

OFFICE OF SPECIAL AFFAIRS EUROPE

NEWS FROM EUROPE

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This is the first issue of the OSA EU good news briefing. We plan to issue such a newsletter once a month... so, we expect you to send us lots of good wins and products to fill the pages of our future editions. This newsletter is yours and can only exist with you and your stellar production.

1995 just recently started. This year, we want to see all major situations resolved and an overwhelming popularity for Scientology achieved in Europe. This will be achieved by YOU. Taking into consideration that you may not necessarily know what the other DSAs are doing, we want these wins to be shared by all, starting today!*

This newsletter is going to all DSAs in Europe, but we also wish to share our products with the other continents and would appreciate to receive the wins and products from Italy, UK and other continents too.

Please give us your comments.

HUMAN RIGHTS

The United Nations Human Rights Commission made its strongest condemnation of human rights abuses in Germany since World War II with the release of its annual human rights report in Geneva. The report devotes four pages to a string of human rights abuses and discriminations against members of the Church of Scientology by German government bodies and officials.

The report cites examples of discrimination such as the City of Hamburg's refusal to rent halls to the Church; the removal of the rights of Scientologists to serve as jurors; Scientologists fired from their jobs and blacklisted within their professions; the removal of children from schools because of their parents membership to the Church; and attacks by the government of Baden Wuerttemberg on international artist Chick Corea, forbidding him to perform in their state because he is a member of the religion of Scientology.

The report also confirms the U.S. State Department's annual Human Rights Report which was released in February and recognized human rights violations against Scientologists in Germany. The same UN report, in its section on Switzerland, recognizes Scientology as a religion.

THE FIRST REAL HIT AGAINST HARTWIG !!!

Back in February 1992 a complaint had been filed against German attacker Renate Hartwig in relation to a great number of people who had been defrauded by her as the owner of a singles club. This affected, to some extent, numerous business dealers and suppliers whose bills she had never paid.

The penal investigation had been dismissed many times by the responsible prosecutor in the town of Ulm. Our German attorney Blümel however never gave in and kept filing his objections. The investigation had been reopened some time in October/November last year.

This finally resulted in a product. As evidenced by a files inspection obtained by attorney Blümel, Hartwig was indicted for fraud in three separate cases and fined with 70 daily rates of DM 30 each i.e. a total of DM 2.100.

While Hartwig then filed an appeal to this and the matter will therefore go before the Trial Court at some point in the near future, this will most likely destroy her false PR and dead agent her completely.

BELGIUM

The Drug Free Marshal project is very successful in Belgium.

"Say No To Drugs" I/C met the ED of a school belonging to a network of public schools to brief him on the campaign. The ED liked the idea of the Drug Free Marshal project very much. She had with her a teacher of one of the classes of her school who was also very willing to participate to the campaign. The Director will call back to set a date for a lecture at the school. She already decided that she would organize a bus for the kids of some other schools to come and attend that lecture as well.

SNTD I/C met with the Director of another school who was also enthusiastic about the project of Drug Free Marshals. He had already read newspapers articles on Drug Free Marshal events and had decided to do something about drug prevention in his school. He mentioned that he knows very well a reporter from Gazet Van Antwerpen, a Belgian national newspaper, and it would be no problem to get him to write an article for the regional pages. He also originated the possibility of presenting the kids' work at an exhibition. He is totally with the project and likes the idea that the children will have a nice, upstat oath on paper which they then could put up in their room as a reminder.

DENMARK

Niels Underbjerg, the legal advisor of the bishop of Copenhagen, contacted DSA DK because he wanted to come and visit the church with two other priests, advisors for 2 other bishops, visiting him in Copenhagen. One is the advisor of the bishop of Aarhus, a city where another church of Scientology is located. The 3 priests visited DK org. Mr Underbjerg was very pleased to have the other two priests shown around and was acting as a real friend of DSA DK, showing that he knew her well. Mr Underbjerg asked specifically for the priests to be shown an auditing room and LRH office. When in the auditing room one of the priests wanted to "try the e-meter" and he was given a pinch test. After that, he started to speak about a PTP he had, to see how the meter was reacting to it. He was very interested in the meter and told that his wife is a psychologist and sometimes she is spending hours locating things which one can do in seconds with the meter. After the visit, DSA DK took them to the chapel and she explained its use in Scientology. They were very interested in the ceremony book and she told them how many ceremonies were held in the past 2 years. The priests asked DSA DK if she could offer books and materials for their libraries, that they could use as reference materials. The entire meeting was very friendly.

