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EDITORIAL

The Faculty of Astrological Studies

On June 7th last my second triennial period as Principal of the Faculty expired and I decided not to stand for re-election. Lest there should be any misunderstandings, I would like to say that this step is in no way due to disapproval of the manner in which the Faculty is being conducted nor to any serious personal disagreements. Private circumstances do not make it as easy as it might be for me to attend the Faculty meetings as frequently as a Principal should do, and as, in point of fact, I should often enjoy doing. That is the chief difficulty.

I can cordially and sincerely recommend the Faculty instruction, both internal and external, and consider it is performing a truly valuable service. Long may it flourish! I hope I shall still be able to be of some service to it, as occasion may require. The value of the research work that is in hand speaks for itself.

Delineations

Mr. Marshall Harmer raises an interesting point in his letter on page 114. But the idea behind the series of Delineations we are now publishing is that each writer should be quite free to employ his own methods, so that they should represent as complete a picture as may be of modern delineational practice. I do not know whether Mr. Cyril Fagan ever deals with complete delineations; but if so a contribution from his pen would be welcome, in due course.

Meanwhile probably only comparatively few are at present interested in the conceptions put forward by Mr. Fagan.

These may note such a point as the occurrence of the death-motif in Mr. Fry's work, described in Mde. Baudot's article; he was, of course, born when the constellation Scorpio was rising. But in any event he had his ruler in the 8th house. These alternative explanations are all too easily found in astrology.

Minor Aspects

These were mentioned in a recent editorial and since then Sir Edmund Hillary's nativity has given me a good case to use as a basis for expounding my ideas.

This map, for a man of such achievement, is not on the face of it as outstanding as might be expected; but the number of duodecimal contacts is striking. We have Sun-Jupiter 30° Saturn, which belongs to another series, but this conjunction is 12° Neptune, 18° Mars. Mars is 30° Neptune, Neptune 18° Saturn; Mercury 18° Venus. All these are, I believe, within 1° of exactitude.

It is tempting to believe that this series may turn out to be related to attainment and success generally.

Of course all these minor aspects must be restricted to very narrow orbs, else they become absurd. I should certainly not allow more than 1°.

I wonder if even the semisquare and sesquiquadrate ought not to be reduced to about 2° orb. Otherwise the 48° contact would clash with the former and the 132° with the latter.

At any rate the other 15° contacts should be restricted to 1°.

The fact that these orbs are so narrow makes them excellent for purposes of rectification. In my own case 75° and 105° contacts worked with almost startling precision. Further, Sun 105° Saturn produced a correlate that was in some respects much more noteworthy than Sun 90° Saturn.

I agree with a remark of Mrs. Hone's that these lesser aspects are generally ignored by practical (perhaps one should say, practising) astrologers; but I am not at all sure that this should be so, or will long continue. In particular, I am of opinion they should be carefully studied in the case of the progressed Sun, and perhaps the other three significators.

One would expect the 15° series to be disintegrative and disruptive; but I have not found 15° itself to be so.

The Eclipse of July, 1953

It is strange what different reports have reached me regarding this formidable phenomenon, which, it will be recalled, fell conjunction Mars and Uranus. Some seem to have felt little or nothing from it; others write that its effects were such that life

will never be the same again. Yet in the former class are some whose maps might have been thought to be definitely vulnerable to it.

Probably those that suffered most had other things as well; but it still remains a problem.

So far as one can judge, it appears not to have harmed China, or at least the Chinese government. It remains to be seen how this country will react to the squares of Uranus and Neptune, from Cancer to Libra, signs usually associated with China.*

Looking further ahead, how will the transit of Uranus through the first decan of Leo affect the U.S.S.R., in the chart of which Saturn and Neptune are in this arc of the ecliptic? One surmises that the Russian Government will be severely shaken and perhaps fresh rulers will supplant those now in power.

For those with bodies in the last part of Libra I have a good deal of sympathy. Lately I have seen horoscope after horoscope of people in trouble—and the transits of Neptune have been apparently to blame. Especially, Libra being what it is, has this been true of young people involved in unsatisfactory love-affairs.

Perhaps others have been more fortunate with such transits; if so it would be good to hear from them. One must try to give Neptune his due!

Guatemala

Mr. J. Cleary-Baker points out to me that at the time of the trouble in this country, which may or may not be finished with, Mars was stationary over the geodetic M.C. of the capital.

The Weather

I expected hard and disagreeable weather from the prominence of Mars and Saturn in Scorpio in some of the maps for phenomena around the New Year, and said as much. But there seemed reason to hope that the eclipse of June 30th would change things for the better. However, there is now Uranus square Neptune to think about; a most unsettling indication. Very serious Danube and U.S.A. floods are now reported, as this square becomes complete for the first time. I fear this summer is unlikely to be other than unusual and unsettled even to the end, and countries specially affected by

* Written before the shooting down of the Skymaster on July 23rd, soon after the first of these squares had become exact.

the above square (of which Austria is one) will certainly feel the effects in particular.

Astrological Trash

I believe there are still astrologers, of a kind, who deal out mimeographed sheets to their clients. I do not know how much they charge for this sort of thing, and, of course, if those who consult them are only willing to pay a few shillings for what they get, they cannot expect very much. But such practices do not enhance the good name of astrology, and bring it down to the level of the medico whose custom is to deal out to his patients one or more of a stock supply of a dozen or so so-called remedies, and then dismiss them from his mind. But this is not scientific prescription, nor are mimeographed sheets genuine astrology.

Those who consult diploma-holders of the Faculty of Astrological Studies are not likely to meet with this sort of thing.

Not that any astrologer, whatever diploma he holds, is going to please everybody. Just as (to revert to the medical analogy) some people approach a doctor with a fixed idea of what they are suffering from, so some also come to an astrologer to have their own preconceived notions ratified. And this the conscientious astrologer cannot always do.

Nor is his path always clear in other ways. Recently I had brought to my notice the case of a man's having died, although the astrologer had, under the month in question, only hinted at ill-health and the need for care. Some would say that this is all the astrologer could or should have written.

It is to be feared too many practitioners are still tied to the old Alan Leo "progressed horoscope" scheme, which is woefully inadequate, especially if, owing to uncertainty of birth-time, the angular directions are untrustworthy.

I became convinced of the deficiencies of his method, taken alone, when I went through 3½ years of World War I without any visible indication, so far as the progressed horoscope went! Actually Moon was conjunction Pluto when I enlisted, which was appropriate enough—but of course Pluto was unknown then. In any case it would be a very transient direction. Ascendant opposition Moon square Mercury might show many changes of location, which was correct so far as it went.

The regressed Mars conjunction Mercury, square Moon, was much more to the point; but I am afraid most practitioners ignore regressions. Perhaps some find them unreliable, in which case they are justified in not using them; but it is to be feared some omit them through sheer laziness.

The First Buddhist Vihara in Britain

News & Notes tells us that this was opened at 9 a.m., May 17, 1954, this being Wesak Day, at 10, Ovington Gardens, S.W.1.

The figure shows Uranus just above the eastern horizon, in close trine to the Moon and in sextile to the Sun. Most readers are probably aware that Wesak Day always falls on the May Full Moon.

Mars is sextile Saturn, in mutual reception.

Venus and Jupiter are conjoined in Gemini in the 12th, sextile Pluto and trine Neptune—surely a most beautiful configuration in respect of the purposes of the Vihara.

The most surprising feature, perhaps, is that Mercury, though in its own sign, has hardly any contacts. Yet Buddhism has by some been placed under this planet.

However, the great star Pollux is close to the eastern horizon and (being in the constellation Gemini) introduces a strong Mercurial element into the chart.

May the Vihara flourish in its work of spreading the Doctrine of the Enlightened One!

Letters to Editor

May I ask those who sent me letters with a view to these being published to be so good as to send them in the lay-out that has been adopted now for many years, to save space?

Simply: *From* (name) and place of residence, and then the body of the letter. No need for "Dear Sir" or "Yours truly," and so forth.

But since a reply might be called for, the address should be written in a corner of the sheet.

NEWS FROM THE FACULTY

By M.E.H., J.B., and P.C.R.

Retirement of the Principal

The Faculty has now been in existence for six years during which time Charles E. O. Carter has held office as Principal for two terms of three years each. It was with great regret that the Council learnt that he felt that the time had now come for him to retire.

It is pleasant to be able to announce that he will still give

the Faculty the benefit of his experience and advice. Not only has he consented to be Principal Emeritus but he will be a Member of the Council of the Faculty. He will also take part in teaching Senior students and in leading discussions at the Thursday Club.

Appreciation and gratitude from all who are, or have been, students or officers of the Faculty now go to Mr. Carter for all that he has meant to this organisation which owes its start to the fact that he gave both personal and financial backing to the idea of its inception, first put forward by Lorenz von Sommaruga in 1948.

Since that time Mr. Carter's wisdom has been behind all activities of the Faculty, while the growth of the work for External students has been greatly helped by the publicity given to it in *Astrology*, of which the world-wide circulation is due to his long-continued work as Editor.

Appointment of New Principal

At a recent meeting, Mrs. Margaret E. Hone was unanimously elected to the office of Principal. It is almost unnecessary to remark on her enthusiastic work in recent years. Her inspiring care is well known to be the mainspring of the Faculty.

The Faculty also owes much to her for organising its teaching in a systematic way in accordance with modern ideas. These have been incorporated in her two books which are used by Faculty students. Many of her readers have become External students through learning of the Faculty from these books in countries far afield.

Research Section of The Thursday Club

Experiment and Check Experiment in regard to the Principles of the Planets

To some astrologers, it may seem almost a waste of time to try to bring evidence to show that the principle of each planet is as they have always known it to be. Yet, if astrology is ever to be accepted as factual by the world at large, accustomed in these days to reject arbitrary statements and to require evidence before considering any assertion as true, then such evidence must be produced.

In "News from the Faculty," *Astrology*, Vol. 27, No. 4, a short account has already been given of an experiment in which a questionnaire was sent out to ascertain whether the most basic of all astrological concepts could be shown to be true; could it be shown that there is "a correlation between

something inherent in each planet and a certain receptivity and reaction in human beings which can be observed in the form of events and feelings of the nature expected in this connection according to traditional beliefs"?

The method used was, by regarding the contact with the degree of any planet by the progressed Sun as *a vitalising contact*, to find out whether the principle adjudged to that planet did, in fact, show itself at such times as this occurred.

It was then realised that such findings as resulted are insufficient in astrology as well as in other fields, unless a check experiment is also performed, so that the results already obtained can be evaluated in comparison with those which would be acquired by a random distribution of the questionnaire.

