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REGIONAL ASSEMBLY SUPPLEMENT

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FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
Strategic Situation	Strategic Components	Strategic Campaigns	Document Creation
	Movement Edge		First Draft
	Strategic Components	Strategic Issues	
Teams return, rest prepare reports.	The Guide	Reflection	Document ready for final type
	Strategic Scenarios	6-month Tactics	
Opening Feast	Individual Discontinuity	Corporate Celebration	
Reports And the New			

This is a supplement to the Regional Consult Manual on the Assembly. This is not intended to replace, but to illustrate how adaptations of the manual, especially the Assembly section, can be helpful.

In addition to the actual products of the Assembly, it was discerned necessary to call for another session -- "Regional Council" -- one or two weeks after the Consult to render the tactical plan into 6-month manoeuvres with regional colleagues.

CONTEXT: The team at the House has eagerly anticipated the nightly phone calls with reports on the days activities.

1. What are memorable people from the week? (names) *John Moran*
 What are memorable scenes from the week? *El Gordo Park*
 What are some of the towns or neighbourhoods you recall driving through?
2. What for you was the most exciting part of the week? the most exciting event?
 What was one of the most unexpected events?
3. What did you learn about this region that utterly shifted or altered your images of this region?
 What new images do you have?
4. Where did you find yourself (in what situation or experience) compelled to care? What learnings or experiences beckoned forth your love (a "welling-up")—not out of a stoical decision to care for your assigned turf, but out of a real sense of care?
- (5. What does all this mean for region _____?)

CONTEXT: Relaxed time. The aim of this week-end is several simple, releasing products. We need to think several things through to the bottom.

TEAM REPORTS:

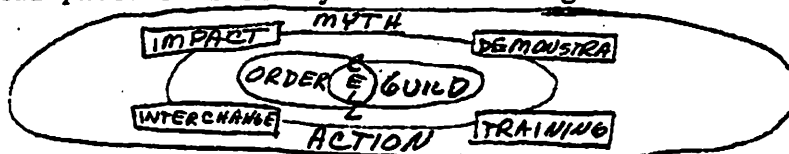
Have prepared ahead of time the keystones on large charts and large charts for issues illustrations.

Teams need at least 30 minutes to report. Therefore we suggest that the advantages stew be done in Session 2. After reports, conduct a conversation on what is the new?

1. As you look at our keystones and remember the reports, where is the unexpected?
2. Where was something said that confirmed one of your insights?
3. Where would you really want to pursue something?
4. What do we have one our hands?

I. Context

This summer was about developing the new strategies that will take us into the future. The 9 pressure points were imaginably redrawn in a circle to give a more dynamical picture of the dynamics of change.



A new myth is emerging about what primal community is. There are certain dynamics of community that, on the other side of our experience of 10,000 community forums and over 300 longer-term community HDP's, are emerging as primal.

II. Spin on Primal Community -- see next page

III. Gimmick: to get people involved in the 3 Strategies.

Offer anyone in the room 5 centimes (or whatever) if they can name the 3 parts of the Manifestation Strategy listed in Book 1: 1980
 " " " Declaration " " " " " "
 " " " Formation " " " " " "

(It will help if you plant 3 people in the room with the lists.)

IV. Workshop

Divide the room into 3 parts and assign each section one of the 3 strategies to focus their answers to the following questions on. Choose 5 or 6 of the following questions. Ask the 5 or 6 questions, giving the group time to write down the question.

"Now imagine, for the whole global movement in these next four years, . . ."

- what will your strategy look like in four years?
- what forms will this strategy take?
- what groups must we work with?
- how will we stay and deepen as a local peoples movement?
- what turns in the forms of our training or formation are needed?
- what new situations will call these turns or shifts?
- how does the Global Exposition fit into this strategy?
- what will we be doing differently in Manifestation than we did in Awakening and engagement?
- how can you see us acting out the declaration strategy?
- where must we be cautious?
- where do you get nervous in looking at this strategy?
- what might we do that would be "missing the boat"?
- what are the implications for the forms this strategy should take in the developing nations? in the developed nations?

Give people 10 minutes to write down their answers?

