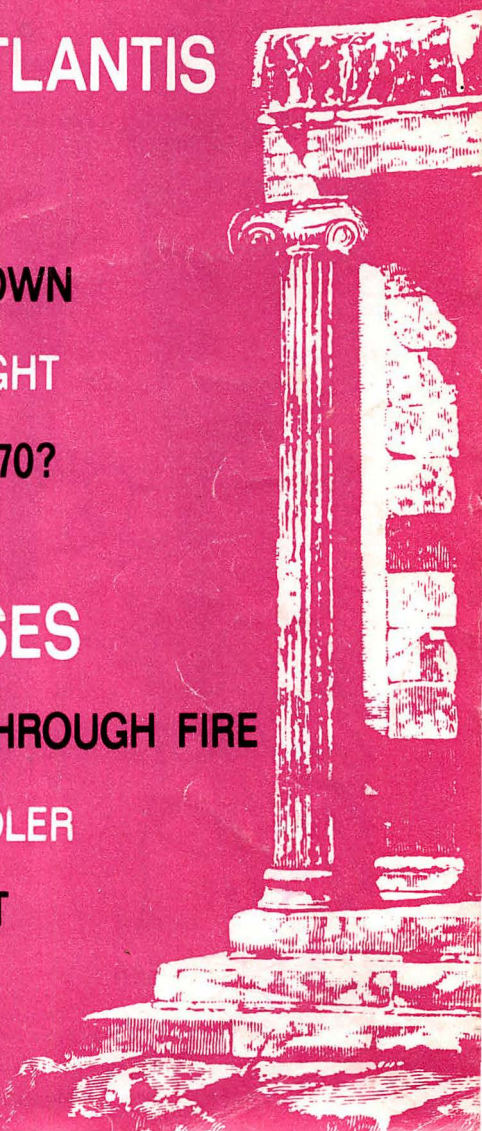
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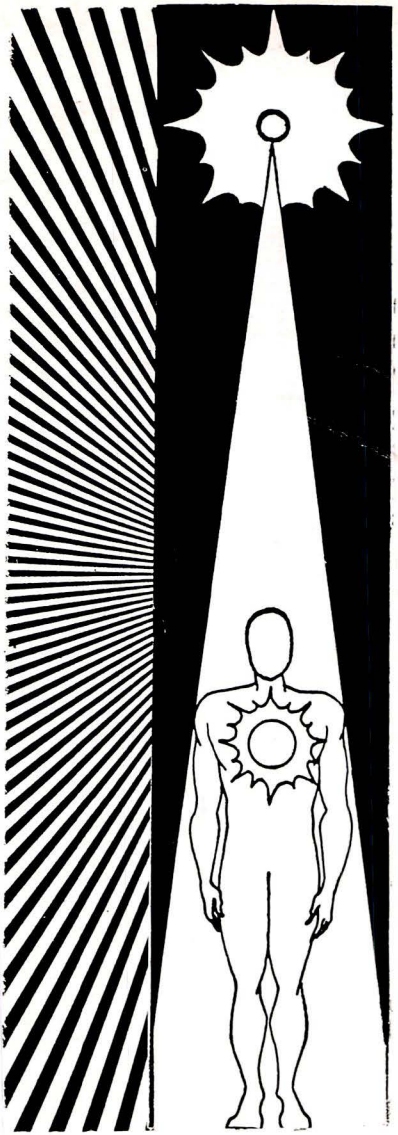
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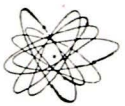
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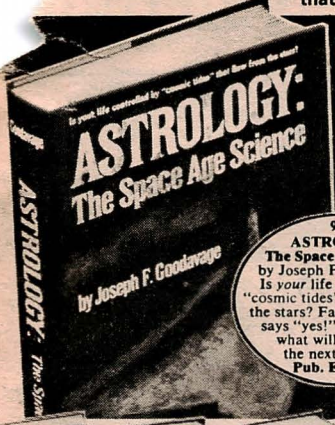
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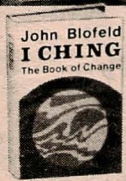
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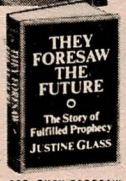
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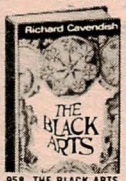
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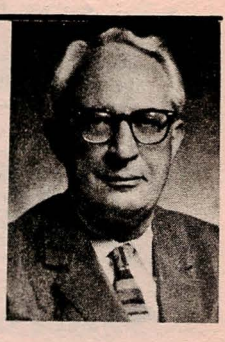
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—Marshall I. Goldman
Science Magazine
October 2, 1970

PROFESSOR Goldman's detailed article in *Science* finds that such a socialist or communist country as the U.S.S.R. is abusing its environment in the same way "and to the same degree that we abuse it."

"This is especially important," he says, "for those who have come to believe as basic doctrine that it is capitalism and private greed that are at the root cause of environmental disruption."

He finds state ownership of factories actually may increase the havoc. In fact, Soviet industry executives who theoretically should be looking out for the public good are breaking their country's laws.

Consider water, says Professor Goldman. "Any depressing story that can be told about an incident in the United States can be matched by a horror story from the U.S.S.R." Uncontrolled dumping of chemicals, river and lake pollutions present a fearful story from the Soviet Republic.

Air resources are misused. Factories pour pollutants into the atmosphere, lead is spewed into the air. The U.S.S.R. is spared much pollution from automotive vehicles because the Russians have so few but only 14 percent of the factories have fully equipped air-cleaning devices on their stacks.

The Black Sea Coast is disappearing because it is being hauled away. One contractor

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Professor Goldman concludes that neither capitalism nor socialism but the pressures of industrialization in both the United States and the U.S.S.R. are the major contributors to pollution. Typically Russian, however, are such problems as officials being promoted solely on the basis of their increasing production. Government officials are judged on how much their region's economic growth increases. Thus the state officials, who might be expected to protect the public, identify with the polluters and not with the conservationists. The polluters want to increase economic growth come rotting hell or stinking high water. And they do not have to face the irate public opinion that a free press can create.



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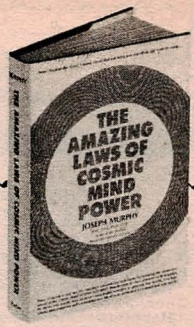
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The word "ecology" is bandied about these days as if everyone understood the meaning of the word. The dictionary defines it as "the totality or pattern of relations between organisms and their environments." It is my personal opinion that we have barely begun to understand the complex and interdependent relationships between all living things on our planet. As a consequence we can go haywire with the best of intentions.

Philip H. Abelson, editor of *Science,* recently complained about excessive emotion concerning detergents which could lead us to neglect more serious problems. The day this is being written, the city of Chicago passed an ordinance banning detergents containing phosphates.

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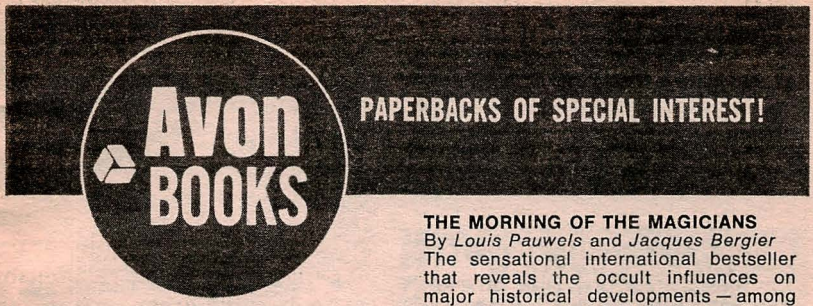
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• Jacques Yves Cousteau, the famed diver, has returned from a three-and-one-half-year exploration to report that the sea is more polluted than the land. All pollution, he says, is carried into the oceans where life has diminished by 40 percent in 20 years. "The oceans are being scraped," says Cousteau. "Eggs and larvae are disappearing. In the past the sea renewed itself. It was a complete cycle. But this balance was upset with the appearance of industrial civilization . . . "

• A recently completed federal water-quality survey warns that several million Americans drink water containing potentially harmful amounts of chemical and bacteriological contamination. Of 18.2 million persons served by the water supply systems studied, five percent drink water rated potentially hazardous and an additional 11 percent drink water of inferior quality. The study found that chemical contaminants constantly are increasing in the drinking water supplies.

• Take heart, however, with this news. The planet's supply of oxygen is not vanishing nor is it endangered as some persons have predicted. "There are hundreds of other ways that we will hazard the future of our descendants before we make a small dent in our oxygen supply," says Wallace S. Broecker, professor of earth science at Columbia University.

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CRY "WOLF"

IN THE OCTOBER 9, 1970 issue of *Science* Magazine S. Fred Singer, chairman of the committee of environmental quality, American Geophysical Union, asks this question: "Will the world come to a horrible end?"

Singer points out that in the past our great fears have been of wars, famine and disease. He finds it surprising that we haven't been concerned about the radiation effects of a supernova or a solar superflare or the collision with the earth of a large asteroid.

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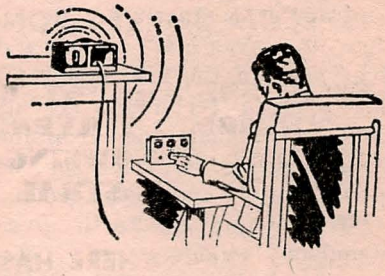
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"Does this mean that we now can forget about ecological disasters?" asks Singer. "On the contrary it is absolutely necessary to investigate each and every one of the side effects of our modern technology to its final conclusion and examine their possible influence on the global climate and on the ocean.

"The history of Earth gives abundant evidence of cataclysmic happenings. The stability of climate, for example, is not known, nor is it known how close we are to the limit where another ice age could be triggered. The possibility that we might inadvertently set off an irreversible reaction must constantly be kept in mind.

"At the same time we should be careful not to cry 'wolf' needlessly or too often . . . As scientists we have the responsibility to speak up, but we also must know when to stop talking."

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MORE ON CONTAMINATION

THE SMOG over Los Angeles, the yellow cloud of soot over Gary, the choking of Lake Erie, the mountainous piles of garbage and wastes that our society does not know what to do with, are only obvious manifestations of a sickness we just are beginning to understand.

In opening the magic box of science and developing the tools of technology to use it we have not counted on the consequences. Either we have been ignorant or we have been greedy; probably we have been both. We also have been damn negligent. Here are a few more evidences of that carelessness which we now must reckon with.

Energy from radio waves: Any radio waves absorbed by humans will have a heating effect. There now is evidence of a connection between chronic exposure to certain radio frequencies and a wide range of physical and mental disorders according to the British *New Scientist*. Health departments in eastern Europe for some time have been concerned with the health effects of nearby radio and television stations. Western European nations and the United States have been late in becoming alarmed. But there is evidence that chronic exposure to radio waves can cause "falling blood pressure, increased blood histamine level, changes in intraocular pressure and disorders of the central nervous system."

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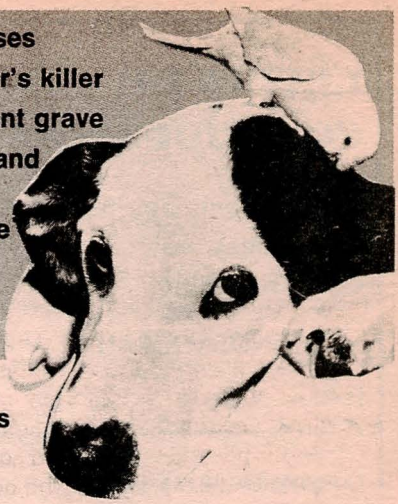
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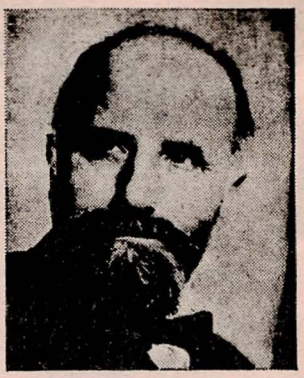
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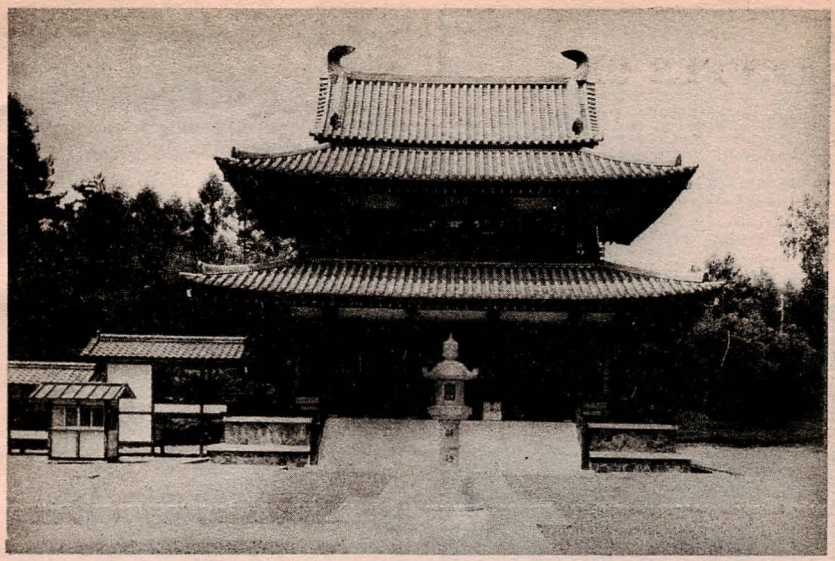
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Mercury: During this century, *Science Magazine* points out, the United States has consumed about 75 million kilograms of mercury. It is now being found in the biological cycle, especially in fish. The concentration factor from water to pike is on the order of 3000 or more. Substantial mercury pollution is now being found in the Great Lakes and even in such streams as the Wisconsin River. It has been noted in Japan and Sweden where it has poisoned people and animals. The problem, says *Science*, is substantial and long-enduring. Even if fresh pollution is stopped immediately it will be years before the lakes can be cleansed. Mercury can be a severe health hazard, can cause congenitally defective babies and is known to cause neurological damage. Yet, says *Science*, "This discovery comes as a surprise to most scientists and apparently to federal authorities."

Lead Aerosols: The lead aerosol concentration at San Diego, according to *Science*, is increasing at the rate of five percent a year. Most of it comes from lead in gasoline. This pol-

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Lester B. Lave and Eugene P. Seskin, writing in the August 21 issue of *Science*, attempt to assess the dollar costs of air pollution in terms of human health. Although this seems like a ghoulish approach, since it takes no account of the physical and mental anguish of air pollution as a health hazard, the figures makes frightening reading.

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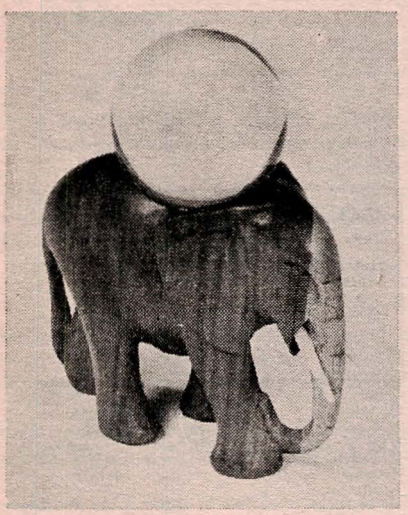
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Chaplain (Capt.) Victor M. Solomon of the 6100 Support Wing, United States Air Force, stationed in Japan, tells the story in *Pacific Stars and Stripes*. There are really two legends about Jesus in Aomori Prefecture, he says.

In the first, Jesus came to Japan at the age of 21 to study his religion and to worship in the ways of Shintoism! He returned to the Holy Land at age 34 but the man crucified in his place was his brother Ishikiri. Then Chaplain Solomon says that although the name "Ishikiri"

sounds Japanese, it really isn't far from "Ish Kiriot" which the Greeks (and we) call Iscariot. "Ish Kiriot" translates to "Man of Kiriot." Kiriot is a town in Judah.

Thereafter, Chaplain Solomon says, according to Japanese legend Jesus returned to Japan (via Alaska!). In the village of Kaikura-no Sato about a half mile from Tagaitay there is a shrine called "Yaso Shrine" (Yaso could be Japanese for Jesus). The inner sanctuary of this shrine contains a name plate dedicated to "Ishikirisho" — which could be interpreted to read: "Jesus Christ, the King" ("Yaso Kirisuto O").

The legend also says Jesus married and died in Japan at the age of 106 years.

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This particular part of Japan has many strange customs, says Chaplain Solomon.

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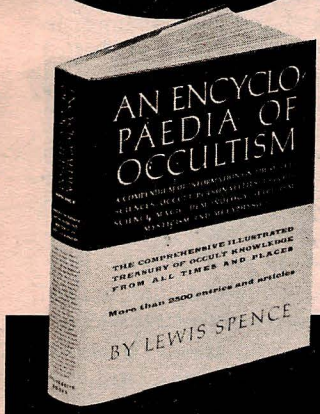
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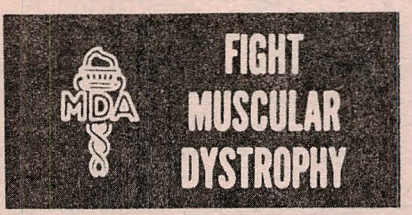
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In the presence, let thee praise the Lord
In the presence cover against
He hath cast out the satyre (or hairy)
In the presence let them praise the Lord.

Japanese sources, says the Chaplain, are baffled by this melody. So, too, are the Ainu — a possible alternate source. But he regards it as a mystery to be taken seriously.

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tified as Gorgippia, at least as old as the Sixth Century B.C. and obviously a trading center of great importance. Apparently the Greeks imported grain from the area and in exchange provided magnificent Grecian vases, jewelry, wine and other products. In one of his speeches Demosthenes mentions that 87,500 tons of grain were imported annually from the Bosporan kingdom, of which Gorgippia was a key city.

Among the features of the city which have been excavated is a broad street with a surface of stone slabs which runs parallel to the waterfront and is lined by blocks of houses. These houses originally had tiled roofs. The lower stories were of stone; the upper stories were of baked bricks and each house had underground chambers with earthen floors. They also were surrounded by stone walls which still are standing to a height of six feet and more.

Statues, coins, spearheads, swords, bowls, lamps and earthenware vessels have all been found. The latest date on a coin is 234 A.D.

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Has the Real Atlantis Been Found?

A civilization described in Homer's literary classic "The Odyssey" may have been the original site of the fabled sunken continent.

By Robert E. Kuttner

THE DISCOVERY of a buried city on the volcanic island of Thera which settled beneath the sea during a cataclysmic eruption around 1400 B.C. is generating considerable excitement among archaeologists who note that the destruction of the island matches the description of Atlantis' demise given by Plato in his dialogues *Timeaeus* and *Kritias*.

Writing a thousand years after this event Plato based his chronicles upon a story Egyptian priests had related to Solon, the Athenian lawgiver, two centuries earlier. The Egyptian priests claimed Atlantis, a continent beyond the Pillars of Hercules (Gibralter), had been fighting a war with Athens at the time a great tidal wave destroyed her. All this had happened, according to the priests, some 8000 years before the time of Solon.

The legend as stated is not credible. For one thing, in 1400 B.C. Athens did not even exist. However, when we recognize that the Egyptians probably employed a lunar calendar which counted each month as a year and we divide 8000 by 12 we get 660 solar years before Solon—or about 1260 B.C., which is close to the time of the eruption of Thera. And possibly the Egyptians con-

fused the contemporary power of Athens with a Greek state of an earlier period.

Thera itself may have served as a base for the Cretan navy. Crete, 60 miles to the south, was the seat of the Minoan Empire which controlled the Greek coast until around 1300 B.C. According to the many legends that have survived, Minoan rule demanded heavy tribute from subject peoples. The Athenians were required to send young men and women to be sacrificed to the Minotaur, a half-human monster in the shape of a bull. Ultimately Theseus, an Athenian prince, slew the creature.

This myth recalls dimly the Greek struggle for independence that succeeded after the Minoans lost their fleet at Thera and much of Crete was covered by volcanic ash and flood waters.

The Atlantis legend grows out of many different stories and the identification with Thera only partially solves the riddle. Atlantis' location beyond the Pillars of Hercules cannot be reconciled with Crete or Thera. Furthermore, because Crete conducted extensive trade relations with both Egypt and the Greek mainland, there could be no reason for inventing the name Atlantis to connote Crete.

Some historians have argued that an earlier version of the Atlantis legend exists. The Homeric epics, compiled from oral tradition around 800 B.C., describe events that occurred about 400 years before — 1200 B.C. In one section of *The Odyssey* Oddysseus lands in Phaeacia, a

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place at least one writer (Jurgen Spanuth, *Atlantis: The Mystery Unveiled,* Citadel Press, 1956) believes may have been the same as Atlantis.

The similarities are striking. The chief deity in both Phaeacia and Atlantis was the sea god Poseidon, also called Earthshaker. The Phaeacians lived in fear of a prophecy that Poseidon would topple mountains down on their city and of course such an earthquake or volcanic eruption is said to have destroyed Atlantis. If this much of the parallel is valid, then where was Phaeacia?

In speaking of Phaeacia (or Atlantis) Homer merely and inappropriately transplants Greek

customs onto strange soil. For example, Homer mentions olive trees as being native to a region not far from the City of Perpetual Mist where the fog-bound Cimmerians live. The Cimmerians may have been the Cymry, a branch of the Keltic race, but today the term is used to identify the Welsh people only, and Wales hardly could provide a suitable climate for olive trees. The names Homer assigns the Phaeacians also are unmistakably Greek and therefore obviously invented to lend a familiar note to the story.

In some respects the Phaeacians resemble a Keltic race, although they may have been earlier settlers who passed on their customs to Keltic invaders. The king claims that his people's greatest talent lay in the playing of the lyre; perhaps significantly the bards of Ireland and Wales were considered the best harpists in the world. Moreover, the king relates that his people fled to Phaeacia to escape the Cyclopes or one-eyed giants. This Phaeacian tale may refer to the endless pressure savage Germanic peoples — whose god was Wotan (Odin), a one-eyed deity — put on the Kelts forcing them westward and finally into the English Isles.