This was undertaken by Margaret E. Hone and Margaret Davies, the final results being assessed by Peter Roberts, B.Sc. (Research Assistant of the Club). He reports as follows:—

"There are many inherent difficulties in an experiment of this type: in the design, the execution, and the assessment of the results. Not the least of the troubles involved the wording of questions (asking if any event or change of mood occurred in a certain year) in such a fashion that all or most of the things associated with the particular planet were covered, yet undue vagueness was avoided. Thus a random dissemination of the questionnaires would not elicit an affirmative answer in all cases.

The actual years at which Sun progresses to planets are not distributed regularly. Sun to Mercury cannot occur at an age exceeding 28 years; Sun to Venus, 48 years. The only satisfactory way of performing the check experiment was deemed to be by listing of the actual ages used in the real experiment; and by sending out the same questionnaires with these same ages applying, to people for whom we had no reason to think that the Sun did progress to the particular planet at the age for which the questions were asked.

Answers to the questions were often difficult to assess as a definite "Yes" or "No." To avoid any bias in the assessment, affecting the results of one experiment compared with the other, the answers from both experiments were mixed up and the assessment made in such a fashion that the assessor did not know to which experiment any particular answer related.

Many hundreds of questionnaires were sent out; for various reasons only a minority were actually completed and returned. In the first experiment 228 answers were received, of which 145 (64 %) were affirmative, that is, an event or change of

mood corresponding with the nature of the planet to which the Sun had progressed, actually occurred and was recollected. In the check experiment (for which the ages entered on the questionnaires were at random) 110 answers were received, of which 42 (38 %) were affirmative.

Of course, for these 42 people who answered "Yes," other factors may have been operating, such as transits or other progressions; but it must be noted that this argument applies equally well to the first experiment. What is in fact being tested is the chance of a love affair when ☉ comes to ♀ compared with the chance in any year taken at random—and likewise for corresponding events in the case of other planets.

If in the first experiment the questionnaires had been sent out indiscriminately, we should have expected roughly 87 affirmative answers (38 % of 228). In fact, there were 145. The probability that this happened by chance is many millions to one. The standard deviation for a population of 228 and a probability of ·38 is 7·3. The actual deviation was 145 — 87 = 58 or eight times the standard deviation. *For all practical purposes we can dismiss the hypothesis that the results are a coincidence.*

PLANET	REAL EXPERIMENT		CHECK		
	Total Answers (Yes and No)	% Affirmative	Total Answers (Yes and No)	% Affirmative	
MOON	9	100	12	67	
MERCURY	48	65	18	33	*
VENUS	48	50	22	27	*
MARS	29	76	12	33	*
JUPITER	19	58	6	50	
SATURN	20	50	11	27	*
URANUS	20	70	11	45	*
NEPTUNE	16	69	6	0	†
PLUTO	19	68	12	58	
TOTAL	228		110		

* Indicates thesis established for individual planet.

† Percentages differ widely (69 % and 0 %) but total of check answers (6) too low for definite conclusion.

The thesis: that Sun progressed to a given planet correlates with occurrences of the nature of the planet, is only established if the different proportions of affirmative answers carry through in the case of each planet. The table below indicates that the percentage of affirmative answers was always higher in the

real experiment than in the check. For some planets, Mercury, Venus and Mars, the difference in proportions and actual totals involved establishes the thesis for each of them individually. In other cases, such as Jupiter and Pluto, the difference is not great enough, nor are the totals large enough, to warrant any decisive statement. Further experiment in these cases might confirm the indication. Alternatively, the occurrences normally correlating with Sun progressing to Jupiter or Pluto may not be what we think they are.

In conclusion, the experiments have not only provided extremely satisfactory results (statistical experiments in astrology very rarely yield such a decisive answer), but have also proved a most valuable experience for the researchers. The questionnaire technique is fraught with snags—the correspondence alone is a major operation. On the basis of the experience gained in these experiments the research group is in a position to carry its investigations very much further."

The Guinea-Pig Group

In order to make such further investigations, the Research Group hopes to form an allied group of people whose birth-times are (*a*) precisely known, and (*b*) known within a quarter of an hour of exactitude, and who would be willing to co-operate by answering questions about their lives at certain times. It would be appreciated if all so inclined would send data (preferably accompanied by a chart) of as many cases as possible, with information on which the statement about the birth-time is made, to:—Miss M. Davies, 8, Sumner Place, London, S.W.7.

AT THE LODGE

By R. C. D.

In spite of the condensed manner in which these reports are recorded, it is not possible for the Quarterly to keep pace with them and it must sometimes happen that we are unable to print some of them. This must be our apology to any lecturers who find their work omitted. It is in no way a question of the relative importance of lectures.—THE EDITOR.

The Spring Session of the Lodge opened on January 18th with a lecture by Mrs. M. E. Hone on "The Man, his Wife and the Other," in which she gave a typical example of the kind of problem which the professional astrologer is often called upon to deal with. The man was born with ♑ rising. ☽ was ☌ ♅ in

the same sign in the 12th house, opposed by the ☉, ☽ and ♆ in ♋. He had complained of the presence of "distracting forces" about him. A growing lack of sympathy between himself and his wife had been compensated by a growing understanding between himself and the "other woman."

The extreme sensitivity shown in the husband's horoscope was not matched by a corresponding quality in the wife's nativity, for she, with several bodies in ♐ squared by ♂ in ♓, was far too forthright and critical for the comfort of his finely-adjusted feelings. His visionary idealism found in her no answering spark. Both husband and wife were self-centred and wrapped up in themselves. Six planets in the wife's horoscope were contained in an arc of 24°, while seven planets in the husband's chart were confined within a span of 40°. He was scorched by his wife's fiery temperament; her ardour was almost extinguished by the stodgy earth-water emphasis in her husband's nativity. The "other woman" reinforced the husband in his own qualities, for her horoscope closely resembled his, even to the extent of the ☉ being in ♋ ☌ ♆ and ☌ ♅.

Mrs. Hone stressed the importance, in cases of comparison, of not allowing an orb of more than 3° between planets in different horoscopes.

In a general way the main trends of the lecture were continued at 8.20, when Mr. M. B. Machin led a discussion on "Marriage Problems." He pointed out that those born in the early 1900's, when ♅ opposed ♆, often experienced difficulties of adjustment, especially when ♄ in ♈ and ♃ in ♎ completed the Grand Cross.

Contrasts between the maps of husband and wife were just as important as similarities if a dull, humdrum existence were to be avoided. He cited a case of a happy marriage in which both partners had ♀ squared by ♅ but so placed that ♀ in each nativity was in trine to ♅ in the other. In the discussion that followed, members brought forward the following points: One with a weak ♂ should never marry a person with ♂ strong; an afflicted 7th house need not signify an unhappy marriage, although some other kind of trouble might be encountered; compatibility might be shown by one map being strongly solar in character while the other was predominantly lunar. The importance of the horoscope cast for the time of marriage was also emphasised and the President cited a case of "marriage" in which the ceremony took place when five planets were angular and afflicted in ♊. The "wife" arrived home after the ceremony to find that she was expected to share her duties with the man's legal wife who was still living with her husband!

On January 25th Mr. P. J. Carruthers spoke on "Planetary Strength in the Chart," giving a very careful survey of various traditional systems which appear to have fallen largely into disuse. By applying both Hindu and Chaldean systems to his own horoscope the lecturer obtained an identical result. In the following discussion Mrs. Jaffa emphasised the importance of the planet which disposed of the greatest number of other planets in the horoscope and Mrs. Hone stressed the power of the most aspected planet.

At 8.20, owing to the unexpected but unavoidable absence of Mrs. Watts, the President put two selected horoscopes from 1001 *N.N.* on the blackboard and invited members to identify them. Miss Buddicom was able to make a number of shrewd suggestions and other members added some well-reasoned comments. After a few hints from the Chair the first nativity was correctly recognised as that of William Lilly. In the short time remaining no one succeeded in naming the owner of the second horoscope. He, with ☉, ♀ and ♄ rising in ♌ in sextile to ♃ in ♎ was known as Lorenzo the Magnificent (Lorenzo de' Medici).

Each of us is faced with the problem of making our own particular terms with the Universe in which we live. Man shares with the Universe certain basic drives and instincts. In coming to terms with the Universe man was forced to be at war with himself. These ideas were put forward by Dr. William Unger in his lecture on "The Duality of Man in the Horoscope" on February 1st. Our task was to establish a bridge between heaven and earth and in so doing to find our true selves. The ascendant was the "horizon of mind" which marked the starting point from which each one of us divided the Universe into our own personal life story. It was our "point of view" upon which hinged our own conception of the Universe, as shown by the houses of the horoscope. The twelve signs represented fields of consciousness; the planets, basic drives and instincts. In order to illustrate his ideas, Dr. Unger took as an example the horoscope of the famous psychologist, Dr. C. G. Jung, born ~~August~~ July 26, 1875, at 7.24 p.m. near Zurich. ♄ ruling the ascendant and placed in the 1st house showed that the native looked within himself (1st house) for security (♄). It also signified that he looked up to the Father image and that he had doubts and fears about himself. The ☉ in ♌ in the 7th house showed that the qualities denoted by the luminary and sign were projected into the outer world. He wanted to conquer the world, to dominate his partners. Those around him would recognise him as a leader.

The speaker concluded by reminding his audience that their goal was to identify themselves as nearly as possible with the cosmic influences.

The Solar Eclipse of January 5th and the Lunar Eclipse of January 19th were the main talking points of the "Topical Discussion" introduced by Miss J. Buddicom at 8.20. Members appeared to prefer to discuss the effects of eclipses in general rather than to speculate upon the particular import of these two charts. Some maintained that an eclipse only had effect when it fell in conjunction with or in opposition to important points in a horoscope. Others were firmly of the opinion that squares and trines from eclipse points were also powerful. There was a tradition that those born while the ☽ was waxing were more susceptible to the effect of Solar Eclipses, while those born under a waning ☽ responded more to Lunar Eclipses. The effects of eclipses were seldom marked unless the luminaries fell within a degree or two of a planet or angle that was involved in a strong progressed aspect.