Christian Daily is a Danish newspaper that has been the mouthpiece of our main enemy in Denmark. In late 1994, this newspaper had printed quite some entheta on

Scientology. It is now running each day a small ad where MPs and other important people state shortly why they read Christian Daily. The chief editor recently called DSA DK to ask her for a statement as to why she reads it so he can use that in his campaign!

Christian Daily also printed a reader's letter from Jorgen Herler who is a priest from the Evangelic State Church. He writes that it is really non-christian to attack Scientology and he quotes parts of the bible and Jesus. He even compares Christian Daily with Ekstra Bladet (the biggest tabloid paper known for reporting about scandals) and he asks the christian paper to love thy enemy and to do to others what you want to be done to you etc. He finishes by asking if it is really worth it for the Christian Daily to print the rubbish they printed about us to try to boost their circulation while in the end, you loose the christian sense of the paper?

Recently, Christian Daily printed the chronicle of OT 8 volunteer, Hans Juel. It is quite a large article where Hans talks about what Scientology is for him, what it has changed for him as a being and some of his experiences in Scientology. It is of course very positive and a very good image of what the Church is.

As a side note, Christian Daily is now in a very delicate position since roughly the same time as they started the attacks on the Church in November 1994. They announced a few days ago that the newspaper was for sale as they would otherwise have to close down.

The national highest distribution daily paper of Denmark "Ekstra Bladet" published a series of double page features attacking psych drugs. These articles attacked heavily the group of so-called anti-depressants of which Prozac is one of 5 sold in Denmark. One headline, in very large letters, reads "Danger of miracle pills is being concealed" with the sub-heading "The happiness-pills of the 90'ies are being marketed on a lie - the side effects e.g. violence compulsion and suicidal thoughts are being kept secret." The articles are very critical towards these psych drugs and all of CCHR's lines are run, each article is backed up with expert statements confirming these. CCHR is no longer fighting Prozac or any individual drug but is watching these carefully just as any other psych drugs.

FRANCE

The main PR activity in France is the "Ambassadors for a World Without Drugs" (French version of the Drug Free Marshal campaign in the USA). In the past month, over 60 events were held in the main cities in France. 20 events were done in Marseille alone with very good success. Passers-by are invited to sign a pledge and are sworn in to become ambassadors for a drug-free world. Since mid-January, 3000 ambassadors were sworn in, mainly in Nice and Marseille, which are the biggest cities in the south of France. This created positive media on the campaign and on the Church.

A one hour live show was done on radio Mau-Nau, by the French artists who promote "Say No to Drugs". The show was on SNTD, Narconon® and Scientology. The I/C of the show has already audited his daughter on self-analysis with good results.

In Nice, ex-Narconon students opened a div 6 for Narconon a few weeks ago. They put piles of flyers in the chemists shops nearby and closed the chemists to give a Narconon flyer to each drug addict coming to buy a syringe. This works pretty well and they had already good "flows back."

A Scientologist, ex-drug addict and saved by Narconon, did a TV show on the danger of drugs on National TV channel FRANCE 2. He mentioned that he was saved thanks to the Narconon program using LRH tech.

A big SNTD event was also done in Paris on Pont Saint-Louis (the oldest bridge over the river Seine in Paris), where a big painting was done. National TV channels reported live on the event, and used it to officially launch the National Day Against Drugs.

The biggest impact of the SNTD campaign occurred when a big event was done near Marseille, in Gemenos. Scientologists and stunt men Philippe Bourny and Marc Arrighi made stunts with a motorbike, a big truck and cars. Marc Arrighi broke the world record of speed driving on the rear wheel of a motorbike. Philippe Bourny also drove a truck on rear wheels. Media were there and this was reported in the newspapers, on radio and on TV. The event was advertised for a world without drugs.

GREECE

The OSA team in Greece has been very productive on PR lines in the past months. They have regularly 1 to 4 hours TV shows per week on Dianetics® and Scientology. Here are the products of the past month:

Over the past month a weekly TV show was aired twice every week by TV Channel 67 (Wednesday and Sunday). Via an LRH Honorary Public Relations Officer, PRO DSA has also closed another TV station called Net Station to air the same show twice a week. They have aired the show for four weeks now and it will continue in the future.

Radio station Music Radio airs a half hour radio show weekly, and Athinaiki Radiophonia has a two hours radio show weekly on Scientology and related subjects. These are local stations and reach the 4 million Greeks who live in Athens.

Three theta articles were written in January about Scientology by the top reporter Vassilis Rafailides in the national newspaper Ethnos, mainly giving the message that Scientology is good and powerful and only an idiot would mess up with it. The same reporter wrote a very

nice offensive article about our main enemy, the ARM I/C of the Orthodox Church.