V. Go around the room and get each person to read one of their answers. Get at least one answer to each question from each strategy group,

After everyone has answered, ask the whole group 4 questions that push at concretions--what will this strategy look like in action?-- and at the real newness of this strategy.

It is smaller than Vanves (the suburb Paris House is in). It's larger than me and my family. It has the capacity to dialogue with the larger commune or village, to be pushed by it and to push it, to act on behalf of and cooperate with the larger community. I am pushed beyond my druthers by it and am responsible to push it beyond the obvious. It cares to and is allowed to intrude on my life. It is the locus of Global awareness and service. The lives and deaths of its members impact me with practical models of humanness in all its struggle, joy, pain, and hope. It has the capacity to put its finger on the depth issues of its time and share its response with other communities and individuals. It can bear looking at the unknowns, the new, the trends, the innocent suffering and can incorporate mandates into inventing and risking practical models to manifest the needed change or deepening of its life.

All of the social methods we've got are aimed at getting beyond the dualistic mythology of the past millenium or so. Either you're this ideology or that. Either making it in life or not. The one way to go or not. Our methods are aimed at practical pluriformity. At how to operate on this one beautiful marble floating somewhere in space. They're aimed at practical listening to the other and cooperative futuric action.

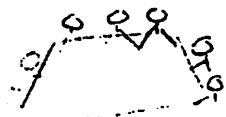
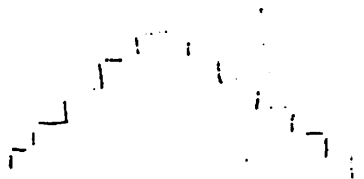
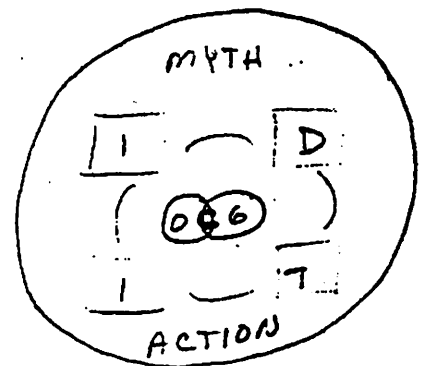
We've come out of a 4 year strategy that has exposed us to over 10,000 communities, 300 of which have been with two or more years of continuous work. They were awakenment, engagement and fulfillment.

Now we're entering, inventing, and fleshing out 4 year strategies that are taking us within 16 years of the year 2000.

ILLUSTRATIONS

Coca Cola community; wives had a different community.

Management—team
Sees to adequate
education.



I. Context

All of us are assigned to Paris for the rest of our lives.

All is good—don't blame the past.

"Con-shop" method—conversation/workshop.

Simple, releasing products; more intuitive than rational.

Image: Horton Hatches the Egg—prolonged process of "midwifing" your intuitions until the product comes out.

II. Advantages Stew.

Not a formal workshop, but pursuing in detail some of the "new" from last night.

1. All list out 10 concrete advantages of the here and now and 10 concrete advantages that are just around the corner. *stands us in good stead at the moment*
2. All note their best 3, including some you did not anticipate before the regional consult began.
3. Get out a lot of these conversationally.

III. Discussion

1. What are some far-fetched, necessary moves?
2. What is the soft underbelly of this region? *most vulnerable/sensitive of weaknes*
3. What are some possible nows?

IV. Strategic Motifs spin.

Motifs of strategy—we have always done the comprehensive, future, and intentional. Or—how the revolutionary religious is different from social action is key to our underlying motivity.

1. Expansive coverage—all are loved—therefore "go ye into all the lands"
Past programme—RS-I, TM.
Past history—Chicago-North America-World
2. Intensive demonstrations—signs of visible hope so people will care.
Past: Fifth City—Band of 24 - Replication
3. Selected probes—the revolutionary always probes along lines because he has already come to terms with death and therefore is not afraid of failure which he in fact calls "learning experiences."
TM was a congruence of probes: 49 LCC's, U.S. BiCentennial, need for pure evangelism, all coalescing into a breakthrough.
4. Supporting flanks—funding, framing, numbers of people are no longer subsidiary to the mission, but, in this move to the masses, are integral.
I.e.: Maharashtra was not possible without "overframing."
5. Underlying symbols—symbols change history. Underlying story, song, myths are that which imaginably freight the history long and world wide.

