

Situation TR

Once the normal reporter TR's had been completed Rod & I worked on new drill - Handling the Situation. (This is now done before 5c)

In this we sat opposite each other as before, but the drill was to handle the 'situation'. This was basically a bad scene, in which something very unpleasant and catastrophic had happened. Normally it was the sort of thing that one would wish to keep out of the papers.

Examples - all big, dramatic events, reeking of entheta, and all bad news:-

- a) You are told a yacht called Apollo, registered in the name of LRH has blown up and sunk 10 miles off Gibraltar.
- b) You are told the OES WW & the LRH Comm WW have been stopped at London Airport with £50,000 in cash & 2 lbs of heroin on them, trying to leave the U.K.
- c) You are told that Quentin & Diana H. have been kidnapped by the Mafia in Los Angeles.
- d) You are told that the chief witness in the Manson trial, Mrs. L.K. has arrived in London, claiming to be LRH's illegitimate daughter.
- e) You are told a doctor in Northern England has been criticised by a coroner at an inquest for his use of Dianetics on his patients, one of whom died.
- f) You are told that a senior member of the Gdn. Office WW is in the offices of the News of the World at 11 a.m. one Saturday morning, dictating a series of six weekly articles on the 'real lowdown of life in the Gdn. office'.

Now the aim of the drill is to terminatedly handle the situation: in other words keep us out of the Press, keep the journalists quiet, extract us from the situation with honour - kill the story.

We did the drill by giving each other the situation, a couple of minutes to think about it, and then handle.