The same allied reporter also appeared on a TV show on TV Star Channel and attacked the Minister of Public Order for being a colleague of the Greek dictators 1967-74. The Minister of Public Order is an ally to the above ARM I/C and is himself active in anti-religious activities.

A two page offensive article was printed in the newspaper "Sunday Eleftherotypia" against the enemy mentioned before. The article was an "atomic bomb" as it revealed with testimonies of well known individuals that this enemy was fighting the Greek immigrants in Germany during the sixties, then cooperated with the Greek junta in a brainwashing project on the soldiers who have other religious beliefs and today is cooperating with security police officers and Greek intelligence to infiltrate new religious movements. The article also exposed his links with the neo-nazi Germans like Ralf Abel, a well known anti-religious attacker.

A new ally was recently made. He is the leader of a philosophical group whose purpose is to protect and unite all beneficial forces in society. This ally has excellent comm lines and is a member of the National Committee Against Racism.

Recently our cooperation has given a good product since it was announced that the special office of the Greek intelligence agency dealing with sects was officially closed down. Our ally had a contact with the head of the Greek intelligence prior to this and will have a new contact this week to verify this office will remain closed.

On CCHR lines, Greece is also quite productive. CCHR has a weekly TV show on Blue Sky TV station. The show is presented by the OES and the PES of CCHR Greece who, each time, take up one chapter of the "Senseless Rise of Violence in the Society" booklet. The show is live and people call in to report abuses they suffered from psychs. It is known that psychs watch the show and some of them have called the station director to complain but when asked to speak live they refused to confront the CCHR guys. This show is now broadcasted twice every week.

There is also a radio show by the PES CCHR, running twice every week on radio station Health and Ecology.

Recently the OES CCHR discovered connections of our main attacker in Greece with psychiatry, and exposed that this character is a drug dealer for a psychiatric asylum called Galini where this main ARM terminal is also treated.

There was also recently a radio show from the state radio Era-1 which interviewed the above mentioned attacker regarding his activities. The show was offensive against him and one professor at the university and a top reporter were interviewed to express their offensive opinions

against him. The ARM terminal was shocked as one of them qualified his activities as terrorism.

HOLLAND

CCHR

In the past months the CCHR I/C presented the Council of Europe report on psychiatry to a total of 15 mayors in the province of Noord Holland. In the previous months a total of 20 mayors had been visited in the province of Gelderland. Each visit resulted in an interview and article in the local media.

For two years CCHR has been a delegate at official meetings with the Youth Department of the Ministry of Health and Justice. In order to better coordinate these meetings a federation was formed with 18 official reform groups operating in the youth sector. All these groups have their specialization and a lot of experience in the field of legislation and prosecution. On a monthly basis the groups meet with a delegate of the Ministry of Health in order to form a corporate structure which is going to be recognized and subsidized and will be involved in the creation of policy and laws on government level. CCHR attends such meetings.

On prosecution lines CCHR filed a request in a district court to get a new investigation done on the case of a person who had been labelled unfit for work due to a negative psych report. Despite the opposition claiming that this was not needed, CCHR's request was granted and the judge ruled in favor of this person.

The social reform magazine Mens & Rechten (people and rights) is now on its 5th edition. For several months this magazine has been getting the weekly press releases and invitations to attend press conferences from the Ministry of Justice. It also gets regular invitations to attend human rights meetings. In the last month representatives from the magazine attended a press conference by the Minister of Justice on the implementation on a new sexual abuse act.

NARCONON

The Dutch Narconon is currently expanding its facilities so that it can offer the drug rehabilitation program to more people. The town council of the city of Zutphen (where Narconon is located) asked Narconon to remain in their city as they were worried Narconon would look for premises outside Zutphen.

Narconon gets many people routed to it from the Ministry of Justice. Some get to do the program while still under jail sentence. In the past month two prosecutors made very positive decisions on Narconon students. One of these cases was published in the regional media.

HUNGARY

An offensive anti-psych article got published in magazine "Blikk". In this article CCHR Hungary opposes the idea that mental health is to be taught in primary schools as part of a newly created subject "health-ology". The article explains that education crashed when psychology entered schools in the US and the Western European countries.

Another offensive anti-psych article got published in "pesti riport". In this article the ED CCHR Hungary speaks about the dark side of psychology, psychiatry. It was so effectively written that a lot of psych cases wrote letters to the editorial office plus an ex-judge wants to do something about the situation with forensic expert which he had had problems with.

IBERIA

In Portugal, the President of Portugal sent his best wishes to the Church of Scientology for the New Year. The President of the Parliament also sent his Seasons Greetings. Both cards were very theta.

