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AMNESTY

On my birthday and on achieving my own fourth goal in clearing, and in celebration of the first Eight first goal Clears by 3M, I hereby extend and direct all the organizations, officials and staffs of Scientology Organizations to grant all Dianeticists and Scientologists penalized before this date a complete amnesty regarding certifications and no communication lists to any and all persons, living or dead, thereby restoring those certificates and communications and cancelling infractions without regard to the deeds or misdeeds of those so penalized and without regard to who might have ordered the action during the past thirteen years. Any and all offenses of any kind before this date, discovered or undiscovered, are fully and completely forgiven.

Directed at Saint Hill, on March the thirteenth, 1963, in the 13th year of Dianetics and Scientology.

L. RON HUBBARD

DOCUMENTARY

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE CONGRESS for this year will NOT be held in JULY!!

Instead it will be held August 31st, September 1st and 2nd, Labor Day Weekend, at the Shoreham Hotel in the Main Ballroom. Further details will be announced.

It has been postponed as L. Ron Hubbard is currently engaged in Research and Training of Auditors to 'spearhead' the Clearing of Earth. And we hope to have Ron here to lecture for you - also we hope to have the Area here in better shape as a place to invite Ron for a visit - which will be the case when abberation in Government is less an immediate problem.

MARILYN ROUTSONG, long time Washington staff member and executive has transferred to the Church of Scientology of California in Los Angeles where she now holds the position of HCO EXECUTIVE SECRETARY CALIFORNIA.

HAROLD DE FORD has returned from Saint Hill a CLASS IV AUDITOR and First-Goal Clear to the post of Director of Processing and Technical Director for the Founding Church of Scientology Washington, D.C. WAYNE ROHRER, who was the Director of Processing, is now the Director of Training. Including the Organization Secretary this makes three Class IV Executives on the Technical Staff of the Washington Church.

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INTRODUCTION

Is Religious and Personal Freedom in danger in the United States of America?

On January 4th, 1963, U.S. Marshals under the encouragement of the Food and Drug Administration entered our Church in Washington, D.C., and with a brutal show of unconcern searched our Church, its offices, closets, attics, basements and classrooms. They broke into confessionals where processing was in progress and in an intimidating and in some cases vicious manner, which evidenced their prejudice, took Religious Texts and other articles which were the property of the Ministers, office staff and Congregation of the Church.

And they invaded and took Ron's First Edition "Author Copies" texts from his private bookshelves.

These men took books and pamphlets from purses and pocketbooks. They grabbed from the hands of student ministers, their personal religious articles and books.

The "documents" which the F.D.A. used in this raid said that our THINGS were accused. The Marshals said that we were under no restraint .... that there was no complaint against us.

Do you realize that your BODY is a POSSESSION ? And that the next step is to declare that there is no complaint against the THETAN .... the SOUL ... that the body is inadequate, mislabeled, or offensive to the U.S. Government ! ! That it is up to the Medical or Government approved Specialists to make these inoffensive to "protect" the people ! Hitler did this. He did it by killing people's bodies that he insanely declared were a threat to the "Master Race"!

Is government more sophisticated today? Do more sophisticated means exist to perpetuate these ideas? It is said that the most powerful lobby in Washington is the American Medical Association's Lobby . Are these the sophisticates that have goaded the Food and Drug Administration into acting as it did?

Do there exist these connections? We refer you to the herein published articles. And we urge you with every arguement in favor of a Free Country and Free Men to act, to encourage the law that will ensure these. To depress and discourage "protections" which will enslave Man. We still have this choice.

The Editors.

Following is a report done for a National Magazine, demonstrating a degeneration of credibility in Government and how it can come to being manipulated by sinister Agencies.

WASHINGTON OFFICE REPORT ON CONGRESS OF QUACKERY

by Harold Edwards

The American Medical Association has had some notable successes to its credit in the past 50 years of its existence - and no one would wish to deny them. But, in many ways, during that time, it has displayed several of the tendencies of modern big business - compared to a profession as popularly conceived.

All the trappings, and the skills of the modern public relations trade were employed in their staging of their "National Congress on Medical Quackery" - latest version of similar other shows staged by the A.M.A. strategists. And, never has the dressed up, modern propaganda for the medical apparatus more blatantly portrayed big business characteristics.

The American Medical Association is, indeed, a privately owned corporation in business for a profit. And, in this most recent display of political and advertising might, has revealed many of the tendencies characteristic of other business cartels.

Dictatorship in Health?

