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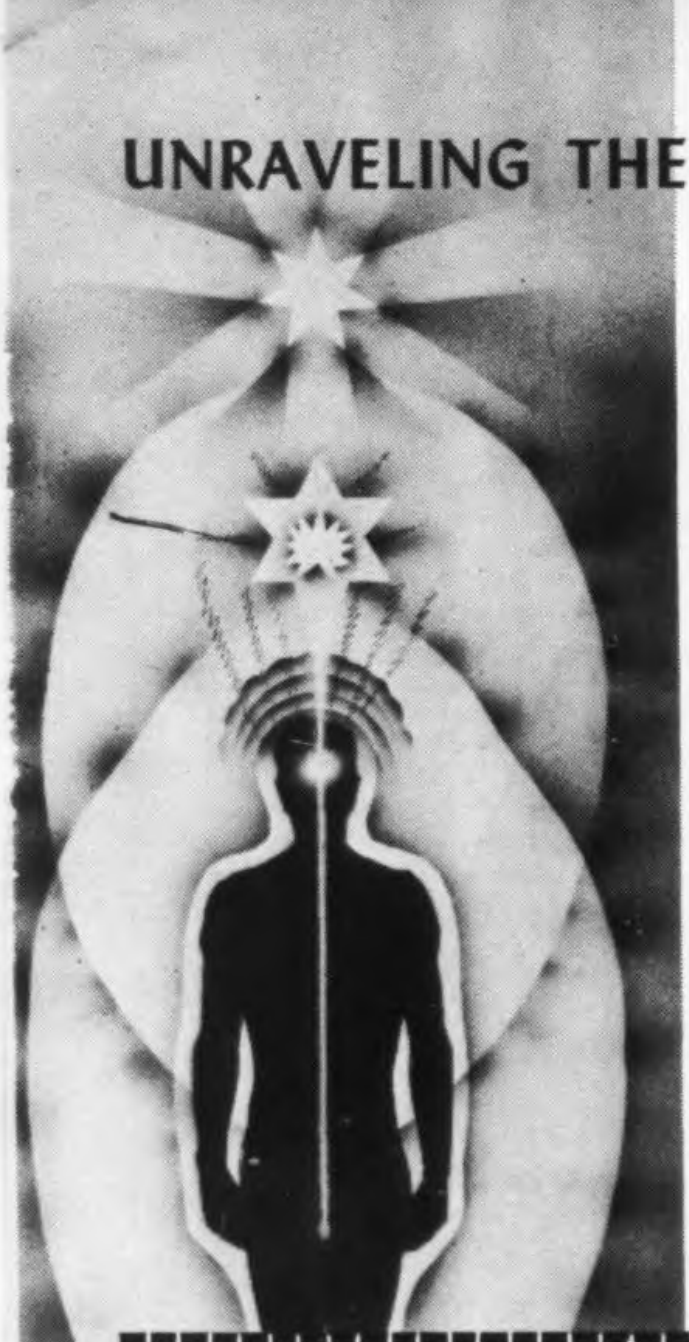
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— Walter Sullivan in
The New York Times
May 29, 1972.

BRAVE NEW WORLDS

DRAMATIC corroboration of Dr. Barr's ideas now has come from holes drilled in the bottom of the Mediterranean from the ship *Glomar Challenger* operating under the Deep Sea Drilling Project financed by the U. S. National Science Foundation.

Drilling has been done from the *Glomar Challenger* in various ocean locations around the world over the past four years and the scientists aboard her report fascinating data they call all but incredible.



Curtis Fuller

In reviewing some of the data provided by these unprecedented ocean bottom studies Mr. Sullivan describes what must have been a waterfall with a flow at least 35 times that of Victoria Falls that resulted when the Atlantic Ocean burst through into the dry Mediterranean Basin about 5.5 million years ago.

It was known there was evidence that portions of the Mediterranean Basin once were dry but before the deep borings from the *Glomar Challenger* geologists were reluctant to believe it. Yet the fact is, the flow of rivers into the Mediterranean cannot compensate for the evaporation from it. Without an inflow from the Atlantic the Mediterranean would gradually dry up even under today's conditions — and even though parts of it are two miles deep.

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Although the ice of Mars' south polar cap is frozen carbon dioxide it also seems to be partly frozen water. And at the moment it is believed most of Mars' water is trapped in the ice caps. But Mars wobbles on its axis so that every 50,000 years the polar regions get increased amounts of sunlight. This could release enough moisture into the atmosphere so that Mars could have heavy rainfall all over the planet, according to Harold Masursky of the U. S. Geological Survey. Masursky further suggests that heavy volcanic activity could melt large amounts of water stored beneath the surface in a kind of permafrost.

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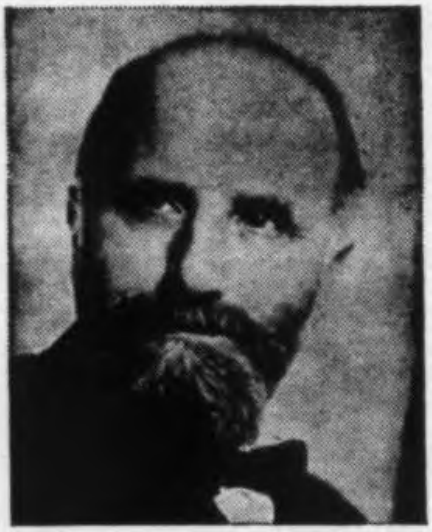
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The scientists investigating Mars believe that the problem of water is the key to whether there is life there. So far they have seen no sign of life on Mars — but neither have they seen anything to exclude the possibility that life does exist there.

We should have the answers next year when the Soviet Union is expected to attempt life-detection landings on Mars, or in 1976 when the United States plans to land two Viking life-detection robots on the planet.

FOOTNOTE TO EINSTEIN

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Working relentlessly from this evidence, Reese P. Dubin succeeded in perfecting a new kind of instrument – called a Tele-Photo Transmitter – that concentrates your thoughts, and sends them like a streaking bullet to their destination!

OTHERS OBEY SILENT COMMANDS! Writing of the success of this method, one user reports the following experience:

"I willed her to pick up and eat a biscuit from a plate in a corner of the room. She did so. I willed her to shake hands with her mother. She rushed to her mother and stroked her hands . . .

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SEES BEYOND WALLS, AND OVER GREAT DISTANCES! Then he discovered he could pick up actual sights, from behind walls and over great distances! And when he "tuned in" he could see actual living scenes before him–as clear as the picture on a television screen!

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"Telecult Power can work seeming miracles in your life," says Mr. Dubin. "With it, it is possible to dial any desire – called a Photo-Form – then sit back, relax, and watch this powerful secret go to work!"

"Instantly Your Life Is Changed!"

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Suppose you had dialed Photo-Form #2 for Jewels, for example That's what Margaret C. did, in an actual example Mr. Dubin tells you about. Rich, glittering diamonds and jewels literally appeared at her feet: a pair of gold earrings, which she found that morning . . . a surprise gift of a pearl necklace, and matching silver bracelets . . . a beautiful platinum ring set with emeralds and diamonds, dropped on her front lawn!

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A Brand New Car Comes!

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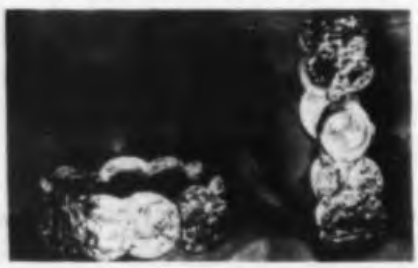
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they seem to have a certain parallel with UFO sightings. None ever has been available for laboratory examination.

The latest monster flap, if we may call it that, has unreasonably upset portions of Illinois and Missouri.

Early in July Terry Harrison, eight, one of nine children of the Edgar Harrison family of the Mississippi River town of Louisiana, Mo., was playing in the backyard of the Harrison home and, glancing toward the woods 50 feet away at the rear of the house, saw a seven-foot-tall creature, covered with long black hair, standing on two feet and smelling to high heaven. It was holding a small black dog in its arms.

Terry did what came naturally — he screamed. His sister Doris, 15, was in an upstairs bathroom and looked out the window when she heard Terry scream. Then she screamed, too. Whereupon the creature disappeared into the woods.

Two dozen policemen and sheriff's deputies subsequently beat the woods but flushed nothing.

A few days later similar reports of a similar monster, this time grown to 10 feet tall, came from around East Peoria, Ill., about 120 miles up the Illinois River from Louisiana. Another

report came from Cairo, Ill.

Before long a posse of 100 persons armed with guns, clubs and knives was searching the East Peoria woods. One man accidentally shot himself in the leg with a .22 caliber pistol. Terrified police did their best to get the monster hunters out of the woods before more people hurt themselves.

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Meanwhile, in Lakeland, Fla., police were convinced a prankster pretending to be a werewolf was stalking around dressed in long black hair and wearing a mask. The manager of a drive-in restaurant complained that a hairy creature was harassing his customers. Police warned all and sundry that there is a state law against wearing masks in public. But as far as we know at this writing not even a fake monster was turned up by the police.



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had been seen roaming around her house and barn during the previous two weeks and on February 5 it had broken the neck of a 350-pound calf and dumped it headfirst into a manger.

A neighbor says the tracks were not those of a bear but were much like those of a human being, with the great toe joined to its companion and three outer toes apparently also joined at the base.

Mayor George Smallwood of Eatonville, who is also a state wildlife agent, investigated the calf's death but remained skeptical of Mrs. Borton's claims.

However, half a dozen neighbors swear they saw, heard or smelled a large unusual animal in the area. But as more persons were interviewed it began to seem less and less like a Sasquatch.

Bob Titmus, who has been hunting Sasquatch unsuccessfully for years, felt the tracks he found nearby were faked.

Dick Brown, a teacher at The Dalles Junior High School, The Dalles, Ore., said that he, his wife and a mobile home park employee saw a huge, eight-foot beast covered with silver-white fur. They watched the animal, which they believed to be a Sasquatch, through Brown's eight-power rifle scope.

A similar animal was reported halfway across the country by Mr. and Mrs. Donald McGregor, who live on Island Lake near Duluth, Minn. They said that on the night of January 26 an unidentified animal walked along Abbott Road, detoured through their yard and crossed the uncompleted open first floor of their new house. Bob McGregor, 11, said that while he was waiting for his school bus the following morning he saw the creature. He said it was about eight and one-half feet tall, with black eyes, black hands and feet, but otherwise "white and furry."

Supposed tracks of the animal were considered questionable by George Johnson of *The Duluth News-Tribune*. Johnson believes that an animal as large as the one described would have made deeper imprints in the snow than those he saw.

Meanwhile, another long-time Canadian Sasquatch hunter, Rene Dahinden, became so frustrated with United States and Canadian scientists' rejection of his Sasquatch evidence that he gathered up about 100 photographs and several casts of footprints and took them to Europe in an attempt to interest investigators there. One of Dahinden's stops was Moscow where he said he found scientists "skeptical but open-minded."

