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Come, let us Translate together



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The Purpose of The Prosperos

- A. "To bear witness in an age of material greatness to the primacy of the spiritual; to interpret the importance of spiritual dimensions in practical affairs and common concerns, and to spell out what free man can do to act effectively in the present world crisis.
- B. "To give man a new identity. (actually show him how to recognize his only true identity) and to develop and channel this concept beyond his presently cognized equipment and resources.
- C. "The purpose of The Prosperos is to foster and develop spiritually motivated action in social and civil life.

A MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

"But noble souls through dust and heat,
Rise from disaster and defeat."

-- Henry W. Longfellow

"It is remarkable how often the story of a triumphal life might be told as a tale of a failure," Laurent LeSage wrote recently. "The events that compose it run a course parallel to disaster, and the person of destiny often seems to merit a fool's cap more than laurels."

As far as I am concerned LeSage might as well have been writing of the National Servers' Center, The Prosperos. Its history as a student-operated activity seems to have "run a course parallel to disaster" and the recent move from Newport Beach to San Francisco seems to be a tale of failure. But this is only part of the picture and the many that have been involved in the history of the nSc have all been "noble souls" and have gone through a lot of dust and heat. Still it must be true that it will rise from disaster and defeat, as Longfellow's lines seem to prophesy, weathered as his thought may be.

At the close of my fall teaching tour, which concluded in San Francisco, the nSc was in as sad a state as it could be. The Trustees asked Cort Russi and myself to "take over"; after many translations, new volunteers emerged with phenomenal backgrounds and qualifications, and the removal to Southern California came about. Everyone should note the new address:

National Servers' Center
421 Pier Avenue
Hermosa Beach, California 90254

The new telephone number is area code 213, 379-5113 with twenty-four hour service again after several years of inadequate service and months of no phone at all.

There is no nSc Director but Helen Sandoz has volunteered as Coordinator. She puts in a full day at her job in Los Angeles traveling 60 miles round trip, leaving home at 6 a.m. She will be at the nSc most days from 7 in the evening and can be reached via telephone at any time. She will re-route all inquiries and requests for translation to those servers best qualified as well as direct the activities of the volunteers. She was elected Vice-President of the High Watch at the Training School last summer and many who met her there will be pleased to know that such a responsible and talented person has volunteered to keep the very heart of The Prosperos in progressive activity.

Someone else will write about the move south. Since getting here, Carolyn and Tom Wood, Dianne and Richard Putman, Charles Broyles, Stella Rush, Bill Palmer and Butch Pope have put in many hours. Cort Russi has worked eighteen hours a day since getting to San Francisco, as I did until my near fatal illness.

As far as the new premises are concerned they are the best since the nSc left Indianapolis. It will soon be a center to be proud of, what with the sawing, pounding, and decorating that is going on night after night. Bessie Spradley contributed handsome carpeting in San Francisco that covers the front half in a very pleasing manner. Helen (Sandy) has made a Christmas display replete with Prosperos' Hawaii Aloha Angel and Mele Kalikimaka (Merry Christmas), which attracts much interest from those walking by.

The collapse of the center in San Francisco, the assassination of the President, the death of my friend Aldous Huxley, a great light in the world of mind, my near demise and other frustrating and tragic events raised the question in the minds of many students, "Is this the Age of Caliban?" While I know that only translation is why I am still here, I surmise that it is only because of translation that many more catastrophic things did not prove the Night of Caliban as the violent planetary configurations of February 1962 ran their course November 22, 1963, as I predicted in Time Bomb and Booby Trap many months ago.

Because of all this, I felt compelled to announce a class in THE CROWN MYSTERIES for December 14, 15. I'll go into my thinking about this in another publication but it is sufficient to say that because of the climate in the world, this class and the unstinted support of every Prosperos is a vital catalyst requiring the best any of us has to offer. That we should stand guard over our thinking and translate continuously, whether we are members of the High Watch or not, is of the utmost importance. Don't get the idea that because you are an inconspicuous person that the Age of Caliban cannot catch you up unexpectedly, causing you to make a contribution to the world one way or another. Oswald was ordinary and inconspicuous until November 22. How do we know what he intended to do that morning? We know what he did do. None of us are immune from the insidious, erroneous thought of Caliban.