They, and those other medical and drug interests for which they appear to speak, seem to be aiming at a level of complete domination - dictators on all health matters. Their targets, the drugless professions - descendents of the original and true healing arts - are small business, compared to the modern wealth and power of the medical-drug empire. The dietary foods, and the foods supplements industries, thought rapidly growing, are little, individual enterprises of a characteristically American, pioneering nature.

Who Are Quacks?

Most Americans would like to know who these quacks are which the A.M.A. so violently attacks instead of the flood of veiled references to a supposed mob of modern, suave and polished charlatans - only vaguely alluded to. The impression grows that anybody or anything offering the slightest competitive threat to a highly organized medical monopoly would fall immediately into their "quack" category.

In the course of the big Medical-Government-Press Conclave in Washington, October 6, 7, 1961, - proposed as the starter for similar annual affairs - pious declarations were expressed that this style of publicity symposium become the fountainhead of public information and education - against the perils of "medical quackery". In the very process, however, representatives of the drugless professions, and of the dietary foods industries - those most mercilessly abused - were prevented from being in attendance by every conceivable subterfuge.

Secret Public Information

For the day and a half of the meetings the premises of the Sheraton-Park Hotel in Washington swarmed with under cover men from two government departments. Uniformed policemen checked credentials at every entrance. No one was allowed the privilege of tape recording except the vouched for, sponsoring agencies. The taking of notes was eyed suspiciously by both official and self appointed vigilantes.

Tend to Monopoly

By inducing the government enforcement agency, in the person of the Food and Drug Administration, to come in with them as co-sponsor, this huge medical cartel, with the monopolistic hue, achieved a two-fold purpose - it provided a high-level government prestige back-ground, and a ready made policing tool for cracking down on all competition.

The demonstration would be exactly comparable to General Motors hooking up with the U.S. Department of Commerce to besmirch and belittle Chrysler, Studebaker, and American Motors preparatory to finding them in violation of Federal and State laws - based on the unfair reasoning that the products of the much smaller firms do not have such qualifying public acceptance as those produced by General Motors.

Overflow Crowd

Originally scheduled for the Health, Education and Welfare Department auditorium, demand for seats at the "Congress" was so great it had to be moved, on short notice, to the big hotel in northwest Washington. Attendence of 800 was made up of 500 medical doctors of varying backgrounds, with the balance mostly government officials, publicity writiers, medical cohorts of assorted status, and limited numbers of individuals from the besmeared "quackery" organizations who were able to gain entrance in spite of the blockade.

In this cleverly organized effort to destroy competition, the talents of several very voluble spokesmen from medicine's inner circle were employed. These combined with the personal appearance statements of three cabinet members and various government department heads provided a formidable array of authority.

We would seriously question the prudence of the cabinet members, and other officials, in lending such authoritative background to medicine's typical, habitual tendencies to smudge, to stain, and to blacken the banners of smaller, but traditionally honorable professions. How lamentable that these top government heads would lend the prestige of their public positions to so dishonorable a campaign aimed at tarnishing the reputation of an entire industry, without exception - the dietary foods industry. No one was spared.

Denial of Basic Rights

Federal Trade Commissioner Dixon, asked that courts give authority to halt sales while cases against so-called "quack medical products" are pending: he intends to ask Congress for power to issue temporary cease-and-desist orders (to choke off sales even more rapidly). Also, F.T.C. will crack down harder on advertising claims of suspected quacks; will seek ways to curb promotional tie-ins with "pseudo-medical books" (Folk Medicine, Arthritis and Common Sense, etc.)

Post Office Department's Day promised to invoke a little used law (Obscenity Law) which lets it impound mail and mailed products immediately that a concern is suspected of mailing "quackery products".

Food and Drug Administration's Officials expect to stiffen methods of dealing with false labelling of "health foods" and vitamin preparations - will issue lists of "fake" medical devices condemned in the courts, so public can help check on attempted sales (a good thing if applied without discrimination).

These statements were put into wide circulation despite the moaning and lamenting of several prominent speakers on the program, to the effect that, we already have thousands of laws at Federal and State levels designed to amply control these very things - but, that the principal weakness lies in the too gullible public who gave sanction to "quacks" and "quack products".

Blanket Condemnation

While the Federation wholeheartedly supports the principals and accomplishments of the Government Departments, we believe they err seriously in joining these blanket condemnations. Typical statement made was that of Food and Drug Commissioner, George P.Larrick, when he said, in part, "there is today a tremendous promotional effort masquerading as nutritional science". Among these, he stated, "the most widespread and expensive types of quackery are the promotion of vitamin products, special dietary foods, and supplements". "Millions of persons," he claimed, "are being misled concerning their need for such products".