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So amazed were the soldiers by this discovery that they reported the matter to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Ken Neiland, department wildlife disease specialist, investigated but could discover no clue to the cause of the deaths. He ruled out disease because death had overtaken the animals so suddenly. And he determined the animals could not have been killed by lightning because there was no burned hair or disruption of terrain. The animals had not been shot. There were no bullet scars on either the animals or on the numerous rocks around the area.

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There are several other bands of caribou in the area and they have not been disturbed.

Military officials at Fort Greely deny they have been testing any chemical weapons. Samples of bone marrow and organs of the animals were being examined by United States toxicologists.

Meanwhile Neiland was quoted by the *Fairbanks Daily News-Miner* as saying: "The theory that it might have been beings from a different planet testing weapons is as good as anything we have yet."

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This wonderful animal is housed in the Asuncion zoo, according to Mr. Forster, who describes it as looking almost exactly as the Guarani Indians have been describing it Lo! these past 300 years!

According to Mr. Forster the *mboi-yagua* is about 10 feet long and a yard around the middle, with the tail "thinning down to 18 inches in circumference." It is a serpent with the head and bark of a dog and four large steel-hard, needle-sharp hooks grow-

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ing out of its body two feet from its tail. These, announces Mr. Forster, are believed to be used by the animal to hold its prey.

Mr. Forster tells how the animal was lassoed and captured after a terrific struggle and states that naturalists have flown in from Buenos Aires and Rio De Janeiro to see the creature. However, he warns residents of Asuncion that if they want to see the animal's head they must exercise extreme patience because after it was placed inside a high wire corral it immediately stuck its head inside a hut in one corner and has refused to budge. However, we are told three shifts of photographers are standing by and the minute old *mboi-yagua* does anything besides swish its tail they will be johnny-on-the-spot to snap their shutters.

Unfortunately for the veracity of this story no pictures have come out of Asuncion after six months of watching and waiting. For all we know the photographers still are on duty, three shifts a day, watching *mboi-yagua's* tail thrash back and forth while it gets hungrier and hungrier and thirstier and thirstier.

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Major Fitzhugh reports that he was making his way through a "dismal swamp" with his Indian guide named *Odiputs* (which is *Stupido* spelled backwards) when a gigantic green, purple and orange scaly creature attacked. This animal was known to the natives as *N'wodtup* (which is *Putdown* spelled backwards). Major Fitzhugh managed to tame the serpent-like animal (it had a head like a beagle) but alas, it tangled one day with the propellers of an Amazon steamer and lost "the unequal contest."

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OLDEST HUMAN FOOTPRINT?

LATE IN June the National Geographic Society announced the discovery of what well may be the oldest human footprint in existence. The clearly preserved print, probably a child's, was discovered by Dr. Mary Leakey in one of about a dozen mysterious small pits in Olduvai Gorge, Tanzania, Central Africa, the site of many earlier discoveries of fossil human remains. The wife of Dr. Louis S. B. Leakey, Mrs. Leakey estimates the age of the footprint at half a million years.

— *Curtis Fuller.*



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PICKLED DANES and other PRESERVES

Mother Nature's disposal corps generally take care of all corpses — but here are a few thousand-year-old exceptions.

By Ivan T. Sanderson

IT IS not an invariable rule that when you die your body returns to dust in the shortest possible order. On the contrary, apparently it can lie around forever if it is not speedily demolished by other living things which in the orderly and hygienic plan of nature, keep the surface of our planet free from an accumulation of old bodies. But when the plan fails we are confronted with some of the most amazing phenomena in existence. Whole animals, complete with flesh, blood and fur, may be preserved for as long as 100,000 years, while bits of animals quite unchanged in form or chemical constitution have lasted over 100 million years. All manner of animals including men have been pickled, dried, preserved in deep freeze, set in plastic or embalmed by nature, often with results better than those achieved by modern canning methods.

Residents of Jutland at the northern tip of Denmark are roused to excitement periodically by the discovery of what they take to be evidence of murder. Corpses having every appearance of freshness (often with ropes pulled tightly around their throats) are discovered a few feet below the surface of the earth, usually in small peat-filled depressions. Police, coroners and other officials are hurriedly summoned but in the several dozen cases which have come to light in the last century they always have reached the same conclusion — the murdered gentleman has lain undisturbed in the ground for at least 2,000 years.

All living things, except certain minute single-celled creatures, eventually die and their bodies forthwith disappear. All corpses under normal natural circumstances are *eaten* — whether they sink into the sea, lakes or rivers, are deposited on the land or buried beneath it. They do not just dissolve or disintegrate chem-



Tollund Man lay interred for 2,000 years in bog in Central Jutland, Denmark.

ically; they have to be taken apart, either in chunks by large animals or piece by microscopic piece by bacteria. If, however, all carrion-eaters both great and small are kept away from the corpse apparently it will remain intact forever — unless destroyed by fire or mechanical action. The very simplicity of this procedure of dissolution in the normal complexity of nature often eludes us.

The preservation of such extremely solid things as bones, teeth and shells is fairly understandable. Anyone who has tried to break open a conch shell or smash a deer antler can attest to their near indestructibility. Ox skulls can lie on a desert for years and fish bones may crop up in a garden months after they have been buried. But who expects to find a whole dead fish more than a year after it was killed?

In my youth a cousin and I used to be taken fishing among the highland tarns of Scotland by an old gamekeeper. As we landed our fish we were instructed to disengage the hooks and throw the fish into little bucket-sized pools of stagnant brown water which formed among the grassy moors around the tarns. This

was in order to keep them fresh until we went home. We caught so many fish that sometimes we did not bother to retrieve them all from these pools. Among the fish so left to die on one occasion there was a stout eight-incher with a bright red fly firmly hooked through its head because my leader broke and I couldn't get the hook out. Shortly afterwards our summer vacation came to an end and we returned south to school.

The following season quite by chance I happened upon the same little pool and spotted something white floating up from the muddy bottom. Grabbing this, I found myself holding a silvery white fish which was rigid and as firm as hard rubber and from which a slightly rusted hook protruded, still retaining a number of wet red feathers. No question about it, this was my trout of the previous year. I took it to the old gillie who told me that in some places the water was "verruh piezinous" and killed all living things but then preserved them forever. The fish seemed to be pickled right through and did not smell, even of fish. This present-day fossilization, or the first stages of the process, is fairly common in peat bogs throughout the world.

Peat is an extraordinary substance that occurs all over the world but mostly in a great belt around the Arctic from Greenland across Canada to Alaska, thence right through Siberia and Russia to Scandinavia, the British Isles and Iceland. Varying in color from pale yellow to jet black, peat is formed in marshes and bogs by the gradual decay and sinking of sedges, mosses and other water plants. Deposits may reach 30 feet in depth and 2,000,000 tons of dried fuel can be extracted from a square mile of it by digging down only 15 feet. It is highly acid and the water it contains can be so rich in certain natural chemicals that it will preserve animals just as does formalin or alcohol. And the ancient human corpses found in Denmark, western Germany and Holland are preserved in this manner. So perfect is the pickling process that it often is hard to believe the bodies have been buried for more than a few days.

An extremely fine old Dane was brought to light at Tollund Bog in central Jutland. Somewhat shrunken and dark peat-brown in color, he was found lying on his side, quite nude except for a small leather cap on his head, a leather belt about his waist and a rope of plaited leather thongs pulled tightly around his neck. His perfectly preserved features display considerable refinement and sensitivity, with

chiseled lips and a long aristocratic nose. Still undigested in his stomach was his last meal, consisting of a porridge made from various cultivated grains mixed with parts of certain wild plants. (For a television show on Tollund man, the station reproduced the porridge which had been his last meal. After sampling this, the jury concluded that he had committed suicide rather than continue to face his wife's cooking.)

Like the great majority of the other 500 or so such pickled corpses that now have been found, Tollund man obviously had not fallen into the bog by mistake nor was he formally buried. No funerary objects were present with his body. It appears he lived and died some hundreds of years before the Christian era, that he normally fed on porridges of mixed seeds and that he was sacrificed to his gods in the belief that his death would promote the fertility of the soil.

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ABOUT THE time I was fishing for trout in Scotland I had another wonderful experience. In London, whenever possible, I would sneak away from parental supervision and roam the vast galleries of the British Museum. One day, with notebook in hand and nose glued to a glass case containing an Egyptian mummy, I felt a tap on my shoulder and turned to see a kindly old gentleman peering at me. When he asked what I was doing, I explained that I was compiling a list of the dynastic Egyptian kings. He took me into a back room where I spent the most exciting afternoon of my young life. Only when I left did I learn that I had been given a personally-conducted tour of a priceless collection of relics by perhaps the greatest Egyptologist who ever lived — Dr. E. Wallis Budge.

I was most impressed by an enormous stone coffin he showed me. It was shaped like one of those bathtubs in a very small modern apartment but had a heavy stone lid. This, Dr. Budge told me, was the oldest Egyptian burial ever found and had been excavated far out in the western desert where it has been excessively dry for the past 6000 years. In the tub-like coffin, lying on his left side with his hands held as if in prayer and his knees pulled up under his chin, was a little golden-brown man, looking somewhat undernourished but otherwise quite normal. He had been lying thus for over 5000 years, since before the first king of the first dynasty of Egypt was born.

The first requirement for the preservation of an animal body is that it should be completely

insulated from all living things as soon after death as possible. In view of the almost universal presence of voracious bacteria even within the bodies themselves, we well may ask how this can be accomplished. The answer is simply to cut off the oxygen supply and then prevent a supply of free nitrogen from accumulating. If these two things are done the principal body-eating bacteria are suffocated and permanently held at bay. Acid waters in peat bogs accomplish this by completely enveloping and then permeating the body. Dry air may produce the same effect because without moisture the bacteria cannot live.

Refrigeration, however, accounts for nature's most outstanding morgues. The Arctic regions are positively littered with the corpses of animals both great and small. The most dramatic are those of the great wooly elephants, the mastodons and mammoths. Most of these corpses are thousands or even hundreds of thousands of years old and yet their flesh is so perfectly preserved that present-day wolves and other predaceous animals can eat it. They have been preserved for all this time in frozen *earth*, not in ice as is commonly believed. They died and originally were preserved in air, not water. Had they remained in water for even a short time their own contained moisture would have permitted bacterial action to start, which in turn would have produced enough heat to permit the growth of more bacteria and the whole or a substantial part of the corpse would have been demolished. In the Arctic sometimes only the skins of bodies are found, indicating that just this did occur. To preserve a complete corpse the body must die and remain in dry germ-free air until it is chilled right through. The wooly mammoths and rhinoceroses, outsized bison, extinct forms of musk-ox and other animals are found buried in the Arctic. Other specimens, admittedly not of such enormous antiquity, have been discovered in caves both natural and man-made. They still lie out in the open air where they died 20 centuries or more ago.