In Potpourri's and Tangents, I shall illuminate fully all that I've said here. In the meantime others will put together a much belated News Letter. It will not be complete, so I want to thank everyone, without mentioning names, for being so helpful in the fall classes. Cort joins me in "thank you" all for your hospitality and many kindnesses shown us. We wish to send our warmest aloha to the new students, too, and as soon as I am able I'll be teaching across the country again.

Thane

FALL CAMPAIGN SERIES

Honolulu : The fall campaign series began with the presentation of Earth Man, Stay Home! and Fourth Way - Sly Man. These classes had their first "opening" at the Santa Barbara Training School. The Honolulu students were extremely glad to have the opportunity of attending these classes, which were written and taught by Thane.

San Francisco : The Bay area was privileged to receive the classes on Earth Man, Stay Home! and Fourth Way - Sly Man. This material was enthusiastically received by the students. So prized was this class that Ruth Backlund, Helen Sandoz and Stella Rush from Southern California traveled north to attend the class for the second time since Training School. The class was assisted by Billye Talmadge and Del Martin.

Seattle : The Closed Class, Releasing The Hidden Splendour was presented by Thane and Cort Russi at the Benjamin Franklin Hotel on September 14,15,1963. This was the first city that received the Prospero "new look". The large attendance to Mind Power Workshops in this city was largely credited to the mailing piece and advertising which The Prosperos is using this year. This appealing material was fashioned by Tom Wood, Newport Beach, Calif. We wish to thank Helen Killebrew, Bob Summerise and his wife for their helpfulness with this campaign.

Denver : The Prosperos next presented Thane in the mile high city of Denver, giving Releasing The Hidden Splendour. The series was held at the Mayflower Hotel. The introductions at the Workshops were presented by Coletta Bollman, Alan Bollman and Bob Geisel. Monya Powell did a flower arrangement for the small table next to the speaker's stand. Alan Bollman was Workshop Instructor, doing a fine job in helping the students through the five steps of Translation.

Indianapolis : On September 28, 29, 1963, Releasing The Hidden Splendour was taught by Thane at the Sheraton-Lincoln Hotel. Our thanks to Jay Kress for his help with this series and conducting Workshop.

Cleveland : The Pick-Carter Hotel in Cleveland was the next location on the Prosperos' campaign schedule. Prior to this series Dr. Douglas Galias had done a vast amount of personal contact work. A high point in his labors was a television interview with Dorothy Fuldheim and a radio interview with Bill Gordon, who, incidentally, attended the M. P. Workshop. The text of this television interview will be published later this year in Mentation. Douglas was the Workshop Instructor following Translation.

Cincinnati : In Cincinnati Thane once again brought the stirring Earth Man, Stay Home! series to Prospero students at the Alms Hotel. The trip to Cincinnati was even more enhanced by a visit to the Audio Center and discussions with the Vice President, Dr. Anna Hamilton.

San Antonio : The San Antonio class of Earth Man, Stay Home! produced a two-fold uniqueness in that the Teacher was there only for one day, and two, the students in San Antonio pledged to sell \$25.00 each of tickets for this particular talk, and if they were not able to sell their share, then they would buy their quota. President Dickey assisted Thane by reading a passage from The Prophet.

Los Angeles ; Thane and Cort were greeted at the airport by Helen Sandoz and Stella Rush, who were wearing home-made THANE sweat shirts.

This Translation class gained its individuality by the thoughtful people that it attracted. The Earth Man, Stay Home! class given on the weekend between Mind Power Workshop and Seminar proved to be popular again and helpful to the Southern California students.

Our gratitude and applause must be given to Ruth Backlund, Dick and Dianne Putman, Stella Rush, Helen Sandoz, and Tom and Carolyn Wood for their help in making the Thunderbird Hotel a real success. Tom Wood was the Workshop Instructor following Translation.

San Francisco : Returning to the starting point of this extensive fall campaign, our Teacher presented Releasing The Hidden Splendour. The class being composed of all review students provided a very rare learning experience.

The arrangements for this series were handled by Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon. Bilye Talmadge assisted with the presentation of the class and also was the Workshop Instructor.

Los Angeles : On Dec. 14, 15 at the Statler-Hilton, Thane presented a "first". This was the presentation of the seldom given class of Crown Mysteries without being preceded by R.H.S. and Translation. To increase receptivity to this electrifying material, the students were given a stringent review of both classes on Dec. 8.

