is proving: you can be subversive without ever having held a card in a "red" or "pink" organization.

Also, it proves your past loyalty is more important than your present--according to some alleged investigators. If anyone ever tells them of past lives, and introduces them to an E-meter, what a field day they'll have!

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If you wonder why this issue has not continued last month's engagement with The GHOST, it's because of our respect for the dead. It may or may not be true that The GHOST has returned to the world of spirits.

Successor Organization Is Religious Fellowship

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concern with problems of the mind but deals primarily with the thet-an, which is unknown in law.

This religious fellowship, Ron said, should prevent a repetition of such fiascoes as that in Detroit of more than a year ago in which two Scientologists were arrested and tried only in the news headlines.

Late in June, a direct mail program to start selling Scientology to the public was to start in Phoenix, where trained auditors are available to care for any returns from the direct mail campaign. After this test, the program will be extended to other cities and areas as quickly as possible.

In the Phoenix area, all auditors--good, bad, and indifferent--will take part in the project. These will be tested, and those failing to reach a set standard will be given an opportunity to have their own cases brought up to this standard free of cost. A board will be set up by the auditors themselves with the power to set standards and examine professional auditors.

Other changes contemplated deal directly with the associate schools, which will remain practically as they are when new contracts are negotiated. E. L. Kish, who has been operating the Scientology Foundation in Akron, Ohio, has resigned as a school, and the contract held by Dr. Walter E. Hanan of Spokane, Wash., has been cancelled and probably will be reassigned to Dr. Gordon Fleming, also of Spokane.

New tapes for use in the various schools are being prepared, and will be ready for distribution shortly. Ron announced these will be half-hour lectures, as it has been found that students will listen to live lectures for an hour or more, but will become bored

with long sessions on tapes. These tapes will put the training at each of the schools on a level with the training given at the clinical course, Ron declared.

In addition, an Instructor's Handbook will be issued students to assist them in learning and using the data contained on the tapes.

As part of the new training programs, associate schools will not be licensed to issue official certificates after July 1. The student, after taking the course, must appear before examining boards in Phoenix, Camden, N.J., or London, and pass an examination before he can be certified. Ability to pass the examination is the only requirement, and this could be done by a person who has attended none of the schools, although Ron thought it unlikely anyone could acquire sufficient know-how without attending classes.

Clinical course graduates will not be affected by this examination requirement. The next clinical course, the Seventh, starting 21 June and ending 1 August, will be the last, the HASI has announced.

Ron said that the clinical courses which he has been conducting have permitted him to extend and simplify techniques to a point where success with both the student and pre-clear is almost a certainty. Part of this technique, labeled "Technique 30", was demonstrated before the Phoenix Congress. Auditing today, Ron said, is directed toward the third dynamic with much better results than in the old days when the first and second dynamics were stressed.

Doctors of Scientology, a degree issued only to graduates of the clinical courses and B.Scen's who have proven themselves in the field, will have ministerial status, Ron said. A medallion is now being designed--with an explosion as the central motif--which men will wear on their tie and women will wear as a broach. This will be the only ministerial "uniform" recognized for Scien- (Turn Page)

tologists, and will be registered as such with the National Board of Ministers.

All certificates issued under the old HAS are being validated by the new organization, and memberships--including Founding Members--are being transferred to the HASI.

No certificates have been issued recently, Ron said, waiting for the completion of the new organization. These now will be completed, bearing the name of the HASI instead of the HAS.

After the Congress, Ron said in an interview that the \$50 charge for Doctor of Divinity certificates would be refunded since it was learned there would be no cost of registering the certificates. However, in a bulletin put out by the HASI dated 12 June, it was announced this \$50 would be used for the medallion, a pin, a book containing all services which the minister of Scientology might be called upon to perform, and for the issuance of sufficient identification.

The HASI has three offices--Phoenix, Camden, and London--all incorporated under the new organization. However, the London office will continue to be called the HAS.

Officers in the HASI include: L. Ron Hubbard, chairman of the board; John Galusha, president; Mary Sue Hubbard, treasurer; Ralph Swanson, vice president; and Ken Barrett, secretary.

Mr. Hubbard announced that earlier plans for him to go to Europe in August have been cancelled.

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Auditing Children Changes F's to A's

Success in group processing of school children, especially those who have had difficulty in their studies and many of whom have been expected to fail, is reported by Edd Clark, who operates the Free Mind Foundation, in Seattle, Wash. Clark says some striking results already have been reported, with children beginning to get perfect grades in difficult subjects for the first time.

What Would You Do--If?

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fill in the blank.)?

If you knew every instant and every thing that would take place in the next 100 years, what would you do?

If everybody else knew, too, what would you do?

If you knew everybody was making up problems to keep themselves interested, what would you do and think about other people?

If everybody had all the help they could need without you, what would you do?

If you knew there was never to be another job for anyone, what would you do?

If you knew positively pain and suffering could never exist again, what would you do?

If no one had to eat, what would you do?

If you knew you always were going to win, no matter what you did, what would you do?

If you knew you were going to lose no matter what you did, what would you do?

If you had forever ahead of you with full knowingness, what would you do?

If you knew you were going to die July 1, 1955, what would you do?

If you knew you were going to die Jan. 3, 2001 A.D., what would you do?

If you knew you were going to die tomorrow morning, what would you do?

If you knew you were going to die in the next three minutes, what could you look back on with satisfaction?