At a place named Pazyryk in the Altai Mountains of central eastern Siberia a Russian anthropologist named Professor Grysanov set out in 1929 to excavate some ancient burial mounds on a small plain by the river Yan-oulagan. The mounds resembled innumerable other prehistoric burial heaps found in Siberia and Russia but a great surprise was in store for the professor. Instead of being solid

piles of earth, these mounds contained large vaults which in turn housed remarkable rectangular wooden cages with platforms within. Upon these platforms the bodies of men, women and children had been placed. The vaults also contained piles of stone age artifacts, ornaments, primitive costume jewelry, textile and leather clothing, weapons and other items which were manifestly the possessions of the deceased. It seemed the women and children were the families and servants of the deceased who had been sacrificed at the time of his death.

Similar cages with air-chilled mummies had been found two years before in caves near a place called Chibe on the Oursoul River not far away but they had contained only human remains. These mound vaults in Yan-oulagan disclosed something new — namely the bodies of a number of small shaggy ponies of a breed no longer known anywhere in the world today. Apparently they had been killed, frozen stiff in the frigid germ-free air, then saddled and set upright on their feet beside the cages of their owners. There they had remained for over 2000 years, just as perfect as the day they died. Even the hottest summer does not thaw the earth of Siberia to any great extent so even a few feet under the surface the temperature remains perpetually below freezing. Germ-free in the beginning, the atmosphere of the vaults and caves holds nature's garbage disposal units perpetually at bay.

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ESSENTIALLY the same process occurred in caves on the great plains of Patagonia, the southern extremity of South America. At various places throughout Patagonia are limestone bluffs riddled with caves in which the local pre-Columbian natives kept certain enormous now-extinct beasts called Ellengassen, related to the present-day American anteaters. These animals had long shaggy coats of coarse brown hair and were armed with huge recurved claws for digging. However, they also had a sort of armor-plating of thousands of little bones about the size of checker pieces buried in their thick skins. The natives apparently drove them into caves and then walled them up with piles of boulders to keep them for food in lean periods. Sometimes the animals died or were butchered in the caves and their skins and bits of their bodies were left lying around.

In the early part of this century some natives working on a sheep ranch near a place called *Ultima Esperanza* (The Last

Hope) found in a cave a large part of an Ellengassen skin still perfectly preserved in the cold dry air. They lugged it back to their camp, attempted to soften it and then spread it over a bush to dry. Sometime later an Argentine naval officer named Moreno, while carrying out a government survey, happened upon the skin and sent it to Dr. Florentino Ameghino, his country's famous fossil expert, who forthwith announced that the skin recently had been taken from a live animal. But the modern scientific world was in for a surprise. An extended and somewhat frantic search revealed another of nature's morgues in which remains of extinct creatures had been miraculously preserved for untold ages. Since that time mummified remains of similar creatures have been found in other caves as far north as our own country.

I never will forget exploring an excessively dry limestone cave in southern Mexico. I was trying to capture bats and an extended search led me deep into the earth. No bats were to be seen and I was about to give up when I threw my flashlight beam into a side chamber and got a most frightful shock. Curled up on a sort of natural rock table was the vividly spotted form of an extremely large jaguar. In the absolute silence of that cave at that moment I could hear my heart beating. I remained thus frozen for minutes but nothing happened. Then I noticed something very odd: the jaguar had a hole in it! It took me several more minutes to puzzle this out but the complete immobility of the beast slowly revealed the truth. I crept slowly forward until I saw that the animal was deader than anything I have ever seen, in fact it was moldy and moth-eaten. This is the only naturally-dead wild animal I ever had found in 15 years' search in the tropics.

For some reason the great cat must have crept deep into the cave and neatly composed itself for death alone in its eerie, silent and desiccated tomb. It was completely stiff and bone dry. Once I had freed it from its rock pedestal to which it seemed attached, it was so light I could pick it up with one hand. Its skin was almost complete and intact except for two holes in its flank bored by some lesser creatures and for the parts which remained attached to the rock below. It was a natural mummy and contained the shriveled flesh and internal organs as well as the skeleton. It may have been hundreds of years old.

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THOUGH DRY air, peat water and frozen soil are the most

common methods employed by nature to preserve her privileged children, animals enclosed in amber also are known. Some 50 million years ago the climate of Europe was considerably warmer than it is today and the area that now is northern Germany was clothed in forests such as are presently found in Florida — palms, conifers and broad leafed trees. Pines, firs and yews exuded resin just as they do today. This excessively sticky sweet-smelling sap trickled from rents in the bark, sometimes forming little blobs or icicle-shaped formations. Small animals walking over this or attracted to it by its smell became ensnared and sometimes ultimately enveloped. Some of this resin then fell to the ground or into swamps and, being a very permanent substance, was covered up and buried. If later the mud or silt in which it lay buried was compressed into rock strata, the resin dried out and turned into amber. This, when freed from the rock once more by wave action on a coast, has been collected by men for ornamental purposes since earliest times.

Millions of tons of amber have been found throughout the ages but only a few thousand pieces contain preserved animals. Yet the animals are of extraordinary variety — more than 200 kinds of insects, some 100 species of spiders, large numbers of different centipedes and millipedes, some ticks, mites and lesser creatures, a few small lizards, some bird feathers and a variety of plant remains. All remain absolutely unchanged from the day they became set in natural plastic. Even the scales on a mosquito's wing-veins may be counted. No better nor more permanent method of preservation ever has been devised by man or nature.

In 1929 a landslide in a valley in the southern Polish province of Starunia brought to light a very peculiar deposit, a huge pocket of sand saturated with a mixture of crude oil and brine. Some of the local inhabitants poked around in this black gooey mass and noticed great bundles of fibrous material that looked like hair. News of this odd discovery reached the ears of scientists who subsequently investigated and found a number of large bones, more hair and pieces of skin. Careful excavation removed large quantities of the oily sand and one of the most remarkable discoveries of all time was made. Uncovered were one complete and two partial specimens of the wooly rhinoceros that dwelt in Europe during the height of the Ice Age and

which were covered with a dense coat of thick wool and long fur. Most of the fur and hair came away in the oily mass that enveloped them but their bodies were so well preserved that they could be skinned like fresh animals, their corpses dissected, the pelts softened, stuffed and mounted.

These beasts had died tens of thousands of years ago during some great flood and their bodies had been washed down by a torrent to a more gently flowing river which wound across a fairly level plain developing great side loops in its course. The dead rhinos washed into one of these side loops that had been gouged out of a bed of sand through which natural oil was seeping in large quantities. This sand also contained a high proportion of salt which came originally from the sea when the strata were laid down at the bottom of some shallow sun-drenched lagoon where evaporation was excessive. The corpses rapidly were sealed away from the world by this mixture of sand, oil and brine. The brine penetrated the bodies effectively pickling them while the oil waterproofed them both inside and out. By chance, no further floods occurred before the loop in the river filled up completely and the main stream shifted to cut a new channel. So, the rhinos were left sealed in their oily grave.

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FEW ANIMALS bury their dead and then only to prevent predators from picking up their *own* trails, it seems. Yet man began burying his dead deliberately at a very early period in his cultural evolution. Why? Just what did ultraprimitive hominids make of their dead?

I've watched monkeys and apes confronted by death in their group. The former either totally ignored them after one sniff or chewed on them a bit if they were hungry. The apes, on the other hand, often appeared quite distressed. Even if the corpse were not of their own family group they displayed symptoms of fear, rage and puzzlement. They seemed to react in one or the other of two quite different ways. Either they fled in terror sometimes mixed with disgust or if the dead were what we would call a "loved one" they would give every appearance of refusing to accept the fact that it was no longer animate and try to treat and fondle it just as if it were still alive. Such behavior on the part of a middle-aged chimp when its brother died really ripped my heart out. The poor dear would not let anyone near the corpse and after hugging and clinging to his dead brother he

solemnly tried to *inter* him under a pile of everything movable in his large outdoor cage. We eventually had to "gas" him with ammonia to separate him from his charge and he then further completely broke us all up by going through a solemn sort of ritual "dancing" accompanied by the most extraordinary sounds that I have ever heard any animal make — for days on end.

Where did this intelligent ape get these seemingly ritual ideas? Have such ideas survived until today in our "customs" of bodily interment? Did humans emerging into the stone age encounter pickled people, rhinos preserved in oil or frozen mammoths and realize that if they could but bury their loved ones in the right place they might not melt away? Could this have been the first step toward the idea that the spirit of a living thing also could survive? I like this idea. It seems sequential and logical and avoids a lot of theorizing about things for which we have no proof.

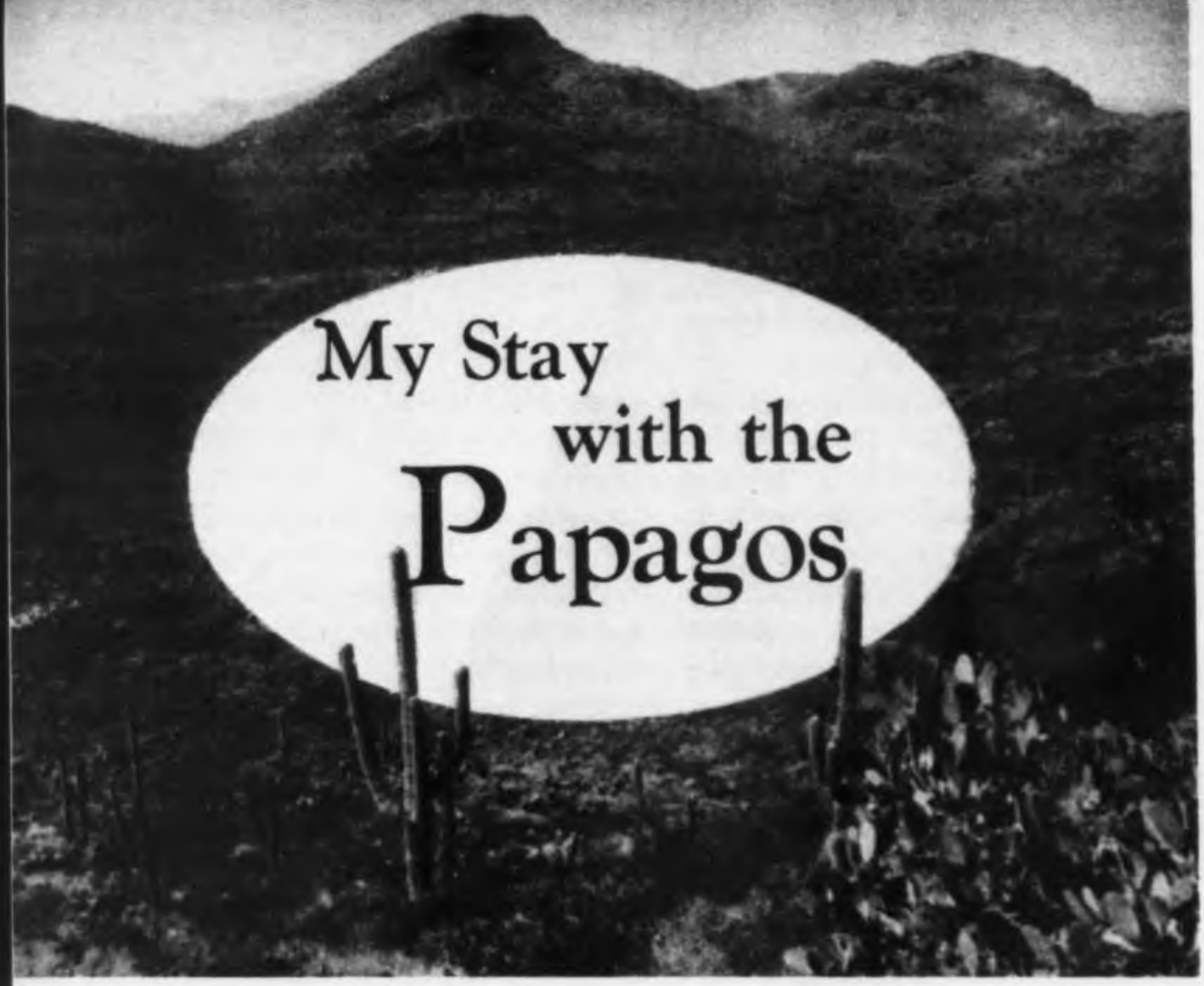
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WITCH DOCTORS BUILD MORALE

