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Independence Congress in June

by John Sanborn



Here's your invitation to the INDEPENDENCE CONGRESS of Dianeticists and Scientologists. June 27, 28, 29 and 30. This new June Congress date has been set late in June because so many have requested the change. The schools and colleges all over the country get out for the summer early enough for June 27th.

All we have for you at this moment, with the Congress news hot off the London cables, is the date, the place and the fact that it's going to be the best Congress yet. That's what you said about the last Congress, and every one before it, and it was the best. This one promises to be bigger, better, more important than any past congress for many reasons we'll be telling you about in the pre-Congress issues of ABILITY.

It's being called the "INDEPENDENCE CONGRESS". Things were happening in America back in 1776. Things are happening in America in 1956.

America is actually the only Fourth Dynamic effort on a broad scale that has

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existed in recent (the last few thousand years) Earth history. A completely new land only three hundred years ago, America became for all mankind the place where a man would make a new try at civilization. It didn't even have, beyond a few Indian nations, a population. This land was then the goal of travellers, adventurers and lovers of freedom from every country on Earth. Thus America became a Fourth Dynamic effort of Man, the nation where one could abandon the old experiments, where one could voyage to a new playing field, where the mood-of-game became enthusiasm. That is the true America.

In the face of dialectical materialism, which is not an idea but a tone level (apathy), sold internationally by 1.1 (covert hostility) psychopoliticians, and in the face of the chaos produced by such groups, America has lost some ground in the effort which is hers.

We could have held, with Dianetics, the Independence Congress in 1950. Now, with Dianetics and Scientology we are having an Independence Congress in 1956.

Here is a declaration of that independence:

"We view with pride the first entirely American development in the field of the mind."

"The Russian science of psychiatry, Marxist psychology and German-Austrian psychoanalysis never could increase intelligence or personality and indeed considered it hopeless."

"Now we Americans have done so with Dianetics and Scientology and can now ignore the malevolent European influence which has sought for centuries to degrade and debase the mind of Man.

"In 1776 we declared our freedom from European slavery. In 1956 we declare our freedom from European ideology and philosophy. As Americans we not only can but will win the battle of thought, individual and political, whatever foreign forces may be raised against us."

All of us in Washington and Silver Spring look forward to seeing you again in June, and all of you for whom this Congress will be the first.

basic course basic

by John Sanborn

The best tip we have for the successful Basic Course in Scientology is contained in it's name. Keep it basic.

The trick here is to observe the rules of Be, Have and Do Something. This tells you very quickly that the way to conduct your class in Scientology is not to make nothing of everything, or to make nothing of anything. The way is to make SOMETHING of the communication and make something of the dynamics - all eight.

That includes you. It includes your fellow Scientologists. It includes your students, your community and your subjects. This is a rudiment of success in teaching.

It is still true that a perfect duplication (an As-Isness) will vanish that which is duplicated.

It is still real that there are unwanted things and there are unwanted conditions. These are called aberrations.

But the unwantedness of these things is not so pure and perfect a thing that we can then embark on a goal of the clean sweep eradication of human behavior. There is this rule of Be, Have and Do to keep you out of THAT particular error.

We are not conducting the teaching or the use of Scientology in order to unmock people. In a universe where the dynamic principle of existence is "Survive!" one does not create rank nor status by making nothing of each of the eight dynamics.

Then we come to the reason why the Basic Course is basic. It is a well-known oddity in the history of instruction that where advanced material and then more advanced material is attempted, a ratio of 9 to 1, 9 of basics to 1 of techniques, is at least required.

It is a less well-known but even more exact truth that the basics are actually the most advanced group of data in existence. You could not punch up this fact too strongly. Note that Ken Barrett, Academy HCA Instructor, Dick Steves, HAA Instructor call the Indoctrination Course the

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Human behavior is, by the way, quite predictable to one who knows the Tone Scale.

AXIOMS: These are to be found on the inside cover of Book One - DIANETICS: THE MODERN SCIENCE OF MENTAL HEALTH by L. Ron Hubbard. In modified form, these are the basic Axioms on which the course is taught.

THE SCIENTOLOGY ASSIST: What it is and how to run it. Considered by some the most important single item in the Basic Course, the simple assist processes of Scientology have saved many a life and averted personal disaster for many people who may or may not ever have heard of Dianetics or Scientology. The assist will speed the healing and recovery of a person who has been injured.

The assist would, in the event of atomic war, be of paramount importance.

THE ROLE OF SCIENTOLOGY IN SOCIETY: Bettering one's creativity, one's performance in the business world; improving one's own and other's efficiency and morale; Scientology as a FOURTH Dynamic (Mankind's survival); healing of atomic radiation burns, etc.

This is certainly a fast summary of what makes up a Basic Course. It just begins to indicate lightly. It doesn't describe or define. But I think you found

in reading this that there is actually a great deal of material to be covered in even the most elementary of courses.

We will be having in ABILITY Magazine further and more detailed material on the various elements of basic Scientology.