He then further observed, that: "More and more we are running rigged research. We have with us today the professional research quack . . .".

"Stare" in the Firmament

The cockiest star of this Extravaganza of Slander was the widely publicized nutrition columnist from the ivory towers of old Harvard, Dr.Frederick J.Stare, M.D. Dr.Stare was at his disparaging best as the voice of scientific authority for the combined food corporations for whom he speaks.

He attacked everything from alfalfa tea to wheat germ, making no exceptions for any useful, natural product - as contrasted to the chemicalized, packaged food products of his big, corporate backers. It was unmistakably clear that if you happen to still

prefer the untreated, unpackaged foods of yesteryear, that, automatically, attaches to you the opprobrious title of "faddist" in the Stare system of public press disparagement.

Attack on Chiropractic

Among the professional groups in the field of drugless healing, the most mercilessly attacked were the Chiropracters. It seems to be especially irritating to the medical dictatorship that over 35 million Americans place their stamp of approval on the healing benefits of Chiropractic - and the number is constantly growing. It appears to aggravate their loudly proclaimed concern for the health of the American people to realize the fact that 45 states and several Federal territories give legal standing and approval. It is equally incomprehensible to these privileged "guardians of the public health" that over 500 life and accident insurance companies accept chiropractic certification claims.

Medical Policing

Leader in so indefensible, and lamentable an attack on a long established, honorable healing profession was the individual bearing the interesting title - Director, Department of Investigation, American Medical Association - by name, Oliver Field. Curious that a privately owned business should have a competition control tool like this secret police arm.

Adding volume and authoritative approval to a modern brand of medical despotism was the voice of Mr. C. Joseph Stetler, legal counsel for the A.M.A. These men expressed themselves most feelingly for the state of health of Americans, and the towering menace to the well-being and future of this nation from the smooth talking, morally degenerated "quacks" who "blandly" offer false hope where no hope exists.

Regrettable Demonstration

The National Health Federation deeply regrets this spectacle of public perfidy. The nature and scope of this medical inquisition is completely beyond reason. It would be difficult to find anywhere more unrestrained examples of libel, slander, and character assassination of an entire profession. We do not see how it can be tolerated.

No one on the drugless side of the fence escaped. - and this included the naturopaths, the naprapaths - everyone. The osteopaths escaped because it was explained by Director Field, that, "they had seen the light" and had gone scientific by the introduction of drugs into their system of treatment, while supposedly continuing to employ traditional methods of osteopathy.

Who Will Help Them?

In their monumental solicitude for the welfare of Americans the A.M.A. feels it should be joined by the Federation of Public Health Officials, the Food and Drug Administration, Better Bus-

iness Bureaus, various Chambers of Commerce and all other such groups in their devotion to the job of stamping out "quackery".

Unusual Luncheon

At the Friday luncheon for all the guests - for which A.M.A. paid the check - lunchers were treated to the enviable oratorical abilities of Dr. H.W. Gordon, M.D., who had traveled all the way from Lubbock, Texas.

Unlike his fellows, Gordon concentrated more on the individual American while indicting the entire kit and kaboodle of them for playing ball with the "quacks". He believes that fear, superstition, gullibility, hypochondria, and responsiveness are among the human emotions and weaknesses of Americans on which the "quacks" exercise their witchery.

He believes, "It is unrealistic to expect that the public will reject their advances". "The elimination of 'quackery' ", he said, "will be accomplished only when the charlatans are removed."

Americans Out of Step

Doctor Gordon emphasized that superstition is closely linked with fear, as he stated that, "People living in the United States today profess a high level of civilization, yet at times this culture appears as a thin veneer spread over eons of primitive beliefs. How else can one explain the actions of an otherwise reasonably intelligent person who, in times of panic, turns his back on gifts of modern science and embraces the premises held out by the modern counterpart of the primitive medical men".

Extermination in Sight

From all of the foregoing we have drawn the impression the medical leaders believe themselves to be crying at the wake of every last one of these demons of "quackery". In their complete lack of restraint on the question it is possible to envision the reinstitution by their hands of the traditional tools of the witch hunters of old - burning at the stake - the stocks - but by medical decree. For added emphasis we have the present evidence of compulsory vaccination, compulsory fluoridation of public water supplies.

