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Survival Clubs

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For several years most of us have realized that we were heading in some political direction. It has taken me some time to work out an optimum political philosophy.

A year and a half ago we engaged in a small political venture which was privately determined to test the strength and construction of the third dynamic within and without Scientology. I learned a great many things from that and found, most importantly, that the third dynamic as such is too aberrated at this time to use for any practical purpose. Symptoms of this in the world at large are Communism, Socialism, Dogism, Missilosis, and even later day Democracy, all of which are below 2.0 on the tone scale. Of these Democracy, of course, is an optimum philosophy but not when Democracy borrows largely with both hands from "Das Capital" by Mr. Karl Marx.

In the field of the dynamics the 8th, 7th, 6th, 5th, 4th, 3rd and 2nd have all more or less dwindled away leaving a very shaky and unable 1st. This is the true state of affairs. Even the 2nd dynamic received its coup de grace from Freud toward the end of the last century when he blamed the 2nd dynamic for all the ills of man. This process of elimination of the dynamics has been going on for a very long time, a period undoubtedly measured in terms of trillions of years. Earth has never seen a time when all these dynamics were straight up and functioning.

Now it happens that in processing a preclear it is necessary to find something he can do and improve that something. It is observable that Man still retains whatever ability he has left on the 1st dynamic, speaking of Man in terms of the individuals you meet in the street.

It would be true then that if one ventures upon the political front it is necessary to venture in terms of the 1st dynamic. Capitalism itself was a political philosophy in this direction, but even it was pretty well done for when Rome, a capitalistic state, was finally knocked in the head by Belisarius in the sixth century A. D.

It might almost be said that we are starting from nearly nowhere and trying to go somewhere. However, we have the tools with which to do this and so perhaps for the first time on this planet we can achieve some success.

The philosophy that starts with the 1st dynamic is fairly well known and even has a name: Individualism. But Individualism in the past has stood for strong individuals as opposed to weak individuals, and this is not the political philosophy which we have in mind. It is obvious that if we must start with the 1st dynamic we will have to start with some form of Individualism. But let us not make the same mistake made in yesteryear and get mixed up in this idea of the strong and the weak. Actually, yesterday's strong man was really a weak man trying to protect himself. We have nothing to do with strongness and weakness in Scientology, but we do have to do with the capable and the incapable, the able and the unable.

Therefore, our philosophy begins with the concept that society travels forward on its able backs and is hindered by unable heels that drag in the dust. We have many examples of this. There are countries today which would be very good providing they had any capable people in them. There is nothing quite so difficult to run as a country populated only by monkeys and there is nothing so heartbreaking as to try to carry forward a nation which contains few capable individuals.

Many things have combined in these later times to deprive society of general capability. The educational stress which says that the individual must never find out anything himself but must be totally the effect of textbooks; a general government philosophy which punishes any forthright stand; a public desire for mediocrity -- all suppress the chances the nation may have to succeed.

Obviously, if we must start from the 1st dynamic then we must advance this fact, true in the limited extent where we will be operating: a group is as capable as it contains capable individuals. In order to establish the capability of a group, one need only average the capability of its individual members.

It becomes visible at once that the proper subject of a political renaissance would be the increase of capability of every individual in the nation. Of course, that is a relatively unattainable goal since contrary forces are at work, even while we labor, to suppress the capability of individuals. However, if one were to take the higher strata of the public which already retain some capability and concentrate upon raising this capability individual by individual, one would certainly win.

A political philosophy which concentrates, as does the welfare state, upon the lame, halt and blind leaves ability on automatic. No attention is paid to the able individuals, no assistance is extended to them. Only if an individual has become a wino or a dope addict or a criminal does he receive any assistance from the state. This, of course, is almost total psychosis on

the part of any state adopting such program. It is necessary that we concentrate upon the able individuals in the state and not only make them more able but make it possible for them to survive while being more able.

We are therefore engaging seriously, and not as any test, upon a program of raising the individual capability of every capable person in the United States, and more broadly on the world front, the capability of all capable persons in the vicinity of our international offices.

You can see at once that this becomes a political philosophy of some force. Some of the earliest critics of such a program will leap up at once with the word "Anarchy". Well, let them. Others will jump to the conclusion that we are trying to rehabilitate Capitalism in all of its gory ingloriousness. Well, let them. All we have to do is carry forward a steadfast program of organizing groups of people throughout the length and breadth of the country with the goal of raising the individual capability of every member of the group. We will then have a country.

We have to start some place, we may as well start now. It is a rather awesome picture to raise the capability each and individually of 200 million people. But let's face it -- that's what we will have to do. However, it is not necessary to achieve success to raise this capability of 200 million immediately. It is only necessary to raise the capability of a few hundred thousand initially.

Toward this end we have organized the Survival Clubs. The Survival Clubs have many side interests and activities, all of which are geared to higher capability. The real and actual reason we want these people organized in clubs is not to protect them from atomic bombing, although this is a very worthwhile reason, but to raise their individual capabilities.

United Survival Action Clubs are political to the extent that it is believed that we can survive as a nation only if the capability of every person in the country is raised.

It is relatively simple for an auditor to start a Survival Club in his immediate area. We do not care what form the Club takes as long as it is part of the general movement. No matter the purpose for which the club is organized, the actual goal of the club is to raise the capability of every person who becomes a member of that club. This can be done in various ways. It can be done by recreation. It can be done by group participation. It can be done by training courses. It can be done simply by a clarification of ideas.

The USA Clubs are designed entirely upon the premise that the country at large will survive if the capability of each member of the country is raised. The USA Clubs believe that individuals, each made more capable, banded together, can survive a national disaster. They will have a place to go, they will have things to do. They will come out the other side of that national disaster with a political philosophy that we must not permit ourselves in the future to be led by the incapable, the stupid, the truly weak, those who had to become "strong" because they were not strong enough to maintain themselves in their own environments.

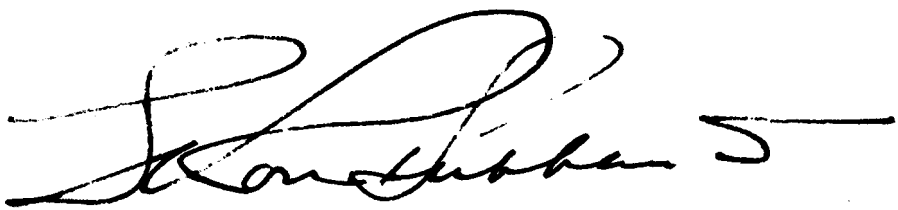
We might as well start somewhere. Therefore, a Survival Club could consist of two people or two thousand. We have to start somewhere. Therefore, any person you grab on the street, any member of your family whose ability you increase, is a win for the whole country.

You will find considerable interest planned into the Survival Clubs. You must not lose sight of their exact purpose, which is to raise the individual capability of every member of this country.

It is almost as important that Survival Clubs will permit a large section of the American public to survive a national disaster. The weak and futile attempts at civil defense over the past twelve years are suicidal. The United States in the only country in the world which is organized to be destroyed by an atomic bombing. We have not decentralized our industry; we have not taken any of the sensible measures we should have in terms of technology. We have not protected the public, provided medical facilities or done any other necessary thing to prevent a national disaster. Yet, our leaders act as though they were safe and secure in the possession of "defenses against atomic weapons". There are no defenses against atomic weapons except the defenses which will be erected by the Survival Clubs.

In order to rehabilitate all the dynamics of Man, in order to have a country, in order to survive, we must raise the ability of every able citizen in the land. This is the project toward which all planning has been headed. This is A-day.

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