For those of us who have been moving out far beyond the early discovery that these things are fundamentally powerful to the individual in livingness, there is a special point here. You live with these things all the time. They become first nature, so to speak, and it does not occur to us that they could bear a close review to our great benefit, yet that is always the case.

Teach, or be a student, in the Basic Course. Get one started right away if your area does not have one now going. You will find in the Basic Course that "missing datum" that you may have been wondering about.

Wherever life becomes a confusion or a mystery it is in the fundamentals of life that the alignment sought is found.

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Had a fine group of Professional Scientologists here Sunday for the Field Professional Conference.....From Chicago came Dr. and Mrs. IVAL and MARY MAINARD, Drs. WING and SMOKEY ANGELL (all of them looking great)..... from the Philly-Camden area, we had a fine representation in MIKE CARRELL, D.Scn. CAROL YEAGER, D.Scn., DONNAN TRANIN, HCA, and CHARLES GASKIN, who plans to get his HCA soon as possible..... New York (a metropolis) gave us for the day ANDY "CARNEGIE" PARLOGEAN, HAA who is doing a big job in New York with the Founding Church of Scientology, New York Branch.....Then for the day we had also B.Scn., LYLE SUDROW, Scientology's and Andy's right hand man in New York.....Bill Bauer didn't make it, being non-existent on week-ends.....BILL JOEL, HAA, came for the week-end from far Yonkers .....We were also glad to see ESTHER MATTHEWS, B.Scn., of Malvern, Pennsylvania and many others, most of whom are present Academy students, very recent grads and many from the greater Washington area.

Just got a letter with lots of Australia news from JOHN FARRELL, his last item being perhaps the most important (extended visa)..... HPA DOUG MOON lets the grass grow underfoot by keeping moving, is starting a Basic Course around Melbourne "with lots of people from the Juvenile Court, Youth Leagues, and the like in it..." Also from Melbourne John reports that the Basic Course is in operation under instructress MARGARET BARKER, H.P.A. "which was drastically reduced in numbers when several of its numbers shifted over into the professional course (HPA).....JUDY LORD of Melbourne and JOHN SOUTHEN are both starting

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Ability Clubs, and RAY JENSEN, Fifteen year old HPA student will be taking over some of the handling of Ability Clubs when he graduates, if not all.....JULIL, approaching a year of age, and TUCK get a lot of space in John's reports - getting prettier all the time.

While RON was in Spain recently they had the biggest earthquake of recent times - so goes the testing of processes for SLP Issue 8.

The recent significant increase in book sales to California, another earthquake-prone terrain, where J. BURTON FARBER is keeping things intact, includes very considerable Scientology and Dianetic sales through the local bookstores.

We welcome to the Scientology world JEANETTE ANGELL SIESWERDA, recent addition to the family of HCAs NICKLAAS and JOYCE SIESWERDA in San Jose.

Dr. PEGGY CONWAY stopped off for a moment or two in Washington in her travels, and we want her back soon.....Another traveller now sends her book orders postmarked TOKYO, JAPAN, the name being SHELAGH SHEARING.

NIBS and HENRIETTA will have some special news for us October.

ABILITY CONGRATULATES RECENT Academy grads PAUL V. WYNN of Los Vegas, HCA, WOODY McPHEETERS of Tucson, HCA, PAULINE WARD of Detroit HCA, Jae Hawks of Maryland, HCA, ARIE KLOPP of Michigan, HCA, MARY RADELL of Minneapolis, HCA.

L. RON HUBBARD and MARY SUE, DIANA, TINNY-TIN and SUZETTE HUBBARD are in London.

JACK PARKHOUSE, Executive Administrator HASI London, was seen in

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DICK STEVES of the Terrible Trio in Washington has challenged JACK POWER-HOUSE in London to a knock down drag out game of Whist by mail.....

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April 28, 1956

Dear Ron,

Here I am in Washington and so I've reached one of my goals. Last Monday I took the psychometric and started Indoctrination Week, expecting it to be a mild way of tuning up for the HAA Course. It proved to be rollicking fun as well as dynamite. Had anyone told me that the dummy processing would pack a Big Cognition for me, I probably would have laughed. But Thursday afternoon while I was taking my turn as observer watching John Baron audit Lu Bawtinheimer, their bodies seemed to disappear and I saw in their place a social worker confronting and counseling a relief client. "A-ha," I thought, (as I have spent years being a social worker) "I'm still a social worker rather than an auditor, and that's why I sometimes feel tempted to evaluate."

A split second later the cognition burst like a sky rocket, (showing so clearly the second rate figure-figure nature of my first thought) and I found myself not just sitting, but, really stuck in that other chair, the chair of my relief client. My big maybies in regard to my intelligence and my self-reliance lit up like all the lights on Broadway. How could I be free to be intelligent and self-reliant and self-supporting when I used to resist with all my might and main the stupidity, the dependence and the inability to work so characteristic of the average person on relief? It was usually somebody with maritial problems and invariably somebody who couldn't communicate well. You know without my telling you that I'm now far more decisive and I have much better A-R-C in general.

Incidentally, John Sanborn is a terrific instructor (& Thetan).

We're looking forward to the Independence Congress.

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