To show that these are not just capricious thoughts, guests at the "Congress" were further entertained with a display of books and "medical quackery devices". The display of books inimical to standardized medical thinking were tightly secured to a display board, with covers fastened shut so no one could scan them. The entire display was labelled "Fallacy". It included such books as, "Eat, Live and Be Merry", "Arthritis Can Be Cured", "You Don't Have to Die", "The Poisons in Your Food", "Folk Medecine", ""Arhtritis and Common Sense", "Look Younger Live Longer".

On a display board, under the heading "Fact" were a dozen other books bearing the obvious blessing of the A.M.A. thought controllers - book burners.

Federation Can Lead

The Federation believes this whole shocking story - which we almost forcibly had to extract from another sorry medical spectacle of enforced medicine - rather clearly supplies the clarion call to action for all groups and individuals who are vitally concerned with the threats to health freedom. The National Health Federation is especially fitted to lead the combined forces toward that long sought, increasingly threatened goal.

The Federations's "Masthead" has long proclaimed its devotion to the reasonable ideal of "Freedom of Choice", in all matters pertaining to health.

Our advanced position on the front lines in Washington has especially equipped us for the task at hand.

Additional information concerning the above report may be obtained from the: NATIONAL HEALTH FEDERATION - 211 West Colorado Blvd., (Post Office Box 686) Monrovia, California, U.S.A.

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TWENTY QUESTIONS

Part of the legal action taken by the lawyers of the Church of Scientology was to file an "Interrogatories to Libellant", which consist of questions the Food and Drug Administration is required by law to answer. The questions were concerned with the raid and were twenty in number. We print here these questions with a summary of the government's answers.

1. State the addresses of all the premises, which are known to Libellant to have been entered by United States Marshals, agents or employees of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, or any other agent or employee of the Government of the United States of America, on or about January 4, 1963, in connection with the search and seizure of private property in this action.

answer:

A statement to the effect that they had entered our premises and in addition the premises of a private home not in any way connected with us. Also data that they entered premises not mentioned in the 'monition'. (warrant)

2. List by street address of the premises, each article of private property seized and removed therefrom herein, on or about January 4, 1963.

answer:

The government admitted no record was kept with respect to from whom, where or anything else regarding this except to state the addresses involved. And that they took one or more meters. None of the meters in use were property of the organizations involved, but were all without exception, private property.

3. Give the names, business and home addresses of each United States Marshal, each agent of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and every other employee of Libellant, known to it, who participated in the search and seizure herein.

This question was objected to and not answered by the F.D.A.

4. State wherein, as alleged in paragraph "3" of the Libel of Information filed here, giving line and page, that the instruction manuals, pamphlets, instruction booklets, leaflets, charts or bulletins and each of them "contain statements which represent, suggest, and imply that the article" or devices described in said Libel, which were seized by the United States Marshal, "is adequate and effective for diagnosis, prevention, treatment, detection and elimination of all mental and nervous disorders and illnesses such as neuroses, psychoses, schizophrenia, and all psychosomatic ailments, which psychosomatic ailments are represented to include most of the physical ailments of mankind such as arthritis, cancer, stomach ulcers, and radiation burns from atomic bombs, poliomyelitis, the common cold, etc., and that the article is adequate and effective to improve the intelligence

quotient, and to measure the basal metabolism, mental state and change the status of man."

Answer:

The government gave an answer which stated the idea the books themselves constituted labeling and excerpts out of context from them to prove this. Actually all but two of these books were written long before the introduction into the Founding Church of Scientology of the E-Meter. The book of Axioms for instance was quoted as having a SIMPLE DEFINITION OF THE TERM "PSYCHOSOMATIC ILLNESS" !! This text was written long before the Hubbard Electrometer was invented.

5. State the source and nature of any other information the Libellant has to support the allegations of paragraph "3" of the Libel of Information.

This question was objected to and not answered by the F.D.A.

6. State the text or language of any label affixed to or accompanying shipments of the article or devices seized herein, or which accompanied shipment of them in interstate commerce, or in the District of Columbia, which form or are a part of the basis of this action.

answer:

"Answer" was considered by the government as generally included in the answer to question number four.

7. At the time of filing of this action did Libellant have any knowledge or information that the premises at 1812-19th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., was occupied by the Founding Church of Scientology, a duly incorporated religious organization? If so, state what was the knowledge or information, and when first obtained.

answer:

The government admitted they had gotten this information from us directly as early as 1957.