On February 8th Baroness Tausig read a translation from the German of a short paper by Dr. Adler on "Uranus and Neptune." ♅ had a special connection with the span of human life, in that its revolution was accomplished in 84 years. A change took place every 7 years in the human body. ♅ changed sign every 7 years. A person living to the age of 84 had the opportunity to experience the full cycle of Uranian activity. Ideally, life could be divided into three 28-year periods. The period of youth, up to the age of 28, coincided with the establishment of the personality in all its phases. The period of middle age, up to 56, coincided with the individual's development as a social being. Old age, up to 84, was the period during which he sought to perfect his relationship to the spiritual world. Each 28-year period could be subdivided into four 7-year periods, each under the rulership of a different element. For the first 7 years we were concerned with establishing the body (earth). From 7–14, education and initiation into the world of thought were our main pre-occupations (air). From 14–21 took place the awakening of our sex life (water) and from 21–28 we began to be aware of our moral responsibilities (fire). The next 28-year period repeated the earth-air-water-fire cycle at a higher level so that from 28–35 we developed our practical capabilities to the full, from 35–42 we deepened our spiritual background; from 42–49 we developed a finer understanding of real love and companionship, while from 49–56 our moral and religious consciousness was more thoroughly aroused. During the last third of life, if we lived up to the

cosmic plan we opened our heart to the higher planes between the ages of 56–63; from 63–70 the emphasis was on the distillation of wisdom from intuitive feeling; from 70–77 our task was to recognise God in every human being; and from 77–84 our cosmic consciousness should become truly awakened.

The horoscopes of twins are both the delight and the despair of the astrologer. From a technical point of view it is not always easy to account for temperamental and environmental differences although a close study of such pairs of horoscopes must always bring some reward. Thus it was that Brigadier R. C. Firebrace aroused considerable interest when, for the 8.20 discussion, he presented the horoscopes of twins born on September 6, 1942, at Londonderry, at 9.58 p.m. and 10.14 p.m. (British Summer Time) respectively, Henry, the elder, had the last degrees of ♉ rising, with the ☽ in 29° ♎. Penelope had the first degree of ♊ rising with the ☽ in 0° ♌. Photographs of the two children were displayed by means of the epidiascope. The parents of the twins were also in attendance to settle any doubts and difficulties arising in the subsequent discussion!

Henry, the Taurean, was the slower, intellectually speaking. Penelope, the Geminian, enjoyed more facility of expression. Henry wanted to be a farmer; Penelope, a barrister. Penelope was not so good at games as Henry, whose ascendant was △♂. The effect of the ☽'s change of sign in Penelope's horoscope was to make her the more independent. It was evident from the comparison of the two horoscopes that there was a marked difference when the ascendant and ☽ changed sign, even if they had only just entered the sign.

The horoscope cast for noon on the day when William the Conqueror was crowned King of England, December 25, 1066, has always been regarded as the horoscope of England. Although there is apparently no authority for the noon time, the culmination of the ☉ is a general symbol of authority specifically related to matters connected with government and on that account a chart of this nature possesses a certain validity. Before William could be crowned he had to remove the Saxon King Harold from his path. This he did at the Battle of Senlac, which took place on October 14, 1066, at the place now known as Battle. According to the chroniclers the battle ended at sundown with complete victory for the Normans. From then on William, Duke of Normandy, controlled the destiny of England. It was this point in time, therefore, that was the true basis for the horoscope of England. This was the contention of Mr. R. Marshall Harmer who, on February 15th, spoke on

"1066 and All That"—a humorous title which belied the serious and workmanlike style of the lecture.

He attempted to show, by quoting from various writers, that the horoscope for the end of hostilities truly reflected the national characteristics of the English. The positions were as follows:—M.C. 11 ♑; asc. 27 ♈; ☉ 27 ♎; ☽ 1 ♌; ☿ 2 ♍; ♀ 29 ♎; ♂ 13 ♐; ♃ 2 ♏; ♄ 12 ♏; ♅ 24 ♐; ♆ 24 ♉; PL 6 ♓. He showed how, at several important points in England's history, the main positions in this horoscope were touched up. When Magna Charta was signed the ascendant was 27 ♎, the ☽ was in 0 ♒ and ♃ in 12 ♓. The 1939 Solar Eclipse in 28 ♈, which preceded the outbreak of World War II, fell in square to PL in 29 ♋, the luminaries being on the eighth cusp of the eclipse figure.

Mr. Carter expressed doubt as to whether the Battle horoscope could be accepted as the horoscope of England. Mrs. Rodgers preferred to regard it as the "death" map of the Saxons. Mr. Davison observed that the lecturer had argued a good case for the Battle horoscope and suggested that further research might clarify the situation. As ♂ was in very close square to ♄ a comparison of angular directions involving these two planets with times of crisis in English history might provide convincing evidence as to whether or not the horoscope reflected our national destiny.

At 8.20, Dr. A. G. Roosedale introduced a discussion on "Pluto and Beyond." This was not a speculative survey of the possibility of discovering new planets but a scientific assessment of the new developments which had followed upon the discovery of PL and their impact on the human race. Atomic energy, jet aircraft and the Electric Brain opened up new horizons to mankind, shattering outworn concepts and compelling men to adjust their ideas, leading them to the stage when they must dare to launch out into the unknown. Before this could happen they must realise that the only possible alternative to Co-operation was Disintegration. Speakers in the subsequent discussion suggested that both artificial insemination and "Scientology," an American-sponsored and dynamic form of psycho-analysis, owed their origin to the stimulus of PL.

At the "Lodge Forum" on February 22nd, Mrs. M. E. Hone introduced the topic—"The Future of Astrology." She warned the audience that astrology was at a dangerous cross-road. Attendances at the Lodge were well below pre-war levels; astrology was being presented to the public in most unworthy forms through the medium of the press; Albert Schweitzer had

declared that the African native could hardly be expected to loose hold of his superstitions as long as his western brothers, to whom he was supposed to look for guidance, showed themselves to be in the grip of astrological superstitions. While Sun-sign astrology had world-wide publicity, there was only a handful, relatively speaking, of earnest students of the science.

Mr. Addey thought that philosophers and scientists would gradually find themselves forced to fit their concepts more and more to astrological ideas. Mr. Freedman and Mrs. Jaffa pointed out that the very sublimity of astrology must ensure its future, whether or not the masses ever grew to appreciate its full significance. Dr. Nicholson suggested that humanity might have a basic need for some form of superstition. Astrological articles in the daily press were a starting point which might lead off in many directions.

Mr. Pieris thought that the future lay particularly with the young people, who should be encouraged to take up the study of astrology at an early age. Mr. Carter and other speakers stressed the need of some kind of link between the elementary Sun-sign astrology and the astrology of the text-book. Mr. Bartlett inclined to the opinion that astrology might eventually flourish under scientific approval as some sort of "Tide Law" theory along medical or scientific lines with an appropriate new terminology to suggest its "respectable" connections.

At 8.20, Mrs. H. B. Jaffa introduced the second topic for discussion—"What makes a good astrologer?" Horoscopically speaking, she suggested a ♌ ♒ stress, ♂ in ♓, a strong ♅, a good ☿ and ♃ and an accent on cadent houses, which had to do with the mental capabilities. Integrity (which included absolute discretion), humility and a wide experience of life were three qualities which every good astrologer should possess. Other members stressed the importance of a good ♆ (disciplined and harnessed by the common sense of ♄) and aspects between ☿ and ♅. A good astrologer should be a mixture of doctor, priest and mathematician, leading a full and balanced life and specialising in one or more subjects so that he could advise others on the basis of his own knowledge, wisdom and experience.

According to occult tradition the human race set out upon their journey through matter from a much less tangible world than the physical world we live in today. Their task was gradually to perfect bodies enabling them to function efficiently on all planes, from the most ethereal to the most dense. The nadir of materiality was reached in the period immediately prior to the present day. Here was the reason, said Mr. M. B.

Machin, in his lecture on "Reconciling Opposing Points of View," given on March 1st, why there were so many divergent viewpoints among modern astrologers. Whereas one school of thought exalted the concrete mind, regarding cast-iron facts as the only proofs, another school of thought, not so bound by material forms, preferred to work in the intuitive realms of the abstract mind. Miss Buddicom pointed out that the present task of humanity was to build a bridge between heart and mind. When this was accomplished present divergences of opinion would vanish. Mr. Carruthers reminded members that nineteenth-century scientists were extremely materialistic. Their twentieth-century successors were gradually being forced, by the very nature of their discoveries, into the acceptance of more metaphysical concepts.

At 8.20 the President discussed various news items of recent interest in the second "Topical Evening" of the session. He connected the Mau Mau trouble in Kenya particularly with the influence of PL., since the July, 1953, Solar Eclipse fell right across the nodes of PL. ♅ in ♋ was still hovering over the same degree. All the primitive forces of evil rooted in the past of the Dark Continent were being brought to a head in Kenya and discharged, to the particular discomfort of the British. That this should be so was shown by the ascendant of Queen Elizabeth's horoscope in close opposition to the afflicted ♋ 19°. The electronic brain was another development which could be related to the influence of PL. This invention depended largely for its effectiveness on the cathode ray tube. All tubular structures were related to PL. The machine had been developed to such a high pitch that it was possible to feed in a passage in Russian and have it come out at the other end translated into correct English. Mr. Davison visualised the time when it might be possible to insert a horoscope and, after a few minutes, receive a complete delineation!

He then dealt with two personalities in the news. Ronald Chesney and novelist Ernest Hemingway, whose stormy and colourful career had recently been under review when his plane was reported to have crashed in Uganda. Ronald Chesney, born on August 17, 1908, at Levin, North Island, N.Z., was described as "a gay, swashbuckling buccaneer," typical of the close conjunction between ☉☌♃ in ♌. Mr. Davison suggested a Midheaven of 21° ♉ and an ascendant of 28° ♋. Ernest Hemingway was born on July 21st, 1898, in the State of Illinois. In this case a Midheaven of 24° ♐ and an ascendant of 18° ♓ were suggested.

Astrologers who submerge intuition beneath a maze of

mathematics in a vain endeavour to achieve absolute precision might as well try to determine the precise points of the beginning and end of the rainbow as it stretches in all its multi-coloured beauty across the sky. This was one of the themes of "Rainbow's End," a lecture by Mr. G. H. Bailey, who paid one of his too rare visits to the Lodge on March 8th. He queried whether the term "epoch" could properly be applied to a horoscopic chart and suggested that the appellation "Pre-Natal Epoch" should be replaced by "Prenatus." The finding of the correct prenatus for births within the polar regions in cases where the place of the natal ☽ was unable to rise or set in the prenatus might well depend upon the substitution of the oblique colure for the ascendant. In order that the ☽'s interchange with this point might be correctly calculated it was necessary to calculate the ☽'s position in Right Ascension. Mr. Bailey stated that an article on this new approach to prenatal horoscopy was in course of preparation and, as several highly technical considerations are involved needing a somewhat more lengthy exposition than space allows here, we must ask readers to look out for this article in a future number of the Quarterly.

Although it was possible to get too much involved in details, man was supposed to be a replica, in principle, of the macrocosm. Therefore the more we familiarised ourselves with the intricacies of technical data, the more information we should have at our disposal to enable us to formulate our judgments.