Before the Keltic invasion a dark brunette people inhabited England and Ireland and the early Kelts also may have been dark. Since the word Phaeacia is derived from the Greek root *phaios* (dusky) we may suppose that Odysseus visited either these countries or the channel coast of France before later waves of blond and red-haired Kelts arrived there.

There is evidence that Phaeacia possessed the highly advanced civilization that traditionally has characterized Atlantis. The crew of the ship that returned Odysseus to his home numbered 52 men — perhaps symbolic of the number of weeks in a year — and the trip, made while the hero was in a drugged sleep, took a single day. Poseidon resented the Phaeacians because he thought their nautical mastery challenged his rule of the seas and when their ship returned to harbor he turned it into stone, angry that it had been used to aid Odysseus. Terrified, the king and his people rushed to the temple to offer sacrifices to the sea god hoping to avert the prophesied destruction by earthquake. Homer does not tell us whether or not they were successful.

A sunken civiliation always leaves many traces in myths and legends and certainly such traces abound in Keltic regions. King Arthur receives his magic

sword from a water nymph; Sir Lancelot, his most gallant knight, was raised in an enchanted castle under a lake. The word Avalon, describing the island paradise to which Arthur and other Keltic chiefs are carried after death, may come from the same root word as "avalanche" which means a sudden great or overwhelming rush of something.

The pre-Keltic or early Keltic peoples were not barbarians. Although Gaul (France) was the center of Keltic civilization Julius Caesar wrote that the wisest Druid priests lived in England where novices took 20 years to memorize their sacred records. In contrast with the Egyptian belief that only Pharoahs and nobles could survive death, the Keltic priesthood taught that all men would enter an afterlife.

The fact that the most profound Druids lived on the fringes of the Keltic territory suggests that Druid wisdom was learned from pre-Keltic people further to the west. Physical evidence is rare but England and Ireland are studded with the ruins of many stone temples dating back almost 2000 years B.C. Stonehenge is the most famous, of course, but long before the erection of this massive circle of stone columns more primitive wooden henges were built.

By sighting along the pillars of these megalithic monuments mathematicians and astronomers have been able to calculate lunar and solar phenomena with astonishing accuracy. In fact modern computers have determined that the monuments are actually prehistoric computers! Nothing in Egypt, Babylon or China compares with these ancient instruments in ingenuity.

If it was the Phaeacians who posted the Callanish megaliths near the arctic circle, then their navigational skills have not been overestimated. No one knows what other knowledge died with Phaeacia or Atlantis but students of classical literature constantly are surprised at the bits and pieces of very modern scientific information that appears in these works in the most casual way. Lucan, the Roman poet who committed suicide during Nero's reign, remarked in one passage of his *Pharsalia* that the moon causes tides. Diodorus of Sicily, a historian living before the time of Christ, knew that the surface of the moon has prominences just like the mountains on earth (*Bibliotheca*, ii, 47).

Such discoveries, particularly those concerning the tides and the moon, must have filtered into the Roman world from the west. At some points on the French coast — St. Malo, for instance —

the tide rushes across the sand flats so rapidly that a man walking would drown. Here early scientists could have made observations connecting the tides with the moon. And such a scene alone could be the source of a legend about a sinking land.

The complex many-faceted myth of Atlantis involves more than an exploded volcanic island in the Aegean. Their interest stimulated by the archaeological findings at Thera scholars now may turn to other aspects of the legends. Perhaps they will unearth clues about that older Atlantis that lay beyond the Pillars of Hercules. The melting glaciers of the Ice Age may have submerged many coastal civilizations along the crumbling cliffs of England, Ireland and Scandinavia.



THE CASE OF THE FAKED HOROSCOPES

By Henry Duskis

MANY PERSONS know that author Ian Fleming could dream up a character, name him "James Bond" and put him in a cracking good cloak-and-dagger plot. However, few know that during World War II Fleming dreamed up a plot that put Nazi Deputy Führer Rudolph Hess in an Allied Forces jail for life!

A UPI feature story in the *Los Angeles Times* in late 1969 relates the story as it was revealed by Richard Deacon in his *History of the British Secret Service.*

On May 10, 1941, Hess in a stolen Nazi plane parachuted into a haystack in Scotland and claimed he had come to make peace between Germany and Britain. Hess was taken captive and sentenced to life imprisonment, as all the world knows.

Historian Deacon says Ian Fleming used the stars in a plot to put Hess there. It seems Nazi leaders — Hitler, Himmler and above all, Hess — consulted astrologers for guidance. So Fleming's idea was to plant an anti-Nazi astrologer in Hess's regular group of advisers.

The astrologer was to plant identically faked horoscopes in such a way that they appeared to have been prepared by two of Hess's regular astrologers. According to these faked horoscopes the stars would show everything going for Hess on May 10!

The same stars would indicate some powerful Britons would be friendly to Germany and all Hess had to do was go to Britain. There he would be helped to solve all of Germany's problems.

Fleming's idea worked and Hess—following Fleming's script—went!



A crew of 16 navy men catapult a jet fighter off the deck of this aircraft carrier into action every two and a half minutes.

Aboard the U.S.S. Lake Champlain . . .

The Man Who Walked Through Fire

What unknown power saved a young sailor from death in the fiery holocaust that swept his station?

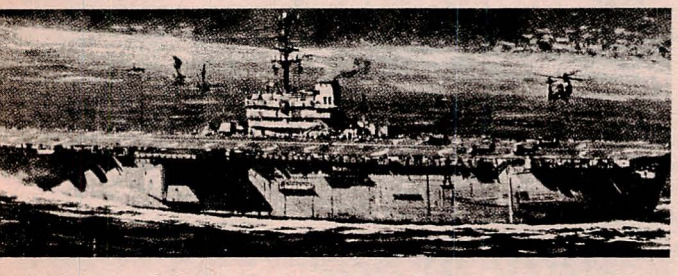
By George Butler

ABOARD THE aircraft carrier U.S.S. *Lake Champlain* on August 7, 1953, standing off the Rock of Gibraltar, 3000 sailors heard the explosion in the catapult room. Many of them felt the scorching heat of the fire that followed and witnessed the miraculous survival of one lone sailor. The emergence of Ken Cantrell after 35 minutes in the raging inferno has been compared with the experience of the Hebrew children in the fiery furnace recorded in the Bible.

Ken Cantrell was serving in the catapult room of the carrier — the largest in the navy at that time — where a crew of 16 men could send off a plane every two and one-half minutes. Fifteen of the crew, horribly burned, were killed instantly. Cantrell, who had been in the midst of the flames, was unharmed! Doctors who later examined him found

no evidence of burns — not a singed hair, not even a smell of smoke in his clothing.

Lt. Jim Brown of Spokane, Wash., was the first officer to reach the scene of the tragedy and he saw Ken walk repeatedly through the flames.



When its catapult room exploded in flames the carrier was near the Rock of Gibraltar on the way to Naples, Italy.

"I saw him go back and fourth in that inferno," Lt. Brown relates. "He carried out 15 bodies — all the crew who had worked with him. They were unrecognizable. Their flesh looked like overcooked barbecued meat.

"When I tried to stop Ken I got too close to the fire. My burns needed treatment but the fire had no effect on Ken. He seemed to be a superman."

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KEN CANTRELL, now an evangelist in Huntsville, Ala., was born there June 15, 1932. Before he was 16 years old he had been arrested a number of times for gambling and generally delinquent behavior.

"I was as deep in sin as anyone could have been," he says, "but at the age of 18, a transformation came over my life. My grandfather was a Baptist preacher and I respected him and the Baptist church. I began to wonder what it would be like to be a Baptist preacher myself. At that time I accepted the Lord as my Savior and I was determined to serve and follow Him all the way."

Spare time found him studying the Bible even after he enlisted in the navy. While stationed in San Diego he visited a servicemen's center and a friend, Brother Ratan, gave him Franklin Hall's book, *Because of Your Unbelief*.

"Brother Ratan told me the book would enable me to go deeper with the Lord. He seemed to feel that I needed it but when I looked it over and found that it

KEN CANTRELL . . . THEN AND NOW



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THE REV. KEN Cantrell, a 21-year-old navy man in 1953, already had been a Baptist minister for three years when the events described in the story took place. Today, more than 17 years later, the evangelist — who is married and the father of a teen-aged son — operates a tire-recapping firm in Huntsville and also works as an auctioneer. He conducts occasional revival meetings and frequently he addresses various chapters of the Full Gospel Businessmen's Fellowship International. Persons who wish to write to him may address letters to P.O. Box 697, Huntsville, Ala. 35804.



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taught fasting, I was disgusted. I thought the author was a nut."

Several times he threw the book away — but each time it mysteriously reappeared. Finally he decided this was an omen which meant he should study the book. Today he attributes his providential rescue from the fire on the *U.S.S. Lake Champlain* to its teachings:

"At 10:30 A.M. just before the explosion I was alone in the catapult room. It was the 17th day of my 21-day fast and I was engrossed in Brother Franklin Hall's book. By this time I had studied it so much I had it almost memorized.

"I was alone because I was fasting. All the rest of the crew were out to get candy, coffee or cigarettes. At 10:55 A.M., the men began coming into the room and by 11:02 everyone was back. We were ready for our duties.

"At 11:03 someone above us made a blunder. High-test gasoline came pouring into our room and instantaneously a huge sheet of flame engulfed us all.

The men were horrified. Some tried to run and everyone was screaming, "Fire! Fire!" Ken shouted too as the flames billowed through the compartment.

"It came fast," Ken says, "like lightening. As the flames took the men one by one, sometimes many at a time, my eyes seemed to have supernatural vision. I saw *through* the fire.

"While I had fasted Jesus had clothed me with the power — a supernatural power throughout my body."

Ken had been seated next to his best friend, Joe Carnes. He says, "I saw the flames around Joe and me. I was immune to them . . . I couldn't feel any heat at all. The flames were growing and smoke was pouring out the vents to the deck. I was stunned and amazed but I wasn't afraid. I wanted to help my friends.

"Soon, however, I could smell human flesh cooking! It just didn't seem possible that I could be alive in that furnace."

Ken picked up Joe's burned body and started to the hatch. He felt he couldn't touch the door which by now glowed red-hot. When he hesitated he heard a voice:

"The Lord told me, 'Be not afraid, grab the wrench, open the door and walk out.' Closer to the door I hesitated again. Again the Lord spoke, 'Be not afraid! I am with you. You shall not die. Open the door and walk out.'

"I still held Joe's corpse. Shifting his dead weight, I picked up the red-hot wrench in my bare right hand and used it to open the hatch. I walked out in front of the amazed and bewildered officers, the chaplain and sailors and laid Joe's remains on the deck. By this time the flesh had come off some of his bones. I went back into the compartment against the orders of some nearby officers and picked up another one of my buddies. His flesh was so burned it fell from his bones.

"The men's skulls were shrunken to about one-half their normal size. This was true in every case. I carried them all out, one by one, and laid them down."

Returning once more into the inferno he reached for his book, *Because of Your Unbelief.* Other books all around had been burned to ashes but his wasn't even scorched.

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WHEN KEN Cantrell was rushed to the sick bay for examination by doctors — who were amazed that he had survived at all — another strange thing happened. In the sick bay, as he walked past other sailors who were there for treatment, each one was healed instantly. This is attested by Lieutenant Brown who was the first officer to reach the scene of the fire. He says, "I saw with my own eyes sick boys get up and walk out of the sick bay — cured — when Cantrell's shadow and body passed near them."

The doctors were nonplused; Ken was unharmed and not even his clothing smelled of smoke. Later he was told he would have to appear before a navy board of

inquiry to "explain" why he survived the flames when all the others were killed.

That night, Ken says, "I asked Jesus what to tell them. He spoke to me saying, 'Take the Bible and read *Isaiah 43:2.*' "

Ken reached for his Bible and turned to the verse. The next day he read it to the officers on the board of inquiry:

"When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee."

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ANOTHER STRANGE thing had happened the night before the explosion and fire. Bill Smith of Portsmouth, Va., relates what happened:

"I had the watch from 8:00 P.M. to 12:00 P.M. in the compartment where Cantrell slept. It was about eleven o'clock the night of August 6 when I had to walk over to Cantrell to tell him to turn off the light. It was after lights-out. He told me he had no light on but I didn't believe him.

"I walked closer to where he was lying and I could not believe my eyes. The light was coming from Cantrell's body! I remembered reading of such a light on a man in the Bible, a prophet who fasted 40 days, and I knew Cantrell had not been going for meals."

Cantrell took a shower and returned to the compartment but the strange light still glowed from his body, Harris said.

The next day Harris was one of the witnesses to the astonishing events in the catapult compartment.

"I knew," he says, "when the flames did not hurt Cantrell that it was this supernatural covering of the Fire of God that kept him from burning."

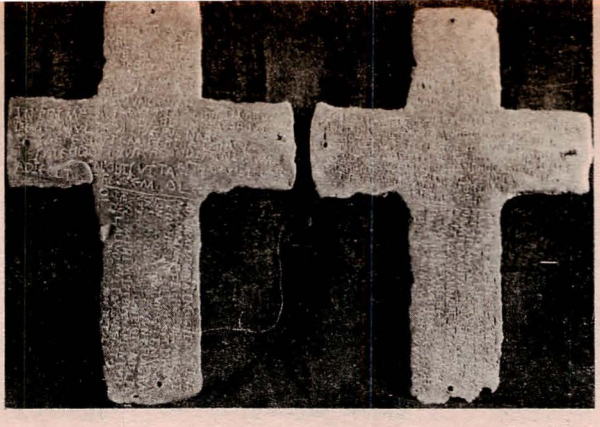


"OUR LADY, QUEEN OF PEACE"

By Ewald E. Friedlander

WHAT MIRACLE saved the statue of the Madonna from the January 14, 1969, fire that destroyed St. Basil's Roman Catholic Church?

Outside the old building on Wilshire Boulevard at Harvard Street in Los Angeles, the beautiful white statue of the Blessed Virgin for years had smiled down on the people who entered the church. And on the cold stormy night when the fire started and gutted the church the Virgin Mary remained standing although the frame church which had served the people of Saint Basil's parish since 1920 was totally destroyed. The statue stands there today.



Interior halves of lead cross have separate inscriptions They probably were cast in same mold, then inscribed and fastened with four lead rivets.

RIDDLE of the LEAD CROSSES

Archaeologists puzzle over the artifacts that do not fit any pattern: did Hebraic Romans roam the American Southwest before 800 A.D.?

By Gaston Burridge

ON SEPTEMBER 13, 1924, Charles E. Manier uncovered by accident a lead cross weighing 60 pounds. His discovery brought to light a scientific riddle which is no closer to being solved now than it was that day 46 years ago.

A great deal of time, effort, money and words — both written and oral — have been expended in attempts to unsnarl the threads of the mystery and learn the origin of the artifact. These efforts continue.

Since Manier's initial discovery, made in the desert country not far from Tucson, Ariz., more than 30 artifacts have been unearthed. Some of these bear comprehensible inscriptions which have been translated and found to provide dates and other information. Because the inscriptions are in Latin it has been speculated that a group of Hebraic Romans may have wandered in the desert there between 560 and 800 A.D. Many harsh words have been written in response to this idea by competent archaeologists who think

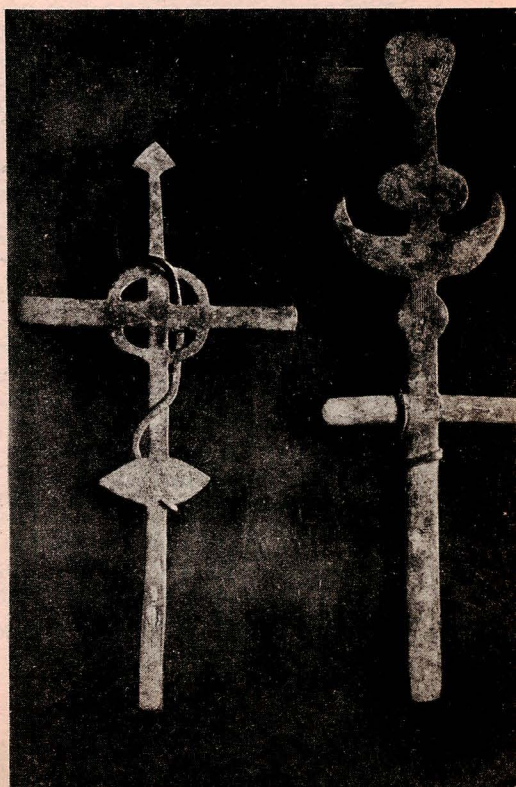
the relics do not approach being 1200 years old. Some believe them to be less than 100 years old. *But no one knows.*

One man has done more than anyone else to keep interest in this matter alive during the past 46 years. Thomas W. Bent owns the land on which the artifacts were found. He was present when most of them were uncovered. He has photographs of of all those present at each "dig;" he has measured distances and directions from the location at which each artifact was uncovered; all of which provides a sound basis for coordinating the relationship of one relic to another. Even records of the depths at which the relics were found and the soil conditions surrounding each one are available.

And Mr. Bent retains all the artifacts unearthed. They are intact, numbered and photographed.

All this information is assembled in a monograph, *The Tucson Artifacts,* which Mr. Bent published privately in 1964. This monograph contains more than 400 pages, a preface, acknowledgments, a table of contents, a list of illustrations and a 39-page index. Copies were distributed to institution and individuals Mr. Bent felt could help establish the matter on a firm scientific basis.

Bent would not furnish me with copies of photographs of the artifacts, nor would he make a copy of the monograph available to me. He would not even give me the names of persons to whom copies of the monograph had been sent. This is difficult to un-



Arizona Pioneers' Historical Society photo shows two crosses not made in halves although similar inscriptions appear on them. Artifacts include a variety of crosses of different sizes.

derstand in view of the fact that he very generously answered specific questions put to him and sent additional material not requested.

Mr. Bent is 73 years old and not in robust health. He indicated that he is not interested in furthering *general* interest in this matter. He feels he has scientific data which should be used for serious research.

Bent never has tried to commercialize the relics or the site where they were discovered. In the early days of the finds the University of Arizona considered purchasing the artifacts but no agreement was reached.

One prominent archaeologist reportedly has said he wishes "everybody would forget all about the Tucson artifacts." One wonders why when it seems, hoax or not, these relics have become part of the Southwest's heritage.

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IN THE TUCSON area, especially back in 1924, there were many Indian pictographs, "picture rocks." Mr. Manier and his family were visiting the sites of some of these rocks when they were attracted to the ruins of some old limekilns along Silverbell Road. There Mr. Manier noticed a dark metal object protruding from the ground. He was interested enough to attempt to unearth it. But kicking did not dislodge it.

In those early days of poor roads everyone traveling in desert country carried a shovel and a pickax in his car in case his car needed digging out. So when the object could not be freed Mr. Manier went to the car for his shovel and pickax.

The object eventually was dug out and the Maniers found they had a heavy metal cross measuring 18 inches long, with a crossbar of 12 inches. The stem and crossbar both were four inches wide and two inches thick.

After it was brushed and cleaned it became apparent the cross was made in two sections which had been riveted together. When the two halves were pried apart the inside surfaces were found to be fully inscribed with letters and characters.

The cross was taken immediately to Dr. Frank H. Fowler, professor at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Arizona at Tucson. Dr. Fowler said the inscriptions were predominantly Latin and translated some of them. In due course they all were translated.

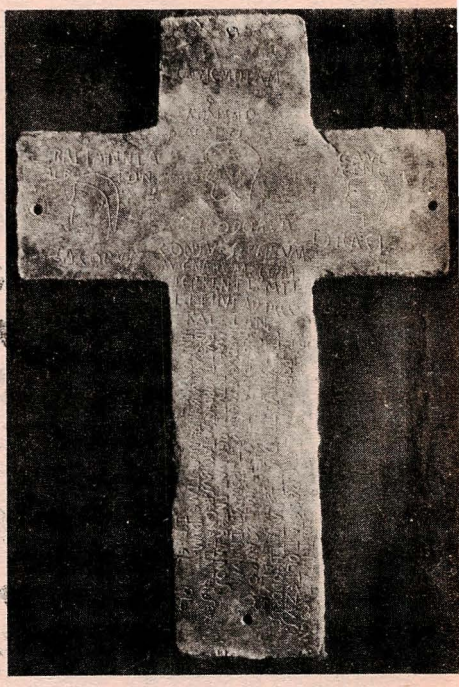
The text appears to contain several proper names which could be of persons, tribes or places. *Calaus* well might be the name of a city or region. *Toltezus* is perhaps the name of a

people or tribe (Toltecs?). *Silvanus, Theorodus* and *Jacobus* may be the names of men. A date, *A.D. DCCC,* is given. Translated this is 800 A.D. (D equals 500 and C equals 100.)

Translations of other words and phrases include the following: "We are carried forward on the sea. . . an unknown land . . . a people widely ruling . . . they were transferred . . · near the city of Rhoda and more. Seven hundred bribed by no gold . . . they will be taken from the city. Theodore, a man of highest virtue . . . he reigned for 14 years. Jacob reigned for six. God helping nothing is to be feared. In the name of Israel. Consuls of great cities . . . with 700 soldiers the first of January, 800 A.D. With God's help Jacob rules with mighty strength after the custom of our ancestors. Sing to the Lord . . . may His fame live forever."

For those who believe the Tucson artifacts are a hoax this written material provides a basis for further argument. They say that some of the words and idioms used on the artifacts did not come into general Latin usage until after 800 A.D. They also maintain some phrases used on the artifacts are to be found in much later writings published elsewhere and thus could have been copied by the hoaxster.

The inside faces of the crosses bearing these Latin words were coated with a wax-like substance. The idea apparently was to protect the writing from disintegration or erosion. Certainly it



Third example shows cross bearing heads of Jacob, Theodore and Israel.

was successful. This same coating was found on all the crosses which were made in two parts and put together.

The coating material was difficult to remove and very foul-smelling. A half-pound ball even-

tually was accumulated. Reports are that this ball was thrown away by a student in Dr. Byron Cummings' laboratory because he did not know what it was and did not ask. Apparently he thought because it smelled so foul it was of no value.