Students came from far and near to attend this most timely and much needed class. John Totin and Trustee Leslie Fullard-Leo flew in from Hawaii. San Francisco was represented by Betty Alexander and Hal Call. Cliff Fletcher from Seattle and Bessie Spradley from Modesto and students from all over the Southern California area gathered for this inspiring weekend.

The following are excerpts from a letter received by CORT RUSSI, Thane's secretary which he would like to share with you.

"Oh! I cannot explain just how happy and grateful I feel for being able to hear the name "Prosperos" for the first time a few months ago. It's a great life and there is so much to do and I'm glad that I'm approached, or more or less challenged, with big baskets full of it. Even animals seem to find me lately. One day started with a sweet old lady telling me that her dog "Sally" was in the hospital and the Doctor there could not find out what was wrong. So I told her to get the dog out and love him, hug him, talk and feed him good. Just the other day I saw her with Sally, just as happy as can be going for a early morning walk. Then a sparrow flew into our store - so I talked with him as he sat for a while on some vitamin bottles. I could fill a book already with all the good things happening within me and around me.

Blessings,

RUTH BACKLUND"

DRIPPINGS
FROM
THE COCONUT VINE

One of our loveliest students, KAREN HORTON, has announced her engagement to Joe Bailey Duer of Oklahoma. The couple will be married on Feb. 1, 1964 in Santa Ana, California.

Cincinnati Prosperos RICHARD SNODGRASS and LAURA ROTH were married June 29, 1963 and after a honeymoon in the South, are now residing at 2596 Madison Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio.

In Ramona, Calif., EVE LYN HALSEMA became the bride of Jim Guentner in a ceremony held at the Friends Church, Sept. 23, 1963.

We would like to send our regrets and thanks to CLINT LAMBERT, who has been working at the Center for the past year. Clint is going home to Oklahoma because of family illness. Maholo, Clint and return soon.

DR. FREDDA DANNER, formerly of San Francisco, is making her home in Hawaii. This migration instinct seems to guide all Prosperos to the Islands.

The mainland extended aloha to Prosperos Island visitors, DOROTHY WALKER, MAX DAVIS, and JACK SPATE. The threesome had luncheon with THANE, CORT RUSSI and CAROLYN WOOD in San Francisco last month.

While in Denver for the RHS series, CORT RUSSI was invited to visit the Air Force Academy by Prosperos Historian, MONYA POWELL. Monya is a librarian at the Academy.

EARL KELLER, 1963 Prosperos Man of the Year, recently returned to California after a trip which included St. Louis, his favorite fishing spot in Mississippi and San Antonio where he visited the PRESIDENT DICKEY and NORMA KELLER.

Many of the Southern California students will remember two marines, SKIP ROBILLARD and BOB MORICE who attended several classes and the Pasadena Retreat. Both are civilians now and after a brief visit to his home in New Hampshire, Skip has gone to Fort Lauderdale, Bob's hometown.

One of Skip's remarkable translations was the rapid development of a talent for oil painting. Two of his paintings have been beautifully framed. One graces Thane/Russi's apartment near the National Servers' Center; the other is in the nSc window and gains much attention from passers-by.

PLANNING AHEAD TO '64

and

THE 1964 PROSPEROS ASSEMBLY AND RETREAT

Decision time is now for your attendance at the 1964 Prosperos Assembly and Retreat, to be held July 11 through July 19. Closed class has taught us that "acceptance" is a major ingredient in all decisions in life. Right now, accept your place among those who will receive the inspiration, companionship and learning of a Prosperos yearly conclave. In mind, establish your reservation this very moment. Better still, fill out the enclosed reservation blank today. Send it to the National Servers' Center, 421 Pier Ave., Hermosa Beach, Calif.

So many students write us every year about their great disappointment in not being able to attend. To help eliminate the results of "good intentions," we have decided to conduct an experiment in ACCEPTANCE. We will keep your name and reservation on file as an animate occupant of the chair reserved for you this coming July. We will keep you informed of the plans for the program as it progressively unfolds over the coming months.