THE SHAMAN or witch doctor of primitive societies may lack some of the sophisticated medicinal and surgical knowledge of the modern physician but he far excels his modern counterpart in "bedside manner," reports Universal Press International. Dr. Guenter B. Risse, University of Wisconsin medical historian, reports that the witch doctor administers mainly to the psychological needs of the sick by relieving anxiety and improving morale. "This is an area in which the modern physician, engrossed in sophisticated medical technology, has fallen short," he observed.

All too often, Risse suggests, an ill person suffers loss of self-assurance and becomes depressed. "In a primitive tribe the mere presence of a highly respected shaman is an important morale builder," he said "The shaman represents all of the religious beliefs of the tribe and can call on the powerful spirit world. His rituals draw attention to the patient and build up the patient's hope." He observed that studies of surgical patients from Navajo reservations have demonstrated that the patients recover faster if visited by the medicine man before they undergo any kind of surgery.



My Stay with the Papagos

By Ben Townsend

IN OCTOBER 1966 I was vacating my apartment in Kansas City, Mo., preparatory to moving on to a newspaper job in York, Nebr. For several weeks I had tried unsuccessfully to find something else. I was not happy with the new job and was reading magazines and books about Arizona and its deserts. Although I had no personal experience with the desert, for some reason I felt drawn to it. Just the night before I had picked up an old *Holiday* magazine containing a long story on deserts. One of the photos particularly struck me and for a few moments I actually felt myself transported into such surroundings.

My friend John Shirley had come to help me move. My belongings were all packed in boxes and we were about to load these into John's car for the drive to York later that after-

noon when I said, "I wish that phone would ring and someone would offer me a job in Arizona. I just don't want to go to York. I've worked on newspapers too long; they no longer interest me."

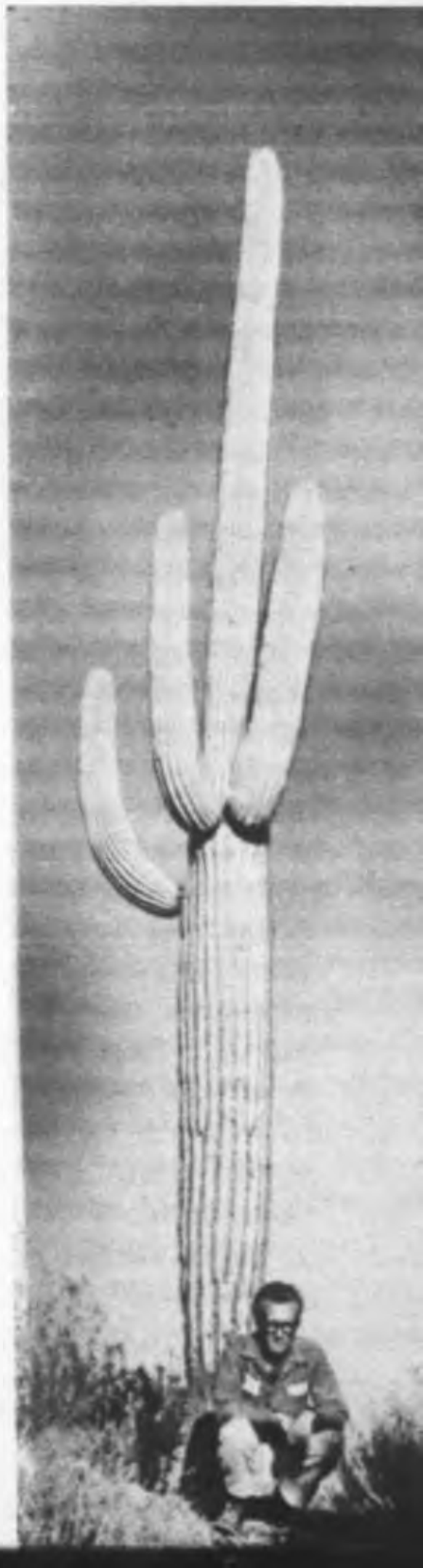
We both were amazed when the telephone immediately rang and after a few moments I said, "I'd be happy to go to Arizona and photograph the Indians for you."

After I replaced the phone in its cradle John exclaimed, "Telepathy! It has to be!"

I told him that Dr. Richard H. Long, a chiropractor, had called me from a motel in Arizona. Some weeks earlier he had seen some of my photographs, which over the years have appeared in *The London Daily Mirror, The London Daily Express* and *The National Observer* and under the imprint of Associated Press and United Press International. Dr. Long had tracked down my address and on the phone had offered to finance a trip to Arizona if I would go there and photograph the Papago Indians for him.

The Papagos cling to ancestral ways, aloof from white men. How was I to win their trust?

Dr. Long owned mining properties on the Papago reservation and had become interested in that little known tribe of Indians whose reservation is one of the largest in the United States. He thought perhaps through national publicity we could bring some prosperity to the reservation. The Papagos were very poor. Down through the centuries they



had lived in the desert, steadfastly resisting change, clinging to the ways and beliefs of their ancestors. At one time other tribes had called them the Bean People because mesquite beans were a principal part of their diet. Today they still live in small adobes. Few own cars and they think nothing of walking great distances or traveling by buckboard or horseback. Only a few thousand of them remain, some of them in Mexico.

On November 13 I left Kansas, arriving on the reservation two days later. I planned to stay two weeks. Instead, I lived in the desert for three years, about six months of this time with the Papagos.

On the first day the Papagos were uncommunicative. Few white men really knew them, still fewer understood them. They were kind but distant. Then because of a small desert owl I was accepted into their society.

The owl incident occurred two days after my arrival. It was afternoon and I was driving a Papago acquaintance, Juan V. Jose, into Sells, Ariz. We were following a secondary road leading to State Highway 86 about three miles south of the village of Nolia, where Juan lived. We had ridden two miles and exchanged only a few words.

Suddenly I saw a small owl in the center of the road. I swerved the car to the right and slammed my foot on the brake. Juan lurched forward. In that instant the owl spread its wings and flew up over the car's hood narrowly missing the windshield.

Juan stared at me as I maneuvered the car back onto the road and drove on. "Why did you stop so quick?" he asked.

I was puzzled. I knew he could not help seeing the owl when it hurtled past the windshield. I answered, "There was a little owl on the road. I didn't want to hit it."

Juan smiled for the first time. A short distance farther on he said, "Thank you. Thank you for not killing the little owl." As we turned onto the highway Juan confided, "Little owls are really Papago babies who have died. They return to earth as little owls and we never harm them, for the spirit of a Papago child is in each one."

I said nothing. Juan continued, "You are an unusual white man; most would not have gone to such extremes to avoid running over the owl. I wish to shake your hand."

And so we became friends. I moved my camp to a hillside about one mile north of his adobe.

Every day I saw large numbers of coyotes and each night I went



Ben Townsend's dog Lobo walks down a dry wash on the Papago Indian reservation.

to sleep with what sounded like hundreds of them howling nearby. I always have liked animals and so did nothing to discourage them. Gradually one coyote would let me walk to within a few feet of him. Although off the reservation coyotes are poisoned and killed the Papagos protect them, believing the coyote is an ancestor returned to earth. The animals are seen everywhere on the reservation. There are no fences and they wander freely among the little villages.

In Sells, where government workers live, high wire fences are constructed around homes and offices to keep out the coyotes which often wander through the streets at night. The Indians resent these fences.

About a month after I had moved onto the reservation I was preparing to get into my sleeping bag when suddenly I heard the terrifying scream of a mountain lion. It sounded like a woman in mortal pain. Throughout the night the lion continued to scream.

The next morning I walked over to Juan's house for coffee. Several of his friends were there. Sitting down at the table I said, "Juan, last night I heard a mountain lion scream. It seemed to be near your house."

All talking hushed. Without a word Juan put down his cup, pushed back his chair, got up and walked out of the adobe. Perplexed, I turned to another Indian, Francisco, and asked, "What is wrong with Juan?"

"You should not have told him about the mountain lion screaming," Francisco said. "I heard it too. But when a mountain lion screams like that for such a long time, it means a close relative will die within a few days, usually within three. The lion was near Juan's house so it will be one of his relatives."

Three mornings later as I squatted by a campfire cooking breakfast Juan's wife Ramona walked up. "Will you drive Juan into town?" she asked sadly.

"Of course. What's wrong?"

Ramona bowed her head. Her body shook as she sobbed, "His aunt died last night."

The next day Juan and I drove out into the desert to a small cemetery marked with white crosses. Soon other Indian men arrived and we began digging a grave. Late that afternoon a procession of Papagos accompanied the casket of Juan's aunt to the cemetery where they quietly buried her.

Recently when I related these experiences to friends they said, "Coincidence, that's all it was."

Maybe so. But I was there; to me it will never be just "coincidence."

A HIGH-FLYING CAT

GARFUNKEL. a gray tiger-striped cat owned by Steve Smirnoff, may well hold the cat record for number of hours aloft. On August 19, 1971, Garfunkel was placed aboard a Northwest Orient 747 jet in Oshkosh, Wis., on his way to join his owner, the public relations director for Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage. But when the plane arrived in Alaska, his cage was empty and Smirnoff feared he had seen the last of his pet.