Those persons who believe in the ancient origin of the crosses contend this coating never was analyzed to determine its composition. Those who think the artifacts are a hoax maintain that the material was analyzed and found to be a compound of petroleum. However, I was unable to learn any details of the analysis. I could not learn who made the analysis, when it was made or under what conditions.

If this coating was made from petroleum it can be argued that the artifacts may not be ancient because natural petroleum is very scarce in Arizona. However, it should be remembered that La Brea Tar Pits of Southern California were open many centuries before the earliest dates appearing on these relics and "trade" among Indian tribes is known to have been carried on from earliest times. Thus the protective coating could have been made from petroleum and still be older than the artifact dates given.

On the second day, September 14, 1924, Charles Manier and J. E. Manier, under the supervision of Prof. Karl Ruppert of the University of Arizona, found another relic, a piece of triangular shaped caliche 10 inches by 11 inches by 12 inches, weighing seven pounds. Imprinted on it were a poorly drawn human head, some inscriptions in Latin and a date in Roman numerals. It was broken in three pieces either before or during its excavation and cemented into its former shape. It appears to have no great historical significance.

Caliche is the name given to a calcium carbonate substance which forms in desert soils as a result of the passage of time and water interaction with certain soil chemicals. Caliche strata form slowly, generally at a depth where surface water ceases to penetrate the soil from above and ground water ceases to be drawn upward by capillary attraction. Caliche often becomes hard enough so that tree roots cannot penetrate it. During years of little rainfall the strata of caliche lift upward and after a series of very dry seasons will lie only a few inches under the surface. During a series of wet years caliche strata sink deeper under the soil. There can be several distinct layers of caliche which can be seen plainly if the earth is sheered perpendicularly.

Caliche also builds around

buried metal objects. It is significant that some of the Tucson artifacts were recovered from between strata of caliche and many of them carried heavy incrustations of it. This tends to indicate the artifacts had been buried a long, long time although such coatings cannot be considered proof of ancient burial.

The more than 30 artifacts so far unearthed were recovered from an area of ground about 80 by 100 feet. The depth at which they were taken varies from the first one which was partially surfaced to six feet down. Such a wide and uneven distribution of relics would seem to preclude the idea that they had been "dumped." Because the artifacts were found below, between and above strata of caliche it appears their burial came about from natural rather than human causes and that considerable time transpired in the process.

During the early "digs" several qualified men visited the site and either watched some of the artifacts unearthed or dug them out themselves. Dr. Byron Cummings, a well-known archaeologist, has recorded that he saw a sword blade taken from a bed of caliche and gravel more than five feet below the earth's surface and he believes the relic and its surroundings had not been disturbed by humans for a long, long time. If it was a hoax apparently Dr. Cummings felt it was one which had been perpetrated so long ago that the perpetrator had not lived to enjoy it.

Dr. Andrew E. Douglass, who as Director of the Stewart Astronomical Observatory at the University of Arizona helped Percival Lowell pick the site for the Lowell Observatory above Flagstaff and who also founded the Laboratory of Tree-Ring Research there in 1937, saw six artifacts unearthed from caliche and soil. He said they appeared to be of great age and resting in soil that had not been disturbed for a long period.

Dr. Neil M. Judd was Curator of American Archaeology at the United States National Museum at the time he personally removed three relics at this site. One came from below a stratum of caliche and two came from above the same stratum. Dr. Judd wrote that he did not see any indication that the soil around these artifacts had been disturbed in recent historical times.

Dr. Gordon M. Butler, Dean of the University of Arizona's School of Mines and Engineering, indicates that insofar as he could determine geological evidence at this site indicates the artifacts had lain "in place" for several hundred years.

Of course, none of this tells us whether these relics are or are not of Hebraic-Romanesque origin. Nor does it confirm or deny the dates found inscribed on them. These men do not *know* whether the artifacts are old, or how they got where they were found.

The artifacts, which include a variety of crosses in a variety of sizes, some spearheads, daggers, swords, a javelin point and a labarum (an imperial standard [square flag] of the later Roman emperors) all were cast of lead. The metal was analyzed and found to be similar to metals from local ores.

When the lead ores are smelted the metal possesses a definite "radiation" quotient which it loses as the metal ages. None of these artifacts showed any radiation quotient. This *could* indicate the metal is old.

The carbon-14 method of dating was unknown in 1924-25. Now such tests would be of no value because of the artifacts' long exposure to the air. However, any artifacts found today could be dated by this method.

Mr. Bent, in commenting on the possibility of finding more artifacts and of using "metal detectors" to do so, said the best known metal detectors already had been tried but because of "magnetic iron" in the soil did not "find" well — or perhaps "found" all the time!

Why do some archaeologists persist in calling the Tucson artifacts a hoax?

Because they are "out of pattern." The progress of man and civilization in any given region over a long period appears to follow well defined steps. When newly discovered facts or evidence are uncovered they should fit this general pattern. The Tucson artifacts do not fit. They are entirely out of step with the well established pattern of man's progress in our southwest according to all known archaeological data.

So if these artifacts are genuine but do not fit the archaeological pattern we must look for some outside happening which could be responsible for their sudden interjection. There is no evidence of such an event.

Myths and legends among Mexican, Central and South American Indians lend slight support in their persistent mentioning of blond, light-skinned, redheaded and white-bearded men who came to them singly or in small groups from the *north* and who taught them many new things.

As our knowledge grows Columbus becomes less and less the "discoverer" of America and more and more a Johnny-come-lately.

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TALE OF TWO "TRIPS"

By Gladys Ashour

EVIDENTLY I have left my physical body more than once although I didn't know what to call these experiences until I gave my friend Susy Smith permission to include one in her book, *More ESP.*

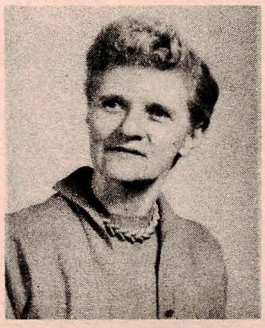
Recalling my astral projections I realize they have happened only when I was seriously ill and at the same time felt strong emotion about some other person.

The first time — in April 1912 — I was a little girl and quite ill with measles. Lying in bed in our Kansas City, Mo., home with my eyes shut I heard a door close. Suddenly there were two of me, one in bed and one standing beside my mother, Fannie Brierly. Our family physician, Dr. Carl Anderson, had come in and closed the door behind him. Mother was crying and telling him I was dead. I wanted her to stop crying so I joined the other me and opened my eyes.

"Don't cry," I remember saying. "I'm resting."

Another time I left my body (if that is what really happens) during a hospital stay in April 1951 in Kansas City's Research Hospital. About 8:00 P.M. my husband Gerald came into my room. He didn't stay long and almost as soon as he had gone into the hall I heard a thud. I quickly joined him — or some part of me did.

He had fainted and grabbed a hospital cart as he went down. Somehow his head struck the cart and he had a cut over his



Gladys Ashour

right eye. Two nurses came running.

Gerald regained consciousness at once and protested vigorously when they insisted on putting him on the cart to take him to the emergency room. I got back in bed just as a third nurse came rushing in with a sedative.

"I don't need that," I said. "My husband was just shocked to see me so thin. He's going to be fine."

"How could you know it was he?" the nurse gasped. "Your door was closed!" — *Silver Spring, Md.*

DREAMING NOT QUITE TRUE

By Helene Price
as told to Dorothy Price

IN 1943 ONE of the Marine divisions in San Diego preparing to leave for overseas duty was destined to fight on the little island of Iwo Jima. One of the young Marines in that division was an Iowa farm boy, my only son Edmond.

While he was in boot training his father Donald and I prayed for his safety and like many other mothers I had bad dreams.

Our farm home was on the main highway between Des Moines and Kansas City, Mo., and some day, we hoped, the big Greyhound bus that passed would bring Edmond home. Then one night I dreamed I saw the big Greyhound grind to a stop at the side of the highway. Edmond alighted. He moved slowly and carefully, for he was carrying a white cane, wearing dark glasses and relying on a seeing-eye dog. Never before had I had a dream so vivid; each detail was etched in my memory.

All the next day the dream haunted me. At the close of the day I felt relieved, for there had been no news of any kind from our son. Then the phone rang. Donald answered and from his side of the conversation knew I had been "dreaming true" — but thank God not quite!

Edmond, preparing his tank for their assignment overseas, had been struck in the eye by a piece of steel. The fragment had lodged in his left eye but doctors had been able to remove it and felt sure the sight of his eye would not be lost. Unfortunately, the doctors were wrong. Edmond did lose the vision in his left eye as a result of the accident.

But while he did have to wear dark glasses for many years, Edmond never has needed the white cane nor the seeing-eye dog. — *Ramona, Calif.*

A DREAM VISIT

By Donnie V. Rhodes

MY OLDEST brother Pierce Hayes was in New Delhi, In-

dia, during the summer of 1964. In his travels in the Maritime Service he was always faithful about writing to his wife Elizabeth and our mother Lena Groves in San Angelo, Tex. So when a time came that no member of the family had heard from him for more than six weeks we were quite concerned. We wondered if he were ill.

One September morning at breakfast I told Mother I knew why we had not heard from Pierce. I had dreamed about him, I said.

In my dream I seemed to be in a hospital somewhere outside the United States. As I approached the building I met my aunt, Orah Rawls, who had died 10 years before. Aunt Orah told me I could not see my brother because he was too ill. I insisted that I had to see him and I entered and walked down a wide corridor. After passing two rooms I glanced into the third and there he was. Several people stood around his bed but the only one I recognized was our deceased grandmother. The appearance of the dead relatives suggested to me that Pierce was much sicker than any of us had thought.

My brother looked very thin. He was bare from the waist up, his hair was shaggy and a beard covered his face. I took his hand and discovered it was very hot. When he recognized me he whispered, "Sister." I talked with him a little, then seemed to leave him and suddenly awoke.

When my brother returned to the States he admitted I had "dreamed true." In September 1964 he had been in a hospital in India critically ill with cholera.

I believe I traveled astrally to his bedside. — *San Angelo, Texas.*

THE COPSE

By Florence Freeland

SOON AFTER my husband's death from cancer June 14, 1941, my brother Roger DeBoer took me from New York City to his home near Ely, Vt., where I could recuperate from the painful experiences of the previous months. My baby daughter had died six months before Alfred and my mother had survived him by only two weeks. I was deeply depressed.

My body was weak and rundown but Roger made sure that I exercised strenuously every day. He lived in a beautiful isolated rural area, perfect for hiking through the woods, which I particularly enjoyed.

One morning I decided to climb the mountain behind his house and took Ginger, an intelligent English setter, along for company. After several hours

roaming the mountainside we started back.

By the time we reached the bottom we were hot and tired. I sat down to relax in the shade of a thick copse. In the center of the copse was a mound about five feet high and 20 feet long. Roger had told me he thought it might be an Indian burial mound.

I sat staring casually at this mound when suddenly I heard a sobbing sound. I looked up at the trees from where the sound seemed to come but I could see nothing.

Within a few moments the sobbing became louder. Now it sounded like someone crying and talking at the same time. I called out but the sound only grew in intensity. Then the tree tops started to sway.

Every hair on Ginger's body stood on end. His belly was pressed to the earth with his lips drawn back and his eyes riveted on the mound and the trees near it.

I felt as if icy fingers were crawling up and down my back. I must have sat unable to move for at least two minutes while the eerie sound continued. Then I became convinced that something terrible would happen if I didn't move.

I reached out to stroke Ginger's back. I spoke to him but he did not respond. He seemed rigid. I knew I would have to get him out with me or he would either die of fright or go mad.

Forgetting my own weakness, I managed to get my arms under him and half dragging, half carrying him I slowly made it back to the sunny path. As we left the trees in the copse ceased swaying.

Later that evening when Roger and I sat before the fireplace I told him what had happened. After a long silence he finally admitted he had had exactly the same experience, except that Ginger had not been with him. When I described Ginger's reaction he said the swaying tree branches alone simply would not affect a dog that way. He had noticed, he added, that sometimes the trees around the mound were swaying while others nearby were motionless.

In later years I often visited my brother's place but I never did go near the copse again. — *Guilford Lakes, Conn.*

THE FEATHERED PORTENT

By Pamela Nidlund

DURING THE winter of 1928 a small robin brought an ominous warning to my great-grandfather's home in Catasauqua, Pa.

Pappy, as his family called William Smith, was consistently an early riser. One cold morning

as he sat reading the paper Pappy heard a tapping at the living room window. On investigating he found a small robin perched outside pecking at the window. The robin would peck three times, then fly away only to return to the windowsill moments later, peck three times and disappear again.

This strange behavior continued for some time before the rest of the family came downstairs and Pappy called their attention to it. Suggesting that the bird was attracted to the light from inside, Pappy's son Urban drew the shades — but to no avail. The robin continued its pecking.

Pappy sat in his chair watching the robin for almost an hour. Finally he looked up and said, "Someone is going to die."

He went on, "As a young boy I was told that when a bird pecks on the window death will visit that home in the near future. It is too cold for any normal robin to be about, but this is not just any robin. This is a messenger of death." Then he quietly went back to reading his paper.

The rest of the family discounted Pappy's words but the constant pecking put everyone's nerves on edge. For almost a week the bird arrived at dawn to start its repeated tapping at the window. If flew away each dusk, leaving behind an increasingly apprehensive family.

At the end of that week Pappy died in an automobile accident. And the robin deserted the house!

All the relatives gathered for the funeral except Pappy's oldest son, William Smith, Jr., his wife and small son Nathaniel who arrived too late. Bad weather had delayed them on their way from New York.

Soon after they reached Catasauqua the robin returned. The family, by this time frightened witless, pleaded with their minister to come and pray for them. But the harbinger of death would not be gainsaid. Little Nathaniel contracted diphtheria and died within two weeks.

Only Byron Smith, Pappy's youngest son, and his wife Marie remain in that house today. They are in their 70's and they cringe at any tapping sound. If a robin should peck at their window they will know he has come to warn them death is near. — *Catasauqua, Pa.*

CLOUD-LIKE OBJECT VISITS ME

By Carl D. Cato

I FIRST became interested in astral projection several years ago after reading a brief article on the basic theories of "out-of-the-body" experiences. Over a period of several months

I collected many books and magazines containing information on astral projection. Then by chance I discovered a book that proved most enlightening of all: *The Art and Practice of Astral Projection*" by Ophiel.

Digesting such knowledge requires time but I was eager to experience projection and I rushed into a program of nightly experiments, attempting to gain astral ability through first one method, then another.

On most occasions this nightly ritual served only to lull my mind to peaceful slumber. I seemed to get no concrete results although often I awakened in the middle of the night experiencing a weird sensation that I could not direct my physical movements. Although I was fully conscious, my body seemed not to respond to my mind's commands. These periods did not last long and after a brief tug of war between body and mind, a finger suddenly would twitch or a toe wiggle and full control returned.

I continued my routine until one night the results proved vastly different — so different in fact that fright alone forced an immediate halt to all attempts to project astrally!

The night began as usual with a directive to my subconscious to produce positive results — then sleep overcame me. Sometime later I awoke abruptly. I found I could not move but I was witnessing a visual, audible phenomenon which apparently had neither meaning nor purpose.

What I saw was a grayish-blue, cloud-like "thing." It was floating to the right of the foot of my bed and five feet above the floor. Roughly rectangular in shape, I estimated its size to be three by four feet. And although the bedroom was in nearly total darkness the edges of this "thing" were well-defined.

As I watched, fascinated, the edges became wispy and began rotating in a fast whirling motion toward the interior mass. The entire "object" moved gently up and down as if resting on a current of air. The interior seemed to emit a soft fluorescent glow and occasional flickers of light (like miniature lightning) appeared along its outer fringes. A noise similar to the crackling of static electricity was audible.

I have no way of judging the length of time that elapsed before the cloud-like object began to shrink rapidly, became a tiny pinpoint of light and then vanished completely. The instant it disappeared my physical ability to move returned and never again has my body failed to respond to mental commands.

Was the "thing" a warning of some kind? — *Plumerville, Ark.*

To save his mistress the dog had to get there in the nick of time—but how did he know her peril before the stranger threatened her?

Another Case of Precognition in Pets . . .

SHEP BIT the PEDDLER

By Dora Evans Deck
as told to Shirley Sipp

WHILE EXPERTS argue whether animals have extrasensory perception — or any sense at all — the beasts themselves continue to display extraordinary intelligence and often an uncanny "sixth sense." I have seen many examples among my own and others' pets — but perhaps I was conditioned to watch for them by an incident that occurred when I was quite young.

Our neighbors' dog Shep, a black and white mongrel, came to his mistress's rescue when she was in grave danger — when only precognitively could he have known she needed him.

In 1909 my parents John and Mary Evans lived on a small farm about 20 miles from Oregon City, Ore. I was 11 years old and my sister Ella was 14. We rode horseback to a little country school through a hilly heavily wooded area sparsely dotted with small clearings where settlers had their homesteads. Each had a house, a few outbuildings, a small garden plot and sometimes a cleared field or two.

One farmhouse we passed belonged to Tom and Nellie Lake. Tom was about 25 but Nellie was only two years older than Ella and the two girls had become friends.

On our way home one warm spring afternoon Nellie stopped us. She seemed very agitated.

"Did you meet anyone on the road?" she asked.

"Yes," Ella said, "we met a horse and wagon going so fast it left us in a cloud of dust!"

Then Nellie told us of her unnerving experience which explained the wagon's breakneck pace and her own agitation.

"Tom's helping build fence on the Meyer place," she began, "and Shep went with him like he always does."

When an itinerant peddler

stopped at her gate she had been glad for a break in the monotony of the afternoon. She took a few minutes to look at his wares, although her buying power was limited.

The peddler was young and open-faced and in no way threatening. But he learned in the course of their conversation that Tom wasn't home. When he said he was thirsty Nellie naïvely invited him into the house for a drink of water. Once inside he grabbed her and tried to kiss her. She kicked and struggled desperately but he was big and strong. His intentions were clear.

Just when she thought he would overpower her a black and white ball of fury struck the man in the back, loosening his grip on Nellie and sending him sprawling. The peddler tried to get to his feet but Shep was on him again, savagely ripping his clothes and drawing blood. The man screamed for Nellie to pull the dog off. She grabbed Shep's collar, for it seemed he might kill the man.

The peddler, his arm bleeding and his clothing torn, made an undignified retreat to his rig. Swearing and shouting obscenities over his shoulder he whipped his horse to a run and disappeared down the road.

Trembling with exertion and fear Nellie dropped to her knees beside the dog only to hear hoofbeats approaching. Thinking the peddler had returned she was weak with relief when she saw Ella and me.

As we all hugged and petted the panting Shep, Tom rode pell-mell into the yard and jumped from his horse.

"Are you all right, Nell?" he asked anxiously. Before she could answer Tom looked down at Shep, then explained:

"Shep followed me the three miles to Meyer's place," he said, "and acted the way he always does, lying around and snoozing. But all of a sudden he jumped up and started barking — for no reason I could see. He jumped on me and whined. When I ignored him he barked and ran off a ways toward home, then came back and jumped on me again." Tom shook his head.

"I thought he wanted to play and yelled at him to lie down. When I pushed him away he looked toward home, barked once more and took off at a run. I got to thinking about the way he acted and finally decided I'd better come home to see if something was wrong."

"I'm so glad," Nellie said. She sat on the ground and took Shep's head in her arms. "Shep may have saved my life." Then she told Tom what had happened.

That Shep knew his mistress was in danger demonstrates extrasensory perception clearly enough but one phase of his action puzzles me to this day. Although Tom and Shep were three miles from home the dog came through dense woods and over steep hills to reach Nellie at the moment she needed him. To arrive in the nick of time he had to make an early start. How did he know of her peril *before* she was threatened?



SANCTUARY FOR SASQUATCH

By Louis Trifon

ACCORDING TO a letter in a privately-printed bulletin on Bigfoot's doings the "Sasquatch" or "Bigfoot" is protected by law in California.

Chief B. E. Faist of the Wildlife Protection Branch of the Department of Fish and Game, in answer to an inquiry about Bigfoot, replied that "the current California fish and game laws or penal code sections do fully protect this animal if such a creature does exist . . . any person who kills this alleged creature would be in violation of California fish and game laws if 'Bigfoot' should be classified as an animal. Any taking of animals is prohibited unless authorized . . . There is no provision for the taking of 'Bigfoot.'

"Any person who kills this alleged creature would be prosecuted for murder under appropriate sections of the California Penal Code if 'Bigfoot' is determined to be human."



WHY THE MANTIS PRAYS

By Paul Steiner

THE PRAYING MANTIS figures strongly in folklore. The name *mantis* comes from a common Greek word for prophet or soothsayer. Hence in many parts of the world mantises (or mantids) are believed to aid fortune-telling and among some people they are thought to have magical powers.

Mantids also have an ability that is uncommon in insects; they can turn their heads. Thus when some African children lose track of the domestic animals they are tending they may employ a mantid, believing it will indicate the direction in which to search.

The term "praying mantis" is derived from the stance mantids commonly display. Perched on twigs or the edge of insect-attracting flowers they hold their large front legs close together in front of their heads. They appear to be praying — but as they await the arrival of their next meal they simply may be saying grace.

FOR THE INCREDIBLE GEORGIA BROWNS . . .

Miracles Happen Every Day

Hundreds testify to the healing power of etheric surgery performed by physicians who lived over 100 years ago.

By Vivian Buchan

MIRACLES ARE happening every day in Toccoa, Ga., a small town about 125 miles northeast of Atlanta. The modest, unassuming Rev. William C. Brown and his wife Nancy are healing hundreds of persons who come from all parts of this country and even from Europe for etheric surgery. At a steady average of six persons a week, 52 weeks a year, sick persons stream in for operations and remain at the Browns' home until they are released by the discarnate surgeons who use Reverend Brown's hands and body to perform their astounding surgical feats.

These unique spirit-world specialists take turns performing bloodless etheric surgery without anaesthetics; yet patients suffer no pain. For 16 years this group has worked through the Reverened Brown to relieve suffering persons who for one reason or another do not want to have operations on their physical bodies. And X-rays, cardiograms, clinical reports and countless testimonials from gateful patients testify to their success.