8. At the time of the filing of this action did Libellant have any knowledge or information that the Distribution Center, Inc., The Academy of Scientology, and the Hubbard Guidance Center, were subsidiary organizations of the Founding Church of Scientology? If so state what it had in the way of knowledge or information and when first received, and the source or sources of same.

answer:

The answer states the government believed the Distribution Center, Inc. was a separate and independent corporation; and that the Academy and the Hubbard Guidance Center were known to be "affiliated in some way" with the Founding Church. They claimed they got this information from Church officials.

9. State the name, official position, office and home address of any employee or agent of the United States Government, who

either directly or indirectly has or is presently taking part in any investigation of the Founding Church of Scientology, its subsidiary organizations and the members of the Church.

This question was objected to and not answered by the F.D.A.

10. State what each of the persons referred to in Interrogatory "9" has done or is doing, giving their name, when and where the same was and is being done, and the purpose of said investigation, and if a report of their activities has been submitted, whether it is oral or written, to whom and when submitted, giving name and position of said person or persons, the name of the person having custody and the place where such report is being held, and of what such report consists.

This question was objected to and not answered by the F.D.A.

11. If an investigation has been or is being conducted by Libellant's agents, servants or employees, state whether any employee or agent of the United States has attended or participated in the activities of the Founding Church of Scientology, ever attended a service conducted in the Church, or has ever enrolled as a student at the Academy of Scientology.

answer:

The government simply said "yes" in answer to this question.

12. If the answer to the preceding interrogatories is in the affirmative state their name, office address, home address, occupation, date of such activities, any alias they may have used in carrying on such activities.

This question was objected to and not answered.

13. Has Libellant ever received a complaint from any person, group or organization that the Founding Church of Scientology and its subsidiary organizations has been using or utilizing article or devices seized by the United States Marshal, in the diagnosis or treatment of any physical or mental disease or ailment. If so, state the nature and by whom the complaint was made, whether in writing, or oral, giving name and address of such complainant and if in writing the present custodian of the complaint; if made orally, and later reduced to writing, who received the complaint and its present whereabouts.

answer:

The government claims to have statements made, not by people who were ever trained or audited but by people who were actually complaining because someone else was! Or in one case by a person who claimed someone offered to audit her but who was never actually audited!! None of the people who complained apparently were ever interested in training or processing themselves, but were only interested in preventing someone else's participation in the activities of the Founding Church of Scientology.

14. State whether any tests have been conducted of the several articles or devices seized herein. If so, state who made the test,

the date of the tests, the results of such tests, and the custodian of any written report on such tests.

answer:

The government answered that tests had been made after the raid. Their answer as to what the results of the tests were is so completely absurd that this is printed here in its exact text:

"Results: When the terminals of the E-meter are held in a person's hands, a small electric current passes through that person's body. The current also passes through a micro-ammeter which, by needle movement, demonstrates variations in the current arising from variations in resistence between the terminals. Changes in surface area of contact, pressure, and moisture cause the variations in needle position. Knobs on the device permit adjustment of sensitivity of the micro-ammeter to variations, and adjustment of magnitude of current passed through the person's body."

Editorial Note:

It is interesting the F.D.A. waited until after the raid to make their tests. Further that these findings should come out of a well equipped government laboratory!

The basis of meter design goes back over a hundred years and volumes have been written about it. The basic circuit was invented by Sir Charles Wheatstone, an English physicist and inventor of the 19th century.

The highly sophisticated meter seized uses parts which are available through our high degree of modern technology and genius. The Scientology Confessional Aid was developed by Dr. L. Ron Hubbard, D.D., Ph.D., C.E., our Founder, who attended the first classes in nuclear physics taught in this country. The instrument has been acclaimed by men of repute in the fields of physics and engineering as well as in the field of Religion.

Further, the meter NEVER has been used or advertised as useful in medical or physical diagnosis. Nor would any Scientologist so use one. This would be perversion of form and purpose.

The Confessional Aid known as the E-meter to the Government and colloquially, is a valuable contribution to the field of Religion or other investigations into the realm of the Spirit as it does measure thought and can help the Minister determine the actions and behavior of the Pre-Clear (confessor) as a Thetan (Spirit).

In more limited crude versions the basic design is used in many fields. Current electronic structure theory extensively used by the government only to develop the atom bomb, to all apparency should be able to explain the density measuring characteristics of the meter used in the Scientology Confessional Aid and in other fields. Certainly any thorough inves-

tigation by competant scientists would have established accurate data.

What appears here is a joke. A cynical, absurd, horrible joke. Cynical because it degrades genius; absurd because it pretends to authority; and horrifying because it negates against spiritual realities. The Editor

15. State the names, addresses, both businesses and home, and the occupation of all witnesses who have knowledge of any of the facts relating to the allegations of the Libel of Information and on the charges made therein.