But passengers and crew of the Boeing plane kept hearing meows coming from the walls and overhead as the jet traveled on to the Orient, then to Chicago, New York and other places. The feline somehow had escaped from the cage and entered a narrow opening in the cargo space. Garfunkel was finally lured out of his hiding place in the fuselage by cat food. By this time the high-flying cat had logged over 100,000 miles during his 25 days aboard the aircraft. If Garfunkel had had anything to eat during that time, Northwest personnel can't figure out where he'd found the food. At last report the plane-loving cat was in Everett, Wash,. while officials figured out how to get him to Anchorage.

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THE APPORTED ARGUMENT

By Ernest Macasaet

DURING WORLD WAR II, I lived with my mother Maria Macasaet in a four-room apartment on West 135th Street in New York City. My father was overseas and as I was only nine years old, on occasion I slept in my mother's room.

One night in January 1944 my mother had one of her girl friends visiting. I left them playing cards in the kitchen and went to sleep in my mother's room.

During the middle of the night I woke up to hear a terrible argument between a man and a woman in the bedroom next to where I was sleeping. As the angry voices grew louder I became very frightened. I wondered if during the night my mother had rented that room to some couple as she had done in the past to supplement her small income. But I was puzzled that Mother did not wake up during that awful shouting.

Then I heard a gunshot and jumped from the bed and ran in terror to my mother's side. Mother was angry at being awakened and said I must have had a nightmare. She took me to the room from where I had heard the argument and showed me that there was no one there. Her girl friend had gone home just after I had gone to bed and there was no one else in the apartment. I went back to bed and heard no more noises.

The following evening as I sat having supper my mother looked



Ernest Macasaet

up from the newspaper she was reading and asked, "Do you remember Mr. and Mrs. Morales who rented our bedroom three months ago? Well, last night after a bitter argument, in a fit of jealousy he shot and killed her at three in the morning. They lived on 132nd Street."

My mother did not tie the incident in with the "nightmare" I had had the night before and I did not remind her. But I think I somehow overheard that fatal argument. — *Brooklyn, N.Y.*

THE SILENT CALL

By Lois T. Herring

MY HUSBAND Carl Pearson and I had been married for 21 years and were living in Hayden, Ariz. One hot sultry night he asked me to go for a ride with him as he wanted to talk to me. I was shocked into silence when he asked me for a divorce. I knew he liked partying and night life — which he enjoyed while I remained at home with our two daughters, Faye and Eugenia. Just as I always had given him his freedom I didn't contest the divorce.

A few days after the divorce became final in February 1945 Carl married a girl only a few years older than his daughters. After several years she left him and while he never married again he continued his partying and night life. He neglected his health and in 1966 contracted emphysema, the disease that eventually took his life.

In the fall of 1970 Carl was sent to a specialist, a Dr. Ganzer at Tempe Sanitarium in Tempe, Ariz., a few hundred miles away. Faye and Eugenia, though now grown and married, were inconsolable over their father's condition. I went with them to stay at a motel near the hospital so we could help and comfort him. After a week we had to return home to take care of some business but we promised to return in a few days.

After we left Carl grew worse. In his dazed state he tried to telephone us but couldn't remember our telephone numbers. I had just dozed off one night after we got home when I was awakened by a violent shaking of my arms. I couldn't stop the convulsions for several minutes. I noticed it was 1:00 A.M. and I was greatly alarmed, for nothing like this ever had happened to me before.

I wondered if it were some kind of message. I stayed up the rest of the night worrying and wondering what it could mean. I was about to call the girls when they phoned me. Someone from the hospital had called saying to come at once; their father was in critical condition. He had started

having convulsions at one o'clock, the same time I had been awakened. I was ready and waiting when the girls came for me.

Carl was conscious for a while after we arrived. His face lit up when we entered and we were pleased he knew we were with him. After a couple of hours he went into a coma and never regained consciousness. He died on November 9, 1970.

If I ever have such a strange experience again I will know that it is a silent call for help. — *Oracle, Ariz.*

NO STRANGER IN PARADISE

By Muriel V. Searle

"I'VE BEEN here before" or "I've seen it in a dream" — many persons have this reaction on arriving in a place they never have visited before. For example my mother, Ellen Rose Searle, so exclaimed in 1940 when she first stepped inside Wells Cathedral; every detail of the vaulting arches and ceiling was familiar. However, she never had set foot in Somerset before although she had lived all her life in England. Personally I never have had such experiences.

On the other hand, I have felt strangely and completely at home from the first instant in a new land — Italy. Shopping seemed as natural as popping into Woolworth's at home — 800 miles away — while catching a ferry from a pier surrounded by mountains, palms and orange trees seemed no more extraordinary than catching a London bus.

Through four Italian holidays I have had this sense of "belonging" from the moment of leaving the shining snow of Switzerland for the land south of St. Gotthard Tunnel.



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In fact, it felt so natural that in Caprino on Lake Lugano I strolled into a shop forgetting that my Italian consisted of three lessons from a teach-yourself book. Unfortunately the shop was an exception in tourist Europe — nobody spoke English.

What were the Italian words for. . .oh, yes, "*Due francobolli e due cartoline, per piacere.*" Good heavens! I had put a sentence

together. And the proprietor had understood. He produced the goods and we struck up a conversation in Italian, German and sign language. In the first few minutes in Italy I felt more comfortable with the language than after a fortnight in German-speaking Switzerland.

From the shop I emerged into sizzling sunshine thinking the lake and palms and flowers were all impossibly beautiful — but I didn't feel like a tourist. Somehow I *belonged* — as if the towering mountains were an ordinary everyday sight.

The next year in June 1969 Italy pulled me back, this time to the Mediterranean coast. The first sight of that blue sea for most English people is one of life's climactic moments. Above iridescent Riviera waters fairy-tale villages perch around tiny churches amidst olive groves and fields of enormous carnations. The profusion of flowers in this exotic setting should have swept me off my feet but instead I immediately felt a part of the scene. I found myself talking with shopkeepers and waiters despite having been too lazy to brush up my Italian in advance. As it had the year before, the language just came. By the end of two weeks natives were congratulating me on my Italian and I had found it sufficient even to give certain local wolves the brush-off.

This competence in the language of Italy, which vanished as soon as I left the country, mystified me. I had no European ancestry so far as I knew although there was an Italian-sounding name, Tarelli, in my family, but none of us knew its origin.

In 1970 it had to be Italy again, this time Lake Como. For sheer beauty Bellagio, Menaggio and Cadenabbia are unequaled and I felt even more at home in these un-English surroundings. Rather than simply a holiday resting place this seemed my true sphere. My Italian blossomed again, to the point that I could take local buses to off-the-beaten-path places. Wandering off by ferry — sorting out timetables and buying tickets seemed as easy for me as making a local trip in England. Fellow tourists, tied to the tour guides, even asked where I had learned to speak the language.

A fortnight after I returned home from Lake Como, a visitor whose hobby was tracing family trees unexpectedly announced that she had unearthed the origin of that mysterious Tarelli name in my family. She had traced it back through generations to a Tarelli family of clock- and barometer-makers whose

home and business both had been beside Lake Como.

Never while walking Como's magical shores had I dreamed I was walking the same roads my ancestors walked. Yet something within me obviously did know that I was not a stranger in a strange land. — *Bromley, Kent, England.*

DOWSING BAREFOOT

By Ruby L. Mitchell

MY FATHER was a dowser who located several water wells in Mason County, Tex. When I was very young he sometimes would have me help him. He would wake me in the chill early dawn and take me to the place where a water well was needed. Then he would have me take off my shoes and walk slowly over the ground until I had located a stream of water. I learned to tell I was over water when my bare feet felt heat waves and vibrations rising from the ground like a sort of electrical charge. I would get keyed up and tense. If I stopped to concentrate I could see the water in my mind's eye and I could locate the outer edges of the stream. I also could tell how deep the water was. Once I had located water Dad would dowse the area and choose the best spot to drill.

For some years we lived on Small's farm northwest of Mason and there was no water on the place. One day the owner decided to have a well drilled and asked Dad to locate a good water vein. For several days Dad and Mother discussed the problem and looked over the topography. Then one morning about daybreak he awakened me and asked me to come help him find water.

As we left the house Dad said, "Honey, start at the doorstep and walk across the yard to the fence and keep going south and east. I feel there should be water draining down from the hills south and east of the house."

Walking slowly near the fence about 100 feet from the house I struck a warm strip of ground. I walked back and forth across this line, which seemed to be about three or four feet wide. I could feel waves of heat coming from the ground.

Dad stood watching me. Smiling, he asked, "Is that the best you can do?"

"How much sugar do you want for a dime?" I retorted. "There's an ocean of water here but it is very narrow and deep. Not so deep in the ground but the stream itself is deep. I feel an awful fear of it; it is swift and dangerous—and hot. If you want lots of water, Daddy, dig right here by the fence. I wish you would and then you could put up

a water tower and install running water in the house for Mother."

"Well, I don't think so," he said. "The stock would come too near the house."

He told me to try to trace the stream farther. I followed the hot line west through the yard and down the hill about 100 to 150 yards from the house to where there were several huge oak trees. As I went along I sensed that the stream fanned out to a greater width and became more shallow. The ground felt cooler and the water seemed to be deeper underground.

"How deep do you say we have to go from the surface here?" he asked. I thought about 200 to 300 feet and I begged him to drill nearer the house. However, he chose the spot near the trees.

About 300 feet down the driller struck wonderful sparkling clear water. Soon we had a large windmill and a water tower and Mother had all the running water she wanted. Although my father had chosen the place he preferred to drill, I was proud that my barefoot dowsing had helped. — *Houston, Tex.*

DOGS CHOOSE NEW PLAYMATE

By Edna Fluegel

WHEN MY sister and her husband moved into an apartment in Louisiana in 1965 they asked if I would look after their two dogs in my Houston, Tex., home. I already had three dogs and a cat of my own but I readily agreed and all six animals got along famously. But just let any strange dog or cat come on the premises and Lord help us!

My cat Pepper was a large short-haired orange tom who periodically left home for a week or more. On his return he always looked a little beat. But the dogs gave him such a wonderful reception that he was as good as new in a few days. When Pepper left home for his last trip, he was gone for about three or four days and returned in terrible shape. He could hardly walk. The dogs howled and carried on as if they knew Pepper was dying.

I put Pepper in a box and offered him milk and food but he wouldn't eat or drink. I decided I would take him to the vet the next day but in the morning I found Pepper dead. I wrapped him in my best blanket and buried him in the backyard.

Early one morning about a week later I heard the dogs barking. Going out to investigate I found the dogs wagging their tails at a strange gray tomcat who was walking right through their midst toward the house. The dogs followed the cat into the house where he jumped onto the chair and from there to the icebox where I always had fed Pepper. I could not help feeling the dogs had chosen a replacement for their beloved friend Pepper.



Dallas sensitive Carl Logan combines palmistry with psychism in his public lectures and readings.