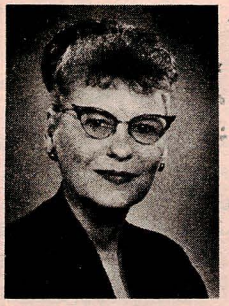
How can this be? What is this etheric surgery?

The Reverend Brown explains, "It is a known and well-understood fact that we possess more than one body. The etheric body is likened to that of the steam and gas stages that follow the evaporation of water. The etheric body in all respects duplicates the physical form it occupies. That is, every organ, nerve and tissue are opposite in form but equal and the same functionally."

This duplicate body, however, cannot be seen by persons who are not clairvoyant. The discarnate surgeons who perform surgery on the etheric body can see it as clearly as flesh-and-blood doctors see our bodies. Because physical substances or materials obviously cannot be used on the nonphysical body the correction of disharmonies in the physical body is made on its counterpart. The principle behind etheric surgery, then, is this: when adjustments are made on the etheric body the physical body adapts to the correction and is healed.

Let's assume we're accompanying a patient who has an appointment with the Browns. He arrives at their home a day ahead of his scheduled surgery. First he is sent to bed in one of three bedrooms the Browns reserve for the patients' use before surgery and during convalescence. Nancy Brown, a charming nurse, ministers to all his needs. He will not be allowed to eat after breakfast on the day of his surgery and he must rest about three hours before the operation which usually is scheduled for two o'clock in the afternoon. Then he puts on a hospital gown and enters the well-lighted "healing room" where sacred music creates an atmosphere of reverence. He will wait with Nancy and witnesses or relatives until the Reverend Brown comes in and asks everyone to repeat with him the Lord's Prayer. Then, after a further earnest prayer that only the most spiritual

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forces be permitted to enter the room, the medium sits down. Quietly and almost immediately the Reverend Brown's head drops onto his knees and he falls into a deep trance.

When his head suddenly lifts his face has taken on different contours and he speaks in a voice totally unlike his own. Another personality has entered his body.

Speaking in a marked English accent the discarnate physician introduces himself as Dr. John Geoffrey Spaulding and welcomes everyone in the room.

After a brief conversation with Nancy he announces that the next doctor who will speak is Dr. John Murphy, the group's diagnostician. The Reverend Brown's face and voice change again as the jovial Irish doctor booms his hearty welcome in a thick brogue. He banters with Nancy, jokes with the spectators and the patient. Chuckling over his own jokes, he seems to enjoy his own wit more than the patient can under the circumstances.

Now he directs the patient to sit up on the operating table with his back to him so he can look *through* the body to see what's amiss inside. Hearing the diagnosis Dr. Murphy then dictates to Nancy, the patient well may wonder how he has survived at all. What he thought was his ailment actually may be minor compared to what is uncovered by the sharp eyes which peer through Bill Brown's closed eyelids.

His diagnosis completed, Dr. Murphy will call in a surgical specialist. It may be Dr. Sean O'Hara, neurologist, Dr. Edward Fredericks, heart specialist, Dr. Charles Chandler, orthopedic surgeon, or any one of the other specialists who will occupy the entranced body while the surgery is performed.

What follows next must be imagined for the most part by the spectators. Invisible rubber gloves are slipped over the Reverend Brown's hands which have been scrubbed in an invisible basin. The patient receives an invisible hypodermic injection. Instruments are handed to and taken from the swiftly moving hands of the surgeon by invisible nurses. Incisions are made on an invisible body which apparently hovers a few inches above the physical one. Ligaments are removed and replaced, organs are repaired and even heart surgery is accomplished—invisibly. When one surgeon has completed his work, another takes his place until all corrections have been made. Some operations last 15 minutes, some longer. None, however, requires as much time as conventional hospital surgery.

Afterwards, the patient walks to his bed and stays there for the length of time advised by the surgeons, eating and drinking according to their directions. The time required for the physical body to adjust to the changes made on the etheric body varies with the extent of the surgery but the time always is less than if the operation had been performed on the physical body.

All patients experience similar sensations during the surgery: the pulse slows, breathing becomes labored. They report that cutting sensations can be felt but there is no pain. A feeling of extreme fatigue follows the surgery. Few patients report any discomfort during the procedure but some feel a vague distress. The Reverend Brown believes that when this happens it is because the discarnate physicans think that unless some patients experience discomfort they're not convinced anything has happened.

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MRS. MARY Ghiringhelli of Brasstown, N.C., underwent etheric surgery in September 1962 at the Browns' home. After Dr. Murphy had examined her he dictated his diagnosis to Nancy:

"Surgery: removal of scar tissue in tricuspid valve of heart. This is cause of swelling of ankles. Third and fourth cervicals are out to the right, must be put back in alignment. Cause of pressure on ears. Nothing organic with ears. Fourth dorsal out to the right; fifth dorsal out to the left; sixth dorsal out to the right. These must be aligned into proper position after six weeks."

In a letter to her sister, Alice Larkin of Melbourne Village, Fla., immediately following the operation, Mrs. Ghiringhelli wrote: "Dr. Murphy told me my deafness was due to trouble in the eustachian tubes, that my liver and gallbladder were sluggish and the cataracts on my eyes were due to karma and could not be corrected. At this point Dr. Howe, the eye, ear and nose specialist, took over. First my astral body was raised slightly above the physical by means I do not understand. I do know my breathing became very weak and my pulsebeat barely discernible. Somewhere along the way I was given an anaesthetic — how or when I do not know. Dr. Howe moved his hands above my head and face leaving strong health-giving vibrations which Frank (her husband) could feel when he put his hands over my face. Dr. Howe finished by testing my hearing. There was much improvement and this continues.

"Next Dr. Charles Thorndyke

appeared as chief surgeon with a Dr. Cummings. His hands moved very fast above my whole torso. I saw only empty hands moving very quickly. Once or twice I felt a faint cutting. Only when Dr. Thorndyke began making stitches did I realize how extensive the operation had been. I think he reached for a needle and thread as many as six times and twice I heard the click of shears although I did not see them."

All this happened eight years ago. In a letter to me dated June 18, 1970 Mary Ghiringhelli stated, "My health has definitely improved and hearing improved within six weeks (of the surgery). I also had a very painful sciatic nerve and the spirit doctor who operated seemed to be following down the nerve fastening it in place every few inches, giving me instant relief."

The problems she had corrected in 1962 have not troubled her since then.

Mrs. Rae G. Gilbertson, Brasstown, N. C., also wrote to me about the etheric surgery she experienced eight years ago, "The first time I was treated by the Reverend Brown was in the last week of October 1962. He removed a large tumor from the left breast and removed calcium deposits from the second, third and fourth lumbar vertebrae. Today is June 17, 1970. Eight years and eight months have passed and I have yet to have either tumor or calcium deposits show signs of returning. I am thankful for God's gift to the Reverend Brown."

Mrs. Margaret Schroeder, writer and arts and crafts designer who witnessed Mrs. Gilbertson's operation in 1962, says, "After the operation the Reverend Brown asked Mr. Gilbertson to come to the table. He had him put his hand where the tumor had been. Only an indentation remained. Rae's lower spine used to hurt her so much she couldn't even sit or ride in a car. She had either to lie down or stand up all the time. Today, June 20, 1970 she is perfectly normal and drives wherever she wants to go."

Eugenia M. Gist, a Florida artist who recently moved to Blairsville, Ga., had surgery 18 years ago at the Florida Sanitarium in Orlando for an anal ulcer. Ten years later, however, when she developed a rectal ulcer she made an appointment with the Reverend Brown, for she had heard of him and his dramatic successes. On June 20, 1970 she wrote me, "The operation was a success and I had the same post-operative symptoms I had had when the operation was done in Orlando — but at the Reverend Brown's there was no cutting of

tissues. I surely would go back any time I needed help for any trouble. The Browns are sincere and dedicated people and I know of many persons who have been helped through them."

Clarence J. Schroeder of Murphy, N. C., a manufacturing executive, had witnessed several operations before he decided to have a hemorrhoidectomy. He had been suffering unbearably but after his operation he told me, "I completely forgot about the warning I had been given not to lift or strain for at least three days. When the pain was gone, however, I experienced such relief I simply didn't think about the convalescent period I had been told to observe. When I pulled a heavy chair across the room, I suffered agonizing pain. Fortunately, I had no ill effects but it surely proved to me that something had been done — although I hadn't felt a thing during the operation!"

Now, eight years later, he writes: "I haven't been bothered since 1962 except on rare occasions. Occasionally I have a slight flare-up due to nerves, temporary constipation or if I do heavy lifting. The old pain and attendant discomfort are completely gone."

I have my own testimonial to the success and permanence of the etheric surgery performed by the Reverend Brown's group of dedicated doctors. For some time before receiving their treatment in September 1964 I had suffered chest pains, numbness in the left arm and hand and shortness of breath. Cardiograms showed no heart attacks had yet occurred but my heart was laboring. Dr. Murphy, the diagnostician, said calcium deposits in the ventricles undoubtedly would lead to angina pectoris if not corrected.

My husband and I myself listened to my heart with a stethoscope and we distinctly heard swooshing, swishing, gurgling sounds and an irregular heartbeat. After the operation we listened again and the sounds we had heard had disappeared; the beats were regular and steady. I have had no pain, numbness nor shortness of breath since then.

My husband Warren had been suffering for almost a year from severe inflammation of the tendons in his left elbow. He had been treated with cortisone shots; he used an infrared lamp and he slept with his elbow wrapped in a heating pad. His pain was so intense that he was unable to lift anything or straighten his left arm. Our doctor told him surgery should be seriously considered. So Warren did consider it and chose etheric surgery. He was with me at the

Browns' home in September 1964.

An architectural engineer by profession and a home-builder by choice, Warren says, "Since the spirit doctors replaced tendons, repaired ligaments and corrected the injuries in my elbow I've worked on several houses. I've carried buckets of sand, gravel and concrete. I've lifted heavy stones to build retaining walls and I've painted for many hours at a stretch. Since the etheric surgery performed by the Rev. William Brown and his band of spirit doctors I never have suffered pain or discomfort."

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THIS REMARKABLE Reverend Brown is a man with many unusual abilities. Mediumistic from early childhood, he is a clairvoyant and psychometrist, can read Akashic records and give Life Readings. He has no professionally acquired medical skills; he understands nothing of what his patients tell him about their surgery and cannot answer medical questions.

Before he received a diploma as "Minister of Philosophy" in 1954 from the Spiritualist Episcopal Church in Flint, Mich., and began his work with the 28 spirit-world doctors William Brown was a licensed pilot, served with the Merchant Marine during World War II and started a career in real estate. But he had known for many years that he had the gift of magnetic healing and already had helped many persons before he ventured into etheric surgery.

When Bill Brown was a child he was contacted by a discarnate American Indian who became his spirit guide. This man, Thundercloud, had been a Sioux medicine man many years before the days of Sitting Bull. Through Thundercloud's efforts in the spirit world the 28 distinguished physicians were brought together to continue the work they had done on this plane. According to Thundercloud each physician was eager to find a medium through whom he could work; each was willing to combine his talents with others' and organize a team to perform different kinds of surgery on the same patient during a single operation or successive ones if needed. Most of the doctors were British in their earthly lives but two were Irish and three were American. (They say that where they are now nationality doesn't matter!)

While assembling his "clinic" Thundercloud also prepared Bill Brown for the role he was to play. In 1954 Bill began a five-year training program at a spiritualist retreat in Georgia.

There he learned to go into trance and the physicians learned to work *through* him. When he completed this program and returned to Toccoa Bill did not really know what lay ahead. However, he soon found opportunities for the practice of etheric surgery.

The Reverend Brown claims none of the cures as his own. He believes, furthermore, that each individual "c u r e s" himself. "Any abnormality in a body is there because of some inharmonious distortion brought on by the individual himself and therefore he must remove it himself. All anyone engaged in the healing arts can do is give the individual the assistance necessary to remove the abnormality." This is the medium's explanation for healing.

Neither does he claim 100 percent success. But 85 to 90 percent of those who undergo etheric surgery are healed permanently. That's a record any doctor can be proud of.

This surgery performed by this unique team includes almost all types of repair, restoration or replacement of damaged tissue, bone, muscle or ligament as well as of diseased or malfunctioning organs. They do not remove organs in their entirety, however, for they believe God made man to function perfectly and repaired organs can be made to function as they were intended to function.

Although the range of the physicians' combined abilities is broad and varied there are certain cases they will not accept. They will not treat emotional problems, for there is no psychiatrist among them. Diabetics are not accepted because they need scheduled meals and measured doses of insulin which are impossible to maintain during the preparatory period for operations. The doctors do not remove cataracts because in the past patients who did not follow postoperative instructions suffered disappointment. Disharmonies due to karma aren't treated for karmic debts must be paid. They do no dental work because they do not have a dentist in their group.

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THE BROWNS' work is so demanding that appointments must be made far in advance. Sometimes as long as six months pass before a patient and the Reverend Brown can find a mutually satisfactory date.

If you're interested in more information concerning etheric surgery write to the Rev. William C. Brown, R. R. 1, Box 64-E, Collier Rd., Toccoa, Ga. 30577. Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope.

The Browns charge no fee for their services. Their sole income is derived from donations and gifts from patients and friends who contribute to their work. They are dedicated friendly people who seek neither fame nor fortune. On the contrary, they are extremely publicity-shy. They wish only to serve God and use their spiritual gifts in His service.

Although the physicians use only the Reverend Brown's body as their medium Nancy plays an important role. She explained to me that she is used as a "power station" — to supply energy on which the doctors can draw when sustained effort depletes their power. She also takes care of the convalescents, keeps the records and follows up on the doctors' postoperative instructions.

At the 10th Anniversary Convention of the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship in Chicago in May 1966 Anthony Brooke of St. Anne's-on-Sea, Lancashire, England, reported in detail on two operations he witnessed during his eight-day visit with the Browns in the last week of April that year. Marveling at the phenomenon of etheric surgery, he said, "The hands that normally are regarded as belonging to Rev. William Brown are seen to be making a series of rapid and precise movements a few inches above the body of the patient lying on the operating table." He later incorporated his address and other information about the Browns in a booklet he published titled, *Are These the Signs*?

If Anthony Brooke had asked Bill Brown, "Are these the signs?" I think the medium would have answered, "These signs are the same Jesus gave His believers when He performed miracles almost 2000 years ago. It is only our scientific minds that keep us from accepting modern-day miracles. Although some people believe miracles used to happen, they are reluctant to believe they happen today."

Nevertheless, persons who have seen or experienced etheric surgery performed by this amazing group of discarnate surgeons through their medium, the Rev. William C. Brown, testify that miracles *have* happened. They are happening almost every day in Toccoa, Ga.!



YOUR PATH around the ZODIAC

By WINIFRED TENNES



A NATIVE of Illinois, Winifred Tennes studied astrology for some years with Katherine de Jersey, assisting her in preparing personalized horoscopes. In recent years Mrs. Tennes has been teaching, writing, lecturing and giving personal consultations. Since 1969, at the invitation of Maine Township High School which maintains an extensive adult education program, she has been teaching astrology in its East and South branches in Park Ridge, Ill.

Recognized as a foremost authority in the field today Mrs. Tennes is a member of Friends of Astrology in Chicago and the American Federation of Astrologers.

ARIES

Or Aries Ascendant — March 21-April 18 — Cardinal Fire Sign — Ruler: MARS

NEW IDEAS abound this month and your imagination is working overtime. If you are an inventor or designer you may be onto something that will prove very important to you. Because you usually are the leader in whatever field you choose you must present new methods and plans to those who follow you. Use this favorable period to full advantage, for your ideas will be well received. An exception is the time between February 26 and 28 when you could make a poor decision.

A vacation near the sea would serve to relieve some of your tensions.

Some of you may have to consult a marriage or business partner before making a decision concerning your domestic or professional affairs. Between February 12 and 16 events could move in your favor. You may have to make a sudden change in your plans.

1st week



2nd week



3rd week



4th week



TAURUS

Or Taurus Ascendant — April 20-May 20 — Fixed Earth Sign — Ruler: VENUS

HOME AND BUSINESS affairs take on special significance in February. A lunar eclipse February 10 may bring an important event in the lives of those born May 11, 12 or 13.



1st week

Possibly a parent will need your help or will enter your personal affairs in some other way. Be prepared to take on additional responsibility.




2nd week

Many Taureans are undergoing a psychological readjustment period which will call for some self-sacrifice in order to get along with unpredictable co-workers. As one who resists sudden changes in your working pattern you may experience great frustration. February 16, 17 and 18 represent a ticklish period when jealousy may occasion disagreements that lead to estrangements.



3rd week

Some of you who are overly optimistic about your partner's earning capacity or the amount of money you may inherit should be cautioned that there is a chance that much of the money or material goods may dissipate before reaching you.




4th week

Should you be vacationing or traveling for business between February 18 and 20 you may meet a serious-minded person who will help you stabilize your life. This person will be sincere and reliable in his affection.

GEMINI

Or Gemini Ascendant **May 21-June 21** **Mutable Air Sign** **Ruler: MERCURY**




1st week

EMPHASIS IN FEBRUARY is on partnership affairs, either marriage or business. You feel like asserting your independence and doing things your own way. Those who deal with or serve the public will have a very active month. Your optimism about these relationships is well-founded because Jupiter, planet of good luck, is in the seventh solar house — as is Neptune — which causes you to feel idealistic. Any flaws in the relationship may come to light at the end of February (25th to 28th). Some Geminis will have a quarrel that ends a relationship.




2nd week

An event of particular importance could well take place about February 25. This is especially likely for those born May 27, 28 or 29. A solar eclipse in 6° Pisces underlines a situation in your domestic affairs of your career or reputation that could affect your standing in the community if you are working with the public. If you have been going through a transformation period in your home you may find that a particular event will bring the transition to completion. For others the event will bring disruption and significant changes.



3rd week

February 16 to 18 may bring an unexpected love interest while you are traveling or you may make gains through speculation.



4th week

CANCER

Or Cancer Ascendant **June 22-July 22** **Cardinal Water Sian** **Ruled: MOON**

YOUR HEALTH or the health of persons with whom you work may be especially important this February. Good

health should prevail if you do not push yourself too hard—but you are likely to exhaust yourself by using too much of your energy.

An unsettled condition in your home may keep you on edge until some permanent changes can be made. Some Cancers seeking escape from an unpleasant situation should resist the temptation to turn to alcohol or drugs. After careful deliberation from February 13 to 16 you should be able to arrive at a decision concerning the changes you will have to make in your home. A woman could cause a separation in the home about February 17.

On February 9 and 10 you can take advantage of your co-workers' optimism and accomplish a great deal. Use your imagination during this period to produce something worthwhile. Try not to make decisions about your job on February 27 or 28 — your judgment is apt to be unreliable.

Partnership relationships improve this month. If you need advice or understanding you can depend on your mate or your friends. An older person may grant you favors around February 20. This person — a parent or boss of cautious conservative instincts — may exercise considerable influence over your marital or business partnership.

1st week



2nd week





3rd week





4th week





LEO

Or Leo Ascendant | July 23-August 22 | Fixed Fire Sign | Ruler: SUN

ROMANCE, SPECULATION and children headline the news for Leos in February. Those engaged in sports as a profession should find this a profitable month. Actors and actresses seeking jobs should easily find work to their liking. As new opportunities present themselves, all Leos will feel optimistic. A great deal of money can be made through speculation providing that you do not let yourself be hoodwinked into some impossible get-rich-quick scheme. Use common sense when investing — especially February 27 and 28.

A lunar eclipse on February 10 in 21° Aquarius falls in your seventh solar house and probably will affect those born August 13, 14 and 15. Beware at this point of an enemy who could disrupt a business relationship or cause trouble between you and a loved one. The eclipse may have further repercussions in one month and you still may be feeling its

1st week



2nd week



3rd week



KEY TO THE SYMBOLS:

SUN: personal affairs. DOLLAR SIGN: finances. LETTERS: communications of all kinds, documents. HOUSE: domestic affairs. HEARTS: love affairs. CHILDREN (self-explanatory). CADUCEUS (medical insignia): health. DOUBLE RINGS: marriage and business partnerships. SKULL AND CROSSBONES: death. SUITCASE: travel. SUNDIAL: age and responsibilities. HORSESHOE: general good luck. HANDCLASP: friends. DAGGER: arguments.



4th week

effects three months from now.

Short trips taken with a partner around February 16 should prove pleasant and full of surprises. You will receive unexpected welcome news from a relative or close neighbor.

Those of you experiencing difficulty with a boss or a co-worker may find relations go more smoothly around February 20.

VIRGO

Or Virgo Ascendant August 23-September 22 Mutable Earth Sign Ruler: MERCURY



1st week



2nd week





3rd week





4th week

VIRGO PEOPLE MAY find February a month of contradictions. Domestic affairs dominate your concerns and you will experience both hope and disillusionment. Some may break away to a new environment while others may remodel or furnish their homes. But whatever the circumstances you will be spending more money than you originally planned to spend. The changes you make may not satisfy you if they turn out to be impractical. You could be very gullible about some situation promoted by a mate or a business associate. On February 4 and 5, feeling unusually sensitive, you may take someone else's words more personally than they were intended.

Those born between August 29, 30 and 31 should be prepared for an important event which may affect either your personal outlook or a partnership relationship. On February 25 a solar eclipse in 6° Pisces could make necessary a decision that alters the course of some present circumstance.

From February 13 to 16 you may find it necessary to attend to a financial emergency. A favor for a co-worker or an employee will bring you unexpected monetary rewards.

The period between February 18 and 20 favors child-parent relationships and serious romances among young and old.