At 8.20, with the aid of the epidiascope, Mr. C. E. O. Carter presented the horoscopes of twelve mental defectives and two normal people, inviting those present to identify the two "normal" nativities, taken at random from his collection. Before identification was attempted he gave a brief outline of some of the horoscopical features relating to defective mentality. No degree areas were strongly marked, although the signs ♌ ♒ ♍ ♓ were heavily tenanted. There was a slight accent on ♈ ♎ 1° – 3°, ♉ ♏ 27° and ♊ ♐ 16° – 18°. Placidean 3rd and 9th house cusps were often afflicted, or planets in these houses were attacked by malefics. Frequently ♀ and ♆ were in aspect, probably signifying care in an institution. Those present successfully singled out the two "normal" horoscopes, a performance which not only demonstrated their perspicacity and the efficacy of astrology but also the effectiveness of the points summarised by Mr. Carter.

On March 14th, Mr. A. G. S. Norris paid a very welcome visit to the Lodge, after some years' absence, to lecture on "The Soul Focal Point Elaborated." By numbering the letters of the

alphabet sequentially and by assessing the numerical value of the native's full Christian names and surname it was possible, he said, to determine the planet which represented the "centre of gravity" or Soul Focal Point of the entity coming into physical manifestation. Planets which represented the native's motives and desires could be found by determining the numerical values of the vowels and consonants, respectively, which formed the names given on the birth certificate. (A fuller exposition of the method will be found in an article by Mr. Norris in Vol. 21 (Nos. 1 & 2) of the Quarterly.)

The S.F.P. provided valuable clues as to character when the time of birth was unknown or when several births occurred close together in time. Tests had shown that when a name was spelt differently on the birth certificate from the spelling generally used by the native, the registered spelling gave the best results.

The lecturer gave four examples of the S.F.P. in practice. Queen Elizabeth I had Uranus in ♒ as S.F.P. This planet received a majority of good aspects. Her father, Henry VIII, had the same planet as S.F.P. but in ♑ and inharmoniously aspected. In the case of Charles II the S.F.P. was ♃ in ♐ and for George Bernard Shaw the appropriate planet was ♄ in ♒.

Mr. Norris concluded by expressing the opinion that the gap which existed between science and astrology might first be bridged through a fuller understanding of the importance of number in the universe.

In the discussion which followed it was emphasised that the numerical assessment of names should always be based on the alphabet of the native's country of origin.

At 8.20, Mrs. J. Rodgers introduced a discussion on the horoscope of Dr. Bach, whose system of herbal remedies has been successfully adopted by some of the more unorthodox doctors and laymen. She referred to an earlier lecture on the subject by Mr. Carter, in which he stated that the time of birth was unknown. Dr. Bach was born on September 24, 1886, at Birmingham. Trained as an orthodox doctor, he studied bacteriology and later, homeopathy. He had an intuitive diagnostic ability and possessed the power of healing. At the height of his material success he relinquished a lucrative practice in order to devote all his time to perfecting the system of remedies that now bears his name. Having considered the evidence and studied a photograph of Dr. Bach, not all members favoured the ascendant of 26° ♏ suggested. ♒, ♐, ♐, and ♉ were put forward as possible alternatives. Whatever sign rose, the "bowl" patterning of the planets was a constant

factor, grouped between the opposition of ♆ and ♂ and signifying that he was a man who had something to give to his fellows. ♂ in ♏ accorded with his practising as a surgeon; ♀ in ♍ with his pre-occupation with the flowers that formed the basis of most of his remedies.

The horoscopical positions most in evidence in the nativities of politicians are ascendant in ♏ or ♑, ☉ in ♎, ♑ or ♏ and ☽ in ♈, ♌ or the earthy signs. These results were obtained from a survey of 72 "Horoscopes of Politicians" undertaken by Mrs. A. Parkes, who lectured under this title on March 22nd. Unfortunately, few data are available concerning the birth times of present-day politicians. There was considerable interest in a number of "flat" figures showing the sign position in the horoscopes of a number of the leading members of the present Goverment and Opposition—and the usual controversy over the true ascendant of Sir Winston Churchill, both ♌ and ♏ receiving strong support.

The lecturer confined herself to an assessment of the sign positions of the ☉, ☽ and ascendant in each case. Both she and subsequent speakers drew attention to the difference in emphasis between the ☉, ☽ and ascendant in a given sign. Whereas few politicians were born with ♎ rising, the opposite was the case when the ☉ was in this sign. ♑, as might be expected, was prominent in all three categories. A ♏ ascendant generally denoted that the native possessed a certain "toughness" which enabled him to make his way in most spheres of life.

Mr. Freedman thought that the lack of authentic data about the horoscopes of modern politicians was a reflection upon the initiative and abilities of present-day astrologers who should have been able to erect and test out suitable speculative charts. In this connection Dr. Roosedale drew attention to the possibility of estimating the birth hour by a suitable adjustment of the position of the secondary progressed ☽. The neat charts drawn for the lecturer by Miss Buddicom aroused much favourable comment.

At 8.20, members were given the opportunity of meeting (alas! only horoscopically speaking) a charming young lady in the person of Mitzi Gaynor, born September 4, 1931, at Chicago, Illinois, at 10.35 a.m. C.S.T. "Regulus" performed the introduction in a short talk which he called "From an Astrologer's Casebook," giving details of his delineation of this talented young film star's horoscope, a delineation which was shown to be remarkably accurate in the light of subsequent events. The horoscope shows a typical 11th house emphasis (Mitzi sets great store by her friendships), while ♃ in ♌ occupies the

10th house. The attention of the astrologer will most likely be held by the grand cross between ♂, PL, ♅ and ♄. So far this has worked out in irritating restrictions in the professional life and in disappointing events in the early home life due to the separation of the parents.

The strength of the grand cross, coupled with the ♏ ascendant, are the significators of Mitzi's ability to work a strenuous twelve-hour day without turning a hair, while her talent for impromptu repartee and mimicry are well shown by the ☽ in ♊ and the conjunction of ☿ and ♆. Added to these factors is the warmth and expansiveness of ♃ culminating in ♌, a most happy augury for general success and a further pointer to the secret of her bubbling good humour and effervescent personality.

"The Case of Mr. Nemo" was the title chosen by Mr. C. E. O. Carter for his lecture on March 29th. It had been his original intention to compose a fictitious biography and then to select a date at random from the ephemeris so that an equally fictitious nativity would have been obtained. He would then have investigated how far it was possible to draw a parallel between the indications of the "nativity" and the "events" and "character" outlined in the "biography." Whether or not such an exercise would have taught a salutary lesson to those astrologers who can always produce, from the most unlikely horoscope, an astrological "justification" of any given event or trait of character will not now be known, for some short time before the lecture was due to be delivered Mr. Carter's interest was focussed upon a similar "real life" problem and he decided instead to make this the subject of his lecture.

A certain gentleman called Naundorff, who died on August 10, 1845, had claimed to be, as the surviving son of Louis XVI, Dauphin of France, and therefore pretender to the French throne. He failed to secure recognition of this claim in France and his descendants, up to the present, have also failed to establish his case, in spite of several actions in the French courts. Naundorff's horoscope was not available—unless he was, in fact, the Dauphin. Mr. Carter invited the audience to say, on the astrological evidence presented, whether they were prepared to support Naundorff's claim.

The situation was complicated by the fact that there had been about three dozen pretenders to the title. Naundorff was described as being of an amiable, kind disposition, possessing uncanny energy and notable courage and determination. His mode of thought was critical and independent. He was a well-esteemed conversationalist. He was fond of handicrafts and at

one period supported himself as a watchmaker. He had no gift for diplomacy, a fact which no doubt handicapped him in his efforts to establish his claim. He had been imprisoned on a charge of coining, although proceedings were never taken against him. Louis Phillipe had him shipped to England, from whence he travelled to Holland, where he received assistance from the Dutch King. Not least among his achievements was the invention of a military "wonder weapon."

He was married on November 19, 1818; arrested for coining on September 18, 1824. The charge could not be substantiated but a second charge was preferred on November 28, 1926. There was more than one attempt on his life, one taking place on January 28, 1834. He died on August 10, 1845.

The horoscope of the Dauphin,* showed the eighth degree of ♎ rising, with ☿ conjunct ♃ in ♓, which accorded well with Naundorff's amiable manner and well-developed conversational powers. ♆ rising, squared by ♅ in the 10th house might easily account for his inability to establish his claim. ♂ in the 5th house in trine to ♆ could denote a strong interest in military matters. His wife was born on February 23, 1803 (time unknown). There were several close and favourable interchanges between the two charts which tallied with the fact that Naundorff was known to have been happily married. There were appropriate transits to the Dauphin's nativity at critical periods in Naundorff's life.

This fascinating problem still remained unsolved but the astrological evidence presented by Mr. Carter must have caused many of the audience to feel that there were good grounds for believing in Naundorff's claim.

At 8.20 Mr. J. M. Addey introduced a Topical Evening. The first item of interest was the birth date of Senator McCarthy whose extreme antagonism towards Communism in the United States has made him a national figure. He was born on November 14, 1909, time unknown. ♓ and ♏ were suggested as possible ascendants. ☿ in ♏ was a suitable astrological index of his powers of invective, while a T-cross between ♄, ♅ and ♆ gave more than a hint of the strenuous and highly involved nature of his calling. The showdown with the Army chiefs coincided with ♂ p. ☌ ♄ r.

Attention was then switched to consideration of the probable ascendant of Roberta Cowell's nativity. This young lady, who started life as a male, was born in Croydon on April 8, 1918. Several members, no doubt influenced by the sex duality, plumped for a ♊ ascendant, a choice not substantiated by

* Data given under FRANCE in *Notable Nativities*, No. 399.

information subsequently received, which showed the end of ♐ rising. The horoscope gave indications of marked femininity, for the ☽ was with ♀ in ♓ and in trine to PL. in ♋.

Mr. Addey drew attention to the direction ☉ p. ♂ ♃ ♈. in ♈, now occurring in the suggested horoscope for the beginning of the Aquarian Age, January 19, 1881, 8-56-21 p.m., G.M.T. Although a hydrogen bomb was exploded close to the time when this aspect reached completion it was perhaps not too much to hope that such a configuration contained a promise that any violent upheaval in world affairs at the present time might be averted.