Dave Kratzer liked to kid his Uncle Carl about his claim to psychic abilities but his skepticism was shaken one Thanksgiving.

By James Crenshaw

PSYCHIC *locates* *Missing Plane*

CARL LOGAN of Dallas, Tex., is used to being kidded about his psychic gifts by his nephew David Kratzer of Willits, Calif. But on Thanksgiving Day 1971 Kratzer decided to take his uncle seriously and as a result a missing aircraft was found a few hours later in the rugged country north of Willits. However, its four passengers had been killed in the crash.

Kratzer took a personal interest in the disappearance of the plane. As operator of an aircraft repair service at Willits Aviation Center in northern California, Kratzer had spent many hours working on the Cessna 175 and knew it was in "tip-top condition" when it took off on the previous Tuesday evening, November 23, 1971.

The plane's owner, construction worker William E. Pullian, 37, had arrived at the airport about 8:00 P.M. and started loading up for a flight south to Bakersfield. Kratzer had considerable misgivings about the flight. The weather bureau reported a "front" was moving in — bad weather would make flying hazardous. Pullian, however,

figured he would beat the weather front if he hurried and thereafter would climb above it. He seemed so nervous and in such a hurry that Kratzer did not try to stop him even though the fog was thickening. Pullian had obtained his pilot's license just six months before and had only about 80 hours' total flying time. He had done some night flying but had not yet been rated for instrument flying.

A few moments later Pullian climbed into the plane with his wife Shirley and sons William, Jr., 17, and Dennis, 13. Without revving the motor Pullian taxied the plane to the end of the runway and took off. The Cessna 175 disappeared into the fog and Kratzer no longer could see its lights. He tried to make contact by radio without success but thought perhaps Pullian had neglected to turn the radio on.

Soon he heard the plane turn to the left. It circled back across the center of the field then banked to circle again. Kratzer figured the pilot was climbing for altitude and expected the craft to head south. Instead Pullian did not complete the second circle and flew towards the northwest. The sound of the engine faded away and for a moment there was silence. Then Kratzer heard the engine again as though the plane were coming closer once more. After about five seconds the mechanic heard "two muffled pops. I thought the engine backfired or something. That was the last sound I heard," he told me later. The time was now 8:35 P.M.

Kratzer immediately alerted the Civil Air Patrol and Hamilton Air Force Base but little could be done in the dark. Pullian's plane failed to reach Bakersfield and the next day, Wednesday, November 24, search planes were sent to crisscross the area in the accepted grid pattern prescribed for such searches. The results were negative.

On Thanksgiving Day the search was resumed at dawn. Kratzer had decided not to go to the airport that day, feeling he could do nothing to assist the air force and Civil Air Patrol in the search. At about 10 in the morning he called his uncle's home in Dallas to extend holiday wishes to his mother, Logan's sister, who was visiting Logan at that time. After chatting with his mother he got his uncle on the line.

"If you're so damn smart, Carl," said the nephew, "tell me where this plane is."

"Give me the name," requested Logan. He wrote the name on a slip of paper and held it up to his forehead to get impressions. In the subsequent tele-

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phone conversation Logan made the following points:

1. The wreck would be found north of the airport.
2. It would be near a creek and a railroad.
3. The airplane came almost straight down.
4. The site of the crash was close to the airport.
5. It would be found on that day, Thanksgiving Day.
6. There had been no fire.
7. The nephew himself would see the wreckage.

Kratzer smiled at the last statement as he had no intention of going to the airport that day. But while he waited for his dinner he brooded over the missing plane and wondered if his uncle's impressions could possibly help with the search. Airplanes kept buzzing overhead and this upset him. Finally Kratzer phoned the airport manager who was coordinating the search and told him Logan's impressions without identifying their source. Then he went down to the airport himself to check on the progress of the search.

As he chatted with members of the search party Kratzer drew a circle on a map of the area where he figured the plane must be according to his uncle's impressions. He suggested the searchers concentrate on the creek valley north of the airfield. Two of the searchers took off in a plane and returned in less than 15 minutes. They told Kratzer, "We think we have a find but we don't want to cause any commotion until we're sure."

Neither man was from the Willits area. "Do you know the roads in this area?" they asked Kratzer. He admitted he was familiar with the creek valley and they persuaded him to go with them in the sheriff's car as a guide. Although the spot the pilots had sighted from the air was only three and one half miles from the airport the terrain was so rugged they had to switch to a jeep and then hike the final half mile.

They found the wreck of the Cessna up a side creek, not more than 100 yards from the main creek. The railroad was about a mile and a half away but as the searchers hiked in they came upon the cut of an abandoned right-of-way. There were no ties or rails remaining on what most probably had been an old logging railroad right-of-way. Kratzer was the second man to come up to the wreck.

"Pullian had come down in a real steep dive," he said later. "He hit on the north slope of a ridge. He was coming down steeper than the ridge was coming down, apparently in what is called a 'graveyard spiral' or stalled spin. The airplane was obviously out of control.

"All that was left in one piece was the tail. The plane knocked out about 100 feet of brush from where it first hit the top of a tree to where it stopped. Usually a plane will cut a swath of 400 to 600 feet but Pullian must have been coming almost straight down. From the air the searchers hadn't seen the wreckage itself but had spotted a pine that looked like it had broken limbs and had burned. They could see it was something but were not sure what it was."

Kratzer conceded that his uncle had played a major part in concentrating the search in the right area. An analysis of Carl Logan's seven points yields the following results:

1. Correct. Although the Pullians were planning to fly south, the wreck had been found north of the airport.

2. The wreck was near a creek but a mile and a half from the nearest railroad. However, the right-of-way observed by Kratzer — probably for an old logging railroad — might have produced the clairvoyant impression of a railroad. At any rate, the existing railroad is in the same general area.

3. Correct. The plane did come "almost straight down," leaving the wreckage in such a narrow space that it was scarcely visible from the air.

4. Correct. The site of the crash was less than three and one half miles from the airport.

5. Correct. The wreck and the four victims were found on Thanksgiving Day.

6. Incorrect. The gasoline tanks had exploded when the plane struck the ground — probably the "muffled pops" Kratzer heard — and the aircraft and its occupants were burned quite badly. However, it was so rainy and foggy on the night of the crash that the fire was confined to a circle no more than 15 feet in diameter. Perhaps Logan had visualized the crash site from

above just as the search pilots first sighted it and they had detected no burned area from the air.

7. Correct. Carl's nephew did view the wreckage. "I think it is more significant than anything else that my uncle said I would be at the scene of the crash," said Kratzer. "I had no intention of going to the airport that day. It was just by chance that I was at the scene.

"Carl said it would be found that day and that I would go that day. It was kind of weird. That's all I can say — it's weird."

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CARL LOGAN now devotes much of his time to his psychic work, including public demonstrations. He also has a flair for palmistry, an ability he discovered almost by accident.

Born in Lewistown, Pa., as a youth Carl sometimes went on long trips around the country. During the 1930's he was visiting in Santa Fe, N. Mex., where a young woman introduced him to the local palmist. Skeptical, Carl submitted to a reading only at the insistence of the girl. He was shaken when the palmist started telling him all about himself, including a lot of things he didn't want the young lady to overhear. He snatched his hand away and denied that the palmist had been accurate but was so fascinated that he started studying palmistry.

Some days later at a church party in the young lady's home Carl met the same palmist, who was there to entertain the guests. To make fun of the palmist Logan announced that he was going to tell everyone's fortune. He took guests by the hand and started telling them whatever came into his head. He was doing this all in jest until the palmist came over and placing his hand on Logan's shoulder said, "Now, Carl, you're having a good time and you think you're making fun of me but you're better than I am and I've been doing this for 35 years."

Back in Pennsylvania Logan developed his gift enough to entertain at parties but he did not become really professional until he and his wife Jane moved to Texas in 1962. Meanwhile Logan had engaged in various types of businesses ranging from used cars to a restaurant which he operated for 15 years.

Members of his immediate family have been impressed by his psychic talents. He once told his wife that one of their daughters would be injured in an accident when she was 16 years old and would break both legs. Their first daughter, Peggy, lived past 16 without mishap but when their second daughter, Carol, was 16

she was in an auto accident and had both legs broken.

Once he predicted that Mrs. Logan would "go blind but then would get all right." Sometime afterward a pressure cooker exploded, scalding Jane about the head and shoulders. She was given an injection to which she reacted so badly that she lost her sight for a week. "After that," remarked Carl, "she started paying attention to what I told her."

He also has found that he has healing power in his hands. He does not consider himself a medium in the usual sense. He does not contact those in the spirit world. However, during a demonstration before a group in Hollywood recently, he told one of those present that he soon would hear of a death in his family. The next day the man received a phone call with the news that his elderly grandfather had died on the day Logan made the prediction.

It seems safe to say there is more than one less skeptic in Hollywood — including a less skeptical nephew in Willits, Calif.



SOON

By Mary F. Priest

IN 1935 my family was living in Durham, N.C. Every day after peddling fruit and vegetables from a cart my dad, William Carden, took the same route home. Each time he walked past a mortuary.

One Monday in May as he passed the mortuary he found he could not move forward. So he turned and entered the funeral home. An attendant asked, "Can I help you, sir?"

"Yes," came my dad's reply, "I want to look at your coffins." The attendant led him into a room where several coffins were displayed. Dad browsed a little and stopped in front of a beautiful grey one bearing a marker which read, "At Rest." Dad pointed to this one and said, "Keep this one. I'll be using it soon." He felt better when he left the building.

That night as we sat around the heating stove Dad said to my mother, "Mattie, I stopped at the mortuary and picked out my coffin today. I told them to hold it for me."

Mother went white and trembling asked, "Why, Billie?"

He answered, "Because I'll be needing it — soon!"

The next Monday, June 3, 1935, one week to the day later, my dad died of pneumonia.

Fingers of Fate

By Harold Helfer

Deputy Sheriff Bob Alexander of Naples, Fla., had to be hospitalized after being bitten by a rattlesnake, a dead one. After the lawman had shot the reptile, his dog Flash moved in to finish it off. In the process, the snake's head flew off and, with jaws gaping and fangs extended, struck Alexander in the hand.

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Twelve years ago Donald Bassard climbed Mount Greylock near North Adams, Mass., to pick berries and lost his diamond ring. All attempts to find the ring then were in vain. Recently he went back to the mountain and decided to search for the ring again. He found it within three minutes.

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When the fire alarm rang in Red Wing, Minn., off-duty fireman Don Buden decided to hop on the truck and lend a hand. Only when the truck stopped on Burton Street did he realize his own house was on fire.

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Eight years ago Genevieve Stafford of Martinsville, Ind., suffered a whiplash in a traffic accident, which left her with headaches and blurred vision. Recently she was in another accident — her vision has cleared and she hasn't had a headache since.