V. Strategic Components workshop.

1. Hand out slips.
2. Each person list out 3 concrete actions in each of the 5 strategic motifs (expansive coverage, intensive demonstration, selected probes, supporting flanks, underlying symbols)=15 per person.
3. Break into 5 groups. Each group comes up with at least 5 "great ones" in each category.
4. Simple gestalt:
 - a. Get out 3 from each group.
 - b. Get out most difficult.
 - c. Each group gestalt rest.
 - d. Title and organize.
5. Reflect on the chart—don't push final titles unless its reight. Come back to the chart at the next session.

I. Context

The task for this afternoon is to write scenarios for the 4 year strategy. These are not manoeuvres but graphic descriptions of the strategy as it develops over the next four years.

II. Diversion: Sayings of strategy.

We have used Sun Tsu, Musashi, etc. but you don't have to be a sage oriental to be a strategist. It's a property of folklore often rendered into myth.

E.G.: Flip Wilson, "What you see is what you got."

"To have your cake and eat it too."

What are other sayings of strategy?

III. Reflect on chare—work on it if necessary. (In Paris, one team was assigned to go aside and polish titles.)

IV; Break into groups, one for each strategic component. Each group is to write a scenario and subcomponents: "In the next 4 years we will do _____ by _____ . . ." with as much detail as possible. Push for active vision, not abstract lists.

V. Read and reflect.

I. Context—Today we are looking at the next 6 months in the light of the strategic thrusts for the next 4 years.

II: Spin— *old myths - new realities* The story you live out of is all important. Symbols change history. The fulcrum to symbols is the myth factor. Notice the positioning of the myth factor in the Whistle Points.

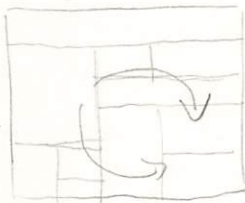
III: Conversation (to release from paralysis). *Boy off on Boy*

1. What has the last week shown to be some of the crippling stories we have lived out of? (e.g. This nationality is stupid.)
2. What have been some myths demolished this week by the Practicum and Symposium?
3. What are some of our real restraints?

IV. Discussion

1. Corporately list out issues and genuine perplexities that confront us in initiating the 4 year plan. (As few as possible—around 10.)
2. Corporately list out dramatic actions over against these issues in the light of the four year plan and our newly discovered actions.
3. Reflect on the actions and begin to group, if there is time.

Valence



Linear thinking - don't do

Not spots in terms of this chart
not in terms of soc needs or sequence

Perplexity

your situation is not your problem
not more troops, time,
two roads
not 4 year

next 6 months
⇒ initiating the 4 years what is your perplexity

Considering yourself assigned to London for the rest of your life

I. Spin-- Harbingers of Hope.

From the manual. Short--10 minutes maximum.

II. Conversation

Briefly rehearse the whole construct of the 10 days.

1. What do you remember from the last 10 days?
2. What workshops, contexts, spins, conversations, interviews? do you remember?
3. What workshop or interview responses do you remember?
4. Where did the Consult delight you?
5. Where did you say "Wow, we're really on to something!"?
6. Where did you wish we had more troops, time or cash?
7. Where did you feel there was too much?
8. If you were going to do something differently, what would you do?
9. What would you tell your colleagues that they need to do to prepare?
10. What parts of the regional consult do they need to make sure happens?
11. What did the Regional Consult do for this region?
12. What will it do for any region?
13. In the process of the 4-year journey we are on, who would name what the Regional Consult does?

I. Context--6-Month Tactical Launch.

The task is not manoeuvres, but a tactical plan for the next 6 months. Recommend a regional council with colleagues to render this work into manoeuvres.

Break into three groups.

1. Take the work on dramatic actions and build a 6-month tactical plan.
2. Create a pictorial symbol of the components of the four year strategy.
3. Write a song of the four years, using a local or national tune.

Groups work for 45 minutes to an hour, then report back.

Reflection (long)

1. Art form the components chart, tactics chart, song, symbol.
2. What have we got on our hands?