In Spain, the intelligence police from Barcelona also sent a very laudatory Christmas letter with best wishes for the Church for 1995. And recently they gave CO OSA Iberia a centennial collection of numbered pins of their police body.

The "Say No to Drugs" events started in Spain last month. The first event was held near Madrid, in an area where an Applied Scholastics[®] School is located. This school had started getting entheta after some parents from a nearby school started complaining about the proximity of the school. To counter this action, the school and the DSA Madrid created an event where the children of the school were sworn in as Ambassadors for a drug-free world.

The school had asked the police for protection. 2 police officers attended the event. They were asked to swear the children in and agreed very willingly to do it. During the event, 2 parents of the nearby school came and talked to the police officers, trying to turn them against the Applied Scholastics school, but the action of the school and the attitude of all present was the best DA that could occur, and the police officers did not buy the crap from these parents.

On the contrary, the children of the Applied Scholastics school started to explain to the police officers that in the other school there was drug consumption, and syringes could be found in a specific part of the court yard of the school. The police officers showed great concern about such a situation.

The event was very successful and is the start of a full Drug Free Marshal campaign in Spain.

RUSSIA

ED Moscow spoke to the secretary of a top political figure and gave her a TWTH booklet, the Third Party Law booklet and the Problems of Work booklet. The secretary told him to submit a proposal of how our tech can help this top political figure to successfully run for President.

Mr. Komchatov, Yeltsin's representative for Moscow, was met with by PRO and CO OSA. He was briefed about study tech and the inroads into the ministry of education which he liked.

Yeltsin's representative for St. Petersburg who had attended the open house of St Petersburg mission several weeks ago and who had appeared a bit on the grumpy side of life at the time, has now completed the Ups and Downs course and is fully flipped out about it (positively of course).

Savitski, the deputy chairman of the State Duma religious affairs committee in Moscow is also a Member of Parliament from St Petersburg. DSA St Petersburg met with him and he told her that he wanted her to give a speech about Dianetics in the St Petersburg Duma.

Lidia, PRO I/T had a good meeting with the Moscow Department of Education concerning a project to get The Way to Happiness into some 700 schools in Moscow. She got the overall approval. Now the logistics of the distribution of about 40,000 copies has to be nailed down which will occur over the next week.

SWITZERLAND

"Say No To Drugs" I/C Switzerland and Narconon I/C visited the Social Affairs I/C of the city of Zurich. The person is a Swiss opinion leader in the field of drugs in Switzerland. She was extremely straight, stated that she has to clean up a real mess in Zurich coming from the earlier I/C and that no way would she allow the funding of Narconon not be granted, just because it is connected to Scientology, as each group can help a certain sort of

people. She advised Narconon I/C to file an application with the city as a drug rehabilitation center and then go ahead getting funding for individual cases. Having Zurich city fund Narconon will have a great effect on all other areas. The Social I/C also stated that she would love to have assistance from SNTD on certain projects but right now her main attention is to dissolve the new needlepark (this is the name given to the city park where the drug addicts used to gather to shoot themselves with drugs. This park was closed down by the police some 2 years ago, but the druggies then were relocated to another park which was also named "needlepark").

Two weeks after the meeting, the police closed down the new "needlepark" in Zurich and a law was passed stating that all "needleparks" are forbidden and drugs consumption is now illegal in public places in Switzerland. All media in Switzerland reported on this news at length.

In all parts of Switzerland, in the past two years, many "Say No To Drugs" actions had been oriented towards getting these needleparks closed down.

A national paper with nearly one million circulation printed in three different issues in a row several theta readers letters from Scientologists. This countered some earlier entheta. The reporter who had written the initial entheta even reached for Book One sessions.

Different media statements were printed where the key attacker of minority religions in Switzerland was himself positioned as a fanatic and sectarian and that he is basically an extremist. Several radio reporters took over these lines and cornered him with questions on what he has to say to such attacks.

One of the biggest weekly magazines printed a statement where a reader proposed that Narconon and LRH tech should be applied instead of Methadon.

A national MP filed a motion based on data gotten from CCHR on the abuse of psych drugs and asked that effective steps be taken against it.

These are the main news and products of the European team. More can be achieved, and we look forward to more stellar products to be reported in the next newsletter. We expect to hear from you. Communicate and exchange your wins and products.

And remember... "Factually, we have the only road out in Scientology. Make this a reality in your community and see what happens to your popularity. It will become overwhelming!" (LRH - HCO PL 22 September 1988 - PR Series 41 CREATING OVERWHELMING POPULARITY).*

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