This question was objected to and not answered.

16. Did Libellant notify any newspapers or their employees of the proposed search and seizure herein? If not, does Libellant know who notified the newspapers in advance of the search and seizure?

answer:

The government admitted they did notify the newspapers of the proposed search and seizure.

17. If the answer to Interrogatory No. 16 is "yes", name the person or persons who so acted, giving their occupation and home and business address.

answer:

The government claims the newspapers approached them! They do not state how the reporters came to be interested in the status of the E-meter, only that they inquired.

18. Did Libellant or any of its agents, servants or employees notify the police of the intended search and seizure? If so, give the name, occupation and business and home address of such person or persons.

answer:

The government admitted that they had notified the police and gave the agent's name who did so.

19. Did Libellant ask or direct the police to barricade the streets on which the search and seizure was to be made? If so, state in detail who in the Police Department was contacted, when and by whom.

answer:

The government had not so asked or so directed the police. (The streets were barricaded nevertheless.)

20. If the answer to Interrogatory No. 19 is in the affirmative, state whether the barricading of public thoroughfares, was to impede and interfere with the movement of persons on said streets to permit their questioning and search of their persons or property by the agents, servants or employees of Libellant? If not state the purpose for such action.

The government simply said "not applicable" in answer.

THE F.D.A. LETTER

Here is the F.D.A. Letter. This is what we call it. People have received them all over the country. They vary a little in text and a little in the signing party.

One wonders if the government is heavily invested in some new "robotypers" that "think" for themselves in some rudimentary fashion.

This letter is misleading and cynical.

Early in the involvement with the F.D.A. some of us talked officially with them. We left with the impression that possibly the F.D.A. view was cynical. Now we know it.

Even now, the F.D.A. in losing the case in a recent action against private interests in Florida finds its cynicism unmasked, as the Court in ruling against them said: "The Government has no right to prohibit the sale of a food simply because it is not in sympathy with its use.".

These are the misleading answers given to sincere investigators, who asked for information from the F.D.A.:

THE THING ITSELF

"Dear Senator.....:

"This replies to your memorandum of January 18 requesting comment on a letter you received from ..... of ...., which complained about the recent seizure of a number of E-meters on the premises of the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D.C."

"This action was filed under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act against the E-meter device. No charges were made against any individual. Seizure of the devices was made in the possession of the Academy of Scientology and the Hubbard Guidance Center. The "Academy" trains "auditors", who treat "pre-clears" (patients). The Guidance Center receives money for the service of auditors in improving people's health."

"Before making this seizure, a very careful investigation was made by our organization. The investigation developed that the E-meter is nothing more than a simple galvanometer for for conveying and measuring minute amounts of current which flow between two dissimilar metals. In a previous case involving a device of comparable construction, we have been able to establish that this type of machine has no value whatsoever in diagnosing or treating any disease of man. Nonetheless, the voliminous literature distributed by the Academy and the Guidance Center contains many representations that this device will treat and diagnose, detect and eliminate, all mental and nervous disorders and such serious diseases as arthritis, cancer, stomach ulcers, radia-

tion burns, and poliomyelitis, which are all classified as psychosomatic ailments in the literature."

"The investigation further developed the fact that a belief in the religion of Scientology was not a necessary part of either diagnosis, treatment, or cure. People were being treated by this worthless machine on a straight fee basis, without any requirement that they have an interest in the Founding Church. Indeed, during an inspection on October 17, 1962, the top members of this organization advised our inspectors that the benefits of the E-meters could be achieved by any individual without any interest or belief in the Church."

"We have a statement from a person who was told at the Academy that the religious angle was adopted for tax purposes. We have a written explanation by L. Ron Hubbard to the effect that the religion idea would enable practitioners to get into hospitals, prisons and other places where they otherwise would not be permitted. And we have a promotional statement that use of the religious title will increase the practitioners earnings among polio victims. We have a letter signed by a responsible person in the organization claiming the devices to be diagnostic machines."

"We are confidant that we have the facts to establish that the E-meters are diagnostic and therapeutic devices and not religious symbols or tools."

"Before undertaking this case, we submitted all of the facts to our General Counsel's office and they were discussed in considerable detail at the Department of Justice. Of course, the possibility that the religious defense would be made was recognized, but our attorneys concluded after reviewing the facts we had collected that this serious health menace could be dealt with without any involvement in religious questions."

"If we can be of further assistance, please let us know."