If you were dead right now and being buried, what would you expect to have said at your funeral oration in your favor? What would they carefully refrain from saying?

What would reassure you there had been a purpose in your living?

Assign causes for your death.

Who killed you and with what? When? Where?

Give some reasons why you were born in the first place.

It's So Simple to Audit, Phoenix Congress Told

Auditors, who have spent months and years--plus large sums in tuition fees--learning to be a competent Scientologist, were told at the Phoenix Congress June 5 to 8 just how simple it all is.

All an auditor need have his preclear do, L. Ron Hubbard said, is:

1. Duplicate anything he's looking at
2. Spot some spots in space, and
3. Remedy havingness.

This concatenation, Mr. Hubbard said, makes you an auditor.

For really tough cases, you have the preclear BE a problem, and BE others who are BEing problems. Below the "tough case level", you have the preclear find out what he can BE until he gets a certainty.

This technique, Mr. Hubbard said, linked with "Technique 30", will--even in the hands of beginners--get results far and above the fondest expectations of the most experienced auditors using the most advanced techniques back in the days of Dianetics.

Technique 30 has as its basic application the principle of Opening Procedure. In Technique 30, the preclear picks spots on opposite walls, or selects two dissimilar objects at some distance from each other in the room, and walks from one spot or object to the other at the auditor's command. He is told to put his finger on the spot, or pick up the object, tell its color, weight, and temperature, and in the case of the article, replace it in exactly the same location it was before he picked it up. Then he goes to the opposite article, or spot, and the procedure is repeated. This continues for hours, if necessary, with the command unvarying, until the preclear comes up through the entire tone scale, from apathy about the assignment to anger, antagonism, and finally, he should even get to

the point where he's cheerful about carrying out the commands. There's not supposed to be even fatigue (for the preclear) no matter how long the process is continued.

Mr. Hubbard said that the symbol "30" to designate this technique was chosen because of its connotation among communications workers--especially radio and news men--where "30" long has been accepted as meaning "finish", or "the end". This ends a long chain of 8's and combinations of 8's started more than a year ago which linked infinity (∞) and the thetan (o). Few present at the Congress were ready to believe that Mr. Hubbard means this in its full sense and that there will be no new techniques. Instead, they interpret the use of "30" as applying to the fact auditing now is directed toward the Third Dynamic instead of the First, and the Thetan (o) still is an important consideration in all processing.

In being an auditor, Mr. Hubbard said, don't put the spot in pictures, but in actual places in the physical universe. Check the distance and direction, for example, of the school room, and put the spot in the room--not in a picture of the room. This brings the spots up to present time.

If the preclear starts feeling ill while running this process, have him mock up his body doing "what it wants to do--flopping out of control and vomiting".

The only time an auditor fails is when he doesn't wait long enough on extended communication lags. It may be minutes, or even hours, Mr. Hubbard said, before a preclear has the answer to an auditor's command, and the case will be retarted to the amount the auditor interrupts, either from a mistaken belief the preclear isn't co-operating, or because the auditor believes he must earn his money and act professional.

Viewpoint Straight Wire, Mr. Hubbard said, is still a potent process, but isn't recommended for groups because of the (Turn Page)

long communication lags. While one preclear might be ready for the next command within seconds or minutes, another would bog down for even as much as an hour or possibly more.

Each question is asked over and over until there no longer is a lag in answering.

Finding three spots in the room and three spots in the body alternately will bring exteriorization, Mr. Hubbard said, if the auditor will remedy havingness in between. This is done by finding out what the preclear thinks he can have, and altering its quality until the mock-up of the object snaps into the body. The mock-up can be dim or flimsy, and doesn't even have to concern an object the preclear or auditor thinks is bothering the preclear. The main thing, in running havingness, is to get mass, not quality.

Mr. Hubbard said that you'd only have to print the first section of the First Book and add a short chapter on Havingness to bring the book up to date with modern techniques. He stated that you could run an engram by mocking up its duplicate and bringing it in on the preclear--whether he's in the body or exteriorized. "If a Black V would mock up black planets and pull them in on him, he'd start getting mock-ups. This is Dianetics, come to life," Mr. Hubbard said.

The less specific you are, the better: after an accident, it isn't necessary to spot the scene or the car--you even could have him mock up the Empire State Building and pull that in on him.

In one of his lectures, Mr. Hubbard dwelt at length on changes in his Theta-MEST theory, stating that theta is the solver of problems, while MEST is a problem to be solved.

"When Mother says 'You're a problem', she's saying 'You're the physical universe'," Hubbard said.

The auditor-preclean set-up is the auditor is being theta and there to solve problems, while the

preclean has set himself up as MEST and a problem to be solved. Your only chance to help him is to bring him to the point where he's a solver of his own problems.

If you can understand this Theta-MEST theory, Mr. Hubbard said, your own case will start to break up.

The willingness to grant beingness and the ability to duplicate and the ability to heal are parallel, Mr. Hubbard said.

"The new technique is entirely toward the Third Dynamic," Mr. Hubbard explained in an interview after the lectures. "The body itself is a problem in the Third Dynamic. Opening Procedure has busted the difference between having Scientology and not having Scientology."

Paralleling the lecture on how simple auditing can be was the distribution to Congress delegates of Issue 31-G of The JOURNAL, which was made up of an article by Jack Horner, entitled "Any Two People Can Do It". This outlines, in a few easy exercises, a complete auditing procedure.