Oklahoma has been selected as the location for this national, annual event (lucky break for you mid-westerners and southerners). Investigation of this state was started almost three years ago for the ideal hotel to meet our needs of beauty, privacy, comfort, luxury and most of all economy and at the same time provide an atmosphere conducive to inspiration and learning.

Such a site and hotel has been found in the Western Hill Lodge which is located near Wagoner, Oklahoma is 50 miles east of Tulsa on the bank of Fort Gibson Lake. You might ask, "Is there that much water in Oklahoma?" Yup, reckon so, as Fort Gibson Lake has 250 miles of shoreline! You might also ask, "Oklahoma ...in July?!!" No problem there as Western Hills Lodge is completely air-conditioned. Norma Keller visited the Lodge this past September which is still a month of peak temperatures in the South-west. She assures us that not only was it cool in the hotel, but with the available water supply, the lawns and landscaping were unbelievably beautiful. July is the height of the season for this Lodge. There are no other nearby motels.

We have been able to obtain real economy prices for room accommodations. The special room rate is \$7.75 per person for a double (2 persons in a room) and \$13.50 per person, single. We may be able to obtain cheaper rates for those of you who wish to share the "cosier" atmosphere of three to a room. Our reservation chairman informs us that advance reservations at the Lodge is only for 80 students. Only you can include yourself as one of that number. We will increase our request only if these advance forms merit it. Unless you make your wishes known to us now, there may be a chance of "No room at the Inn".

Remember that good intentions remain only intentions without ACTION. Celebrate this '64 Assembly and Retreat plan in MIND and then, TAKE ACTION, and send in your reservation.

MEET YOUR TRUSTEES

For those of you not in attendance at the '63 Santa Barbara Training School when the new Board of Trustees were elected, it was decided that a member of the Board would be informally introduced to you through his autobiography written for The News Letter. Leading off is Leslie Fullard-Leo, our colorful Hawaiian representative.

"My mother, Ellen Barber Fullard-Leo was born in Cape Colony, Africa. Her French/Irish ancestors settled there in 1656, the French side being Huguenots who fled France after the St. Bartholomew's Eve. slaughter to Holland where they were given grants to colonize the Cape. Father Leslie Fullard-Leo was born in San Francisco while his parents were enroute to Sydney, Australia. His father was an Italian Papal Count who was excommunicated from the Church and exiled from Italy. My father died in 1950 and my mother is still going strong and is a senior member of the American and International Olympic Association. She is also a Prosperos member.

After Leslie made his original debut in New York City, Sept. 6, 1909, the family finally settled in Honolulu in 1915 where his father built the home that Leslie still lives in at Waikiki. Schooling included Panahou Academy in Honolulu and a school at Clayesmore, England where he "majored in rugby, track, swimming, math, geography and nothing else." After quitting a steady job with Dole's Pineapple Company, Leslie toured the Orient with a vaudeville troupe until it folded in Hong Kong. The next role was that of deck hand on the S.S. President Hoover making several round trips between Manila, Hong Kong, Kobe, Yokohama, San Francisco and Los Angeles.

"Leaving the ship in Los Angeles to make my fortune in Hollywood, I played extra bits with some who are stars today, working on the side in gas stations (gas was 10¢ a gallon and often people would buy a half gallon.. real depression but fun.)

"After saving up \$300.00, I set off for London with hopes of studying at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art. Reached London with about \$12.00 and the flu. After trying to write news items from London, I obtained a job with a travel agency and went to Switzerland with skiing tours. In 1935, I was offered a job on the London Stock Exchange but had to establish British nationality which I did through influential friends in Parliament. As both of my parents were British when I was born, it was decreed I had not lost my British nationality. Thus it is that I have a dual nationality and am considered a British subject while in England (although I travel on a U.S. passport)."

Gravitating back to Hollywood in 1938, Leslie declined a contract by Howard Hughes to study at the Max Rheinhardt Actors Lab. in Hollywood. The day before he was due to sail back to England on the Queen Mary, war was declared and unable to return to his home and friends, he found himself once more in Hollywood.

"There I ran into an old friend, Marlene Dietrich, who got me into Screen Actors Guild and a part in her picture, "Seven Sinners". After that, I did featured parts with Connie Bennet and Gracie Fields ...28 pictures in

all and 28 stage plays.