LIBRA

Or Libra Ascendant September 23-October 23 Cardinal Air Sign Ruler: VENUS



1st week





2nd week

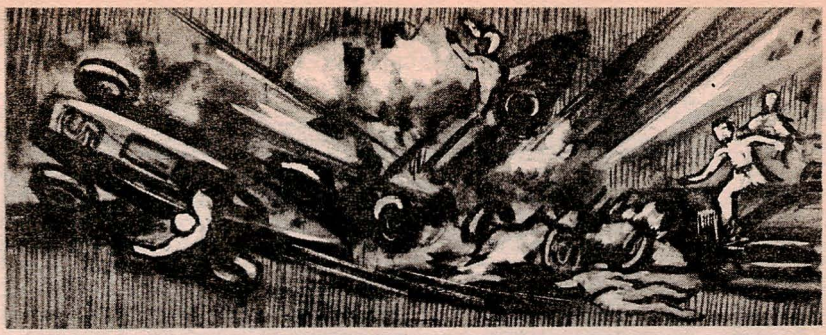




3rd week

MANY LIBRANS are finding it difficult to decide just what they want to do. Although constantly weighing the pros and cons of every situation you have not yet reached a decision. Because your independence is most important to you now, the advice of your relatives and friends probably will not alter the course you planned to take in the first place. February 13 to 16 is a favorable period for decisions that concern children or other loved ones.

You may be forced to spend time this month in communication with relatives or close neighbors. You may have a great deal of paper work to complete — including the signing of documents or correspondence in connection with



The sun in unfavorable relationship to Mars this month promotes aggression, recklessness, impatience and rebellion and places health in jeopardy. Generous, well-meaning persons may lose their cool and become quarrelsome.

a partnership. By February 18 to 20 you may receive part of an inheritance due you for some time.

You may be taking several short trips in February and if so you should take special care to avoid an accident. Impulsiveness or absentmindedness is frequently the cause of an unnecessary mishap.

4th week





SCORPIO

Or Scorpio Ascendant October 24-November 23 Fixed Water Sign Ruler: PLUTO

HOME AND BUSINESS affairs will bear watching in February, especially for Scorpions born November 13, 14 or 15. A lunar eclipse in 21° Aquarius forewarns of an event — possibly a move made under some unfavorable circumstance — that will necessitate an important decision on the home front. The repercussions may continue for the next three months. Sudden advice from someone behind the scenes helps you make a decision between February 13 and 16. Some Scorpions may find their business affairs hit a snag and present plans need to be altered.

1st week





2nd week



You may have to spend an unusual amount of time dealing with your financial situation. With expenses greater than anticipated you may doubt that you are spending wisely. You may be paying more than the item is worth and it would be advantageous for you to compare values and prices.

3rd week





You can rely on your mate, business partner or a close relative to help you with some domestic matter February 18 to 20. This is also a favorable period for parents, loved ones or persons in authority.

4th week



At the end of February there is a possibility that a child's

request for financial assistance should be examined carefully because it may not be practical. Delay making a decision until a more favorable period.

SAGITTARIUS

Or Sagittarius Ascendant November 23-December 21 Mutable Fire Sign Ruler: JUPITER



1st week

PERSONAL LUCK AND good fortune begin this month for Sagittarians as Jupiter passes through your sun sign. Be ready to take advantage of all new opportunities. You will have to resist the temptation to slow down and relax too much, for you are also under the influence of the planet Neptune. Situations may be cloudy and it could be difficult to differentiate between fact and fiction. With an optimistic attitude you go on to accomplish your goals — if you do not abuse your health, which is a definite possibility.



2nd week

A solar eclipse on February 26 in 6° Pisces will affect particularly those born November 28, 29 or 30. An event in your domestic or business life may require some far-reaching changes whose influence will continue into the future.



3rd week

Between February 13 and 16 a friend may contact you either by letter or by phone with surprising news which may help you to make a decision about your hopes and desires.



4th week

Patience and cooperation with those you work with can insure financial gains for you.

CAPRICORN

Or Capricorn Ascendant December 22-January 19 Cardinal Earth Sign Ruler: SATURN



1st week

YOU WILL HAVE to keep your wits about you this month. Stay patient and calm, for your problems are not clearly visible to you. Fortunately some good luck comes in the same way — from unknown and unexpected sources. Use caution in dealing with enemies even when you experience difficulty coping with hidden circumstances. Watch your health carefully.



2nd week

Changing conditions affecting your business career or your reputation will cause concern. Carefully weigh the pros and cons before you decide to make any permanent changes. An unusual and surprising event between February 13 and 16 may affect your career as well as you financial situation. It is a favorable period to follow your intuition.



3rd week

February 18 to 20 may bring some steady improvement in a situation involving children or a loved one. The final solution of some problem may disappoint you but the outcome is still best for all concerned.



4th week

Use great caution at the end of February in what you do or say because a cunning person working behind your back may try to slander you.

AQUARIUS

Or Aquarius Ascendant January 20-February 18 Fixed Air Sign Ruler: URANUS

HOPES, WISHES AND FRIENDSHIPS are important to you this February. You can achieve considerable gain through hard work because you have Jupiter, planet of good luck, in your 11th solar house as well as Neptune which suggests either inspiration or deception. You may feel idealistic about what you are doing especially if you work in a creative field.

From February 13 to 16 you will feel gratified about unusual or inventive work you have done. Friends may help you to gain recognition for your efforts. You and a close friend might embark on an unexpected journey.

On February 10 a lunar eclipse in 21° Aquarius could exercise a very personal effect on some Aquarians born February 9, 10 and 11. The event in question may involve your marriage and/or business partner. Those not married or engaged in business with anyone else could also expect to have an important experience that will take place over a three-month-period.

Be cautious when making any financial commitments at the end of February, particularly if a friend wants you to invest your money. The plan could be a dream and nothing more.

1st week





2nd week



3rd week





4th week



PISCES

Or Pisces Ascendant February 19-March 20 Mutable Water Sign Ruler: NEPTUNE

BUSINESS VENTURES should be profitable in February although it is possible that you may overexpand or get a little careless in your dealings. Some Pisceans may worry unnecessarily about their reputation. Early in the month a woman in a working capacity may act to undermine your marriage. If you are not married the person could be causing difficulties in your place of business. Arguments could ensue which would bring about a separation.

On February 25 a solar eclipse in 6° Pisces could have an important influence on those born February 24, 25 and 26. The occasion — which could involve a marriage or business partner — will have a definite effect on you personally. Those who work in close contact with the public may also experience an event of far-reaching significance.

February 13 to 16, a favorable period for making beneficial attachments, you can make gains through friendship or speculation.

An unexpected legacy or gift could come to you. This is an advantageous period for salesmen, promoters, contractors or manufacturers. Some help comes quite accidentally.

1st week



2nd week



3rd week





4th week



★★★

At 17 she left home, looking for excitement, adventure and a writing career. She abandoned them all after the first night's misadventure.

By Mae Toulson as told to Susy Smith

The Night I Laid a Ghost

AS A HEADSTRONG young girl of 17 I decided I must leave home to find excitement and adventure. I got enough the first night to satisfy me for years. I found a ghost in my bed.

My grandmother, with whom I had lived since the death of my parents when I was a toddler, humored me in my desire to be on my own. In the early years of the Depression it was easy for her to find a room for me in a boardinghouse just two blocks away from her Brooklyn home. I was to live there while I tried to learn to write.

When the day came for my move my uncle took me to my new home one evening after dinner. At first I just sat down in front of the window and looked out, rejoicing that at last I was free. Soon I had arranged my few belongings in the dresser drawers and undressed for bed. After a good night's sleep I planned to get up early to start work on my novel.

I slipped into bed, reached for the long light cord hanging from the ceiling near the foot of the bed and turned off the light. As I lay back and pulled up the covers the light came on again.

"That's peculiar," I thought as I sat up and turned it off.

This time, after I had settled back comfortably, the bed seemed to surge and the mattress squeaked, as if some large person were sitting up beside me. Again the light came on.

"What's going on here?" I asked myself. I couldn't sleep with the lamp glaring in my face. I pulled the cord again. Then my tiny body suddenly pitched around as the bed made a peculiar heaving movement. It felt exactly as if some large person was impatiently tossing and turning, then arising.

As I peered into the dark I saw

him! A heavyset man wearing long underwear was sitting on the edge of my bed. He looked to be in his sixties and his bald crown was fringed with grey hair. I sensed that this person — or whatever he was — was annoyed by me, an intruder who was trying to keep him in the dark.

He was annoyed? *I* was scared to death. I scrambled out of bed, grabbed my bathrobe and dashed out of that room. To this day I don't remember whether I stopped to put on my slippers. I may have run barefoot all the way to Grandmother's house.

The next day my uncle went with me to get my clothes, for we had decided I wasn't quite ready for living alone and liking it. When we told the landlady why I was leaving she was almost as shocked as I had been the night before. And when I described the man I had seen she almost fainted. She told us I had accurately described a man who had been found dead in that bed less than a week before.

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MY GRANDMOTHER now recalled that I had shown unusual paranormal abilities in other instances while I was growing up. I had been unaware that it was unusual and she made light of the implications, encouraging in me and in my school-



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teachers the idea that I was gifted and highly imaginative. This no doubt contributed to my ambition to be a writer.

Together we discussed a particular incident which had occurred about four years before — in the late 1920's. If it hadn't been for my grandmother's comfort and reassurance this occurrence might have been very disturbing for me.

I had been alone in the house at about three o'clock one after-

noon. There was a knock at the door and I opened it to find my Aunt Carrie whom I dearly loved.

"Come in, Aunt Carrie," I cried, delighted to see her.

My aunt reached down and hugged me but she replied, "No, child, I haven't time."

"Grandmother will be right back and she'll be angry if you don't stay to see her," I said.

"No," Aunt Carrie insisted, "I just came to tell you that I have to go away." She said no more and left immediately.

When Grandmother returned I told her about Aunt Carrie's mysteriously brief visit. We were quite concerned, for Aunt Carrie usually stayed with us whenever she came to Brooklyn and the brief call was not at all like her.

Not until 10 o'clock that night did we learn that Aunt Carrie had died shortly before three o'clock that afternoon.

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AS I GREW older I gave up the notion of writing and hoped to become a missionary. With that in view I went to nursing school but during my second year a severe attack of rheumatic fever put an end to that ambition. I continued to have strange psychic experiences but besides the ghost in the boardinghouse and Aunt Carrie I think I have seen no others — except possibly in an experience in Colorado which defies normal explanation.

I was engaged to a young man who had fallen ill with tuberculosis. He was in a sanatorium and I stayed nearby so that I could be with him as much as possible. One night he felt very low so I sat with him much longer than usual and missed the last bus leaving the sanitorium. This meant I must walk down a long hill to the bus line at the city limits about a mile away.

It was very late but I wasn't nervous about the long walk in the dark. I was so concerned about my fiancé's condition I could think of nothing else. However, I drew alongside a man who seems to have been walking ahead of me, although I hadn't noticed him. He turned and asked me if I was frightened alone at that time of night.

"I'll walk with you down to the bus line," he said. He was tall, slender and wore overalls. I surmised he might have a farm nearby. He was soft-spoken and his conversation on many subjects — mostly music and books — was cultured.

I was enjoying our talk and regretted it was almost over when we were a half block from the bus stop. I could see other people waiting there and turned to say to my companion that I wouldn't be alone for the rest of

the trip either — but he had disappeared. I looked in all directions but he was not there.

As I joined the people on the corner they greeted me. One woman said, "We have been discussing how brave you are to have walked down that long lonely road alone at night."

"But I wasn't alone," I said. "That man was with me."

There were strange expressions in the group as someone told me they all had watched me emerge from the sanatorium gate and walk all the way down the hill. No one had been with me, they said.



BEWITCHED SOCCER PLAYERS

WHEN SOCCER fans in Zambia speak of "football wizards" and men with "magic in their boots" they mean it literally. Reports circulating through this African country intimate that the nation's soccer players are bewitched.

Some soccer clubs are blaming their poor results in the 1970 season on black magic. They are consulting witch doctors in an effort to combat their opponents' spells. Some clubs are so convinced the players have been bewitched they are setting aside funds to send officials to neighboring Malawi where they hope to get more potent potions to use against their adversaries and thus alter the odds.

Belief in witchcraft is widespread in Africa, particularly in Malawi where some people believe men can turn themselves into crocodiles at will.



YELLOW PILLS GIVE WORLD ROSY LOOK

DR. KURT SCHAPIRA and three colleagues in the department of psychological medicine of Newcastle (England) University reported in the British *Medical Journal* that the color of pills seems to have a relationship to their efficacy. The doctors tested 27 women and 21 men patients suffering from anxiety or depression. All were given the same tranquilizing drug for three weeks but each week the pills were a different color — red, yellow or green.

Depressed patients responded best to yellow pills and anxiety-ridden patients improved using the green ones. No one liked the red pills very much.

How did the Seers in 1970?

Despite ever more rigid criteria for rating their predictions, seers old and new rack up impressive scores.

By Warren Smith

IT IS THE BEST of all possiable worlds! Doomsday did not arrive! Omaha, Nebr., was not evacuated following an invasion of giant four-foot spiders! The oceans did not disappear and California smogged along for another year without a major earthquake!



These events were predicted for 1970 by a self-styled seer in England, a newcomer to the psychic scene. Mercifully, the morbid young man since has folded his tent and disappeared.

Turning from this newcomer who struck out, let's evaluate the predictive hits and misses of American psychics and astrologers. Since the first visionary glimpsed the future humanity has imposed some rigid restrictions on the art of prophecy. We now demand that the psychic forecast not only the event but tell us where and when it will occur.

R. C. "Doc" Anderson, Rossville, Ga., is known throughout the world as "the man who sees tomorrow," an accolade he wears well in view of his "hits."

Despite these criteria many psychics racked up impressive scores for 1970.

Critics of psychics and prophecy claim the seers play the averages. "Their predictions are too generalized," is a frequent lament. Clairvoyants often make a generalized statement for publication and privately provide editors, writers and others with specific data. Good taste and the libel laws sometimes prevent a seer from making completely forthright published predictions. For example, it would be a tasteless disservice to any public figure to predict his death. Privately, the clairvoyant may attempt to warn the subject.

"There are self-fulfilling prophecies," explains psychic R. C. "Doc" Anderson. "I often alert the proper authorities of my vision of an impending tragedy. I also contact the possible victim, if known, and tell him privately of my fears. To make a public announcement regarding a tragic vision might trigger a mentally deranged person to action to make the prediction come true. It could result in more tragedy."

Alphabetically, here are the seers and their hits and misses for 1970:

R. C. "Doc" Anderson, Rossville, Ga., is known throughout the world as the "man who sees tomorrow." His prophetic prowess in predicting events for 1970 proves he wears the title well.



Remarkable seer new to psychic scene is Bertie Catchings, Austin, Tex. She proves important contender for championship, often ahead of the field.

Doc Anderson made his 1970 predictions in late summer 1969 at which time he foresaw the United States' involvement in Vietnam would continue and he predicted our involvement in Cambodia. He said: "America's involvement in the land war in Asia will continue. President Nixon will make every effort to fulfill his campaign promises of bringing our troops home. While there will be peace negotiations, the Viet Cong and the North Vietnamese will continue their guerilla warfare. I also have had an ungodly vision of America

becoming involved in another war in another neighboring country in Asia."

Doc Anderson successfully predicted that the United States-Canadian border would be defoliated and security measures tightened between the two countries. The southern seer has accurately forecast many future inventions and in 1970 he correctly predicted the invention of a voice-operated typewriter, glass highways, artificial human skin and several breakthroughs in lasar research.

The Georgia psychic forecast the subsequent turbulent times in the stock market and the loss of confidence in the franchise industry. He said interest rates would go up and they have. He foresaw the strike in the automobile industry and the government crackdown on industrial pollution. It would require several pages to list all his accurate hits.

His "misses" include a prediction of rebellious demonstrations in Russia's satellite countries which did not occur. His predicted change of leadership in Russia has not come true, although he successfully foresaw the death of General Nasser, Canada's rigid measures against dissenters and continued unrest on college campuses.

At a "psychic psych-in"* at station WWCA in Gary, Ind., author Brad Steiger and hostess Bess Krigel invited several psychics to broadcast their prognostications on January 10, 1970. Dr. Lasca Bogdanova used astrology to forecast correctly that trends would continue to be favorable toward psychism and that new approaches would be used in education. She also foresaw the move away from American liberalism toward a moderate or conservative viewpoint.

One of the nation's most remarkable new psychics is Mrs. Bertie Catchings of Austin, Tex. While many clairvoyants are jealous of the competitors in the field Mrs. Catchings frequently expresses her admiration of other seers. "I don't believe one psychic was meant to dominate the field," she explains. "God gives each of us a bit of the puzzle on humanity. The art is to put the pieces together."

Mrs. Catchings is proving to be a heavyweight contender for psychic championship. On December 22, 1969 she delivered 50 predictions for 1970 to editors of the *Austin Sunday American-Statesman*. These predictions subsequently were published and by June 26, 32 of the 50 had come true. Since then more have proven accurate.

*See FATE, May 1970.

"There were several other predictions that were not so exact but were so close that even a cynic would give Mrs. Catchings the benefit of the doubt," the newspaper remarked in its June 26, 1970 edition. She included a local prediction that a fisherman would drown in Austin's Town Lake. This occurred on February 9. She foresaw the stock market decline, the New York prison riots, power failures, troubles for China's Mao Tse-tung and many others.

Perhaps her most remarkable prediction was No. 44 on her New Year's list. *"Airplanes will be hijacked and one will be taken to Arabia,"* she emphasized. As we know, she underestimated the number of planes that would be taken into the middle-eastern desert. Several of her other predictions have not yet come to pass, and it seems she missed with the prediction of another American moon landing in 1970.

Psychic Mae Darling of Chicago made several predictions during the Gary "psych-in." She was accurate concerning a disastrous fire on the outskirts of Los Angeles. Forest fires in that area were in the news in the fall of 1970. She also hit with predictions of a theater fire in Japan and more barriers being dropped between the orthodox churches. She missed in predicting "less fighting and less war" in the past year. It remains for you to determine if her predicted stock market rise occurred in November and December 1970.



Another new psychic is West Indian Dr. Ernesto Montgomery of Los Angeles whose 1970 successes are a measure of his predictive prowess.

Noted psychic Joseph DeLouise, also of Chicago, had several predictions published in the "psych-in" article in the May 1970 edition of FATE magazine. DeLouise accurately envisioned a fire at a major Hollywood studio. This disaster occurred on April 28, 1970 when flames swept through sound stage No. 4 at Columbia studios where the TV show "Bewitched" was being

filmed. Damage was $500,000.

DeLouise also foresaw continuing legal problems for Muhammed Ali, the former heavyweight champion Cassius Clay. This has proven true. He foresaw correctly the increased guerilla warfare in Thailand and United States intervention with aid and supplies to anti-Communist forces. He was correct in predicting an earthquake in the Philippines area.

Mr. DeLouise missed in predicting a plane crash at Chicago's O'Hare field about the week of February 9. Another miss was his forecast of a White House wedding in September.

It is too early to tell about some of his other predictions. To date the Pope has not undergone major surgery and no third party has emerged to accept the blame in the Ted Kennedy-Mary Jo Kopechne accident.

Another Chicago psychic, Irene Hughes, whose Golden Path office is located at 30 West Washington St., in Chicago, predicted the kidnaping and assassination of Mr. LaPorte, the Canadian? labor official. She also foresaw Nasser's death and the earthquake that struck Peru. And she predicted the United States involvement in Cambodia.

Another prediction Mrs. Hughes is calling a "hit" is her mention that in 1970 many of the mysteries surrounding UFOs would be solved. "*Saga* magazine has carried several articles to that effect," Mrs. Hughes declared. "One article included the most detailed information on UFOs. It related to the Nebraska policeman, Herb Schirmer, and the data he obtained during a contact experience."

Mrs. Hughes also foresaw changes in laws on divorce and marriage continuing into the seventies. This trend started with the Iowa state legislature decree that it was no longer necessary to establish fault or blame to obtain a divorce.

Chicagoan Olof Jonsson, recognized as one of the world's most remarkable sensitives, made a few predictions for 1970. He foresaw an up and down stock market with the worst month October. "Egypt's Nasser will be out of power," Jonsson forecast and of course death did remove this Middle East strong man.

Mr. Jonsson predicted a big fire in Chicago and FATE editors footnoted the article: "As we go to press we must report this prediction already has come to pass in the tragic January fire in the big Conrad Hilton hotel on Michigan Avenue in which two teenaged deaf-mutes lost their lives."

Jonsson's prediction of "great

strides in powering automobiles by electricity" is a hard one to score. Perhaps FATE readers acquainted with this area of research can provide an assessment.

The year 1970 has one month to go as this is written and you will have to score Mr. Jonsson's predicted "tragic turn in the marriage of Jackie and Ari Onassis."

Mrs. Merle Meyer is a Chicago astrologer and based her 1970 forecasts on the signs of the zodiac. She foresaw trouble with China which has not occurred to date. She predicted Richard Nixon would be "the man of the hour" and the President certainly has dominated the news. She also accurately predicted that financial problems would continue in the United States but this is a very general type of prognostication and don't they always?

Another of her statements indicated the astrological chart for the United States Navy revealed a 1970 pattern almost the same as existed during the War of 1812. I am not a naval history fan and cannot evaluate this information.

Dr. Ernesto Montgomery, Los Angeles, Calif., is one of the nation's newest psychics. He was born in the West Indies of royal Ethiopian parentage and his psychic talents became evident when he was a child. Dr. Montgomery claims that when England entered the war against Germany he worked with British intelligence agencies and that his psychic powers enabled the British to "psych out" Hitler's reliance on astrologers and seers.*

His predictions for 1970 indicate his predictive prowess. He produced 17 predictions for 1970 which came into my office on December 2, 1969. Sixteen of those forecasts have come true. They include Nasser's death, United States involvement in Cambodia, the Los Angeles forest fires, more trouble for actor Frank Sinatra in Las Vegas and the shooting of students at Kent State University. Dr. Montgomery's only miss was a prediction that the war in Vietnam would end in 1970. Hopefully, this still could occur before this year's end.

The May issue of FATE included predictions by Harold Schroeppel, president of Haly's Psychic Self Improvement of Oak Park, Ill. Mr. Schroeppel uses the tarot cards as an instrument for prognostication.