Possible Market for E-Meters?

Lie detector tests tried on full-blooded Indians show absolutely no reaction, Dr. W. H. Donahue, director of Oklahoma Mental Health, and O. K. Bivens, State Crime Bureau director, reported recently. Donahue credits the even graph, which has no quivers whatever, to the Indians' "stoic nature."

Donahue said the lie detectors used depended on blood pressure, respiration, pulse, and palm sweat. None of these showed any changes.

This is only true of full-blooded Indians, the director said. Those with mixed blood show definite reactions.

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Because we forgot to mention a price in our last issue, some thought the NOTES ON THE DOCTORATE COURSE are now \$25. That's only the next-to-the-last copy--when we get that low. They're still \$7.50 as long as they last.

150 At Phoenix Congress

More than 150 persons, from all parts of the United States, were in attendance at the June Congress of Scientologists held in Phoenix June 5 to 8.

At the end of the Congress, L. Ron Hubbard announced that the \$3,827 in receipts from delegates would be used to publish a new book on Scientology, designed for the public as well as the professional auditor. Each of the delegates was promised an autographed copy of the first edition.

The audience was divided into six groups for morning and evening seminars and group processing. These, together with their group leaders, follow:

John Galusha, leader--Barbara Pool, John McCormick, Evans Farber, Dick Halpern, Miriam St. Georges, J. M. Brand, Tido Churchill, Ross Lamoreaux, Jessie Hampton, Robert Nichols, Stanley Stromfield, Rebecca Jones, O.P. Reese, Julia Barenburg, Myra Carlock, Will Roth, Elda Ilger, Ken Cline, Dorothy Shoop, Catherine Hagin, Ellen Carder, Frank Dake, James Struckmeyer, Mrs. A. B. Marshall, Dorothy Woodgate, Harold Cohn, Alpha Hart.

Dick Steves, leader--Wayne Dunbar, Geo. Schuler, Julia Lewis, Mary Stimpert, Mrs. August Vogt, Clifford Carnahan, Doug. Simcoe, Patricia Buckan, Daniel Rutenberg, Margaret Scholtz, Verda Kile, Mrs. Flatow, Gertrude Burns, Warren Amster, James Vanjo, Freddie Sutton, Beatrice Beattie, Peggy Conway, Ann Sharpe, Jon Kenworthy, Elsie Shannon, Ethel Adler, Don Schaffer, George Montgomery.

Jack Horner, leader--Andy Anderson, Russell Goodwin, Richard Powell, Vonne Kathary, Joan Rocke, Herbert Strafello, Carole Yeager, Frank Silver, Tam Owen, Dr. Allan, Warren Collins, George Seidler, Evelyn McGee, Alfred Kozak, Howard Hamilton, Ester Gill, Charles Brown, Irene Kale, Marianna Adams, Anne Pfanner, Melvin Wells, Ethel Esthole, Herbert Williams, Mrs. Harriet Basista, Arthur Kainalika.

Carol Hadley, leader--Jan Halpern, Lynn Lamoreaux, Harold Snell, Dale Kathary, Harry Ralph, Ruth

Roderick, Lee Burgess, Dr. Daphalouis, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Allan, Walter Pearson, Jennie Movitt, Dr. J. Burton Farber, Mary Majiske, Carroll Hennick, Tom Lovejoy, Inga Dake, Jean Struckmeyer, Ed McCormick, Robert Tolman, Clem Johnson, A. B. Marshall, Anne Mandell.

Bob Sutton, leader--Mrs. Wayne Dunbar, Laura Webster, David Murray, August Vogt, Thomas Carnahan, Ester Matthews, Rick Walker, Harry Crass, James Kile, Fred Frank, Nell Barton, Ruth Wynne, Jesse Pierce, Mrs. Warren Amster, Al Stecker, Arthur McGlinsky, Osborne Cahon, Jeanette Barieau, Leo Stauter, Bud Eubanks, Bob Shannon, Grant Pool, Dodie Schaffer, Mrs. George Montgomery.

Ken Barrett, leader--John Coolsey, Edna Klatzko, Pedro Gotay, Al Duval, Mrs. Robert Nichols, Mrs. Ted Best, Richard Ferg, James Workman, John Farrell, Bob Churchill, Gilbert Bentley, Maxine Savant, Ellen Beall, Pearl Hennick, Fernando Estrada, Gordon Gill, Sandra Kellogg, Betty Young, Nile Adams, Margie McCormick, Estella Castenada, Duch Johnson, Inez Graf, Frank English, Adele Mazurek.

(Note--The ABERREE assumes no responsibility for those who told wives or husbands they were present, and weren't--or for names that are misspelled. Alas, we had to interpret Henrietta Hubbard's writing, and our own scribbling after we got home.)

Californians Set Up Auditing "Bank"

An auditing "bank", in which auditors may make arrangements for a package of 5, 10, or 20 hours' processing, has been set up by the California Association of Dianetic Auditors. In return, each member of the bank agrees to give as many hours of processing to another member of the bank as he receives.

Several auditors, some of whom are rated tops in their class, already have subscribed to the bank. Associates also are listed whose activities are limited to reading Self-Analysis to a pre-clear.

According to the rules, the auditor can transfer his "credits" to another member of his family.



Because two Oklahoma state officials refused to actively support Mrs. Willie Murray's candidacy for governor, her husband, the incumbent governor, fired them. Others have been warned.