Do astrologers get the best out of Secondary Directions? Mr. R. C. Davison, who spoke on "The New Complete System of Secondary Directing" on April 5th, suggested that in order to determine the exact time when progressed aspects would reach their peak, the days before and after birth should be equated not only to years, but also to months, weeks and days, the latter three measures being subsidiary to the first. The "day for a day" measure after birth was, of course, identical with what were known as Transits but by describing them as "day for a day" directions their close affinity with "day for a year" directions became more apparent. Converse "day for a day" directions were not a new idea. A. H. Barley had written of them in *Modern Astrology* in 1902. Mr. Sanders, a Lodge member, had recommended their use in a 1937 issue of the "Quarterly." In spite of this few astrologers had ever paid much attention to them. As far as the lecturer was aware, the measures of a day for a month and a day for a week had not before been put forward. The four different measures, all based on the True Solar Day, together formed a complete directional system. The "day for a year" directions formed the basis of the system, while the faster measures were used to determine the exact period when the major directions were likely to have their strongest effect.

The lecturer stressed four main points in connection with Secondary Directions. Converse (or regressed) directions, occurring on the days before birth, were just as powerful as progressed directions formed on the days after birth. Aspects formed between converse planets and progressed planets (or angles) were also effective. The Midheaven should be progressed by the exact amount of the Sun's motion on the days before and after birth. The distance between the progressed Sun and the progressed Midheaven therefore remained constant. Lastly, no event of major importance in the life ever came to pass without an appropriate direction involving the angles of the horoscope.

Planets in the monthly series falling on the radical or yearly progressed angles mark an important month. Similar indications could then be sought in the weekly series in order to determine which part of the month was most likely to produce significant events. Finally, reference to the daily series would determine the probable day of the event. It is not always necessary to go through the whole process in detail in order to arrive at a correct result.

A more thorough exposition of the system is set out in a book by the lecturer shortly to be published.

At 8.20 the Lodge Ritual was celebrated with appropriate solemnity.

SCORPION IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE

By Ronald E. Storme

The accompanying horoscope will, perhaps, survive in the annals of astrology as the single example embodying the most astrological elements of disputatiousness. It represents Senator Joseph McCarthy, known throughout the world for phenomena of this character. The junior senator from Wisconsin is the only Senator in recent history to attend the Senate wearing a gun in a shoulder holster. Without speculating on the practicality of being so fortified, it can be judged to imply a higher degree of combativeness than is typical in a legislator.

There is, first of all, the Warrior ascendant, with the ruler in the 7th house ("The native is constantly exciting opposition and strife").* There is the excitement of the angular T-cross, the exacerbated outrage of Scorpio, and the plain mess that Uranus familiarly provokes.

Aries is known also for its tendency to exaggeration. There have been startling statements from Senator McCarthy relating to disclosures of communist spy-rings in the government, which calmer investigators have failed to substantiate.

His sensational prominence began† with the announcement that he had the names of 205 communists in the State Department. He later named Owen Lattimore‡ as "the top Soviet

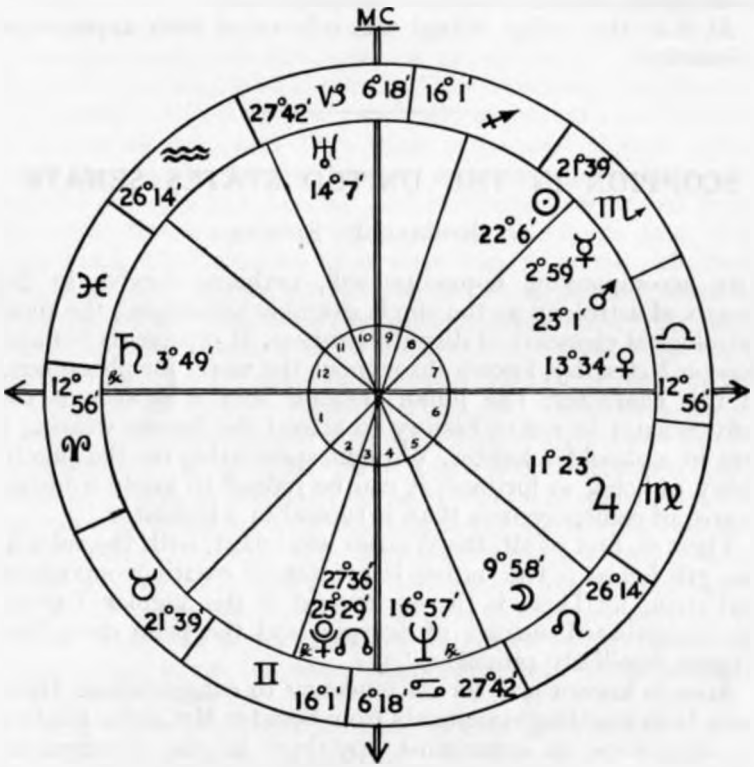
* *Manual of Astrology*, by Sepharial, p. 41.

† On February 9, 1950—Mars S.R. at his 7th cusp and Jupiter transit prog. M.C. Note Sun and Jupiter opposition Pluto.

‡ Owen Lattimore, born July 29, 1900—prog. Sun and Mercury in square to Saturn and Neptune opposition. Note radical conjunction of Pluto-Mars.

espionage agent," though no evidence was ever produced to support the charge. Mr. Lattimore's case is currently being resolved; his career, justifiably or not, has been destroyed.

McCarthy is often motivated by Scorpionic revenge. He never answers criticism, just savagely attacks the critics. Radio commentator Drew Pearson* lost his sponsor after accusations from McCarthy (that he was a communist spy), and there was, in April 1954, a similar campaign against television commentator Ed Murrow.† Senator Tydings of Mary-



Male, born November 14, 1908, 3.00 p.m., C.S.T., Grand Chute, Wisconsin, 44° 20′ N., 88° 30′ W.

* Drew Pearson, born December 13, 1897—prog. Sun opposition transit Pluto. Note radical Mars-Pluto opposition. Drew Pearson is the only anti-McCarthyist who has, so far, fought the Senator with his fists!

† Edward R. Murrow, born April 25, 1908—Mars and Pluto conjunct. It was presumably the progressed conjunction of Neptune-Mars-Mercury on the national Sun (12° 46′ Cancer) which made this contest absorbing to the whole of America. Public opinion was decidedly in the favour of Mr. Murrow.

land,* who had chastised our subject for "a fraud and a hoax" regarding the initial exaggeration, was defeated in election after being "smeared" by McCarthy. There was, this year, a similar—if lesser—campaign against Maine Senator Margaret Smith, the only woman Senator.† It is notable that current "enemies" do not meet the ignominious defeat that befell their predecessors.

Senator McCarthy has the disregard-of-possessions associated with Aries‡ and until his wedding lived in a room of an apartment of an employee who frequently moved. Neptune in the 4th house relates to the uncertainty of housing: it is told that following one sudden move he could not find the new address, and after waking several households, spent the night in an hotel.

McCarthy married on September 29, 1953, under progressed Venus trine Moon, while Venus and Mars (rulers of his first and 7th houses) conjoined on his Jupiter, with Mercury and Neptune conjoined on his Mars in the house of partners.

There are close and tense aspects between the horoscopes of President Eisenhower and McCarthy. The latter's Uranus is conjunct the President's ruling planet in the 10th house, while McCarthy's ruling planet conjoins the President's Sun in the 7th. Thus, each constitutes a frenzied irritation to the other, and that fury which has, in political tradition, been turned upon political opponents, sometimes stabs, like the scorpion's sting, upon McCarthy's own party.

Neptune, the planet ruling communism, has transited his 7th-house Mars through the past few colourful years. His wife's ankle was broken in an auto collision on February 18, 1954, and she spent some time in a cast, which is appropriate to the position.

* Senator Tydings, born April 6, 1890—prog. Mercury conjunct Pluto-Neptune with Neptune transit opposite radical Sun. Note radical Mars-Pluto opposition. Is it not, however, odd to find Sun and ascendant mutual conjunction between enemies?

† Senator Margaret Smith, born December 14, 1897—the day after Drew Pearson! Transit Pluto has by now passed the opposition of this prog. Sun, and Sun trine Neptune brought her more success than Mr. Pearson had in 1951. I think it is pretty clear that the special aspect that makes December 13–14, 1897, so disturbing to Mr. McCarthy is the close opposition of Mars and Pluto in his progressed ascendant: Mars ruling his ascendant and Pluto ruling his Sun sign. Former President Truman had Pluto transiting his 10th-house Mars during his own McCarthy troubles. McCarthy has these planets in trine, though his enemies may look with promise to the forthcoming quincunx by progression from the house of death.

‡ *Foundations of Astrology*, by C. E. O. Carter, p. 110.

McCarthy was born on a farm, one of seven children. He quit school and left home early to raise chickens and manage a grocery store. His landlady (help from dignified Venus) persuaded him to go back to school and he finished a high school course in one year. At Marquette College, with Uranus transiting through middle Aries, as a slugging, savage attacker, he became the college boxing champion. He studied law, working as a cook and selling gravestones (Scorpio). He was, one year, president of his class.

After four years as a lawyer, with Saturn transiting through the centre of Aries, he became a circuit judge. During World War II he served in the Marines as an intelligence officer with a scout-bombing squadron. In 1944 (Pluto transit Moon) he ran for Senator, but lost. He was re-elected as circuit judge in 1946 and was elected Senator from Wisconsin.

It is conceivable that the Midheaven may be rectified to about 3° 55′ Capricorn (closely square Saturn) to bring the progressed Sun to it at the time of his spectacular arrival as a storm centre in February 1950. The Moon would thus progress through the ascendant in April 1954 during the McCarthy-Army hearings which took the Senator into every American home.

Those who have wondered about McCarthy's presidential ambitions will be interested in the progressions for the 1956 election: a grand trine of Sun, Moon and Jupiter!

The recent progression of Mars across Sun at the cusp of the 8th house did not bring the "obvious" effect (though assassination has been threatened and speculated upon): it brought a titanic battle with the U.S. Army.

The Press has been almost unanimously critical of McCarthy: Mercury is in the house of open enemies and in the vindictive Scorpio, aspected only by a square from the Moon ("It induces criticism in the Press. On the other hand, the native may have many perfervid followers but he may be equally disliked by other sections: it brings one into the arena and storms are apt to gather round the native's head."* The progression of Mercury to trine Jupiter brought a wealth of publications for and against McCarthy.

His popularity suffered a bad set-back in early 1954 as the progressed Moon squared the Sun, but is increasing as Moon progresses through the 1st house. It might be well to note that all American Presidents since 1933 have had the Moon angular. Can McCarthy's miraculous progressions in 1956 substitute for this radical deficiency? It is interesting, and perhaps pertinent

* *Astrological Aspects*, by C. E. O. Carter, p. 55.

to the presidential possibility, that his progressed Sun travels in exact conjunction with the progressed Sun of the Declaration of Independence—the prime American horoscope. This seems so natural an occurrence for a national celebrity that I am surprised to have seen it so seldom.