"Previously in 1938, the U.S. Navy had signed a lease for Palmyra Islands (1,000 miles south of Honolulu) which belongs to my family and myself, to develop as a naval air station. Immediately afterward, they started a 28 million dollar development of Palmyra. The Navy brought suit against us contending that the islands did not belong to us although we had a Land Court Title, had purchased the islands and paid taxes on them. The family defended our title in five suits successfully to the Navy's last appeal to the Supreme Court in 1947. The victory was costly as we had to sell much property in order to defend ourselves against an opponent with unlimited funds, the U.S. Government."

Having studied at University of Southern California in order to obtain a commission, Leslie was turned down "because my family and myself were 'suing' the U.S. Government," which was untrue as the Government was suing them!

"Although we won in the Supreme Court, the Navy pulled out the following day but did not offer to make a settlement or pay up their obligated lease money. I then instituted proceedings to get a bill through Congress to pay us rent, taxes, damages, etc. Finally after Senate sub-committee hearings, we got a bill through both houses in 1950 and were awarded \$100,000. My father died several hours after receiving this news. We finally received the cash almost a year later, half of the sum was then thrown retroactively into my father's estate and had to be re-probated. Then the Federal Government forced us to pay Capital Gains tax on their damages award! Then the Territory of Hawaii jumped us likewise although we had fought a test case of their Land Court Title system." (Later Leslie again became acquainted with sub-committees, when in 1953 he was on the Statehood Commission to Washington for Senate sub-committee hearings regarding the possibility of Hawaii receiving statehood).

"Finally I felt I had more at stake in Honolulu with our remaining properties and Palmyra. In 1954, I built the Kahili Hotel and have held the positions of Chairman of the Small Hotels Committee, Director of the Hawaii Hotel Assoc. and the Hawaii Visitors Bureau. I instigated a Litterbug Campaign and forced the issue with the help of the press to have slum buildings removed from Waikiki beach which had been condemned by the City.

"Here I saw more and more of the corruption and interweaving of politics and status seekers as well as some of the churches being used by the "money-changers in the temple." After a few experiences of being attacked by city hall, I found that one's committees and fellow citizens fade away, so I decided to take care of "me and mine." This may seem cowardly but until the individual in our society can be assured of support of others in his community, it is senseless to be alone rebel. That is why an organization such as The Prosperos can succeed only if we approach the problems of our civilization as a group acting as an Infinite One in rebellion for that which is the Truth."

Aloha,

Leslie Fullard-Leo

Next issue: President Perry Dickey

Kyrle Taylor of Soquel, California, a student of Thane's for forty years passed away last month. Many will remember her brave attendance at the French Lick Assembly and the Utah Retreat.

Cincinnati Sunday Morning Workshop

A new type of group activity, instituted in Cincinnati this summer has been going great guns. What we have been doing is this: we meet each Sunday morning having a buzz session from 10:30 to 11:00 discussing anything that pertains to our studies. From 11:00 to 12:30, we study some phase of Translation, for example, the Major Premise and the governing rules, or perhaps an extension of the first step, working out attributes, synonyms, properties, etc.

Sometimes individual assignments are made, one then is selected and written on the blackboard for criticism and examination. In one such instance, we had each student underline a word in the Translation that he thought was synonymous or in the character of the major premise; to our surprise there were few words left that were not underlined. In all this work, we accent the practice of group ~~dyntered~~ leadership via Group Dynamics.

Another practice that has brought much revelation is our frequent use of a good dictionary. Noting the frequency of semantical misunderstandings, looking up words where there is the least doubt of meanings, has often cleared the way for successful translating. As an example, a student defined Translation as "a tool of the mind that allows the translator to view the Universe and his world of affairs objectively." Looking up the word "objectively" lead us to "dispassionate", then on to "subjective" and "passion"! Another student remarked that often the more uncommon words are "simpler" than the common words, so we looked up the word, SIMPLE, which is defined as: absolute, unlimited, unmixed, the least number of constituent elements. So the word SIMPLE isn't as simple as we thought, or is it?

The question often arises, "Why don't we Prosperos translate?" Usually the answer is, "I don't know how or, I can't devote enough time to it". Since we have been holding our work-shop weekly, we are convinced that these objections are finally being overcome. Naturally we hope other groups will follow our example as we know that it will be most useful and gratifying to them.

by Howard Horton

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