When a few elderly women of Sharpsburg, Md., demanded an ordinance banning shorts, Mayor Koontz told the press about it. The ordinance failed, but because the city found itself censured and ridiculed throughout the nation, the City Council muzzled its mayor: no more news unless the Council approves, in writing.

Each dead Red Chinese soldier cost more than 50,000 rounds of small-arms fire, an instructor at the Army Infantry School at Fort Benning, Ga., reports. This, he said, compares to 208 rounds it took a Confederate rifleman, using muskets, to kill one Yankee at the battle of Chickamauga.

Oklahoma voters have been subjected to a new torture: talking marathons, in which two candidates for governor each harangued over radio and television for more than 24 hours without stopping. Victims admitted that even a singing soap commercial sounded good when Candidates William Coe and William Gill finally shut up.

Because of investigations and security charges against some of the scientists at the radar laboratories at Fort Monmouth, N.J.,

"roughly a dozen" top scientists in atomic energy have resigned in protest. It may get to the point where research and national security will be completely in the hands of the suspicious snoops.

After the eighth death in Brooklyn, doctors were warned against indiscriminate use of penicillin. It seems that in some cases, penicillin taken orally, such as in chewing gum, can make a person allergic to it in the form of injections.

When the U.S. returned "freedom of the seas" to a 450-mile area in the Pacific, it was assumed the A- and H-bomb tests at Bikini and Eniwetok were over. In the meantime, radioactive ashes that fell on natives, removed hundreds of miles from their Marshall Island homes, made more than half of them ill. Medical aid was sent them.

New Army script is under fire. It seems that models used for the women on it are so unbeautiful no one wants to keep it, spend it, or accept it.

Some 500 hunters gathered at Randlette, Okla., for a much-publicized wolf hunt; became angry when 10 farmers obtained a court injunction to keep their wheat from being trampled and destroyed. Women, who had prepared food for 500 for three days, were the unhappiest.

South American diplomats are incensed. They think our "hemispherical solidity" is threatened because New York's Governor Dewey, commenting on the high price of coffee, suggested Americans switch to milk because it's "healthier, cheaper, and more plentiful" than coffee.

It sounds like a good way to put your competitor out of business: a St. Louis newspaper, which also operates a TV station, bought time on another TV station for the broadcast of the McCarthy-Army hearings in Washington.

OVER THE



EDITOR'S SHOULDER

"Sincere thanks for your forthright statement of opposition to 'false, bombastic claims about the science...' and what follows; for your validation of Scientology, coupled with your opinion that it's not the ultimate. We've all needed this, from somebody who is as widely known as you are, who has been closely associated with central activities and personalities over a period of several years.

"I've held these opinions, and have stated them, less clearly and forthrightly, a number of times; still, they were opinions based on limited observations. They seemed sometimes to be in direct contradiction to statements from 'official' sources.

"A long series of statements about the ultimateness of Dianetics and Scientology as it reached various stages of development has been very confusing to some people and has sometimes, I think, lost us friends and supporters. Each statement has been a little ultimater than the last. This is 'The Boy Who Cried Wolf' inside out; it's lily-gilding, and it's unnecessary and harmful.

"Please duplicate--restate this theme from time to time. Harp on it. It's high time to have it said, repeated, and emphasized."--Bill Bradner, Winter Park, Fla.

"Enclosed is two bucks to encourage you...\$2.00 is easier to write than \$1.71, and besides, you'll probably have to raise the

price some day when you learn how to add and subtract."--Stan Grady, Greensburg, Penn. (Note: We're learning, issue by issue.)

"We are organizing the Free Mind Guild, which is to be composed of laymen of all walks of life, together with members of our own profession. It will be the supporting organization for the Free Mind Foundation, serving at the present mostly as a communication channel to assist us in getting in touch with the community. It is pretty much in the embryo stage as yet, but will be a functioning group soon. I don't intend to take any particularly active part in it, but will put it up to the members to figure out their own ways of being useful. They will be mostly people who have had good experience with Scientology, and therefore willing to help put it over. Later there may be some members who haven't experienced Scientology, but I doubt that they will ever be a large part of the membership."--Edd Clark, Seattle, Wash.

"Remove my name from your mailing list and do not send me any additional literature." -- Stanley H. Abrons, New York, N.Y. (Definition--'Literature: The written or printed productions of a country or period, especially those that are notable for beauty or force of style.' Thank you, Mr. Abrons!)

"Congratulations, Alpha Hart, for surviving... May you never change."--Dave Cysewski, Spokane, Wash.

"When the first issue arrived, it came as a bit of a shock. Maybe it was the title: 'Aberree', reminding me of my host of excess baggage, discarded so slowly and reluctantly. Besides, being an ardent fan of 'the Ghost' I jumped to the conclusions that your publication was replacing it. I knew Clem was busy with the Clinical Course, and wondered; for the 'Ghost' hadn't appeared for some

time. By the time 'Aberree' No. 2 arrived, I was GLAD to receive it and GRATEFUL. Every word of it hit the spot. I especially appreciated your article on 'How Optimum is a Clear?' It was greatly needed to clear up a lot of confusion on the subject.

"Then out of a 'Clear' sky the 'Ghost' was back in circulation again, and everybody was happy. Now, I find I've just GOT to have BOTH."--Mae J. Paquette, New York.

