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THE STORY OF A STATIC

Once upon a time there was a thetan, and he was a happy little thetan and the world was a simple thing. It was all very, very simple.

And then one day somebody told him he was simple.

And ever since that time he has been trying to prove that he is not.

And that is the history of the Universe, the Human Race, the Fifth Invaders, the Fourth Invaders, the 3½ Invaders, the people on Mars, Saturn, Jupiter, Arcturus, the Markab Galaxy, the Markab System, the Psi Galaxy, Galaxy 82 —

I don't care where you look-that's the story.

Only it's too simple a story, much too simple a story, because a thetan would have to admit he was simple if he understood it.

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COACHING THE BRITISH 1956 OLYMPICS TEAM

(From a report by Dr. Ray Kemp, appointed to the Coaching Staff of the team in October.)

- 1. Training of athletes is severely hampered by the confusions created by the training staff or coaches.
- 2. The most acceptable stable datum to inject into this field is CONTROL, with the necessary rundown on, and explanation of, Scientology in terms of the anatomy of Control—Start, Change and Stop.
- 3. Athletes and sportsmen are not in better shape as cases even if the state of their bodies is such as to give the apparency of High Tone.

NEEDED -

A twenty-five hour intensive early in the programme and then group or specialized processes after their cases have been busted and they are themselves in good condition.

Having handled them as human beings, one discovers that there are several POSTULATES common to the field of sport:

- a. "One must not be certain of winning, it is bad sportsmanship."
- b. "Nerves before a meet are a necessary and a good thing. It causes the person to tune up so that he will do his best." THIS IS TAUGHT IN THE FIELD AS NORMAL AND TO BE DESIRED.

- c. "There is always the 'human element'", i.e., unknowingness.
- 4. Trainers are very much in a rut and one must be careful not to upset their reality on things pertaining to their particular training duty.

For example: The riding instructor KNOWS that one cannot control a horse (the horse element?) and that no amount of training will ever alter the fact that a horse decides whether it will jump or not jump. More basic on this, using the process "What could you say to a horse?" produced a standard two hour comm lag and in one case did not flatten throughout the processing.

5. Team Managers need processing before anything else is attempted. They need processing on confusions to a point where they can tolerate a confusion without adding to it immediately and thereby throwing the team off balance.

Further to this, the team start their training at a high rate of stupidity and it is necessary that they take orders on a twenty-four hour basis and to that extent the individuals in the team must ally their control with the Coach and the Manager, vide 8c, part a. As training moves nearer the end, the individual starts to realize what he can do and on what he needs more attention so at that point it is not optimum to continue a rigid schedule for the whole team as a unit and the individual should be at a level of responsibility and be given power of choice, vide 8c, part c, that he have training on that subject on which he is weakest.

Example: One of the team was already swimming at Championship times yet he had to continue swimming training to the same extent as the other members because that time of day was allocated to swimming, in spite of the fact that he needed more practice at shooting, a very poor subject with this individual.

6. After processing the individuals, they need bringing up on the third dynamic by group processing.

These are the main things I have discovered in this project. There are some wild things in the "organization" end of the picture. In fact, for the last two weeks I was handling this end more than the individuals, clearing up such boo boos as sending the team to Melbourne to ride 5,000 metres when they have never had a ride of more than 2,000 metres, "because we cannot find anyone to loan us the horses". Hearing this, I went into communication with various military establishments and the British Horse Society and had horses lined up panting in their boxes waiting to be sent to wherever we wanted them.

A total of sixteen horses was arranged for and at our disposal but by the time that datum had gone through the necessary vias we ended up with three horses for four men and one of those died on the way round. So we did send the team to Melbourne without a 5,000 metre course run. Looks like I goofed!

Then they were over a barrel on the matter of guns. One of the team had been loaned a Walther Sports and had been practising with this gun for months. About a week before the team were due to leave, the Society got a bill from the owner for £35 before he could let that team member take that gun to Melbourne. PANIC!!!!!! The guy had trained with this weapon and had gotten used to it and the state of Olympic funds is such that one saves cartridge cases at a shilling per hundred in order to raise the fare for the team. I checked with a gunsmith and found that the list price for this particular gun was only £18 anyway. I then found someone who was willing to loan a Walther free, and the owner even travelled six miles on a Sunday morning in England to collect it and make it available!!! I informed those responsible that this was ready and they were most pleased and chose a gun from another source, got that registered to be used by the team member in the Olympics and THEN found out that it needed short case ammo. All our ammo had gone to Melbourne under seal (one of the rules) and anyway was the allowed long case ammo. The solution dreamed up on this was not to take and change the gun to the duplicate of the gun the member had trained with, which I had lined up, but to get the team member to smuggle the short case ammo out

of the country in the hope that they would not get caught and perhaps the Olympic Committee would not ... etc ... However, they did finally get that one straightened around somewhat and it later transpired that all went well in that area. It does serve to illustrate, however, what I mean about confusion and the necessity to process the people in the chain of command.

At any rate, the team left in good shape and quite self-determined on the whole matter (although I pity the Manager on this) and are scheduled to have ten hours group auditing from the "Group Auditor's Handbook" on arrival. I admire the Colonel in that he intends giving these sessions based only on my instructions plus what he has seen in training and at the Congress. Incidentally, the acknowledgement that he received at the Congress on Human Problems was the only REAL acknowledgement he ever got for all his work.

I have just had a write-up on Project Pentathlon which is expected to be in the "Sunday Express". It seems that the Amateur Athletics Association were asked "What advances have been made in Sports Training?" and the only thing they pointed to was ME...oh, well... the editor stood me a very nice dinner while getting the rundown and has sent a copy of the proposed article to me asking me to vet it for accuracy, alter and improve!!! (How's that for a change in press relations?) The editor of "the other" paper still calls me to say that he will be printing the previous story as soon as there is space for it. He wants to put it in full and not have it cut by current events.

Flash!

The Olympics are over and although I have not yet had a written report from the Colonel as to how and why, etc, he has given me the following information.

Postulates work: the Riding event was marred by the big man of the team drawing a little horse that died under him before the completion of the course (he had to get off and lift it over the last obstacle) and the little man having a huge great brute that up and ran away with him. We lost 2,000 points on that event with placing of 35th, 28th and 30th after the first event.

They kept their heads; we finished at a team placing of 7th out of 18 teams entering and this is our highest yet (the highest in twenty years was 12th).

Our reserve, who broke all rules to get there, hitching a lift in an R.A.F. 'plane, had had a lot of processing by me on the fact that he was "always just a reserve" and never completed a cycle of action. I processed him rather more as a case, stripping universes, etc, creative processing on Olympics, inventing goals and inventing ways of getting into the team. On arrival at Melbourne, he, being a fencer by preference, got himself into the Olympic Fencing team and came out 4th so he really broke through.