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Remedial reading teacher Judy McNeilly of Peabody, Mass., wrote — and got her class to write — to a soldier serving in Vietnam. The soldier's buddy Bruce Steger, impressed that anyone back home cared enough to write, answered one of these letters. Soon Sgt. Steger and Miss McNeilly began corresponding . . . and now they're married.

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Brothers John and Harry LeFebre of Pueblo, Colo., became fathers within 24 hours. John's wife gave birth to a son within a few hours after Harry's wife became the mother of a daughter.

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Mrs. Irwin Winegeart of Niles, Mich., had started for shore after a fruitless fishing trip on Lake Michigan when a 10-pound salmon jumped from the water and landed in her arms.



SEARCH FOR Sybaris

PART TWO

Arrogance of Sybaris leaders led to war with Croton in 510 B.C. — and decadent Sybarites literally danced to defeat.

By Orville H. Bullitt

THAT SYBARIS was ruled in a manner to give the rich citizens every possible luxury and to spare them any inconvenience is well documented. The first law which they enforced was the one of quiet within the city; for they forbade any craft which produced noise. No blacksmiths, carpenters or the like were allowed to disturb the sleep of the citizens. They did not even permit poultry to be kept for fear that the sound of the roosters would be too loud.

Their banquets, and indeed the daily table, were given much thought and care and a cook who was especially famous would receive a crown. If a cook were to invent a particularly felicitous new dish it was his privilege to be the only one allowed to produce it for a period of one year. In this way they hoped to encourage others to make similar inventions and to establish a rivalry between their chefs which would redound to the fame of the host. Perhaps this is one of the earliest recorded examples of the granting of a patent.

They were slaves to their bellies and lovers of food and wine and the Greek philosopher Diodorus tells us such was their devotion to luxury that they even preferred to associate with the Ionians and Tyrrhenians because they found that the Ionians surpassed all other Greeks in the extravagance of their lives and similarly the Tyrrhenians (by which they were probably refer-

Water has been excavators' severest obstacle. Use of pumps enabled them to bare 18-foot-high wall which faces south toward Crati River. Later Roman construction lies atop Greek stonework.

ring to the Etruscans) led a more luxurious life than others in that region. A delightful story is told of a Sybarite who once visited Sparta, a city known for its stern, rigorous and hardy life. When this particular Sybarite returned from his visit he told his friends that he used to wonder at the bravery of the Spartans but that after reclining on their wooden benches to eat with them and witnessing what a frugal and utterly miserable life they led, he could only conclude that they were no better than the lowest of men and that the most cowardly Sybarite would choose to die rather than endure a life like theirs.

Their banquets were planned to give time for ample preparation. As they were the first to invite women to these public celebrations, they passed a law that those who issued an invitation to a banquet should do so a year in advance in order that the women might prepare their dresses and other adornments in a manner in keeping with the occasion and the long time provided. . . .

It was quite a shocking innovation for the women to attend the formerly all-male dinners, and we are told that regulations for the use of cosmetics, depilatories, and so forth were drawn up for the women. . . .

In preparation for these banquets the true Sybarites spent an inordinate amount of time in bathing and perfuming themselves. They devised the tub for baths and also lay in the enjoyment of vapor baths some 2500 years before the sauna became a popular form of relaxation in this country. In the bringing in of constant supplies of hot water for their tubs, they arranged that the water carriers and bath attendants should have shackles on their feet to prevent them from moving too fast and by their carelessness possibly scalding their masters. To rationalize their gluttony and their wine-drinking, they evolved a theory that since the city lay in a hollow and in the daytime was intolerably hot, although cool in the morning and evening, it contributed greatly to their health to hold these drinking bouts.* They had a saying that anyone in Sybaris who did not wish to die before his allotted time must look neither upon the rising nor setting sun. (This may also have been considered a preventive of malaria, which was later to ravage this plain and make it uninhabitable.) One Sybarite boasted that for 20 years he had not seen the sun

*Their invention of the chamber pot adds a delicate touch. We are told they carried them to the drinking parties. In all things they seem to have reached the heights — or depths — of laziness!

rise nor set, and this he regarded as something great and a remarkable testimony to his wealth.

Some idea of this wealth will be gained by the story of Smindyrides, who was one of the richest of the Sybarites and who was described by Herodotus as the most luxurious liver of his day. The tyrant of Sicyon, Cleisthenes by name, after winning a famous chariot race, made a proclamation that his daughter was to be married and that any suitor for her hand should come to his house. The daughter, Agarista, is described in glowing terms and was considered a girl of great beauty, charm and accomplishment. Smindyrides decided to become a suitor and left Sybaris in a ship of 50 oars, all the rowers being his own slaves.

He brought with him 1000 cooks and a similar number of bird catchers and also 1000 fishermen. It is a little difficult to accept this as other than a violent stretch of the imagination, since his own ship had only 50 oars. Arriving at Sicyon, he outshone in his equipage not only the other suitors but even the tyrant himself who, together with the whole city, was participating in the occasion . . .

In the matter of clothes and jewelry the Sybarites were equally fastidious. Their woolen garments were made into tunics of gay and variegated colors, and at the waist they wore costly sashes and came to be called the "sash-tunics" by their neighbors in distinction from those who did not wear belts and were called "non-sash-tunics." In small matters of this kind the Sybarites were proudly affecting an extravagant style which in their opinion would set them above their neighbors. Snobbishness, it would seem, can be traced back to the earliest of historical times . . .

The Sybarites, not satisfied with the local wool or the product of their own looms, imported the then most famous woolen materials, which came from Miletus on the coast of Asia Minor and with this city Sybaris developed a large and friendly commercial relationship. The feeling was so strong that at the time of the destruction of Sybaris the Milesians, both young and old, shaved their heads and made great public lamentation and mourning. . .

Aleisthenes has found his notch in history solely by the purchase of a cloak of a material so expensive and magnificent that he not only wore it but even put it on display at Lacinium during the festival of Hera at which great throngs of Greeks gathered. It was the most admired

object at the festival and later was owned by Dionysius the Elder who in turn sold it to the Carthaginians for 120 talents. Unfortunately, Athenaeus does not say whether it was a gold or a silver talent. At present prices a silver talent (approximate weight given by Webster is 58 pounds) would be valued at $1,900 and a gold talent at $32,000.

Even the youth of Sybaris was expensively clad, for until they reached the age of manhood, the boys wore purple cloaks (the purple dye was imported from the coasts of Asia Minor and Phoenicia) and had their hair tied in braids which were secured by gold ornaments. The coats worn by the cavalry of Sybaris, which at this time was over 5000 strong, were saffron-colored and were worn over their breastplates. As a contrast to the opulence of the Sybarite, we have an account by Greek historian Phylarchus . . . of the dress of the Syracusans. He says that among the Syracusans at this time there was a law that a woman should not put on gold ornaments or wear gaily-colored dresses or have garments with purple borders unless she admitted she was a common prostitute. He also says that there was another law that a man might not affect foppish ways or adopt a fancy and conspicuous mode of dress unless he confessed to being an adulterer. . . .

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IT IS probably true that many of the accounts of the dissolute life of Sybaris were written with more than a little jealousy by those of their rivals who had not attained their degree of wealth and luxury and while criticizing their more fortunate neighbors, at the same time endeavored to reach this level of luxury themselves. There are many tales of the laziness and self-indulgence of the true Sybarite. In order to escape the oppressive heat of the valley in summer they journeyed to the hills and there went to the Grottoes of the Nymphs on the Lusias River and spent their time in every form of luxury . . .

When the Sybarite went on a vacation, he traveled in a carriage and always proceeded slowly so that it would take him three days to accomplish an ordinary one-day trip. Furthermore, many of the roads leading to the country are described as having been roofed over. This may (mean) that they were lined with trees so that the journey could be made along shaded avenues.

We have already read of their handsomely clad cavalry, and they took great pride in school-

ing the horses. These were trained to dance to the music of the pipe and were shown as an added attraction at the banqueting hour. The luxury of the training of their horses in this way was to contribute later to the destruction of their city. . .

The abundance of slaves also caused them to neglect the development of their own strength and bodies so that they fell easy prey to their opponents in a very brief encounter. This laziness is described in the work of Timaeus, who tells us that a man of Sybaris, going into the country, saw the farmers digging, and told his friends that the sight of such an effort had given him a rupture. One of those who heard him said that listening to him telling such a story had given him a pain in his side. On a visit to the neighboring city of Croton some Syarites saw an athlete digging up the soil on which the games were to take place. They expressed great surprise that such an important city would not have slaves to dig up the wrestling ground for them. Smindyrides once saw a man digging and swinging his pick and immediately ordered him never to do such a thing in his sight, for it was fatiguing to him to see such effort.

Perhaps the final and most extreme example of their luxury and sloth is contained in the story of the patrician who complained of having passed a sleepless night because among the rose leaves on which he slept his slaves had left some crumpled ones.

This wealthy life was provided by the enormous export and import trade carried on by the city. Although the Sybarites dealt with Athens, Corinth, and other cities on the mainland, their principal trade was with Miletus and the Etruscans.



Sybaris fell to sister city Croton.

IN THE YEAR 510 B.C. the incredible happened. Sybaris, the envy of all, its inhabitants leading a life of ease and luxury, in a few short weeks was a pile of smoking ruins heaped with dead bodies of her men. Furthermore, this destruction was accomplished by a city of fellow Achaeans who had no desire for war.

The destroyer of Sybaris was Croton, founded a few years after Sybaris on the coast 75 miles to the west. On this beautiful shore of the Ionian Sea, the only harbor except distant Tarentum was chosen in the hope that ships would find it a profitable trading port. The founder of Croton was Myscellus of Rhypes, who first visited Sybaris. He was so impressed by what he saw that he returned to Greece to consult the gods, as he did not feel it was possible to develop a rival city. He was told to return to the harbor site and build.

Although the harbor was an advantage Croton never attained the riches of Sybaris. This was for two reasons: There was only a small amount of fertile land between the coast and the mountains, and the mountains at this point had no easy passage for the Crotoniates to reach the western coast of Italy for trading with the Etruscans. The rigorous life which they led was in strong contrast to the dissolute ways of Sybaris. The Crotoniates admired physical fitness and spent much time in training so that their men became hardy and valorous soldiers. They were famous at Olympia, and Milo of Croton was the greatest athlete of the age, being the victor six times at the Olympic games. A man of superb physique, he was accustomed to wear his Olympic crown and only a lion skin when he went into battle, thus aping Hercules.

We have seen that there is no record of a cultural or intellectual life at Sybaris. Quite the contrary is true of Croton. It became famous as having the greatest school of medicine in Magna Graecia, and scholars from far-off Greece came to sit at the feet of Pythagoras to learn from his mathematical genius and to join in his philosophical discussions.

Pythagoras came to Croton in 529 B.C. from his native island of Samos. Founding a school, he rapidly became the leader of the learned life of the city. He taught the equality of the sexes some 150 years before Plato. Dividing his talents between philosophy, astronomy and mathematics, he developed the theory of transmigration and in mathematics he is credited with many discoveries.