"Can anything good come out of Nazareth? I used to take a band to Enid for the Tri-State (band festival) back in the '30's."--Dr. W.E.Binkley, Portland, Ore.

"Leaving out Pages 9-16 is a dirty trick. You must be a devil indeed!"--T.D. Malkin, Philadelphia, Penn.

"I'm strictly an amateur in Scientology; majority of what little I know I picked up at the Phoenix Congress in December. I am now trying to organize a group here in Globe; anyone who feels they can donate any suggestions which will help, will certainly appreciate them.

"I enjoy reading the Aberree, even though I don't know half the time what I'm reading. Only one thing bothers me: quit picking on Arizona until you've visited Globe."--C.E.Carnahan, Globe, Ariz.

"You're just the fellow who can tell a Scientologist his bloated somethingness is in the way of his nothingness becoming an operating Thetan."--Donald Schaeffer, Long Beach, Calif.

"I got another 'jolt' from the Journal--certification based on producing a 'clear' of the committee's choosing--IN TEN HOURS!..I'm beginning to think the doctors and the A.M.A. must have been pretty damned neurotic to put up such a fuss four years ago about the likelihood of dianetics taking the bread from their mouths. 'Tis now possible to 'clear' a person and

leave all physical ailments intact and under the doctor's care. This will be good news for the average preclear who hates to give up a sympathy exciter, as well as to the doctors once threatened with extinction of their patients due to dazzling good health that the old Dogpatch Style Clear called for.

"And all in ten hours yet! With 50 percent of the whacks already in that shape (merely exteriorized) this is getting to be a much simpler racket than it was when we were trying to knock out somatics by getting the grief and terror charges that held them in present time--or tougher--run it all the way out via engram chains.

"Well, that's the modern trend: speed it up! Mass production!"--Bob Arentz, Salt Lake City, Utah.

"Welcome back to the good country! And to the 'able people'!"--Gen. Crist, Wichita, Kas.

"I did very much enjoy the sample copy you sent me so be sure to send me the missing pages. You sure made a good point on that Scientology and Dianetics are the same, and who is to say which is faster? Sometimes one, sometimes the other. We only want results and the one word, if there can be a word, is "Flexibility". Or, if you will let yourself go to the extreme opposites, you will have complete freedom of flexibility to enjoy a very happy medium."-- J.H. Betz, Bridgeport, Conn.

"We, my husband and I, enjoy your more serious articles. Life must be serious! Actually, though, there was a definite need for some factual material on the great state of 'Optimum'. We believe you said the things that needed to be said very well.

"We operate a center for the furthering of Scientologists' cases in Tacoma, and for the teaching and processing of people who desire to change. We have about 20-28 who meet here every Tuesday nite for group processing, and on the last Saturday nite of each

month we have an 'open house' dedicated to people who want to know what changed their friends so much. At this open house we serve refreshments and I talk or someone tells very simply of what we are doing and what it can do for them. As a group the people are high toned and fine and we do not push around terminology at any time, but we make a special deal out of this once-a-month meeting. This is where they can exhibit such hobbies as making movies, etc. This Saturday night, a chiropractor is going to talk on 'Handwriting Analysis'. He and his wife took a course in it just for fun."--Audrey M. Robbins, HCA, Tacoma, Wash. (Ed. Note--We need more letters like this one on how people and groups are using and studying Scientology. Thank you, Mrs. Robbins.)

"Certainly do enjoy a magazine with all the latest scuttlebut."--Al Kozak and Clint Macauley, Camden, N.J.

"I hear a good laugh is healthy, so I feel much better after reading The ABERREE. We miss you, often speak of you, and we say nice things."--Mary Bickle, Phoenix, Ariz.

"Keep on riding those Step 1's. In fact, just why should a thetan spend all its time trying to entertain the GE of a body with built-in television sets, etc. Any thetan that has any sense will know that a body is a tool for him to use in conquering the MEST universe and any effort that he wastes in entertaining that tool is so much wasted energy on his part. In the group with which I am associated with, those who have the best perceptics also are blessed with the hottest circuits.

"I believe it is about time somebody sets Scientology straight on just what is an operating thetan. Many of us are living under the false illusion that a thetan is going to be audited and then will start playing three-dimensional chess when everybody else is playing ticktacktoo or something

equally simple. What they are forgetting is that This Game is set up for ticktacktoo and not three-dimensional chess and until the general agreement is to play this chess game and not the other, we will all play ticktacktoo. So, why are we being sold the chess game without the knowledge that we can't use it till the proper time arrives? You answer that one as I haven't had the MEST yet to be associated with the Clinical Course.

"Let's be proud of being a Black 5. They are the thetans that have enough knowingness to recognize that visio, etc., are signs of being effect and not cause, hence they have no need for this waste of energy...Maybe the attitude is a body circuit that is saying sour grapes because it cannot have the amusement that it thinks it should be getting."--Clarence V. Matthews, Hampton, Va.

"I'm not expecting to learn too much from your sheet, but your June issue (the part that I received) gave me several hearty laughs, and I believe that's better medicine than all the aspirin my doctor prescribed."--Maurice J. Holscher, Las Vegas, N.M.

"Enclosed two cheques for 'The Aberree' and 'Notes on the Doctorate Course'. I want that badly. I can't sit on two mountain tops here and play 'Knowing Nothing New' for much longer."--Alix Stansfield, Vaduz, Liechtenstein.