His hits included accurate predictions that the stock market would rise slowly after a distressing drop. This was correct. He accurately foresaw fewer ra-

*This also has been stated of the astrologer Louis de Wohl. See FATE, April 1969.

cial riots this past year, more automation in teaching and Nasser's demise as Egypt's strong man. Interest rates have continued to rise, as he forecast. There were demonstrations at Expo 70 in Japan and his predicted power failures included New York where power was rationed in summer 1970.

The midwest seer also was correct in saying several airplanes will crash (Wouldn't this be true every year?) and "several airplane hijackers will be killed." This too probably was inevitable and a few hijackers have been fatally shot.

Mr. Schroeppel was accurate in seeing more small business closings, more unemployment. He accurately envisioned that the Suez Canal would remain closed.

His misses to date include the forecast for an alternate route for the Panama Canal; there has been talk in Congress but no action. He stated specific data on UFOs would be released by a small country, possibly Brazil, and of course this still might occur before the year's end.

Herb Stanton is an accountant and part-time astrologer who writes a column entitled "Star Talk" in a Florida newspaper. This Palm Beach star charter wrote on the last day of 1969 that the stock market would plunge to 685 in 1970. At the time the prediction was published the stock index stood at 836. The Dow-Jones average did drop to 685, but it also dropped to 635 in July.

He forecast that "Jackie Kennedy's public relations will suffer another blow within two years." This occurred in February 1970 with the publication of the "Dear Ross" letters to Roswell Gilpatrick.

Medium Ruth Zimmerman of Monee, Ill., scored in early 1970 by predicting that actress Jean Peters would file for divorce from her husband, financier Howard Hughes. Her prediction that "there will be a call for help from outer space" could only have meant the aborted mission of Apollo Thirteen. She also predicted true in forecasting more power blackouts and in mentioning an illness for actress Phyllis Diller.

Another of her direct hits was: "A touchy international incident involving a United States airplane will occur." This came to pass when United States airliners were hijacked to the Middle East. She forsaw that "another flag will be placed on the moon" which occurred when the Russian moon probe landed on the lunar surface, of course carrying the U.S.S.R. flag. Mrs. Zimmerman also warned of a need for extreme caution for Mrs. Martin

Luther King, Jr., and the civil rights leader's widow was in the news when staff members of Southern Christian Leadership Council (SCLC) struck over conditions of their employment.

However, as this is written, Ted and Joan Kennedy have not announced their separation and Queen Elizabeth has not undergone a major operation which Mrs. Zimmerman said would occur "in the last of the year."

It is not possible to make a statistical evaluation of the seers with time still remaining in 1970. This must be left up to you. Personally, I believe they did very well.

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Editor's Note: Psychics who wish to be included in a possible evaluation next year may send their predictions directly to FATE Magazine, 500 Hyacinth Pl., Highland Park, Ill. 60035.

SCARE TRICK BACKFIRES

AN OHIO MAN whose wife said he frequently tried to scare her by putting an empty gun to his head and pulling the trigger died of a self-inflicted bullet wound August 9, 1969.

Charles Gibson, 42, of Madisonville, a suburb of Cincinnati, died of a wound in the right temple and the police ruled the shooting accidental.

Mrs. Jean Gibson, 31, said she and her husband had an argument before the shooting and that he walked into the bedroom, picked up the pistol, placed it to his head, then pulled the trigger. She said her husband several times in the past had used the trick to "bring her to heel." The magazine for the automatic pistol was found on a table but one bullet apparently had remained in the chamber.

MUNDANE MYSTERY IN WONDERLAND

WHEN THE memorable "Wizard of Oz" was filmed Frank Morgan in his role as the fraudulent Wizard wore a coat the studio had picked up from a rack of old coats in a second-hand store. Casually examining the coat one day during a lull in the shooting Morgan noticed a name written in faded ink on the label in the inside breast pocket. Under a strong light he finally made out the name of the coat's original owner: L. Frank Baum.

He was astonished, for seldom does the long arm of coincidence stretch that far. L. Frank Baum was the author of the original book. "The Wizard of Oz," published in 1900.

When Baum's widow saw the coat she recognized it immediately and at the close of production on the film it was presented to her by Judy Garland.

The Case of the MISSING MACARONI

Whatever it was that took their pasta — poltergeist, ghost, or prankster — its appetite was a peculiar one.

By Harry Nix

IN MANY PARTS of the world it is traditional to make offerings of food to the spirits of the dead. From ancient times to the present some Oriental sects have practiced this act of faith, notably Shintoism which has ancestor worship as its principal tenet. Faithful Shintoists place bowls of food on graves and in temples, not merely as a worshipful gesture but because they believe the food will nourish the dead souls. In the context of Eastern cultures this makes sense — but in the United States the idea of "hungry spirits" seems a little ridiculous.

Nonetheless a former neighbor of mine, Carol Thornton, told me about her experience with such a spirit — or "some invisible something" as she calls it — which had a strong appetite for raw macaroni, of all things. Its appetite was peculiarly geared to that one particular food and to satisfy its single-minded craving the "invisible something" dared to steal — "Oh, I don't know how many times," Carol recalls, "and right from under our noses!"

Carol, an attractive intelligent mother of four children whose ages range from six to 13, teaches grade school. We became acquainted when she and her husband Doug moved into the house next door in the summer of 1969. Generally warm and exuberant she also can be cool, detached and wittily cynical. On occult subjects I expected her to raise a skeptical eyebrow so I was surprised when she said, "I don't *believe* in those things but I have had a funny experience. It

was frustrating but it was downright 'spooky' too. . ."

In 1957 Carol married Doug Thornton, a veteran of the Korean war, while both were students at Bowling Green (Ohio) State University.

"Naturally," she says, "we left our dorms and got an apartment. Nothing special happened there except I got pregnant with our son Patrick."

After Pat's birth in the summer of 1958 Carol soon became pregnant again.

"With one tiny baby already and another on the way Doug and I knew we had to find larger quarters. In October 1958 we moved into the University Apartments. That's where the macaroni mystery took place. I was alone much of the day because I had to drop teaching that year. And that damned macaroni thing lasted the whole two years we lived there."

The University Apartments originated as a chain of tarpapered barracks erected for G.I. reservist students who had enlisted but were allowed to finish school. After the war the barracks were converted into apartments for married students although the facilities had deteriorated in the interim.

"The rent was low," Carol says, "and we were strapped financially — even with a scholarship, Doug's G.I. allotment and a little family help. We made one of those dumps livable and moved in. I don't know who had lived there before but neighbors said our place had been vacant more than a year. Anyway, the macaroni thing started almost immediately."



Carol Thornton, a schoolteacher with a practical turn of mind, remains baffled by the mystery.

During the first week in University Apartments Carol brought home noodles, spaghetti and macaroni among other groceries, unpacked the bags and put their contents away.

"I *know* I had macaroni because I lined it up on the shelf with the other pasta. But when I

went to get it the box was gone. Nothing but a blank space where it had been! I searched the cupboard but found no macaroni. So I cooked something else and kept quiet."

The next week Carol purchased two or three one-pound boxes of macaroni — "to make sure" — but again when she wanted some it was gone.

"I mentioned it to Doug after a while thinking maybe he was trying to tell me he didn't like macaroni in any form. He was surprised but he thought the whole thing was funny. It wasn't to me."

Determined to solve the mystery Carol began sifting through trash and looking under the old car they owned to see if she had dropped the macaroni from her shopping bags. She couldn't understand why she always should lose macaroni and nothing else.

"It never was missing until I needed it," she says. "If I opened the cupboard it was there on the shelf. If I had water boiling and reached for it it *wasn't* there."

After discussing the problem Carol and Doug decided that maybe a neighbor was sneaking into the apartment while they were out and playing some pointless practical joke on them. Yet nothing in the Thornton apartment was disturbed and windows and locked doors showed no signs of forcible entry. About that time Carol started searching the neighbors' garbage cans.

"It may sound foolish," she says, "but I felt a compulsive need to find an answer, some kind of solution to the whole silly problem. If I could just find an empty box of the same brand of macaroni in a neighbor's trash I would say to myself, 'O.K., so maybe they took it and that explains it so I won't mention it to anyone.' And I wouldn't have either."

Eventually during social evenings with their neighbors Carol and Doug brought up the macaroni mystery. "You know," one of them would say, "we can't keep a box of macaroni in the house" — and then describe what was happening. The neighbors found it hilarious.

"They laughed as if *we* were playing a joke on *them*," Carol told me.

The weird thefts continued. "Two or three times I came home and put the groceries on the kitchen table so I could take off my coat. Then I'd start the water boiling and reach for the macaroni — and it would have disappeared from the shopping bag! I swear, I think if ever I had thrown it into the water and watched it boil it still would have

vanished before it was done!

"The macaroni itself finally became unimportant," she adds. "The whole thing got to be a contest between me and whatever made the macaroni disappear. Every time ghosts and spirits popped into my mind I put them out. I just wanted to understand it — but I still don't.

"I've told you the truth about this as far as I know it but I still would like to know the whole truth. Looking back I find it odd that we lived there a year after Cindy was born — two years in all — and the whole time we never had a meal with macaroni. And we must have bought more than 100 pounds of it too."

One of the first meals the Thorntons had in their next home included macaroni and cheese. "We haven't been without macaroni since we left the University Apartments," Carol concludes.

If the macaroni thief was a poltergeist, one of those free-wheeling rambunctious spirits who clang and bang and throw things around, he certainly was elusive — hungry too. For macaroni — *raw*!



DOG BITES MAN, MAN WOOFS

A MAN WHO HAD been bitten by a dog sought treatment in the emergency room of a hospital in Rotherham, England. When asked his name, he replied, "Woof."

The receptionist laughed politely and repeated her question.

"I am Mr. William Woof, the town's housing manager," the dog bite victim insisted. But he had to show his business card to prove it.

In the treatment room getting an antitetanus shot Mr. Woof said resignedly, "With a name like mine, it was bound to happen."



THE SEEING-EYE CAT

MRS. ESTHER Downey-Palmer of Medford, Ore., is semi-blind, able to distinguish only dark and light. Her 20-pound Persian cat Cutie whom she got as a kitten three years ago walks about two feet in front of her and rubs against her legs to warn of obstructions or depressions in her path. Indoors Cutie pushes small objects such as magazines out of the way.

Cutie has no training for his seeing-eye function but apparently he senses the need for his services.

Can we take a big step? Can we combine space technology with data derived from UFOs to arrive—unconventionally—at something totally new?

Science of the Future?
A THEORY OF UFO FLIGHT

By John F. Schuessler

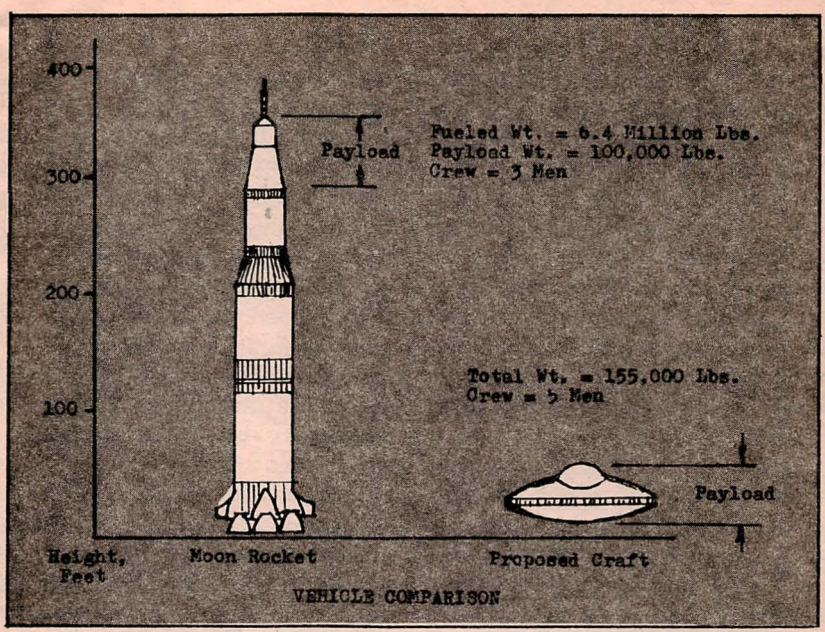
TOO MUCH ENERGY has been spent trying to prove whether UFOs are fact or fiction. UFOs are seen and reported in such numbers that the subject has become as commonplace as the weather, something everyone talks about but no one does anything about.

Well, somebody has been missing the boat, for a lot of good UFO observations and facts have been going to waste. It's as if the scientific community had forgotten that science is simply a body of systematized knowledge gained through observation and the classification of facts resulting in the establishment of laws by induction and hypotheses.

I believe the scientific community has been covering for its brain child: technology. While our space program has struggled upward through myriad unmanned and manned space probes the UFO seemingly has outperformed us in every category. Therefore, I propose that we dedicate ourselves to the task of utilizing the reports, the data, the claims of sighters and the UFO itself as sources of technology transfer not *from* but *to* our space program.

Putting objects into space has given us a wealth of scientific, medical and engineering data. IFOs — Tiros, Pegasus, Echo, Gemini, Apollo — are very real space objects of many sizes, shapes and purposes. Power sources run the gamut from batteries to fuel cells, from solar panels to nuclear generators. Few persons understand the complexities and capabilities of these objects designed to fly in space.

So far our one big hang-up has



been the earth's gravity field. The only means we have for lifting our IFOs through it is the multistage rocket. Each pound of mass requires more than 21 million foot-pounds of mechanical energy to escape the earth's gravitational field. Because our rockets have low mechanical and thermodynamic efficiencies every pound we launch costs several thousand dollars.

And the vehicles get larger and larger. The Saturn V moon rocket is a good example. Even with its enormous size the Saturn V's payload is limited and to make matters worse the rocket is "thrown away" after one flight. For future missions a Super-Saturn (several of these monsters strapped together) was considered. If this doesn't stagger your imagination nothing will. Recently, however, a new concept — a space shuttle — has been proposed. This is a step in the right direction, for the shuttle would eliminate the "throw-away" concept of rockets and allow reuse of the basic vehicle, thus reducing the cost per pound

for gravitational escape.

But why not take a big step, maybe not as a production program, but as an experiment? Consider the UFOs photographed at Santa Ana, Calif., at McMinnville, Ore., and at Yungay, Peru, as examples. They represent a big step in advanced thinking and advanced flying. Each of these objects maneuvered easily within our atmosphere without causing any air pollution or significant atmospheric disturbance. How? It is obvious that we have a lot to learn.

Since the propulsion system dictates the size, shape, weight, environmental design parameters, payload, etc., it follows that we should upgrade our technology in this phase first. Several approaches come to mind. Consider the ducted fan. Using it, several enterprising inventors have built authentic-looking saucers capable of gliding along several inches off the ground. But none has been able to go through the transition stage to achieve flight beyond ground effect.

In the early 1960's large-scale wind-tunnel tests were conducted at the Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif.,* on a circular plan-form aircraft with peripheral jets for lift, thrust and control. The craft was 18 feet in diameter, three and a quarter feet thick and propelled by a turborotor five feet in diameter driven by the exhaust of three J-69 engines. The air for the turborotor and the jet engines came through intake openings on the upper surface of the wing. While an air-breathing engine could not be used for space travel the tests demonstrated the potential for a disk-shaped craft to operate in the atmosphere. The craft lacked aerodynamic stability which pointed up the need for an automatic stabilization system. Transition studies also established that the aircraft had a thrust deficiency, thus demonstrating a need for a more advanced propulsion system.

Several groups of UFO enthusiasts have followed the more parochial path — attempting to leap into space by mechanical means and bypassing the need for technological sophistication. Their ideas range from flywheel devices to spring-link systems to huge magnetic motors. Each hopes to use a little wasted energy or maybe even perpetual motion to move the vehicle. So far, Mr. Newton and his law of motion keep getting in the way.

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INFLUENCING gravity is not totally impossible. Experi-

*Richard K. Greif and William H. Tolhurst: *Large-Scale Wind-Tunnel Tests of a Circular Plan-Form Aircraft with a Peripheral Jet for Lift, Thrust and Control*, NASA Technical Note D-1432, February 1963.

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ments have shown that an electric charge applied to the surface of a rocket or missile will increase its velocity and stability. In principle, maintaining a positive charge on the vehicle offsets the effects of gravity so that the craft is repelled by the earth's positive charge and attracted by the increasing negative charges as it rises into the upper atmosphere. In tests with more than 200 miniature rockets the most effective material was a nonconductive plastic coated with a conductive varnish. The experiments were so successful that in 1963 a patent on the formulation of the material was granted to its inventor, a retired naval captain, Horace C. Dudley.

A more far-out approach is the use of a gravity shield. In H. G. Wells' novel, *The First Men in the Moon,* a British inventor, Mr. Cavor, devised a disk of a material he called "cavorite." This material could create a gravity shadow which made any object above the disk weightless. He built a spherical gondola surrounded by cavorite shutters which could be opened and closed. Simply closing the shutters on the earth side and opening those on the moon side, Mr. Cavor terminated the earth's gravitational pull and the moon's gravity pulled him and his craft right into space.

Unfortunately, it isn't that simple. Because the earth's gravitational field is energy-conserving, a spacecraft not only must expend an enormous amount of energy to break free but must dispose of that energy when returning. This is accomplished through the use of retrorockets and the dissipation of heat as in the return and reentry of the Mercury, Gemini and

Apollo. An antigravity system, on the other hand, could make use of the gravitational field, through reversibility, to permit flight with little or no expenditure of energy. Sounds like science fiction, doesn't it? Yet, most of today's science was yesterday's science fiction.

Einstein's Principle of Equivalence states that gravitational and inertial forces are indistinguishable and equal. It follows that electromagnetic forces also are related, although Einstein died before he could prove his Unified Field Theory. If it were proven we could assume all forces become controllable.

For purposes of my discussion, an electromagnetic screen with a special capacitor would isolate the spacecraft from all outside forces and allow only computer-selected forces to act on it. The selected forces would act in combinations to provide stability, control and movement. The capacitor would store electromagnetic energy for use in ascent and would recharge during descent. Such an energy exchange system would let us penetrate the gravitational energy barrier — and possibly would explain the halo effect sometimes seen in UFO photographs or observed through Polaroid glasses and even the luminosity recorded in nighttime sightings.

Scientific advances are taking place so rapidly now that it is hard to draw a line that separates the possible from the impossible. For instance, a new superconducting material has been discovered which can withstand 410,000 gauss with no loss in superconductivity.* This magnetic field is a million times greater than the earth's.

The reality of antimatter has been theorized for more than 40 years but the first antinucleus, antihydrogen 2, was not found until 1966. Now a three-particle antinucleus, antihelium 3, has been discovered.**

The energy potential of the pulsar and the quasar is now under consideration as a future source of energy for mankind. Discovering the mechanism by which they release that energy could open the doors to a new science.

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THE OLD SMOKE- and fire-breathing jet engine of the Ames experiment with its circular plan-form aircraft is useless in space. However, it could be used as an auxiliary power source for take-off and landing or near-earth hovering. Such a technological achievement could account for the numerous reports

*"Super Superconductor Performs Well to 21 K," *Industrial Research*, Vol. 12, No. 5, May, 1970.
**"Three-body Success," *Science News*, Vol. 97, No. 9, February 28, 1970.

of smoke, flame, noise, scorched earth and the like. (Consider the reports by Lonnie Zamora at Socorro, N. Mex., in 1964 and by Kathy Barr at Garrison, Iowa, in 1968.)

A controlled thermonuclear reactor (CTR) could provide the vast amount of power required for operation of the gravity screen with its electrostatic capacitor which I have hypothesized. We presently do not have the technology to construct a practical CTR system, even though we have utilized the power of fusion for several years in weaponry. That such a system is now in use, however, is indicated by the reported increase in background radioactivity levels detected in near-UFO encounters and the burns sustained by persons who have come in contact with UFOs.

Obviously, the propulsion system is our primary hurdle. Once that jump is made other systems can be defined to fit the overall plan. Due to the severe weight restrictions imposed on today's spacecraft we have had to refine and miniaturize all designs. This sophistication — the ability to put 10 pounds of equipment in a one-pound slot — will be invaluable in the future, for it will help guide the design of a truly modern spacecraft.

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IF A SPACECRAFT is to be manned it must have a life support system capable of sustaining human life for a specified mission duration, potentially years. Presently this highly complex equipment not only must be designed to sustain life but also to survive the launch environment. For example, a piece of equipment might operate perfectly in space if designed like a fine watch. However, the extreme vibration and launch acceleration forces may demand that some parts be designed like your washing machine motor simply to survive the launch into space.

The task doesn't stop here. Not only must the piece of equipment be designed to meet the rugged criteria; it also must be tested to prove itself. This requires simulation or test equipment to thoroughly de-bug each item. Multiply this by thousands of pieces of equipment involved in a space mission to get a picture of the complications.

Our hypothetical energy exchange vehicle eliminates the need for all this "survive the launch" design and testing.

Currently the life support system design often is hampered by the limited power available for its operation. Our proposed controlled thermonuclear reactor solves the power problem and its

associated heat source can be used in the life support system. On long missions waste need not be dumped overboard. Instead, conventional systems can remove the contaminants from the atmosphere while a reactor recovers oxygen and a condenser-purifier saves water. Supplies other than food could be obtained by entering the atmosphere of a planet, scooping up whatever gas and moisture is available and liquefying it for storage and later recovery through the reduction system we already have.

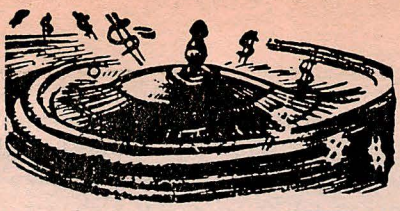
The guidance and control system would require both automatic and manual capabilities. Both are within reach of our present-day technology. But we need to improve the pilot's manual reaction time. This might be done by designing a system to control the vehicle through the pilot's eyeball. A sensing device would detect minute changes in the eyeball orientation and adjust the spacecraft attitude to it. The sensor would ignore gross changes through an automatic override characteristic. Such a system might make the vehicle oscillate slightly during slow flight within the atmosphere but it would be held within the tolerances of the sensing device.

