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Clearsound version, plus AC-5, 6, 7, and 9 have been checked against the old reels. Note that there were some huge cuts in the clearsound version, especially on AC-7 (Many staff members such as Paul Twitchel, who later founded Eckankar, were mentioned) and AC-9 (extensive discussion of the clear cog).

INTRODUCTION

[from the clearsound transcripts.]

The Ability Congress was given by L. Ron Hubbard to over 300 people at the Shoreham Hotel in Washington, DC, beginning 29 December and ending 31 December 1957.

This was a time of technological progress in society, such as the development of atomic energy and the launching of the first satellites into orbit around the Earth. Meanwhile Ron was making spectacular technological advances himself, with new developments in clearing and the application of Scientology to bring about an unaberrated and prosperous society.

Ron opened the congress on a note of comedy by "launching" a "satellite" which rose to the top of the stage and exploded in a shower of ping-pong balls. Immediately afterward, a satellite-like sphere circled the stage, emitting electronic beeps.

In addition to detailed descriptions of the state of Clear and the latest advances in clearing technology, Ron extensively covers the subjects of cause and effect, telling how anyone can increase his levels of cause and responsibility.

Two of the lectures are completely devoted to the third dynamic and how one can take responsibility for and create effective and prosurvival groups.

While these lectures were incompletely recorded by the original recordist on equipment which is long since obsolete, meticulous care and the use of Clearsound™ state-of-the-art sound-recording technology have been employed to ensure the highest quality reproduction possible so that the vital technology presented by Ron in these invaluable lectures would remain intact and preserved.

As Ron wrote to those attending this congress:

"Neither you nor the field will ever be the same again after this one."

It is with great pleasure that we present to you The Ability Congress lectures.

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