It has been observed in the Senate that McCarthy's fight against communism has much in common with the efforts that brought Hitler to power in Germany. It is interesting to compare this natus with those of the turbulent Uranians of past decades: Hitler, Mussolini, Stalin and Roosevelt. It appears that Uranians have a poor record as leaders of governments—which would be quite consistent with the astrological tradition that the Sun is detrimented in the Uranian sign.

The data used in making this chart were taken from a copy of the Senator's birth certificate and are in no way questionable. Other sources give 1909 as the birth year, but McCarthy is not the first celebrity to have misrepresented his age.*

DELINEATION OF A NATIVITY (3)

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Astro-Analysis Written to an Artist-Writer†

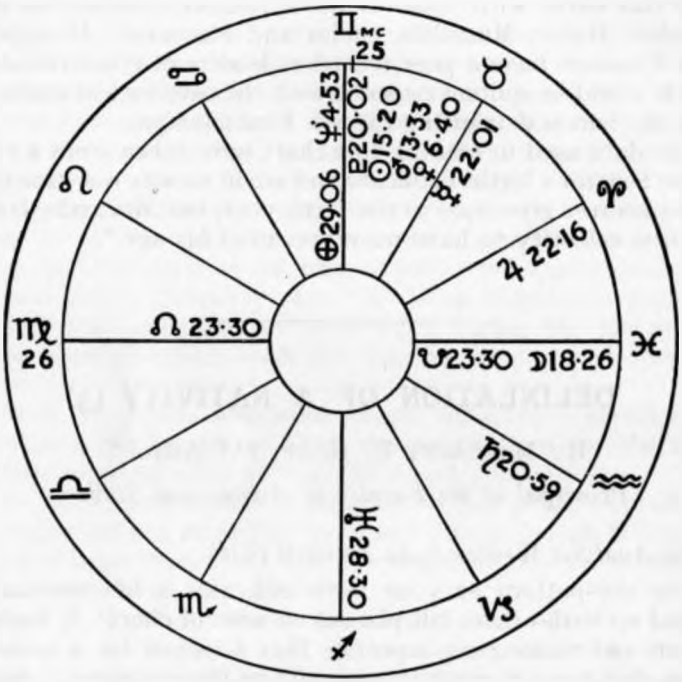
The sky-pattern at your birth indicates a life necessarily bound up with others (all planets on west of chart; ♃ forceful in 7th and making six aspects). This does not for a moment mean that you are weak in yourself; on the contrary, it means that your own attractive and sensible personality (☉ ☌ ♀ and △ ♄) is such that you cannot avoid constant entanglement with others (☿, ruler, exact ☌ ♃ in 7th). In yourself, you are extremely capable (☉ ☌ ♂ △ ♄) and practical (♍ Asc.) and yet it is *through others* and your way of living with them and

* Newspapers of May 28, 1954, and *Newsweek* Magazine of June 7, carried the story that *Who's Who in America* will henceforth use the corrected date, as a consequence of correspondence with myself. The poet Robert Frost, whose birthday has always been given as March 26, 1875, announced this year that he had confused the date with his sister's birth and is now 80. I have not learned what date *Who's Who* will employ in future issues for Mr. Frost.

† Originally written to a non-astrologer without references to astrological significators now inserted for present readers.

the effect you have on them, that your own life comes to its happiest fruition (♃ in ♈ in 7th).

You are unusually versatile (Four planets and M.C. in ♊) so that you are not upset by the many changes which come to you (Mutable—air; ☿ in 4th; ☿ dispositor Geminian planets). You are ready to allow yourself to be blown here and there and yet you keep your own strong individuality (Earth Asc., ruler in earth sign; ☉ ☌ ♂).



The above is the chart of an artist-writer (lady) born in London June 6, 1904, at 0.40 p.m.
The chart is erected by the Equal House system.
The time was supplied by the lady.

Insistent and vibrant (☉ ☌ ♂), nervously prone to continuous energy, both physical and mental (☉ in ♊ in 9th ☌ ♂) you are always on the go and yet as stubbornly brought under self-control because of a stalwart core of solidity within you (☿ strong yet in ♉; ☉ △ ♄) you pursue your ideals through all difficulties (♆ in 10th ☍ ☿ in 4th). The thrusting energy never ceases—it is like mercury itself, now up, now down, reacting with quick sensitivity (☿ △ ☽ in ♓) to conditions in which it is placed.

The pressure behind the constant quest for beauty, expressed in colour, line, prose or verse, is the life force itself (☿, ruler, in 8th) strongly driving toward all human experience, with a delicacy and a reserve (☽ in ♓ in 6th) alternating with robust intention to explore into every avenue which may lead to discovery (☉ ☌ ♂ in 9th). Such insistence may have led you to drastic moments (□'s to ☽ in ♓) when the tender side of you can have been hurt, but your own initiative (☉ ☌ ♂) and also the ready help of others would always have extricated you (♃ in ♈ in 7th exact ∨ ☿, ruler).

The overmastering urge is to communicate what you feel, whether in paint or in words, emotionally and receptively sensing what you seek to describe (☊ strong; ☽ ♓). Early use of this intuitive sympathy must have made you wish to use yourself with devotion for others (☽ ♓ in 6th), then your means of self-expression, used partly to make money (ruler in ♉, □ ♄) must have become also a compensation to you for a nervous stress caused partly by health conditions (♆ ☍ ♅; □'s to ☽ in 6th).

It was certainly part of the pattern of your life that you should travel widely, learning as you went, both through study and through observation. It would have been impossible for you to travel as some people do, casually enjoying life but neither deepening their usual philosophy nor in any way making anything out of their varied experiences. (Planets in 9th well aspected to ♄ in 5th.)

The change of main emphasis from painting to writing was a good one, as you needed the more academic and literary avenue, thus developing the excellent brain which could then use the intuitive ideas which came to you (♂, ruler 3rd, in ☊ in 9th strongly aspected).

Health must have given trouble with tense nerves affecting digestion (♍ asc., ruler □ ♄; ♆ ☍ ♅). Also such complaints as may be summed up as respiratory or pulmonary would be expected (□'s to ☽ in 6th; ♍ and ☊ predispositions). It may interest you to know that even for your hay-fever, there is an astrological significator (☿ □ ♄).*

Home life has been affected by a stress in the early background (☽ □ ☉ PL) and by unusual conditions and constant change (♅ in 4th, ☉ ☊)—though you may often long for a more settled home, yet you gain through your tendency to move about, to try to do two things at once and to have dual interests. In so doing, you not only fulfil your pattern in its personal implication but also as regards your links with others

* *Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology*, C. E. O. Carter, p. 93.

since you attract to yourself those who like this kind of life (♅ in 4th △ ♃ in 7th), the reaction on you being a happy readiness to concur gracefully with the changing plans of a husband or intimate friend. Into the needs of such a tie, you would throw yourself heartily (♃ in ♈ in 7th) getting back doubly everything which you gave, because of your own sympathy (☽ ☌) and enthusiasm (♃ in ♈ in 7th ✶ ☉).

Love affairs cannot always have been happy for they would have been over-serious for you, and stressful (♄ in 5th □ ☿, ruler, in 8th). In marriage, and especially in this present marriage which took place under a happy planetary configuration (♀ p ✶ ♆ in 10th, ruler 7th) though there may be at times a difficulty in smooth co-operation (♃ in 7th ∠ ♀), you gain a great deal. For you, the whole vision of life is enlarged by marriage. It brings you many advantages, both personal and social and gives you the emotional outlet you need (♃ in 7th ✶ ☉ △ ♅). While limiting your creative work, it will call out your quick understanding of what must be sacrificed for another (☽ in ☌ in 6th, strongly aspected).

You could not have chosen a better profession than writing. It uses your brain (☿, ruler, dispositor not only of ☉, Asc., M.C. but also of ♂, ruler 3rd), your power of detailed observation (♍ Asc.), your imagery (☽ ☌) and your determination to come to a result through the combination of creative art and intellectual endeavour (♄ in ♒ in 5th strongly aspected).

After an emphasis on expansion in life through foreign matters and people last year (T ♃ through 9th) your own career and achievement should now come to success (T ♃ ☌ M.C. and through 10th) bringing you, in 1955, not only rewards but publicity and a sense of appreciation by others (☿ p., ruler, △ ♃ r. in 7th).

ROBERTA COWELL: ANOTHER CASE FOR PRE-NATALISTS?

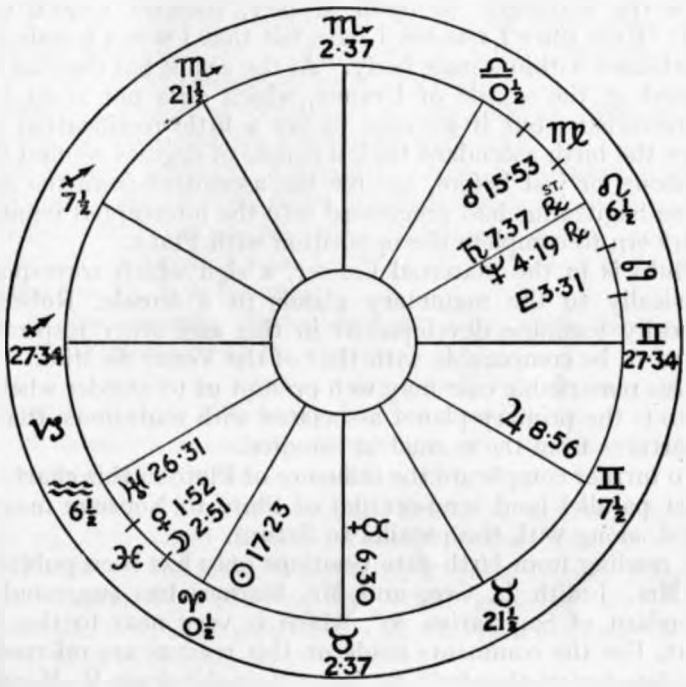
By Walter Scott, M.A.F.A.

The true birth-data of Roberta Cowell is now to hand. The editor of *Picture Post* forwarded my request for the correct time of birth to Miss Cowell, who has very kindly replied with this information: "Time of birth 2 a.m. (8–4–18). Place: Shrublands Nursing Home, Croydon, Surrey."

This is presumably Summer Time, so G.M.T. is 1 a.m. on April 8, 1918, the chart being as follows:

The most angular planet in the chart, apart from Mercury in Taurus below the earth, is Pluto. The unique and extraordinary nature of this case must be related to this peculiar planet. Pluto occupies the 7th house (the opposite sex), rules and is closely trine the M.C. and is also closely trine the important and pre-eminently feminine Venus conjunction Moon in Pisces.