"...May I say that you have done an excellent job on the Doctorate Notes?... Mark Gallert has also given us the book we have long needed--Desperately, something we can hand out to beginners that isn't too deep or involved (for them) to handle...I've been here working more or less quietly for years. Of course I've done a lot of promoting for dianetics, but nothing for scientology. But I have come to see that Hubbard has at last given us the missing link in the thing we have all been searching for, a method

for controlling one's mental images!--Morrison P. Helling, Seattle, Wash.

"The 'field' looks as if a harrow had been over it when you finish with it. Very refreshing!" --Genevieve Cleary, North Sacramento, Calif.

"Regarding the feud with the GHOST, I'd like to comment that it has been public statements similar to those that Clem has been making during the past year or so that make many people, myself included, wonder about Scientology.

"When a guy enters the field with a big BANG at an obvious 1.5 level, and several years later is still a 1.5, you kinda wonder if this stuff he's peddling is any good.

"Member the story about the bald headed barber trying to sell the world's most perfect hair restorer?"--Don C. Maier, Middletown, Penn.

"I have the main books (the original and the Science of Survival), heard Hubbard at the little building on Parkview in LA but never went further. I think when he let himself go, he was searchingly eloquent (mostly lackadaisical) and feel that he was the victim of evil circumstances. The astrologers would say as a Piscean he might expect that."--Dr. John Xavier Loughran, Glendora, Calif.

"...Are the claims about the possibilities of Theta Clears excessive or unattainable, and just theoretical? You were near Hubbard and the movement, so you can judge. I am very much interested also, but being so far away, I cannot have a personal opinion. I have the whole matter under earnest study, and I hope to reach this state of Theta Clear and then have proof and experience by myself. Till now I am not a stabilized Theta Clear; so, following the advice of Hubbard, I do not produce Theta clears. I cure neurotic people with psychosomatics and

neuroses, which means I am only a psychotherapist, and I can bring people till the level of high normals.

"Yet I follow earnestly and with the greatest hope the researches of Hubbard, and I hope that all his claims will be proved attainable in a practical way. Personally, although I write articles in the newspapers, and give many lectures, and I am a very able psychotherapist, yet I do not claim more than I can prove; so I have not disappointment from my public...

"Personally I remain a great admirer of Hubbard, as I got much useful knowledge, personal improvement, and improvement of my techniques through him...It would be useful to us that you report all useful publications on Scientology and Dianetics in The Aberree so that we take knowledge of what is published, with your critical opinion on their value." --Ath. Athanassoulis, Cairo, Egypt.

"Sane and amusing." --Stuart D. Pool, East Moline, Ill.

"It's rather encouraging to hear from someone in Oklahoma working in Scientology. So...send me some more of that stuff you call The Aberree." --W.P. Mullen, Tulsa, Okla.

"The sense of humor is delightful and answers my husband's question: 'Are all Scientologists so deadly serious and lacking in a sense of humor?'...We wish you the best for your 'Aberree' --it'll be the best for us, too."--Muriel Elgin, Bethesda, Md.

"The reading of the sample copy did me more good than 10 hours of intensive processing. What a clever way to help people to face reality and laugh heartily at the same time." --Gertrude C. Berner, China Lake, Calif.

"I have not decided whether you are 'for' or 'agin' Hubbard."--J. R. Pate, Samson, Ala.

What of the Book Auditor?

by BILL BRADNER

"In the beginning," it said, "the book auditor was reckoned to be the key person in Dianetics."

Being a book auditor myself, I plunged into the article, the first in BRISTOL DIANETIC REVIEW for May, 1954.

"Mr. Hubbard said," it continued, "that any two intelligent people could get together, and, with the aid of 'Dianetics, Modern Science of Mental Health', clear up their troubles. Of course there were to be professional auditors, but the spread of Dianetics through Society was to be the work of the amateur, the book auditor."

Well, this is the way I'd understood it, too. I kind of figured that the little group we'd gotten together, multiplied by a large number representing all other book auditors who'd organized groups, might build up to an impressive array of people spread around the globe. And that a lot of them would be able and willing to audit others and actually help them, as our people seemed to be doing.

BDR goes on to mention groups in Great Britain in the early days --at a time when the British hadn't much choice except to depend on amateurs grouped together. If anything at all was accomplished in the first year in England, amateurs and groups should be credited with it. The article continues: "Nowadays there seems to be a considerable duality in official attitudes towards the amateur, the book auditor. On the one hand, there is the oft repeated statement of Mr. Hubbard that techniques and processes are becoming simpler--that anyone can use them. And on the other, the implication (not often openly expressed, but there, nevertheless) that no one should undertake auditing until he has taken a course at the H.A.S. Now there seems to be the further inference that only auditors who have taken the clinical course really know what they are about."

To be quite fair, I think the

H.A.S. may have done a good deal for the book auditor in the past year. The JOURNAL has published outlines of processing procedures; PABs have gone into further detail in describing methods and discussing theory. In spite of this, a large question looms: Should the book auditor attempt to use this information?

It's my present guess that he should, and that he'll have a lot of success if he follows instructions exactly. But like the BDR editor, I'd like to have a direct statement from the H.A.S.

Good professionals are greatly needed. They offer fastest, surest results to those who want the best and can afford to pay for it. They can handle the psychos, the cardiacs, the senile-- difficult cases the book auditor might avoid. They can bring invaluable assistance and advice to groups.