Through all normal flight sequences communication would be via lasar (unless the crew was tuned in to ESP, as I understand the Russians are trying to do!). Little advance in the state of the art would be required here unless picture image projection were desirable. Again, from the CTR the power should be available.

As you can see, such visionary plans require sophistication on every level. But consider the strides in space technology we have made in the last 12 years. We are limited only by the vision of scientists and engineers of the future. Hindsight generally registers 20:20 and foresight may come pretty close too.

All men are not bound by convention. Those who stray from the path of scientific egotism usually establish a new science. What man can conceive he can build—although he may not do it in a conventional manner. I think the concept of the UFO fits here —just beyond the state of the art.





Wheel of Fortune

By Paul Steiner

In the Random House Dictionary, printed in 1966, the third definition of the word "pennant" reads: "a flag serving as an emblem of victory or championship" and cites this example of the use of the word: "He says the Mets may win the pennant next year." As if it couldn't happen!

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The telephone directory for Sandpoint, Idaho, lists a citizen named Bourbon who resides at Bottle Bay.

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Victor Lamkay, the sculptor whose famous bust of Lyndon Johnson was accepted by LBJ shortly before he left the White House, dined at New York's Lotus Eaters Chinese Restaurant last fall. When he opened his fortune cookie his message read, "Beware the sculptor. He may be just a chiseler."

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Armando Socarras Ramirez fled from Cuba to Spain in the wheel pod of a Spanish airliner, surviving temperatures of 40° below zero and an acute shortage of oxygen for nine hours. Doctors were unable to explain how the 22-year-old man was able to survive, especially as he wore only a thin shirt, trousers and one shoe.

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While digging a shrub basin at Mibs' Mineral Farm in Ouray, Colo., landscaper Ernie Sawyer uncovered a surface pocket of galena, lead-bearing ore which proves out at an estimated $600 a ton. The pocket will run as much as 125 tons and Sawyer will get a percentage from the land-owner.

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One of the most valuable historical relics in the world, Sir Francis Drake's drum, now lies in its ancient home, Buckland Abbey near Plymouth, England. In his will Drake specified that it

be kept there. "Drake's Drum," famed in song and story, accompanied the Elizabethan sea dog on his voyages around the world and it is said to have a curious trait. Legend holds that it always sounds when England is in danger.

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The United States Navy Department doesn't cater to superstition — or does it? On Friday, June 13, 1969, the navy's newest nuclear attack submarine *Bergall* was commissioned, named for the original *U.S.S. Bergall,* which during World War II sank 13 enemy vessels in a period of two years and torpedoed a battleship on February 13, 1945.

●

If Amerigo Vespucci, the 15th-Century Italian navigator, had been named for his father Nastagio instead of his grandfather, Amerigo Vespucci Di Stagio, our country today might be the United States of Nastagio. But Vespucci *was* christened "Amerigo" and America was named for him. Thus his grandfather, Amerigo Vespucci Di Stagio, gained a place in history — and geography.

●

"Kima," a Redditch, England, guide dog wasn't feeling well so she changed her blind master's direction and led him directly to her veterinarian's office.

New on the pop music scene is a group called "Coven," consisting of lady-vocalist Jinx Dawson, drummer Steve Ross, bass player Oz Osborne, guitarist-vocalist Chris Neilsen and organist Rich Durrett. While they lack the required 13 persons to make up a coven, a distinction about the new group is their genuine and intense involvement with witchcraft. They devote a lot of energy and time to studying black and white magic and their music reflects it. (The group's first LP album, released under a Mercury label, is titled, "Witchcraft.") They are believed to be unique among pop groups in publicly proclaiming the beliefs and rituals of witchcraft through the medium of music.

●

In New York City the cast of "Slave Ship," the play authored by black poet Leroy Jones, walked off the stage after complaining to the audience that working conditions at the theater were all too similar to a real slave ship.

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To promote the film "The Looking Glass War" Columbia Pictures invited passersby to break mirrors outside the theater on a Friday the 13th. Those who were willing won free tickets for their daring — and not a single mishap occurred.

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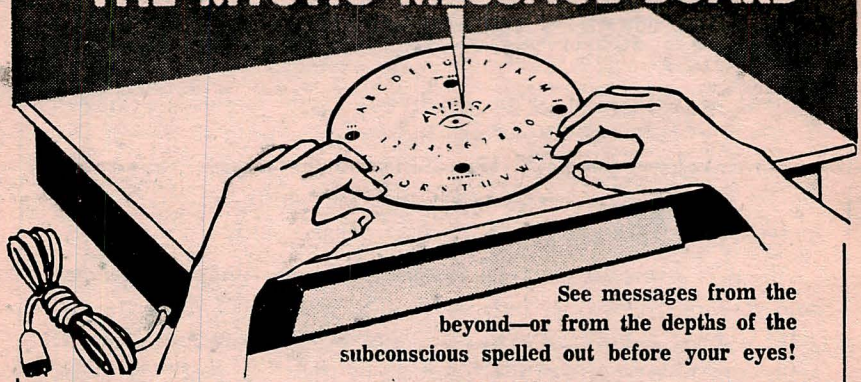
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MY FIRST SEANCE

By Phyllis Reed

I WAS 15 years old when I attended my first seance. It was the summer of 1941 and my parents, Frank and Rose Quackenbush, my aunt Georgia Fuller and my sister Anna Mae Hatfield took me with them to the Chesterfield Spiritualist Camp. It is located in Anderson, Ind., and it is a small community in itself consisting of the small houses in which the mediums live and conduct their seances, a large auditorium, a gift shop, cafeteria, museum, snack shop, three hotels and a peaceful little park. All this is surrounded by a high iron fence.

Upon arrival we registered in a guest book on the porch of one medium's house. Knowing none of them we picked one at random and even today none of us can recall her name.

At the appointed hour we were ushered down some steps to the basement and into a quite ordinary room, sparsely furnished except for about 15 straight-backed chairs arranged in a circle. The windows were shuttered and at one end of the room stood what appeared to be a shower cabinet enclosed by a heavy black curtain. We understood this was where the medium would go into trance.

Soon everyone had arrived and when everyone was seated the medium appeared, spoke a few words, then immediately entered the cabinet closing the curtain around her. An assistant turned off the lights leaving only a small red bulb burning, then instructed us to sing a few hymns "to strengthen the vibrations and attract the desired spirits to our circle."

After a few songs we heard a strange piping voice emanating from the cabinet. We understood the medium was in trance and now under the control of her guiding spirit.

Her guide had a name something like "Bluebell" and she was mighty lively to be dead. Bluebell's task was to act as intermediary for the sitters and their friends. She reminded me of a master of ceremonies, for she was always giving her candid opinion and chattering merrily throughout the proceedings.

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cabinet in a kind of vaporous shape.

I never could discern any definite features of any of the spirits although some persons there said they could see them plainly. To me they looked like fog formed into a vague resemblance of a human shape.

I since have learned this was a highly unusual seance, for spirits were forming everywhere. We might see a bit of vapor behind someone's chair and right before our eyes it would develop into someone's "Aunt Sophie." Occasionally we would see them dematerialize.

When we were called, Mother, Father, Anna Mae, Aunt Georgia and I walked to the center of the room. I can't remember all of the spirits who came to greet us. But I do remember two of them.

One was my maternal grandmother, Birdie Mathieu, who had died at the age of 25. When she appeared everyone raved about her beautiful long black wavy hair — which I couldn't see. To me all the spirits appeared transparent and constantly undulating so that I couldn't focus on any particlular feature — but I never will forget the little lecture Grandma gave me, concluding by reminding me, "Pretty is as pretty does."

The other spirit was that of my brother Frank. He had been born before me and lived only three days. He had grown up on the spirit plane, gone to school and from what he told us he had led an existence similar to one he might have had on earth. He said he had been in such a rush to see us that he had neglected to put on his shoes. To prove this, he raised his foot — which to me looked like an X-ray of a foot.

Frank told me that he often was with me. To convince me he said that he had accompanied me on the 4th of July when I had gone swimming with a group of friends in a nearby quarry.

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Frank realized he had let the cat out of the bag and apologized to me. But it was too late for apologies. I began to prepare myself for the lecture I knew would be forthcoming and which undoubtedly would last the 90 miles of our trip home. — *Bedford, Ind.*

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By Shirley McCotter

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She said there were several heavy jobs to do but she doubted if two women could do them. I told her we could at least try and we set to work. Her furniture was extremely heavy and I began to suspect she was right. The repairs she had in mind needed a man's strength.

But strangely, every job we tackled became easy and the heavy objects seemed light. I soon realized that something odd was going on and mentioned this to Louise. She replied, "Jim is helping us."

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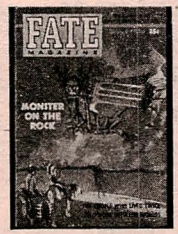


1952

No.	Month	Supply
28,	June	90
29,	July-Aug.	40
30,	Sept.	390
32,	Nov.	140
33,	Dec.	90

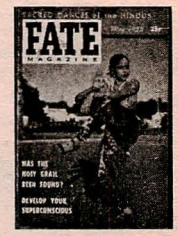
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36,	Mar.	260
37,	Apr.	210
38,	May	215
39,	June	65
40,	July	65
41,	Aug.	365
42,	Sept.	40
43,	Oct.	210
44,	Nov.	215



1954

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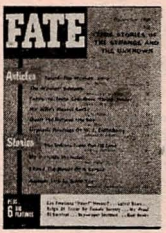
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104,	Nov.	390
105,	Dec.	500





1959

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strange strength we both seemed to have. Then, when we had finished the last of the heavy work, I *saw* Jim!

He was wearing his old work clothes and he seemed to radiate a white light. He looked happy and smiled at Louise as he said, "I have to go now." He laughed and waved to us just as he always had.

Suddenly a green valley appeared in the distance and I could see Jim walking jauntily toward it, whistling as he went.

When the scene faded, I looked in wonder at Louise for an explanation.

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drove on to my home where I sat down and silently prayed for some sign that our pets have eternal life. I remained as receptive as possible the rest of the day but nothing happened.

Finally at midnight I gave up and turned on the radio to listen to the news. I never got to hear it — for in the darkened living room my stepfather Dr. Paul Albrecht, appeared before me with a pair of Scotties. (My stepfather died March 27, 1962 but I never had known he owned Scotch terriers. I learned later he had raised them before he knew my mother.)

Smiling gently, Father said, "We are here to meet Hammie. He is still asleep."

Then he and the Scotties looked down. The scene was so real that instinctively I followed suit. All I could see was a blue-green mist but I felt Hammie must be there. Suddenly the entire vision was gone.

I wanted desperately to telephone Charlotte about this but it was 1:30 A.M. Half an hour later, after I had gone to bed, my phone rang. Charlotte said she had an uncontrollable impulse to call me despite the lateness of the hour. All kinds of phenomena seemed to be in action that night! So I did have a chance to tell her of my stepfather's appearance.

The following Tuesday I was cleaning house when a feeling like an electric shock went through me. I stopped work and looked up to see my stepfather playing with the Scotties — and a very healthy Hammie. — *Winter Park, Fla.*

A VISIT WITH MOTHER

By Evelynee Heimerl

ONE BEAUTIFUL night in May 1967 I stood looking out our kitchen windows at the moonlit yard and outbuildings on our farm in Racine County, Wis. Mother's Day was three days away and I had been reliving

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the five weeks my mother Minnie Riesch had spent with me before she died on April 17, 1963. I still missed her and at this time of year my thoughts always turned to her. About 11 o'clock I went to my bedroom and cried silently until I fell asleep.

Some time later I roused slightly and felt my spirit was leaving my body. I seemed to float through space until I found myself hovering over the cemetery in West Bend where Mother was buried — 60 miles north of our farm. I seemed to be let down gently until I stood at the side of Mother's grave.

All alone in the cemetery I was frightened. I asked myself, "Why am I here?"

To my astonishment my mother answered me — as if she had heard my thoughts — and I looked up to see her standing at my side.

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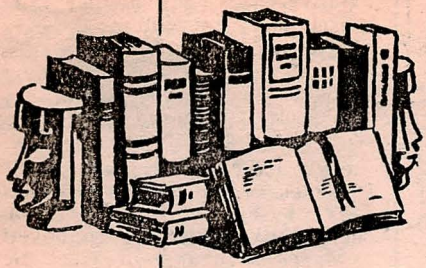
Then she took me in her arms and said, "Don't ever come here again. I never have been in that grave. I am with you in your home. Don't you see me?"

"I wish I could," I whispered.

As I was speaking and trying to cling to her Mother faded away. Again I stood alone — until a gentle wind lifted me. I could see the city below — as I was whisked through space. With a wrench my spirit re-entered my body and I was wide-awake.

I got out of bed, walked into the kitchen and peered again into the bright moonlit yard. Somehow I knew the experience was real. I glanced at the clock, realizing that between 11 o'clock and 2:30 A.M. I had visited my mother. — *Union Grove, Wis.*





New Books



By David Techter

SPIRITED HISTORY

A FEW MONTHS ago when I was bemoaning the lack of a good history of Spiritualism I was unaware that such a volume was actually in preparation. Slater Brown's *The Heyday of Spiritualism* (Hawthorn Books, N.Y., 1970, 264 pages, $6.95) is not the exhaustive documented history I would have liked but I found it difficult to put down once I began to read it. To me the term "heyday" has a slightly derogatory connotation and I was prepared for another exposé. But happily Brown is eminently fair in his judgment, giving praise where it is due and ridicule when appropriate. He writes in a lively style that makes the past come alive and the book includes a section of interesting illustrations.

Brown casts a wide net and many may wonder what the 19th Century mesmerists or the Stratford poltergeist have to do with Spiritualism. But the material on the mesmerists, absorbing in its own right, provides vital background material for understanding the acceptance of the Spiritualist phenomena. Indeed, some of the early subjects of "animal magnetism" produced a wide variety of mediumistic phenomena. The instances of "traveling clairvoyance" are particularly striking. Along with the mesmerists, Swedenborg and the Shakers helped prepare the scene for the advent of the Hydesville disturbances. Many of the chapters merely whet the appetite for fuller accounts. So varied and fascinating are these century-old happenings that several volumes would be required for exhaustive coverage. The still-enigmatic figure of Andrew Jackson Davis alone is worthy of a book. Brown, incidentally, includes the only portrait I've seen of Davis. His rugged Lincolnesque countenance makes understandable the scandalous romance that undermined his career just when he had completed his magnum opus. (This story, too, was new to me.)

Brown's treatment of the Fox sisters struck me as notably objective and cautious. His detailed descriptions of the phenomena both in Hydesville and later in Rochester, should demolish forever the nonsense about "toe-cracking." An interesting

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point seldom made clear is that the older sister Leah never produced phenomena but relied on Kate or Margaret to satisfy the sitters. His later chapters on the Kooses' "Spirit Room" and on the Davenport brothers likewise help to rehabilitate some unfairly-tarnished reputations. It looks rather like Houdini's tale of the "confession" of the Davenport brothers may be regarded with the same skepticism as his later "exposure" of "Margery" Crandon.

While his attitude toward the 19th-Century Spiritualists is generally favorable, Brown is quite aware of the absurdities that led to the decline of Spiritualism. In part it was a public reaction against certain lunatic-fringe participants who tried to set up utopian communities and advocated free love and other scandalous activities. More important, probably, was the publication of long pretentious tomes of alleged spirit messages from famous discarnates. That men possessed of brilliant minds when they were alive would dictate such inanities and drivel after death defies credibility. An even greater objection, to my mind, unfortunately still is true today within Spiritualism — the profound conceit that former presidents, generals, saints, literary giants, philosophers and sages occupy their time talking with average citizens.

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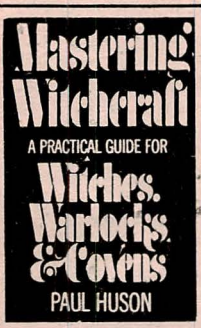
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FOR ME ONE OF the side benefits of attending the Parapsychological Association convention is meeting interesting personalities and learning about new ventures. At the September convention I met Dr. Zipporah Dobyns of California, who is both a Ph.D. in psychology and an astrologer. I am indebted to her for information on some new ventures in the field of astrology and I must say I am impressed with the potentialities for significant scientific investigation in this popular but misunderstood field.

Dr. Dobyns called to my attention the International Society for Astrological Research (89 Clinton Ave., Montclair, N.J. 07042). This organization is sponsoring a series of weekend seminars in New York City to explore some areas of concern within modern astrology. These seminars will be led by an impressive array of professional people and it is planned that they will lead to an International Symposium to be held in Germany in August 1971.

A similar organization is the Association for Research in Cosmecology (5 Old Quaker Rd., Monroe, N.Y.) which also sponsors seminar programs and empirical research in astrology. This group is featured in an article in the August 1970 issue of a (new to me) periodical called *Aquarian Agent* (306 East 6th St., N.Y., N.Y. 10003). This August issue of the monthly newspaper on astrology interested me not only because of the number of authors listed with M.D. or Ph.D. following their names but more particularly because it contained the long-overdue publication of some of the research of the late Vernon Clark of Evanston (previously summarized during his lifetime in articles in FATE). Future issues are promised on such topics as: witchcraft, art, psychology, travel, Spiritualism and economics.

If the caliber of the material equals that contained in this special issue *Aquarian Agent* is a bargain at 35 cents a copy or $4.00 for a year's subscription.

P. A. REVISITED

IT WAS WITH rather mixed feelings that I attended the Thirteenth Annual Convention of the Parapsychological Association in New York City on September 10-12. I had missed the three previous meetings and looked forward to seeing friends again. The program did not sound very exciting, especially in contrast to the Silver Spring meeting of a year ago. I was disappointed. A number of the persons I wanted to see were not there and the program turned out to be about what I expected. There were reports on some interesting new work but mainly the reports were on rather unimaginative laboratory experiments. As usual the most rewarding part of the convention was the dinner table conversation and the off-the-cuff conversations.

The American Society for Psychical Research very graciously invited the convention participants to an "open house" at their new headquarters at 73rd Street and Central Park West. It turned out to be a gracious turn-of-the-century townhouse with five ample floors, curving staircases, marble fireplaces and crystal chandeliers. It has been tastefully redecorated and modernized. There is office and laboratory space for many times as much research as the A.S.P.R. currently can afford, although alas there is no meeting room large enough for lecture programs. I can only hope that financial support will increase to the point where the future of the A.S.P.R. is secure and activities can put the available space to maximum use.

While I was in New York I also

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visited the Parapsychology Foundation. Their always-impressive library has increased dramatically and probably is the finest of its type in North America. As I write, I have only recently learned of the passing of Eileen Garrett, the founder of the Foundation. What effect this will have on the future of the Parapsychology Foundation is uncertain.

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presumably then would try to influence the machine to avoid the shock. Cockroaches made a handy experimental animal for these experiments but apparently these insects enjoy being shocked as experimental results were consistently the reverse of what was expected. Or must we ask ourselves if it was the experimenters who enjoyed seeing the cockroaches get the hotfoot?

All of this work was done at Rhine's Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man and I expect we will hear a lot more about it during the coming months. Oddly enough, a similar experiment with humans also produced negative scoring, although the human subjects were not shocked or chilled. They *did* see lights indicating how well or poorly they were doing, however, and they did poorly enough that their scores were significantly below chance.

OTHER REVIEWS

STRANGE CREATURES FROM TIME AND SPACE by John A. Keel, Fawcett Gold Medal Books, New York, N.Y., 1970, 288 pages, 75 cents (paperback).

The back cover of this thick paperback blurbs it as "a comprehensive encyclopaedia of monsters" and in this case the copywriter has written with a straight pen. The volume deals with UFO occupants, sea serpents, abominable snowmen, giants, bug-eyed monsters and an exhaustive assortment of ghosties, ghoulies and long-legged beasties. Indeed the auther has left few stones unturned if he suspected an unidentified monster might crawl out from beneath them. Keel describes himself as an "open-minded skeptic" and he has provided plenty of charts, tables and extensive documentation for the "closed-minded skeptic."

Keel contends that no matter where we live on our planet, someone within 200 miles of us has had a

direct confrontation with a frightening apparition or inexplicable monster within the last generation. Furthermore he warns, "There is a chance — a very good one — that sometime in the next few years you will actually come face to face with a giant hair-covered humanoid or a little man with bulging eyes surrounded by a ghostly greenish glow . . ."

The author theorizes that since these creatures and strange events tend to recur in the same areas year after year and even over the span of centuries these areas somehow may harbor invisible "windows" to an unseen world which coexists with our own. Because sightings of UFOs so often are reported at the same time as the sightings of the bizarre entities (or in connection with them) Keel suggests in many instances a possible correlation between the two phenomena. And he presents an argument for a common place of origin for the unidentified aerial objects and the unidentified walking, crawling, howling, screaming, swimming objects.

The UFOlogists who champion an extraterrestrial source for the enigma in our skies undoubtedly will man the battlements when Keel states: "Witnesses of the hairy monsters and witnesses to UFO events and psychic manifestations have experienced many of the same things. It now seems possible that many of the ghost tales and monster stories of folklore and demonology may have had a real basis in fact but were subject to misinterpretation. Instead of dealing with mere extraterrestrial visitants, as the students of UFO reports like to believe, we may be dealing with something far broader and infinitely more complex."

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I feel that Keel is quite aware that he has thrown down a good many gauntlets in this book. Before anyone rushes to take up a challenge, however, he owes it to the author to examine carefully the manner in which he has built his case. The gauntlets were not thrown lightly.

For the reader who couldn't care less about controversy in monster- and UFO-land this book is a magnificent compendium of well-documented encounters with strange creatures on land, sea and air. From the dandy Frank Frazetta cover to the welcome index it is a cracking good book. — *Brad Steiger.*

THE INTERPRETATION OF COSMIC AND MYSTICAL EXPERIENCES by Robert Crookall, James Clarke and Co., London, England, 1969, 175 pages, $5.95.

