

NARCONON

Return from the human wasteland of Drugs

Like oil and water, alcohol and drugs don't mix. Yet until 1966, in Arizona State Prison, the only help afforded an addict to drugs was that given by Alcoholics Anonymous. Friction between the ex-alcoholics and ex-addicts was constant. There seemed to be no way out of the ex-addict's dilemma. Then, one day, a man by the name of William C. Benitez, who had a 19-year record of drug-taking and prison life, found an old, crumpled and wind-torn pamphlet by L. Ron Hubbard. An idea was born.

Some research uncovered a book entitled *The Fundamentals of Thought* by L. Ron Hubbard, and the idea began to take shape. Willie started by talking to the inmates who had a history of drug usage, asking them if they would like to form a group and do something about their common problems. Twenty agreed. He wrote to the Los Angeles Church of Scientology and asked for assistance with the project. With this communication line, the group, now called Narconon, started meeting once a week with a membership limit of 25. Now there are two groups meeting twice a week and the restriction on attendance has been removed.

Although actual Dianetic auditing is not done at this time by the inmates, Scientology books, tapes, communication drills and other Scientology actions and materials are available and used with great success.

One might well wonder what goes on at Scientology meetings in a State Prison. The answer is best summed up in the words of Don Mesaros, the group's current Chairman. "We are applying Scientology data as per formula. To apply the data, Ethics have to be in. When Ethics are in, you no longer get in trouble, guys stop going to the hole and stop appearing before the Institutional Disciplinary Board. Results keep it here. We just apply the data as written. If we have trouble in an area, we solve it with Scientology Policy. Scientology works for me."

And just what data do they apply? "We now have the following courses taught by inmate Course Supervisors: Personal Efficiency Course; Communication Course; Anatomy of the Human Mind Course; Clay Demonstrations Course; Upper Indoc TR's and Straightwire (without an E-Meter)." They also make available, without course supervisors but with checkouts, the Gung-Ho Group Course and the Codes Course. The Extension Course is provided by mail by the Los Angeles Church of Scientology. The Study Data Tapes are used as well.

Narconon has a very popular and complete Scientology library containing virtually every book ever written by L. Ron Hubbard. Members check them out on a two-week basis with an option to renew the book.

Not surprisingly, Narconon has proved an outstanding success. The group has been permitted to expand to include non-addicts, and 82% of the men who, while incarcerated, apply themselves and complete the Basic Scientology Courses offered do not return to prison. Of the Narconon Graduates who have received processing to Grade IV, once released from prison, NONE have returned to prison. As Don Mesaros said recently, expressing the feelings of many fellow inmates, "It's really good knowing, understanding and being responsible. I had to come to prison to learn how to have freedom."

The Narconon Program is now also in the California Medical Facility in Vacaville, California; the California Women's Institution in Frontier, California; the California Rehabilitation Center, Corona, California; and San Jerinimo Prison, Mexico City.

Narconon is on the verge of a rapid nation-wide expansion, and demand for Narconon programs in the nation's prisons will undoubtedly be great and assistance will be needed.

Narconon Headquarters is now at 833 Beacon Street in Los Angeles, California. It is presently a fairly small organization and at this time it is possible to apply for and hold almost any post of a person's choosing. Applicants need only fulfill the requirements necessary to work at a Scientology organization.

The Church of Scientology has provided many highly trained Scientologists to act as directors and workers for the program to help further its expansion. Plans for the coming months are to open combination half-way houses and rehabilitation centers in local communities. These will provide an orientation point for Narconon graduates coming out of prisons where they can train and find jobs, and help rehabilitate local drug users. With the high incidence of drug use in various services, discussions are underway to establish Narconon programs for the Armed Forces personnel. The Narconon program has already been approved for conscientious objector's alternative service.



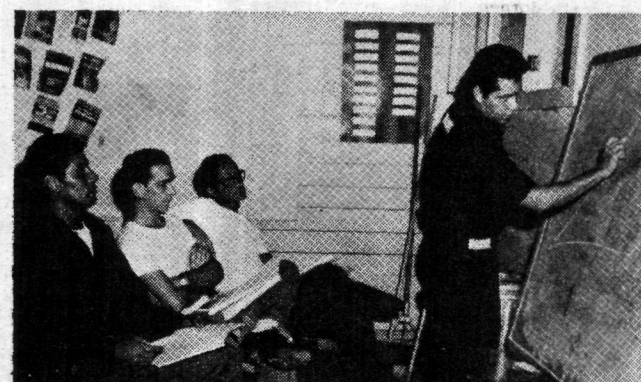
William Benitez (left), Founder of Narconon with John A. Burns, Governor of Hawaii. A letter of thanks was sent to Benitez from Gov. Burns expressing the Governor's gratitude, as he said, "for helping Narcotic offenders and addicts to understand their problems and develop the strength to terminate their addiction."



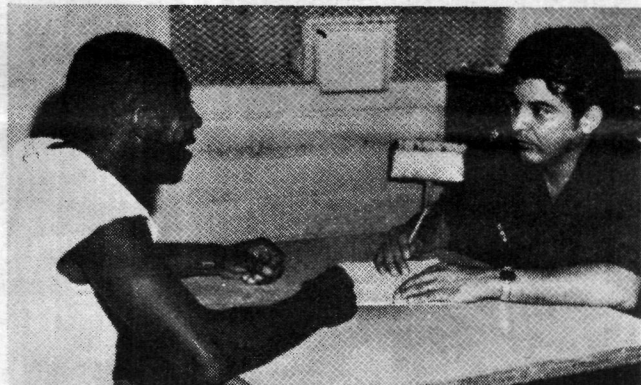
A full library of Scientology books by L. Ron Hubbard is carried to every meeting by the Narconon librarian. Members absorb the Scientology books and expand their understanding of the mind and life.



Scientology drills which improve communication precede Friday night Narconon meetings.



A Course Supervisor explains the triangle of Affinity, Reality and Communication, the component parts of Understanding.



Basic Scientology auditing is done on a mutual basis by Narconon members. All auditing is done without an E-Meter.

Mark Jones is a Minister of the Church of Scientology, a Class VIII Scientology Auditor and has reached the advanced Scientology level of O.T. V. He is now the Assistant Director of Narconon for the Church of Scientology.

Mark is a retired Lieutenant Colonel of the U.S. Marine Corps and has a Masters Degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mark has been flying jets since 1952 and has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

Knowing the intense workability of Dianetics and Scientology from practical experience, Mark is very determined to see a rapid expansion of Narconon, the first drug rehabilitation and prevention program using Scientology methods.

In calling for support he has this to say: "The operating budget for the typical drug abuse agency ranges from \$100,000 to \$500,000 a year—or roughly \$2,000 to \$10,000 a week. Narconon is currently running a world wide network with programs in several prisons on \$150 a week. Support is urgently needed to expand this work. Other agencies are trying, but don't have the highly workable technology of Scientology. Narconon does. Support of Narconon produces a BIG effect in reducing drug abuse."

"Narconon is supported by donations, membership subscriptions and benefit performances. An investment of approximately \$300 is required to supply materials needed to set up a Narconon program in a prison."



"We have set up four Membership plans to enable anyone who has a genuine concern for the drug problem to contribute to."

"Each Membership provides an opportunity for a person to participate in this vital program which is so effectively reducing crime and drug abuse in our Society."

Donations and Membership information are handled by the Narconon Headquarters at 833 Beacon Street, Los Angeles, California 90017.