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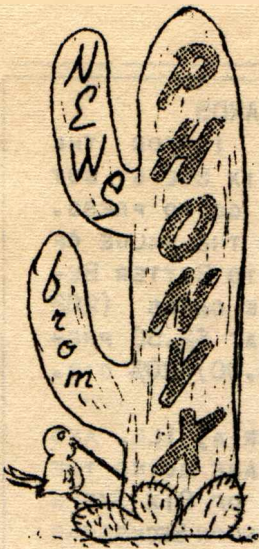
Visitors to The ABERREE office during the last month include: Jackie and Paul Ishmael of Oklahoma City (Jackie took ill while here and we gave her some emergency auditing; since she has been strangely quiet-- theta clear?). Frank Sullivan of Detroit (Frank, who took the first clinical course in Camden, is on his way to Phoenix by car and bus to take the last). Thomas Carnahan of Eldorado, Ill. (on his way home after attending the June Congress was helping a friend, M. M. Dollins of Alamogordo, N.M., find a reliable auditor). Earl Cunard of Crescent, Okla. (but this is getting so regular it's losing its newsworthiness). Kenneth, Refa, and Karen Postel of Detroit also discovered that Enid, on U.S. 60, is the shortest route from the east to Phoenix. (Refa is taking the Seventh Clinical course, primarily to learn more about theta processing--in absentia, as far as the MEST body is concerned)...

Idella Stone reports she may go to Guatemala to give an intensive--if political conditions permit--in a month or so...Students in Unit 6 of the Advanced Clinical Course: Perry Miller, Pittsfield, Mass.; Bernard McNow, Topanga, Calif.; Chester Maydole, Los Angeles; Maurice Radell, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ival Mainard, Elgin, Ill.; Bonnie Turner, Phoenix; Harry Boas, Southington, Conn.; Sylvan Stein, Lancaster, Penn.; and Ted Best, Carlsbad, N.M....Names of those selected for Unit 7 had not been announced at the time this was written... Most of us at times have received a letter that gave us the idea the writer had nothing to say, but

when Lynn Lamoreaux sent such a letter recently to Volney Mathison, she saw that carbon copies went to a select list...And speaking of Volney, Marianna Adams of Kansas City is credited with giving him a new title: ELECTROUIJAMETRIST...And more of Volney: A recent sarcastic squib in The JOURNAL anent his "grapevine" activities was taken so seriously by some of The JOURNAL's readers that he began receiving orders for Mathison-grown grapes...

One of the best, and most validating, tapes we've heard recently is the interview of Randall Garrett, a confessed "Hubbard-hater" who was converted by Six Steps to Better Beingness. The interview was by John Bloomquist, of Peoria, Ill., and John thoughtfully added to the tape the process Garrett credits with getting results. The tape is distributed by Gordon Beckstead, of Phoenix. One often wonders why, in Scientology, so many are willing to give their time and talents to provide taped views and processes, yet none ever demands, or gets, royalty from their distribution. Even the distributor can't be getting very rich...Ross Lamoreaux reports success in a new field: processing insurance men to increase their sales. (We could tell the story--but won't--of the insurance man who came into The ABERREE office full of confidence, and went out with two Scientology books under his arm and convinced he was committing an overt act against humanity by selling people the excuse to have accidents.)...

Latest definition of a "clear" picked up recently in Phoenix: If he or she has changed his or her wife or husband (or reasonable facsimile thereof), since taking one of the advanced courses, he or she may be one. If they haven't, they're not...A letter, giving us the low down on what people do in Phoenix when a Congress isn't in town, was sent us, signed by "The Bird Watchers". However, since they seem to limit their watching to cuckoos, we decided not to be partial...The CADA (California As-



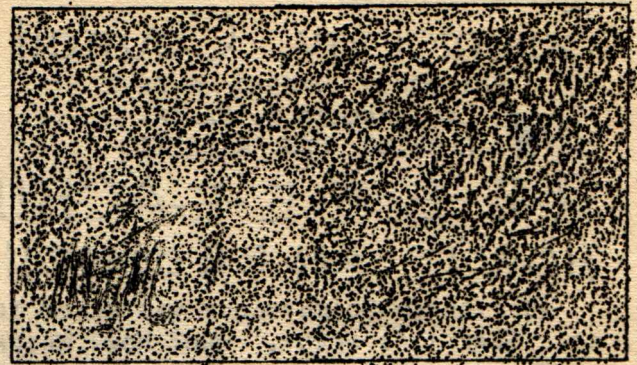
Our "Desert Reporter" deserted his post this month, and instead of sending in his quota of news, took time off to: Get married, move into a new duplex while his home is being readied, and attend the June Congress. So, while he takes things easy for a month or so, the editor reveals:

Pearl Parker, formerly Mrs. Herbert Strafello of San Diego, and Carroll Hennick have, in the last month, divorced their respective spouses and taken unto themselves each other. The ceremony was performed in Nevada.

Another wedding of interest in Phoenix was that of the former Mrs. Hazel Huffstickler and John Robinson, who went to Mexico for the ceremony. The Robinsons have moved to Colorado, where John and Hazel are hoping to start a colony where members can do what they feel they're most capable of doing.