"Sincerely your,

.....

Deputy Commissioner"

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OUR REPLY TO THE FDA LETTER

Where possible, Church officials and other Scientologists have mailed the following letter to people who had received the "FDA Letter".

It states the truth as we are acquainted with the government actions against us, and others as have been reported to us by those concerned.

"Dear Mr. -------:

"Thank you for your interest in the case involving the government's illegal "raid" upon our Church and its seizure of religious books apparently with the intent to destroy them.

"The stated excuse for the action of the Food and Drug Administration was that we were diagnosing or treating diseases through the use of a mechanical device. When a Court hearing is granted we will prove conclusively that this excuse is baseless. Hiding behind the cloak of immunity for government agencies - - which shields them from suits for libel by citizens whose rights have been violated - - the radical bureaucracy which has launched this attack upon a Church and its religious school has not hesitated to make one false statement after another. If our religion - which is devoted to the spiritual improvement of mankind - can be successfully persecuted, which religion will be next?

"This assault on us by a government bureau has shocked people all over the world, as it means to them that the United States government may be adopting the Russian tactics of suppressing religions.

"The falsity of the allegations made against us by the Food and Drug Administration will become apparent when we finally have the opportunity to answer them in Court by the sworn testimony of reliable witnesses.

"Meantime, we express again our appreciation of your interest in this vital battle to uphold the right of American citizens, under the Constitution of the United States, to enjoy freedom of religion, and freedom of speech and press.

Sincerely yours,"

The Founding Church of Scientology

WHAT WE ASK

Another legal action taken by our attorneys was the following "Motion to Quash Attachment and Monition, et cetera, to Require Return of Seized Property, and to Dismiss the Libel of Information":

"Now come the claimants of record, and by the undersigned attorneys, move (1) to quash the Writ of Attachment and Monition; and (2) the attachment and seizure of the device and articles, and books, pamphlets, and all printed matter now in custody of the United States Marshal for the District of Columbia as a result of said seizure; and (3) for an order for the return thereof to the Claimants, and (4) to eliminate the Libel of Information, and as grounds therefor show to this Honorable Court as follows:

1.1 That the searches and seizure carried out herein, were unreasonable and unlawful, in that they were not conducted pursuant to a Warrant issuing upon a showing of probable cause, under oath or affirmation, and were contrary to and in violation of the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America, i.e.,

1.2 On January 4, 1963, a Warrant of Seizure issued from the Court directing the United States Marshal "to arrest an article or device consisting of an undertermined number of devices labeled in part:'Hubbard Electrometer' or 'Hubbard Meter' and variously labeled 'for use in Scientology' or 'for use in Scientological processing'" et cetera, "and accompanying as labels for the article an undetermined number of written , printed or graphic matter, which items are used for promoting sales of the article and sales of service with the article and consist of the following": then describing by title various printed books, pamphlets, manuals and publications.

1.3 In obediance to said Warrant of Seizure the United States Marshal for the District of Columbia and his deputies, accompanied by other agents, servants and employees of the Libellant, proceeded to enter the premises mentioned in such Libel, and other premises not therein identified by Libellant or identified in the Warrant by street number, where they informed the occupants of the various premises which they illegally entered that "this is a raid" and proceeded to violate the right of privacy of the individual Claimants and entered and searched their private dwellings without their consent or without legal grounds therefor, rifling their possessions, opening and searching the drawers of dressers in their rooms, looking under beds, opening and looking into closets, and laundry bag, forcing open suitcases and briefcases and other possessions of Claimants in attempting to locate and seize said article of device, and requiring Claimants to open their portfolios, handbags and briefcases, in order to remove from them printed matter being carried by them, under threat of arrest, and impeding and stopping their free movement, (See attached Affadavit marked Exhibit "B") all without a warrant first obtained upon a showing of probable

cause for the issuance under oath or affirmation, in deprivation of the rights guaranteed to the Claimants under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

2.1 That said search and seizure was conducted and carried out in violation of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States in that said Libel of Information failed to name or disclose to the Court that the premises at 1812 19th Street, N.W. were occupied by the Founding Church of Scientology, (see Exhibit "A" attached hereto as a part hereof) an incorporated religious organization, that the Distribution Center, Inc., the Academy of Scientology, and Hubbard Guidance Center were subsidiary organizations of the Church, and that the entire action was designed and carried out to interfere with the free exercise of religion by a religious organization, and with freedom of the press.