It is well known that psychics undergo highly interesting subjective feelings during their psi experiences. "Mrs. Willet," the Society for Psychical Research, London, automatist, underwent "ecstasy" during her trance-like dissociations. Similar reactions were reported by such gifted subjects as Mrs. Leonard and Phoebe Payne. Only recently, however, have these experiences attracted the attention of parapsychologists. *The Interpretation of Cosmic and Mystical Experiences* is a monograph devoted entirely to them.

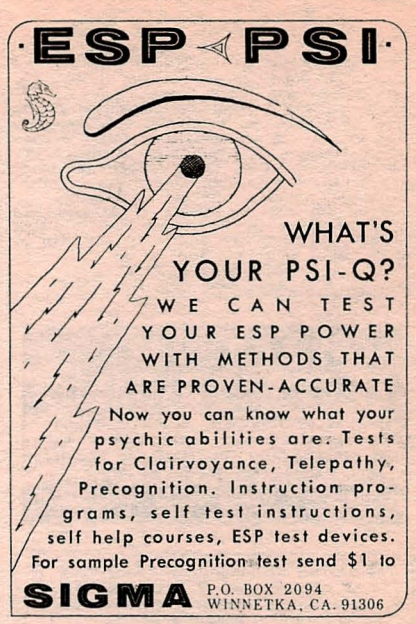
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diums, he shows they are identical with the "mystic experiences" of saints and religious ascetics and mystics, Christian and Hindu alike! Both, for example, have experienced the "at-onement" with inanimate objects, nature, other individuals (the "sunyata" of Mahayana Buddhism) and God. This is a hard blow to those who stress that somehow psychism is spiritually only a degenerate mysticism.

Not only do saints and psychics undergo the same mystic awareness but the psychical experience and the mystical have similar qualities: they both are extensions of "normal consciousness; they both are intrinsically normal to mankind; and time and space are transcended.

But what of the interpretation of these experiences? Here Crookall returns to his pet subject, the out-of-the-body experience. For Crookall postulates that both the psychical and mystical experience are properties of the "other-world" bodies' perception. Not only does the evidence of mediums' and ascetics' testimony seem to verify this but communications through mediums — wholly independently — point in the same direction. Thus it is hardly surprising that out-of-the-body experiences have acted as springboards for cosmic experiences.

Many religious scholars have hidden from the world of psychical phenomena under the blanket excuse that such studies are not within the domain of theology. And parapsychologists often have sneered at religious experience as unverifiable and beyond their science. However, Crookall's book shows the fallacy common to both these attitudes. *The Interpretation of Cosmic and Mystical Experience* ranks as a logical successor to the pioneer work of R. M. Bucke and William James. — *D. Scott Rogo.*



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Investigator Gray Barker, a native West Virginian, was among the first to visit Point Pleasant and interview the Mothman witnesses. He carefully kept tabs on the strange events that engulfed the Ohio Valley during that unreal year. Now, in *The Silver Bridge*, he has produced a lyrical record of those events.

Many years have passed since Barker's controversial and explosive book, *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers*, introduced him as a skilled investigator and perceptive writer. That book dealt with the sinister "men in black" (see FATE, April, 1968) who purportedly threatened UFO witnesses and UFOlogists into terrified silence. The reader will not be surprised that Barker has found new "men in black" incidents scattered in the tangle of reports from West Virginia in the years 1966 and 1967.

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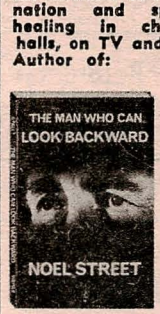
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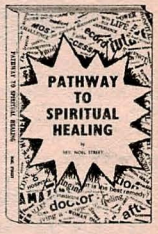
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with a soaring imagination. It is often difficult to discern the fine line separating actual fact from vaulting literary license in *The Silver Bridge*.

However, most of the events described in the book were real — or real at least to the witnesses. The people Barker names do exist and their testimonies were widely published in the newspapers of West Virginia. Barker gently adds his own insights drawn from his personal interviews with the witnesses, but he has damaged the tone of authenticity with his complicated construction, often cutting back and forth from one situation and one witness to another like a schizophrenic film editor. When he turns allegorical his reporting suffers, for he twists the facts to suit the needs of his purple passages. But he does succeed in effectively sketching the mood and life of the people of West Virginia during that nightmarish year which began with the appearance of a red-eyed behemoth, which chased cars and stunned hunters into immobility, and ended with a tragedy which made world headlines.

Aside from the vagaries of construction and style and the obviously fictionalized accounts tossed in among the genuine, carefully detailed reports. *The Silver Bridge* is a useful and important record of a long chain of events which furthers our knowledge of the UFO mystery and its puzzling relationship to psychic phenomena. The book takes the reader on a tour of the country where the fantastic and the unreal overlapped into the everyday lives of hundreds of ordinary Americans.

Gray Barker has written a story enmeshing prophecy, demons and gods and phantoms that cry out in the night but he wisely refrains from drawing any absolute conclusions. The identity and precise nature of Mothman will remain a mystery — just as the famous Flatwoods mon-

ster of 1952 remains unexplained. (Flatwoods, by the way, is about 200 miles from Point Pleasant.)

It will all certainly happen again in some other place at some other time just as it has all happened before. But now we have this record to compare and ponder. — *John A. Keel.*

GIORDANO BRUNO AND THE HERMETIC TRADITION by Frances A. Yates, Vintage Books, New York, N.Y., 1969, 466 pages, indexed and illus., $2.45 (paperback).

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IN SEARCH OF GHOSTS by James Wentworth Day, Taplinger Publishing Co., New York, N.Y., 1970, 208 pages, $4.95.

Reading this book is like traveling in a leisurely manner through the quiet countryside of eastern England under the pleasant guidance of one who is thoroughly at home in the region. Born in East Anglia not far from Cambridge, James Wentworth Day (whose many books range from ghost stories to biography, through history and into various fields of



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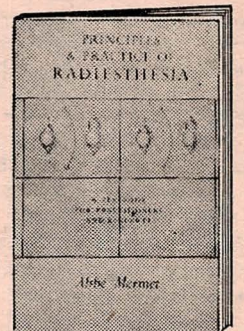
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sport) is the ideal guide for the tour since he is well-acquainted with people, places and legends in this part of England. The ghosts in these sketches are almost incidental. Kindly and gentle, they seem a very natural part of the total picture.

Each of the 11 chapters is a collection of reminiscences, lightly held together by the curiosity and personality of the narrator. Each sketch contains colorful descriptions of ancient castles, inns, chapels, gardens, smugglers' dens, "Priest's rooms" (large openings often behind chimneys where Catholics were accustomed to hide during the Reformation), thatched cottages, abbeys, manor houses or farms. Historical details embellish all the stories. Sometimes there are flashbacks to ancient British history — to Roman ghosts and even a leftover Viking or two from the Danish invasions.

The sketches are peopled by interesting types indigenous to rural England, often quoted in their own local dialects: ostlers, horse-tamers, innkeepers, foresters, wise women (one of these cured the author's childhood whooping cough by serving him what looked like "a minute sucking-pig," i.e., roasted fieldmouse), and assorted village characters. But we also meet aristocratic types — lords and ladies by birth or breeding, friends of the author (always called by their own names and often the subject of curious anecdotes) with whom he has hunted, traveled and celebrated while incidentally collecting his ghost stories. Most of these, of course, take a very detached view of ghosts and hauntings, even though occupying homes alleged to be haunted.

A few of the stories are set in faraway parts of the world. One is the famous tale of "Smoker" and his all-white dog team who appears suddenly to the man lost in a blizzard in frozen Labrador and guides him to safety.

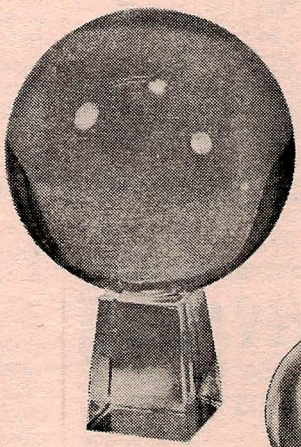
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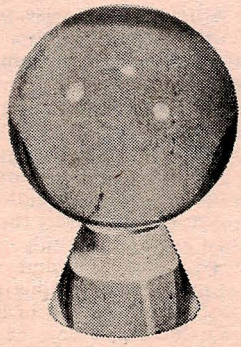
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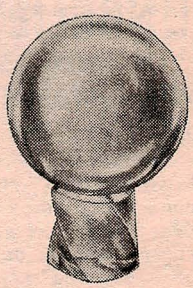
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For the most part, however, this literary tour covers Essex, Suffolk, Norfolk, Cambridgeshire. Anglophiliac FATE readers will enjoy this quiet foray into the English countryside where "every prospect pleases" and not even the ghosts are vile. — *Nan Cooke Carpenter.*

WHAT DOES YOUR SOUL LOOK LIKE? by Gail Northe, Philosophical Library, New York, N.Y., 1969, 136 pages, $6.95.

This compilation is an attempt, noble in purpose however ambiguous in results, to blend the cute answers of scores of children aged five to 15 to the title question with sage sayings of such notables as King David, St. Paul, Simone Weil, Martin Luther King, Gandhi, Tagore, Job, Plato, Bronson Alcott and some less famous. Some of the quotations are grand but the amalgamation? Dubious.

If, as many adults believe, the soul is invisible, posing such a question to semiliterate youngsters confronted them with no mean problem. They bore up nobly. Whether readers' patience bears up equally well is questionable.

Several children penetrated the contradictoriness of the question. Lucy, aged 12: "My soul is invisible and I can think and feel." Two boys, aged nine and 12, both said, "It looks like me." Emily, aged eight: "My soul looks like the bottom of my shoe." Diane, aged 10: "You cannot see your soul. It doesn't look like anything. Your soul to me is your character or your personality." Children's drawings accompany these gems.

Considering the price (five cents a page) the optimist will find in this volume proof that this is verily "the affluent society." The pessimist will sell his stock in the Philosophical Library. — *William J. Beaumont.*

Report FROM THE Readers

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

It has just come to my attention that Mr. Paul Leon Masters has been advertising his meditation album in your columns and saying that it is endorsed by me. I believe Mr. Masters is an able teacher but there must have been some misunderstanding on his part, as I have not "endorsed" this album nor any other product. — *Gina Cerminara, Los Altos, Calif.*

RAUDIVE'S SPIRIT VOICES

I do not believe it is necessary to wait for mystic inspiration to tell us how to perfect Dr. Konstantin Raudive's mechanical communication with spirit voices. It would require a great deal of time, effort and money but the results of the application of these ideas would be worth it:

(1) An all-out scientific investigation of this phenomena would require X-rays, gravity detectors, Geiger counters, ultraviolet photography and probably computers. Oscillographs are probably particularly crucial to obtain the precise modulation needed for Dr. Raudive's work.

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(5) I can suggest 23 separate methodologies for modulation which Dr. Raudive might try, and no doubt many persons acquainted with the audio field can do the same.

But I would like to indulge in one speculation: In that technically advanced parallel world that seems to be the next life there are obviously a lot of people. If survival of death is true there well may be a population explosion on "the other side" too!

What I'm implying is that if these many people are trying to be heard their speaking time may be very short. This would explain their "ungrammatical use of words" and "telegraphic style" with "words compressed, arbitrarily shortened and with ungrammmatical endings." If nationalities mix better there than here, this would explain also the multilingual nature of many of the taped extracts, suggesting possibly some sort of etheric polyglot or pidgin tongue.

Rolf Schaffranke's report is endlessly stimulating, for the possibilities in Dr. Raudive's work are limitless. — *Kenneth Teamer, Cicero, Ill.*

AN ADDED NOTE

We appreciate your item, "The SFF Approach," in "I See by the Papers" (September, 1970, FATE).

I would like to augment it a little, however, by pointing out that SFF is inter-faith. Independents, Jews and all believers in God are welcomed as members. — *Robert D. Ericsson, Executive Director, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, 800 Custer Ave., Evanston, Ill. 60202.*

UFO FACT AND FABLE

John A. Keel in his article, "Fables

of the UFO Age" (August, 1970, FATE), is correct in stating that most researcher-writers have "brain-washed" the public by discarding everything that does not conform to the "evidence" that fits their own conclusions. He properly berates those who refuse to recognize the "saucers" as anything but vehicles from other planets.

However, several researchers have manifested an open mind on the subject: Morris K. Jessup, Vincent H. Gaddis and Otto Binder — and certainly Mary and Curtis Fuller, editor and publisher of this magazine, have evinced an intelligent and unbiased approach.

The present problem is the refusal of the news media to inform the public on current sightings. I am fully convinced the government has requested United Press International and Associated Press to forget the whole matter of UFOs. After all, a half million dollars of the taxpayers' money went into a gigantic hoax called the Condon Committee — whose report shot down "saucers" once and for all. — *John P. Bessor, Pittsburgh, Pa.*

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John Keel accuses the saucer "buffs" (his term for voluntary civilian UFO researchers) of failing to bring the UFO story to the public properly.

First let us consider that Mr. Keel has been *selling* countless UFO articles of late whereas the true saucer sighter does not sell his information and is happy to give it away.

Keel says UFOs may be invisible rather than considering, as George Adamski reported, that the outside parts of the ship are revved up beyond our visual range when a UFO wants to appear to disappear (while it still can be picked up on radar). If Mr. Keel were to poke his fingers into a whirring electric fan he would find the blades quite solid — even if



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indistinguishable to the human eye.

It has been amusing to listen to and read about individuals through the years who consider themselves authorities on saucers — although they never have seen one. — *James Wales, Baltimore, Md.*

THE EGG SOMETIMES ANSWERS!

The letters regarding your April, 1970, article, "Find the Answer in an Egg," strike hard at my pet peeve.

Some time ago I read about 30 professional psychics who experimented in a laboratory with crystal-gazing. None of the 30 "experts" saw anything in the crystal. Therefore it was officially declared that crystal-gazing was a lot of bunk!

What "Wawa" did with her eggs is what seers do with their crystal balls, gazing mirrors, sands, bones and what have you. Powers of visualization must be developed before anyone can peer into anything and conjure up images, much less *command* their appearance.

There are many ways to develop the visual faculties but probably the best student vehicle is a crystal ball no less than three inches in diameter. It requires concentration and determination to achieve the psychic development demonstrated by "Wawa." I personally believe in her abilities and although I haven't tried her "recipe" I believe it worked for her and it could work for others. — *Rose Brangaccio, Bridgeport, Conn.*

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I had been trying to locate a man who had left no forwarding address. I was receiving important mail for him including a tax refund and I had held it for several months at the time I read the article about finding the answer in an egg.

For three mornings I followed the instructions in the article and shortly received a call from a friend who knew his whereabouts. It may have been coincidence but I feel Wawa's

"recipe" works. — *Katherine McConnell, Greeneville, Tenn.*

THE WILDERNESS FOOD

Regarding your article on manna (July, 1970, FATE) and your ignorant, almost illiterate, subhead — modern science *has explained* the wilderness food. If your writers don't do their homework, editors are there to catch their errors. Read Velikovsky's *Worlds in Collision.* His postulated hydrocarbon nature of manna has been borne out amply by Mariner probes to Venus. — *Francis A. Fraley, Hawthorne, Calif.*

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According to an article in *The Biblical Archaeologist Reader, No. 1* entitled "The Manna of Sinai" by F. S. Bodenheimer, manna is "the liquid honeydew excretion of a number of cicadas, plant lice and scale insects (that) speedily solidifies by rapid evaporation." It exists in a number of places even today.

For three to six weeks in May, June or July these insects suck plant saps from the tender twigs of tamarisk bushes in the low wadis of Sinai, then excrete this manna the size of peas or smaller. That which falls to the ground must be gathered before about 8:30 A.M. when the ground temperature reaches 70° F., for then the ants become active and begin to gather the manna.

It seems the tamarisk plant sap is rich in carbohydrates but contains little nitrogen.

Since the production of manna occurs only during six weeks of the year one can only wonder if this or another type of manna was provided as recorded in *Exodus.* — *Arthur J. Johnson, Chicago, Ill.*

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I have often thought there is a principle involved in that trick which should be investigated by someone who is smarter than I am. But the whole thing is interesting enough without your trying to gussie it up with hypnotism. — *Clara Beveridge, Woodsfield, Ohio.*

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At that time none of us knew anything about psychic phenomena nor hypnotism. The "levitation" was merely a parlor trick. The purpose of the rhythmic breathing was to make sure the four operators were acting in unison. I have seen four husky boys try to lift a grown person (without breathing in unison) to prove the whole thing was a fake. True, they couldn't get their subject off the chair. Four slightly-built girls, however, did lift their stout teacher on their fingertips — but the girls were breathing properly.

After I left this village school my education was largely in the natural sciences and psychology and I ended with a doctorate degree. It follows that I am quite skeptical about occult matters. Even so, I never have heard an explanation of our simple parlor trick — *George P. Hoffman, Phoenix, Ariz.*

WHEN WILL WE WISE UP?

The current UFO situation makes me wonder when people will wise up to what is going on in the world of psychic phenomena.

In 1955 I was on my way from the east coast to Los Angeles. I had been driving for almost 24 hours steady when I decided to pull off the highway to sleep. After stopping my car about 10 miles from Phoenix, Ariz., I got out to stretch my legs.

It was a beautiful moonlit night and as I gazed toward the range called Superstition Mountains I saw several bright objects sailing across the sky, apparently reflecting the moonlight. As I watched these disappeared but then another group appeared and sailed over the mountains. It suddenly dawned on me that the moon itself seemed to be sending out these reflecting discs and I could almost see them leave the moon's surface.

I recall this incident very distinctly and now, 15 years later, reading "Science Urges New UFO Studies" (April, 1970, FATE) I thought, "It's about time." — *Otto W. Davidson, Los Angeles, Calif.*

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After a lengthy session of ragchewing over ham radio the night of May 11, 1970, I signed off and turned off my rig. I started out of my radio shop with the intention of going into the living room to join my wife. We had had a tornado watch that afternoon and I decided to see if the weather was better. I looked out the south windows to see the moon shining high overhead and a bit to the west. The sky had cleared except for a low dark cloud just above the

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horizon formed by the hills to the southwest of town. No stars were visible.

Suddenly my attention was caught by a pinpoint of light at an elevation of about 60° and 30° west of south. It was moving, falling rapidly and getting brighter. In a few seconds it seemed to expand rapidly and it looked like a large bright ball. There was no trail nor sparks with it as there would have been if it were a falling star or meteorite.

After 15 or 20 seconds the object seemed to expand rapidly and when it reached a 20-degree elevation above the hills, projections appeared on its sides and I thought, "For God's sake, it's a jet plane crashing!"

But I could see no tail nor fuselage nor sparks as the object slowed down and spread into an oval shape with a rounded hump on its top side and a smaller one underneath. Still decelerating and still quite bright at a 10-degree elevation above the hilly horizon, the object disappeared.

I reflected that it had been immediately over an area of three small lakes and the junction of five small streams and if it were an occupied UFO its occupants might be after water.

So far as I have been able to find out no one else saw the object. But I saw it and it was not swamp gas! — *Ole B. Ritchey, Metz, Ind.*

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Through my living room window about 1:00 A.M. June 25, 1970, I saw a most peculiar phenomenon. I was alone in the house; my husband and two sons had gone camping.

As I looked out at the night sky I saw a plane with particularly bright lights pass overhead, then a little while later "something" materialized just down the main street of the town we live in. It is the main highway through town but deserted at that hour and the houses around

me all were completely dark.

This "thing" was beginning a slow steady descent to earth. It was oval in shape and surrounded by a dull yellow glow. But what was most interesting were globular projections from which huge searchlights stabbed the darkness. The lights were red and white and seemed to be sweeping the skies in a purposeful fashion.

I was stunned but at the same time impressed by the beauty of the object. I would compare it to a huge bright jewel, iridescent and sparkling. I didn't even think until after it "dematerialized" that it might have been a UFO. And I don't know what happened to it — whether it shot out of sight so fast I couldn't see it or simply disappeared. — *Joy Barish, Sharon, Mass.*

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Part of my 1970 vacation was spent at Muskellunge Lake in northern Wisconsin. On the night of August 2 I was sitting on a dock fishing and counting meteorites.

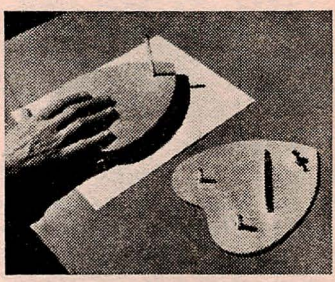
About 10:00 P.M. I spotted what appeared to be a high-flying, high-speed UFO traveling in a southeasterly direction. The object looked like a bright star and traveled from horizon to horizon in about one minute, just long enough for me to call my 11-year-old brother-in-law from the nearby cabin in time to see it.

It was too high for conventional aircraft and too fast for a satellite. But within five minutes I saw another object, identical in appearance and speed to the first, but traveling due east.

With the possible exception of an aerial object I saw explode in Honduras a couple of years ago these are the first UFOs I've seen since 1959. While I'm usually bored with sighting stories it is still a thrill to see a real one. — *Barney W. Nashold, Chicago, Ill.*

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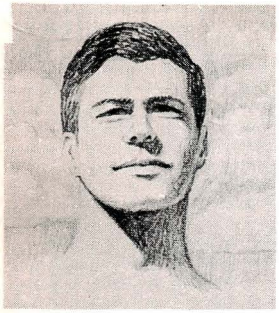
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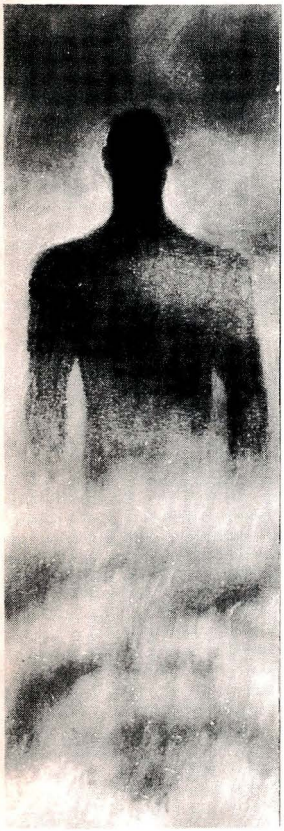
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