Errata--Both engagements announced in the PHOENIX column last month have been called off publicly. Also, Judge Lorna Lockwood failed to discuss "Juvenile Delinquency" before the Phoenix Auditor's Guild.

sociation of Dianetic Auditors) has elected a new slate of officers: Julia Lewis, president, replacing Dick Steves who still is operating the "Bargain Basement" Course for the HASI in Phoenix; Jessie Hampton, vice-president, replacing Chester Maydole; Betty Arneson, secretary, replacing Dr. J. Burton Farber. Joe Norton is treasurer and Frank Bannister is editor of the CADA BULLETIN. A move is under way to change the name of the organization, using the word "Scientology" instead of "Dianetics", but no positive action was taken at either of the last two meetings...Charles Berner recently opened processing offices in Riverside, Calif., and announced that group sessions are on the agenda for the near future.



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WHO ARE THE ONES ALREADY TREATING PEOPLE, PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, PSYCHOLOGISTS, METAPHYSICAL PRACTITIONERS, ARE ALL TREATING PEOPLE. WHY NOT TEACH THEM OUR TECHNIQUES THEN MORE PEOPLE COULD GET THE BENEFITS OF SCIENTOLOGY.

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OUR STAFF HAVE LECTURED AT THE PHYSICAL THERAPISTS COLLEGE, THE CHIROPRACTIC COLLEGE, AND METAPHYSICAL GROUPS, AND GOT A MEMBER OF EACH ORGANIZATION TO WORK WITH US. WE SENT OUT CARDS FOR A FREE DEMO., GAVE THEM LITERATURE AT THE GUEST EVENING, PREPARED COURSES AND DATA SHEETS. THESE ARE GIVEN AT EACH SESSION. WE ARE TEACHING TECHNIQUES TO BE USED IN OFFICE PRACTICE IN 10 LESSONS. WE TRAINED ASSISTANTS TO CALL TO REMIND THEM AND EXPLAIN FURTHER THE PURPOSE OF OUR WORK. WE SAY "WE HAVE VALUABLE TECHNIQUES TO PRESENT TO YOU. COME TAKE A FREE LOOK. IF YOU LIKE, BUY SOME MORE SEMINARS AND BEGIN LIVING!"

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Mathison Wins Fight For E-Meter Patents

A two-year fight with the U.S. patent office over whether the electropsychometer is a patentable instrument has been won, according to a report from Volney G. Mathison, its inventor.

Volney claims that in 1951, the patent office offered to allow eight limited claims, pertaining to specific instruments. He appealed to the U.S. Patent Board, and two years after the appeal, all eight basic claims were allowed. The patent, Volney says, applies to the idea of the use of any type of hand-held electrode, any type of electronic bridge, and any type of indicating meter. This allowance covers 100 or more possible models.

The "E-meter", as the instrument is known in the "field", was built at the request of L. Ron Hubbard, and immediately became almost a badge for the practicing auditor.

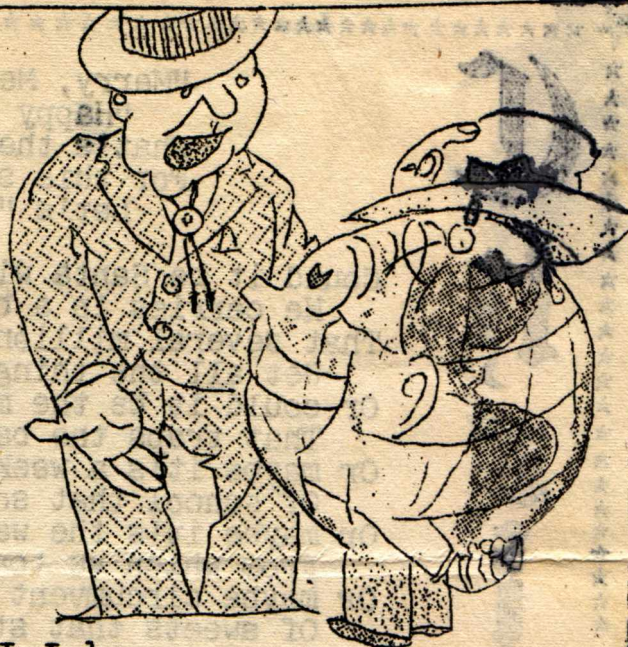
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"Dr. Howes Discusses..." the Catechism

Ronald B. Howes, who recently fled Colorado Springs when it was discovered his "Doctor" degree was a mock-up with which no university ever had agreed, has returned to the faith of his childhood, the Catholic Church, and several of the group that surrounded him in Colorado Springs are taking "instruction". If the ex-Dr. picks up titles in the Church as fast as he did in Dianetics, there are those who think they'll soon be calling him "Saint Ron"--possibly even before this magazine goes to press.

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Reports are that Dr. J. Burton Farber's Church of Scientology in California has a friendly competitor, calling itself "The Church of Basic Christianity". Recently, it issued a handful of "ordinations", which consisted of a pass card and a one-sentence sermon: "Don't ever take this or yourself too seriously".



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 Of school that someone wants to miss?
 Or maybe it's the wassail bowl
 From which we toast the peace on earth?
 Or maybe circumvent the dole
 Of sweets that stimulate the girth?
 Maybe we merely want to show
 How brave we are to dare the ire
 Of other shoppers and the snow
 When we'd much rather hug the fire?
 Maybe we like to load the mail
 With fancy cards none stops to read?
 Or raze the trees from hill and vale?
 Or go to Grandma's for a feed?
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 Our long neglected Sunday pews?
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