2.2 That in connection with the search and seizure as described herein, the United States Marshal, his deputies and other employees of Libellant violated the sanctuary of the Founding Church of Scientology, interrupted and interfered with the confessions of its members which were being carried on, and stopped religious instruction of theological students taking place at the time in and upon some of said premises which were raided as aforesaid, and confiscated for the purpose of destruction, religious books, tracts, pamphlets, manuals and other printed and published matter (see attached affadavit marked "B") used by said Church for the propagation of its faith and for the instruction of its followers, in violation of the guarantees of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

WHEREFORE, these Claimants pray that this Honorable Court find and determine that the aforementioned seizure and taking from Claimants of their possessions and personal property, was in violation of their constitutional rights, under the First and Fourth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States and that it direct that the same be returned to them, as the lawful owners thereof, instanter as their interests appear, and that the Libel of Information herein be dismissed as violating the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, as being a restraint upon and interference with the free exercise of their religious beliefs and practice, and freedom of the press."

Signed by attorneys of the Founding
Church of Scientology

THE PRESENT

Here in Washington, the month of April now upon us; the U.S. Government weighing the destruction of our books and all back issues of Ability Magazine; we are watching with interest as our Attorneys press our case. And we wonder as the press reports that a "Crisis of Credibility" was recently described to exist within the government and that a high government official made the assertion that it is an inherent right of the government to lie to save itself. Are these 'avant guarde' statements which show a trend from cynicism to something more serious?

If you are intrigued by the picture drawn by these documents and comments and are interested in the contents and intents of the philosophical and religious texts involved, we urge you to acquire and read them - again, or for the first time. Cull these pages yourself and make up your own mind about what they say.

We have time - we believe - to Clear everyone in the United States of America and the World Wide offices of Scientology will be with us (or in advance of us) in this action.

We have time - we believe - to Clear the confusion and distrust of Man for his brother - before catastrophe for an individual or for, in the form of a lost planet, Earth.

Ours is a free country. It is no accident. It is no accident that the first researches into the freeing of the Spirit should have been undertaken here. It is no accident that these actions, now in progress as research fades into the background and the dedicated Staffs of the Founding Church of Scientology, World-Wide, carry on the auditing of more and more people, - that these actions, should come into contact with forces which are forging another slave state. And it will be no accident that these aims, stated by L. Ron Hubbard in January 1963, are carried out.

If you accept Scientology's standing invitation, it will be with with your help too.

The Editors

"Our forte' is the Human Spirit and its relationship to the Physical Universe."

"Two 'great' nations are liable to wreck the playing field with overwhelming nuclear forces, their rage against each other born of their inability to handle their own affairs."

"Our first job is to salvage as many as we can from the possible debacle."

"Our hope is that we can halt the progress of destruction by processing and the applications of Scientology before Armageddon."

L. RON HUBBARD

A QUOTE FROM A SEIZED BOOK!

This book, a small text of 86 pages, contains the initial theory of "The Discovery and Increase of Life Energy in the Genus Homo Sapiens" and was seized. Our entire stock was taken from 'shipping' storage and confiscated by the government.

The following is from Chapter two - page thirteen of the seized book:

"Life is a Static, according to the Axioms.* A Static has no motion. It has no wave length. The proofs and details of this are elsewhere in Scientology. "**

"The Static has the peculiarity of acting as a 'mirror'. It records and holds the images of motion. It even can create motion and record and hold the image of that. It records also space and time in order to record motion which is, after all, only 'change in space through time'. Played against motion as a kinetic, the Static can produce live energy. "

"In a mind, any mind, the basic beingness is found to be a Static on which motion can be recorded and which, acting against motion, produces energy. "

(L. RON HUBBARD - 1952)

* also seized
** many in the other of the nineteen titles seized.

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Agents of the Food and Drug Administration have been questioning Scientologists in some places concerning their possession and use of the E-meter.

It should be clearly understood that no one needs to submit to interviews or any questioning by such government agents, or to surrender the meter or any Scientology book or other publication to the agents, provided that the meter has not been or is not now used for the diagnosis or treatment of diseases.

Furthermore, you have the right to be represented by an attorney of your own choosing, or by an attorney also representing the Founding Church of Scientology, if you are questioned by any government official or agency acting under a Court order.

We suggest that you immediately contact the Founding Church of Scientology, Washington, D.C., if any attempt is made by a government agent to question you or obtain possession of your property. We shall co-operate in every lawful way to protect your rights under the U.S. Constitution to freedom of religion, speech and press.

John Fudge, D.Scn, D.D.
Assistant Pastor of the
Founding Church of
Scientology



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