The Scorpio rulership of the M.C. ties up well with the fact that Roberta's father is a distinguished surgeon who served on



Nativity of Miss Roberta Cowell, born at Croydon, Surrey, 1 a.m., G.M.T., April 8, 1918. Data from the Native. Cusps according to Regiomontanus.

General Eisenhower's staff during the war. (Incidentally, the mother, a fine pianist and singer, is denoted by Mercury in Taurus in the 4th.) In the male life as Robert there were ambitions towards a medical career, and Roberta also has some interest in this subject, not least in the attention she has of necessity had to give to her own medical problem.

In this regard, Roberta has shown an open and scientific attitude such as we might expect from a Sagittarian with

Jupiter in Gemini in the 6th. And in taking her place as a woman, despite the difficulties encountered, she has shown a moral courage (Pluto dominant) equal to the physical courage demonstrated as a man in such activities as racing motorist and wartime fighter pilot.

It should be noticed that when, at age 17, there occurred the 3rd house event, the winning of the London to Land's End car race, the Sun in the 3rd house had progressed to the sextile of Pluto, ruler of the 10th (honours).

To the sexologist Kenneth Walker, Roberta Cowell once said: "Ever since I was ten I have felt that I was a female soul imprisoned within a male body." At the age of ten the Sun had arrived at the sextile of Uranus, which does not seem very characteristic, but if we care to try a little rectification and move the birth ascendant back a couple of degrees we find that at about, or just before, age ten the ascendant from the masculine Sagittarius had progressed into the intercepted feminine Capricorn to complete the opposition with Pluto.

Pluto is in the maternal Cancer, a sign which corresponds physically to the mammary glands in a female. Roberta's typically feminine development in this and other respects is stated to be comparable with that of the Venus de Milo.

This remarkable case may well prompt us to wonder whether Pluto is the primary planet associated with mutations, that is, departures from the normal in heredity.

To further complicate the influence of Pluto in this chart, the exact parallel (and semi-sextile) of Pluto to Neptune may be noted, along with the parallel to Saturn.

A reading from birth-date positions only has been published by Mrs. Judith L. Gee, and Mr. Harmer has suggested an ascendant of Sagittarius 20°, which is very near to the true chart. For the comments made on this readers are referred to the *Astrological Quarterly Review*, obtainable from R. Marshall Harmer, Esq., 41 Craigen Avenue, Addiscombe, Croydon, at 1s. 3d. per copy. Additional notes on Robert Cowell, given therein, are:—

1936	Entered R.A.F.
War	R.A.F. record, prisoner in Germany.
1941	29th May, marriage to Diana Carpenter.
1948	Changed physical condition began.
1951	17th May, birth certificate changed to read "woman."
1952	29th April, divorce made absolute.

INTERESTING DATA

JOHN GALSWORTHY. London, 2.30 p.m., August 14, 1867. (*Life and Letters of John Galsworthy*. Edited by N. U. Marrat).

SANTAYANA, J. A. N. Madrid, 9 p.m., December 16, 1863. (*Persons and Places*, Autobiography of J. Santayana).

IVAN TURGENEV. Oryol, Russia; 12 noon, October 28, 1818 (O.S.) (*Biography of Turgenev*, by A. Yarmolinsky).

QUEEN CHRISTINA OF SWEDEN. Reval, Midnight, December 8, 1626 (O.S.). (*Life of Christina of Sweden*, by Neumann).

EMPRESS MARIE-LOUISE. Vienna, 11.30 p.m., December 12, 1791. (*Empress Innocence*, by M. Ravage).

CATHERINE THE GREAT. Stettin, 2.30 a.m., May 2, 1729. (O.S.) (*Catherine the Great*, by Katherine Anthony).

BLIGH OF THE "BOUNTY." Plymouth, 1 a.m., September 9, 1754. (*Life of V.-A. Sir Wm. Bligh*, by Geo. Mackaness).

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG-KAI-SHEK. Military Ridge, 100 m. South of Shanghai, 2 p.m., October 31, 1887. (*Life of Chiang-Kai-Shek*, by S. I. Hsiung).

F.-M. ERWIN ROMMEL. Heidenheim, nr. Ulm, noon, November 15, 1891. (*Rommel*, by D. Young).

"OUIDA" (MISS M. L. RAMÉ). Bury St. Edmunds, 2.30 p.m., January 1, 1839. (*Ouida*, by Yvonne ffrench).

FREUD, SIGMUND. Freidburg, Moravia, 6.30 p.m., May 6, 1856.

SWINBURNE, A. C. London, 5 a.m., April 5, 1837.

ALCOTT, LOUISA MAY. Germantown, Penn., 12.30 a.m., November 29, 1832. (Last three from recent biographies.)

F.-M. HERMANN GOERING. Rosenheim, Bavaria, "Small Hours," January 12, 1893. (*Goering*, by Willi Frischauer).

COLERIDGE, S. T. Ottery-St.-Mary, Devon, 11 a.m., October 20, 1772. (*Life of S.T.C.*, by L. Hodson).

DE FOUCALD, CHARLES. Strasbourg, 5 p.m., September 15, 1858 (*Desert Calling*, by Anne Freemantle).

GENERAL HEINZ GUDERIAN. Kulm-on-the-Vistula, "Sunday Morning," June 17, 1888. (*Autobiography*).

CROMWELL, OLIVER. Huntingdon, 3 a.m., April 25, 1599 (O.S.). *Oliver Cromwell*, by John Buchan). This differs from Gadbury's.

ROCHESTER, EARL OF. (Restoration Rake and Favourite of Charles II.) Ditchley, 11 a.m., April 1, 1647. (O.S.) (A recent Biography gives the above on Gadbury's authority.)

TOUSSAINT L'OUVERTURE. (Liberator of Haiti), Haiti, May 20, 1743. (*Black Liberator*, by Alexis). "At Night."

QUEEN ANNE. Palace of St. James, 11.39 p.m., February 6, 1665 (O.S.). (According to a Memo. in the handwriting of James II.)

LADY JANE GREY. Bradgate Manor, Leics., 3.14 a.m., October 5, 1537 (O.S.).

I have no times for the following three:

LUCREZIA BORGIA. Subiaco, Italy. April 19, 1479 (O.S.).

MONMOUTH, DUKE OF. Rotterdam, April 9, 1649 (O.S.).

HIMMLER, HEINRICH. Munich. (I suggest 1st decan Leo Asc.) October 7, 1900.

Contributed by J. Cleary-Baker and K. H. Palmer.

Mr. Cleary-Baker (3 Devenish Road, Weeke, Winchester) kindly offers to supply data for any student who cannot calculate positions for distant dates.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

From R. MARSHALL HARMER (CROYDON)

A SUGGESTED METHOD OF COMPARISON—SIGNS v. CONSTELLATIONS

In following Mabel Baudot's beautifully written and instructive analysis of Christopher Fry's chart, it occurred to me, sir, that it would be particularly instructive to openminded students if in the series of delineations now being conducted in *Astrology* two horoscopes of the same subject might be shown side by side, one cast for the positions of the Zodiac Constellations, the other according to the Zodiac signs. It might well be possible for a specialist in the method of Zodiac Constellations to append a reading of the chart, while another reading, based upon the signs, be given, independent of the other contributor.

One argument against such a procedure may be that it is a simple matter for the reader to convert the chart from one system to the other, but in practice, do readers bother to do this? Also, in my view, it appears necessary to read the constellation horoscope from a revised standpoint, as the rules for reading the familiar Zodiac sign chart are not necessarily correct or desirable for the other.

Such a scheme of presentation might be of some practical benefit in comparative analyses, giving an opportunity to consider and study each version in an unbiased manner.

[Obviously this is an interesting suggestion and we have in fact considered it. But it would occupy much space and many pairs of maps would have to be printed, from time to time, to be of real use. It seems rather to be a proper subject for a brochure devoted to this and nothing else.—EDITOR.]

From CYRIL FAGAN (DUBLIN)

In your most interesting editorial to the June-August 1954 issue of *A.Q.* it is stated ". . . but Mr. Fagan takes the zodiacal constellations as extending a uniform 30° each along the ecliptic, starting from a point *exactly* opposite the first magnitude star Spica in the constellation Virgo and sign Libra . . ." The commencement of the ancient fixed zodiac of Egypt, Babylonia and Chaldea was determined in such a way as to place the principal fiducial stars at the beginning of their respective "rams" or pentades (5° divisions) thus:—

Pleiades	Taurus	5°
Aldebaran	Taurus	15°
Regulus	Leo	5°
Vindemiatrix	Virgo	15°
Antares	Scorpio	15°

which puts Spica sidereally in Virgo 29° and not in Libra 0° as some modern schools of Indian astrology believe. Hence the initial point of the Egypto-Babylonian (Hypsomatic) zodiac was not exactly opposite to Spica, but one degree to the east of the oppositional point, which makes the zero-year 213 A.D. It is of interest to note that the Hypsomatic zodiac has now been accepted in scientific circles as being the original zodiac of the Babylonians (*vide* Prof. Dr. B. L. van der Waerden: *History of the Zodiac*, Archiv für Orientforschung, Band XVI, Zweiter Teil). The ancient Egypto-Babylonian or Chaldean fixed zodiac must not be confounded with the whimsical Graeco-Roman zodiac of twelve unequal constellations, which originated in Greece during the late period, and which, in a much modified form, now adorns our modern star atlases. The Hypsomata (786 B.C.), the lunar tablets of Naburiannu and Kidinnu, the Babylonian Almanacs, Jupiter tables and ephemerides of the Seleucid period and the Egyptian Stobart tablets all conclusively prove that the Egypto-Babylonian zodiacal constellations were uniformly 30° in extent.

The prominence of the constellation Capricorn in your statistical tabulation of soldiers accords with the fact that Mars was *exalted* therein. The two peace-loving constellations Taurus and Libra, ruled by Venus, and Cancer, wherein Mars is in its "fall" show only a total of 10, a marked deviation of $-10\frac{1}{2}$ from the mean, which is significant. On the other hand the total for the signs is 25, showing an insignificant deviation of only $+2\frac{1}{2}$ from the mean.

