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SUBJECT: VALIDITY OF VESTED INTERESTS  
PSYCHIATRY'S LATEST DEVELOPMENT

The following news story appeared in the New York Herald Tribune, shows the latest tactics in "treatment". Caning and other types of mayhem have long since been outlawed.

This "treatment" would make it impossible to properly treat the patient afterwards and would lower general ability. Such matters can be handled by Scientology without brutality.

Psychiatry has no basis in law. Most of its technology comes from Russia.

## Punishment-Reward Therapy Gives Pervert His Freedom

By Richard Homan

Special to the Herald Tribune

WASHINGTON, Nov. 23 — A Silver Spring, Md., father who admitted molesting children is on probation today after a psychiatrist testified that the man had responded favorably to painful electric shock treatment.

The psychiatrist, who treated the man privately, told Prince George's county circuit judge Robert B. Mathias that he successfully applied "learning therapy" to the man.

The man, 35, had pleaded guilty to committing an indecent sex act. Judge Mathias, noting that "this court does not believe that deterrence always means imprisonment," ordered ten years of probation and continued therapy.

The psychiatrist, Dr. William H. Philpott, told the judge that the man engaged in "sexual play" with his own and two neighbors' children, all between six and eight years of age.

Dr. Philpott said the man had received "insight therapy" from another psychiatrist some years ago. This helped him understand his ailment but did not cure him.

Dr. Philpott said he "educated" the man to shrink from certain activities by the same manner in which a child, by being spanked, learns right from wrong.

### 15-Volt Shock

Electrodes of a dry cell battery were attached to the man's fingers. He was asked to dwell mentally on his sex play and then was given a shock of 15 volts.

"This just shatters it," the psychiatrist said. "It vibrates his entire body. It brings a tremendously high level of pain."

Another part of the treatment,

he said, consists of instructing the man to imagine pleasant scenes of playing children with no sexual overtones, while breathing a mixture of 75 percent carbon dioxide and 25 percent oxygen to promote exhilaration.

The shock taught him to say no, Dr. Philpott said, and the following pleasant thoughts eliminated depression.

The process was repeated for 21 hourly sessions. After 15, the doctor said, abnormal desires disappeared.

Dr. Philpott said he had "no expectation the problem will return at all." He said he wanted to give ten more treatments to insure stability.

### "Educated Out"

Once such desires have been "educated out," he said, it would be unlikely for them to return. He said, however, that "this man has certainly been in trouble and ought to be checked" regularly.

The "learning therapy" treatment is commonly used in Europe and Russia and has been used in this country for about five years on neurasthenics in general, using relaxation and pain responses for training out symptoms, Dr. Philpott said.

Questioned later, he said that the method is successful in about 50 percent of neurasthenic cases. He said that alcoholics, drug addicts, and psychotics are being successfully treated, although valid statistics on percentages of cures are still unavailable.

He said the treatment should not be confused with shock treatment used by psychotherapists to jolt patients out of a traumatic state, but rather is a variation on Pavlovian thinking, by which a subject is rewarded for good thoughts, and given pain for evil ones.

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