There is nothing wrong with interpretations of the *signs* insofar as these are derived from pure empirical observations. Such interpretations generally give reliable and impressive results. The problem is symbolic and not spatial. The trouble starts when the modern astrologer attempts to embellish these delineations with characteristics drawn from the supposed symbol and its ruler. Modern text-book delineations of the signs are a mixture of facts and fancy; empirical observation being responsible for that which is

factual, and the symbol and its ruler for that which is fanciful. Tropicalists and siderealists will, I think, agree that empirical observation supports the opinion that those born during the first week of May, during modern times, tend to be autocratic, imperious, brusque in manner, disapproving and so forth. The tropicalist identifies these traits with the *symbol* Taurus, pointing out that in their exaggerated expression they are the characteristics of the typical bully, overlooking the fact that Taurus is ruled by the inoffensive Venus. The siderealist, on the other hand, more appropriately associates them with the symbol Aries, ruled by the arrogant Mars. "Pari passu" with the widening of the gap between the sidereal and tropical Taurus the word "bully" has changed its meaning. According to Webster's Dictionary it originally meant ". . . a sweetheart or darling of either sex, a good fellow, a fine chap, a companion or mate . . ." attributes that are obviously Venusian. But today a bully means an overbearing ruffian, aptly described by Mars. Again taciturnity, an obvious Saturnian effect, is attributed by the text-books to Scorpio, ruled by the *outspoken* Mars. The siderealist, however, associates this trait with Libra wherein the mute Saturn is enthroned (exalted).

In my opinion the seat of physical afflictions should be determined from the emplacements of the *Significators* (Asc., Moon and Sun) and their opposite points, and not from the *promittors*. If Saturn in Cancer indicates a weak stomach, would it not imply that the millions born between July, 1885 and August, 1887, when Saturn was transitting through this sign, were all more or less afflicted with gastric disturbances? The position of Uranus above the ascendant in the constellation Virgo (bowels) in quadrature to Saturn surely denotes nervous disorders and the like affecting the alimentary tract.*

As regards the Ptolemaic precepts as to marriage, do the Moon's applications denote the native's own temperament or that of his wife? A man who has the Moon applying to a conjunction of Mars is impetuous, loud, boisterous, obtrusive and talkative. Will such a man marry a woman of a similar disposition? Surely this rarely happens? The Tetrabiblos is a conglomeration of genethliacal and horary aphorisms, indiscriminately mixed together, and the rule that the Moon's first application describes the wife belongs to horary and not to genethliacal astrology. In the latter the women that attract us are described by the planets in closest configuration to the radical Venus, especially if such configurations are from the fore- or middle-grounds; but all marriages are not the fruition of the divine passion.

As explained in "Solunars" (*The Astrological Magazine*, January, 1953, edited by Dr. B. V. Raman of Bangalore, India) in genethliacal astrology the planets in the various houses do not necessarily describe the people signified by those houses, *but the nature of the*

* Was there ever a person born with an afflicted Mars in Pisces who was really *happy* about his feet?—EDITOR.

native's relationship with them, which is quite a different matter. I sometimes wonder how an astrologer, who clings to orthodox rules, would proceed to read the individual fates of the 800 sons and uncounted daughters in the horoscope of their father, Moulay Ismail, Sultan of Morocco (1672–1727 A.D.). This Moorish tyrant and builder of magnificent palaces took particular pride in the skill with which he beheaded his wives and slaves, with one stroke of his flashing scimitar.

Ten years' experiences in the calculation of lunar returns convinces me that the Moon's longitude must always be taken geocentrically, that is, without parallax. This is also the opinion of Donald A. Bradley, the author of *The Parallax Problem in Astrology*. From this, it naturally follows that where precision is essential the ascendant should also be computed for the *geocentric* latitude of birth, which for latitudes between 40° and 51° will be 0° 12′ and from 51° to 59° will be 0° 11′ less than the geographical latitude. As regards the burglary, March 19, 1953, permit me to draw your attention to the position of Pluto on the cusp of the 4th house of your lunar return which occurred at 9.33 a.m. G.M.T., March 18, 1953.

From H. BUNGE (HOLLAND)

Having read your military figures on the two zodiacs, will you allow me the following observations:—

I have always held that it is not the Martian signs that are typical of the higher military career, but those of the zodiacal opponent of Mars, that is of Venus. Mars of course stands for aggression (Aries) and for defence (Scorpio) and as such undoubtedly has to do with the instincts required of the common soldier. The military leader has to be a master of planning, co-ordination and tactics, which values, as you will agree with me, fall under Venus. Our worthy and learned predecessors, the Babylonian priests, thought much the same about this: though Venus as evening star was recognised as being the planet of love, Venus as morning star was called the masculine Venus, or goddess of war (see Prof. Jeremias, *Handbuch der Altorientalischen Geisteskultur*, 2nd ed., 1929). This explains the remarkable fact that Ishtar's protection was evoked before the Babylonians and Assyrians went to war.

Perhaps it can be said that nobody will choose the military career without a dash of Mars, but that nobody can become a good or higher officer without a strong influence of Venus. Looking at your figures from this angle, that is of the occupation of the Venusian signs, we find that "constellations" score only 7 points, against "Signs" 20 points, or 5 points more than the average.

The Venusian signs with 20 points are, however, beaten by the Jupiterian signs, which score 24 points, of which not less than 11 points are due to the M.C. One might raise the certainly unorthodox question whether the M.C. has much to do with the profession. By analogy the M.C. can be seen as a symbol of man standing upright and being lifted out of the horizontal plane of the ascendant. As

such the M.C. would in the first place describe his spiritual calling or evolutionary path, in contrast with the corporeal instincts of the ascendant. In many instances, however, the spiritual calling is not covered by the profession, and if the M.C. is left out, the score of the Venusian signs is the highest.

I am therefore—fortunately—not shaken in my conviction that the sign position is the working basis for the astrologer.

From DENNIS ELWELL (STOURBRIDGE)

Your analysis of military horoscopes in terms of the two zodiacs was fascinating, but I think the result was weakened by the fact that the weight for constellation Scorpio was derived mainly from the M.C. and not from Sun or ascendant. Cyril Fagan himself has often cited Sun signs in his attempt to show the sidereal zodiac's superiority, yet in this study the Sun favours constellation Virgo as much as he does Aries or Scorpio, whereas ascendant Capricorn is actually one ahead of Scorpio.

My experience of Sun-sign analyses is that they do not help the case for the constellations. Reading about the signs of Mars reminded me that some months ago I compiled a list of 76 top-flight boxers and grouped them under the twelve signs, a list that included such giants as Jack Johnson, Larry Gains, Primo Carnera and Walter Neusel—it would be difficult to name a champion of this century who did not figure there. Edward Lyndoe published the result of this break-down, remarkable because none had his Sun in Leo, in *Prediction* for September '52. How would the signs of Mars fare if the list were arranged according to the sidereal zodiac? Well, I found that Scorpio claimed 9, but so did Taurus, Aquarius and Pisces. Six fell to Aries—the same number as to Libra. Virgo had 8, Gemini and Sagittarius 5 each, Leo and Capricorn 4 each, Cancer coming last with 2. Not much evidence here for the constellations, for Venus signs hold just as many as those of Mars!

If Mr. Fagan and followers make a mistake, it is this: The divisions of the zodiac do not receive their significance from their "rulers," but from something deeper, more fundamental. Thus, even in the tropical zodiac Sun in Aries and Scorpio is not especially frequent among pugilists, no more are the signs of Venus especially infrequent. But the rarity of Sun-Leo is full of meaning, for men so born usually possess a comfortable sense of their own worth, a confidence which does not feel the need for displays of self-assertion. And it may be, as Mr. Lyndoe pointed out, that Leo—whose roar is often worse than his bite—is ever wary of open conflict.

Recently I classified according to Sun-sign over 300 Catholic clergy, using for the purpose the official directory of the Archdiocese of Birmingham. The Catholic priesthood are very fussy about recording birth dates. I found a preference for Pisces, with Leo second and Aries not far behind. These analyses can be deceptive, even when the examples run into hundreds, so I prepared another list taking alternate entries in the directory. As anyone who has

done this kind of work might guess, the outcome was slightly different, but Pisces was still in front. This sign has a reputation for being the most spiritual of the twelve, and accords perfectly with the renunciations demanded of the priesthood. *By the sidereal zodiac the emphasis is shifted into Aquarius*, which does not seem quite as appropriate.

From (Miss) N. McL. Ward

With reference to the article "Delineation of a Nativity" on p. 31 of the March number of *Astrology*, may I ask whether, if the map were erected by the quadrant systems, Jupiter and Mars may not be in mundane square as well as in zodiacal sextile? It seems possible since Jupiter is only 3½° from the M.C. and Mars 8° from the ascendant. If it is so, then would not this square tend to negative the benefits apparently promised by the sextile?

REVIEWS

Directions in New Era Astrology. By S. Rajagopala Iyer, B.A., B.L. Printed by The Newman Trading Co., 222 Thambu Chetty Street, Madras. Price Rs. 12/14 or 27s. 6d., 327 pp.

In this work the author makes the one degree system the basis of his methods but supplements them with an ingenious development of the symbolic methods expounded by Frankland and Carter, to whose work, with commendable generosity, he accords the fullest acknowledgments.

Many carefully worked examples are given.

The author, whilst maintaining a strictly impartial and reasonable attitude, states his preference for the Chitra or sidereal zodiac, and the method of house division named after Porphyry.

The question of longevity, so important and yet (as the author remarks) strangely neglected by some recent writers, receives special attention; and a chapter on Hindu directing (in particular, the system of Vimsottari Dasa) should repay careful attention. Indeed the efficacy of the system (within its limits) is exemplified by several good "cases."

It would perhaps be unfair to Mr. Iyer to explain his special contribution to symbolic directing; but we can recommend his book with all sincerity. Whether his tabulated directions for the numerous examples that he adduces will convince the reader is a matter each must decide for himself. The author, we may be sure, asks for no more than a fair examination of his theory. U.

How to Judge a Horoscope, Part Two. By B. V. Raman.
Bhavartha Ratnakara, English translation with the original text. Also by B. V. Raman.

We are happy to publish a notice of these works, which are additional to numerous other contributions to Indian astrology

from the pen of the same learned and industrious writer, who has done much, as it would seem to us watching from afar, to revive interest in the ancient Hindu texts and at the same time, through his *Astrological Magazine* (Bangalore), to introduce many Western ideas to Indian readers. The number of our Indian subscribers is on the increase and the interchange of ideas between West and East cannot but be beneficial to all.

A catalogue of books on astrology and kindred subjects may be obtained from Raman Publications, "Sri Rajeswari," Seshadripuram, Bangalore, 3. U.

From the *Centre International d'Astrologie* we have received a copy of *Astrologie Moderne* (*Revue*) chiefly devoted to an account of the recent seventh Congress; a work of 270 pp. entitled *Soleil et Lune* to which some dozen writers have contributed, most of them well known; and "*Document No.* 1," by André Barbault, containing 450 themes of Musicians, a work which ought to keep our statisticians busy for some considerable time to come. These last two will give some idea of the industry with which the Centre is pursuing the study of sane astrology and we greet their appearance with sincere congratulations.

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