In the year 510 B.C. the wealth

and arrogance of the oligarchy then ruling Sybaris aroused the mass of the citizens and various charges were brought against the most influential leaders by a citizen named Telys. By his arguments he persuaded the tribunal to exile 500 of the richest men and to confiscate all their property. This act led to the downfall of the city. The 500 took refuge at the altar in the marketplace of Croton, causing Telys to send ambassadors to demand their immediate return and to threaten war. Since Sybaris was far larger, richer and more powerful than Croton, this presented the grave problem of the possible destruction of Croton and the massacre of its population. At the meeting held to consider this threat the sentiment of the Crotoniates was to accede to the demand and deliver up all those who had come to them for protection. At this point Pythagoras addressed the assembly, urging his fellow citizens not to disgrace the good name of their city by relinquishing their unwanted guests. His argument prevailed and 30 ambassadors were sent to Sybaris to arrive at an amicable agreement.

These 30 men were the leaders of Croton although Pythagoras fortunately was not among them. On their arrival at Sybaris, Telys ordered them all murdered. Their bodies were thrown over the walls of the city to be eaten by the wolves. (We have in this statement a direct reference to Sybaris as a walled city.) This treacherous act had immediate and violent repercussions. The gods showed their anger with the Sybarites and the statue of Hera, the wife of Zeus, poured forth blood. The flow was so great that they were forced to close the bronze doors of the temple to prevent its rising in the city. The mob now took matters into its own hands, overthrew the temporary rulers and killed Telys and all his followers on the steps of the altar, thus again incurring the wrath of the gods for the desecration of the altar.

War was now inevitable. The murder of ambassadors was an unheard-of offense which caused the immediate mobilizing of the armies. Diodorus tells us that Croton prepared to attack with a force of 100,000 under the leadership of Milo and that opposed to them was an army of 300,000 Sybarites. These figures seem to be wildly exaggerated when we realize the population of the cities. The armies met on the plain and in the first encounter the rout of the Sybarites was complete.

The strategy of the Crotoniates probably had never been used before nor has it been used

again. Being familiar with the tunes which the horses danced to on festive occasions they trained pipers to play this music. In a fragment of Aristotle there is an account of a flute player of the Sybarites who in revenge for an insult revealed this dance tune to the Crotoniates. When they began their advance and were within bowshot range of the gleaming armor of the Sybarite cavalry the Croton pipers struck up the dance tune. The well-trained horses immediately began to dance and their riders were unable to control them in order to charge. This not only threw the cavalry into confusion but made them dance into the lines of their infantry, causing complete demoralization. The Sybarites literally danced to defeat.

Following this catastrophe, the Sybarites withdrew within the walls of their city. After a siege of 70 days the Crotoniates entered the city and a scene of carnage ensued. No prisoners were taken and all who were unable to escape were killed on the spot, the city being turned over to the troops for looting and destruction. The wealth of the Sybarites was carried off to Croton, and the city itself was laid waste. After the pillage of Sybaris and its probable burning, the Crotoniates "conducted the river over it and submerged it."

These statements are extremely important to the archaeologist, for if the city was plundered, to what extent was this done? Did they remove the statuary and larger works of art or did they simply topple them from their bases and leave them *in situ?* How much time and effort did they use to tear down the temples? Did they simply burn them and leave the columns and walls standing? That there could have been a fire is indicated by the number of blackened roof tiles of this period . . . found in the summer of 1964. In any case, it is hard to believe that they would have bothered to carry out complete devastation if they were to divert the river over the city. The quotation of Strabo on the diverting of the river is the only mention of this flooding, and he was writing some 500 years after the event. If the river at Sybaris was diverted, how far inland was this diversion made? Does it mean that this is the reason why the present day Coscile River joins the Crati, when in olden times they had separate mouths to the sea?

The ruins of Sybaris lay unoccupied for 58 years, but in the year 452 B.C. an attempt was made to resettle the city. A Thessalian gathered together a group of former inhabitants and took

them back to Sybaris. The account would imply that it was the same location and definitely states that it was between the Sybaris (present-day Coscile) and the Crati Rivers. They were able to till the same fertile soil, and they quickly regained some of the wealth which they had lost. However, they had been there only a few years when their "jealous and more powerful neighbors again drove them out."

This raises a very important question for those seeking Sybaris. If the city was totally destroyed and if the river was diverted over it, had the river again changed its course? And why would they have resettled a destroyed city? It would seem that it would have been far easier to build another city adjacent to the old one. It also leads us to think that the original destruction of the city may not have been so complete as described; otherwise, why would they have resettled? There still may be great ruined buildings, statuary and pottery in Sybaris.

There was ample land and certainly history has given us innumerable instances of the use of older buildings as a source of material for new ones. . .The indication is that there were buildings and streets still in the old city after 50 years and that this may have been the site of the refounding, but nothing of this is known definitely.

With the driving out of the Sybarites for the second time, we come to the final end of the city and there is no further mention of any later events there in early historical accounts, except by reference to its former glory.

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TELLTALE PLATES

By J. B. Harris, Jr.

CALIFORNIA IS one of the states in which a motorist may obtain a license plate consisting solely of letters or a combination of letters and numbers (not to exceed six characters in all). Reflected in some of the combinations already issued is the growing interest in the psychic and occult fields.

Among the licenses issued in 1971 were: OCCULT, FAR OUT, O KARMA, OHM, MAGIC, A HUNA, ESP and ESP NUT. On the darker side were: VOODOO, HOODOO and WARLOK. The ESP NUT plate, incidentally, belongs to Mrs. Lee Baxter, a writer and sensitive. She is one of the psychics interviewed by David St. Clair for his new book, *Psychic World of California.*

"Shed No Tears for Me..."

Tears I see in the eyes of those I meet may not be visible to you and may not mean they have reason to cry — yet.

By Kitty Ward

FIVE TIMES in my life I have seen tears running down the cheeks of persons who were not crying.

Since my childhood I've had many visions, dreams and just plain everyday hunches that have warned me of tragedies to come. Unable to cope with them at first, I learned to prefer being alone — to go roaming through the woods exploring rock cliffs and the clear rippling streams that ran down from the mountains.

My father thought I was born retarded and the mountain folks took me to be an idiot because even when I was very small I would ask my parents to catch the birds I'd see flying around the house — when there were no birds to catch.

In the summer of 1934 my father William Jackson collected back pay from the army, and with it my mother and he, who had spent the 15 years of their married life as sharecroppers, bought a farm of their own. The farm lay back in the mountains on the Rockcastle River four miles off the main highway and seven miles from the grocery store-post office at Hazel Patch, Ky.

I attended a tiny one-room school for a short while before Father took me out to help him clear new ground for the next year's crop. One morning as we were studying I happened to look up to see tears streaming down our teacher's cheeks. Beside Mr. Reed stood a beautiful girl who I thought might be his fiancée because I knew he was engaged to be married. Glancing around the room I saw that no one else seemed aware of anything unusual. I looked up again and now the tears had disap-

peared and so had the girl. Stunned and confused I forgot my studies.

When lunchtime came I was glad for the chance to leave the building and be alone. I walked off to stare at the mountains and think my own thoughts. But Mr. Reed followed me and asked, "Are you ill, Kitty? You look so pale."

"No, I'm all right," I replied.

Apparently satisfied he strolled away. I wanted to say to him, "Go home; please go home." Once he turned and looked at me as if he'd heard me but I kept quiet.

That night his family came to tell him that his girl friend had been killed in a car wreck.

A week later when Mr. Reed returned from the funeral he took me aside. "Kitty," he said, "the other day when I asked you if you were sick did you call me when I turned away?"

"Not out loud," I answered.

"What were you thinking?"

"I wanted to tell you to go home."

"You did."

"Then why didn't you?" I wanted to know.

"I guess I had no faith in warnings," he said. "But I do now."

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YEARS LATER, in September 1960, I was living with my sister Berta and her husband William Patton in Cincinnati. I had been working at Balcrank's, Inc., a clothing manufacturer, but toward the end of the month I was laid off. On Sunday, September 25, I was lonesome and especially depressed about being out of work so I went to bed early — at the same time Berta and Pat always did, for they had to be up to open their grocery store at 6:00 A.M.

I couldn't sleep, however, so I arose and lay down on the couch in the living room. The next thing I knew, I was on my knees in front of the couch gazing up at Pat's face which seemed to stare down at me from a picture hanging on the wall. Tears were running down his face and I was pleading with him not to leave us.

I was still crying and begging as I came out of the trance or whatever it was. Berta must have heard me, for she was standing beside me asking "What's wrong? What's the matter?"

The picture once again was the same old velvet Chinese painting that always had hung there. I told her what I had seen and all she said was, "That's not good."

There was little sleep for either of us that night, for Berta knew the portent of my visions of tears. I spent a fitful night on the

couch and the next morning when I awoke, Berta was already in the kitchen.

She asked almost immediately, "What do you think is going to happen?"

I poured a cup of coffee and tried to think how to answer her. I knew something was going to happen to Pat but I didn't want to say that. Finally I said, "I don't know but I feel this whole house is sitting on a keg of dynamite."

Pat and Berta's store was on the first floor and they lived in the five-room apartment above. When Berta came up at noon for lunch she said, "Kitty, all your life you've had these visions and you usually know what's going to happen."

"Please, Berta," I said, heartsick, "no more questions." She looked hurt but finished her lunch and went back to work.

Later that afternoon our cousin Calvin Brumitt, who had come from his home in Bernstadt, Ky., to look for work in Cincinnati, dropped in for a visit. When Berta came up about five o'clock to fix Pat's dinner she and Calvin soon were catching up on the latest family gossip.

When a knock sounded on the door I went to answer it. Mrs. Lee, a regular customer at the grocery store, stood there, pale and shaken.

She said, "Mr. Patton has been hit and he's down."

I ran past her and raced down the stairs into the store with Calvin and Berta close behind me. We found Pat unconscious, lying beside the soft drink cooler with an unopened bottle of soda pop in his hand.

He had been mercilessly beaten by two young thugs who then robbed the store. Pat's injuries — fractures to ribs and sternum, heart and lung lacerations followed by extensive internal bleeding — brought death in a matter of minutes. The boys were apprehended within a few days, tried for manslaughter and sentenced to one to 20 years.

And Pat was dead. The tragedy heralded by my vision had come to pass.

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ON MEMORIAL DAY 1961, Berta and I went to the Baltimore Pike Cemetery to decorate Pat's grave. On the way I suggested that we stop at Carl and Emma's Cafe. Carl and Emma were friends of ours and Carl had been a pallbearer at Pat's funeral.

We didn't see Carl or Emma so we sat down and ordered a cold drink from the new waitress. While I was getting money for the check I asked where Emma was. The waitress answered that she was out. I handed her some

coins and as I did so I saw her crying. She went to the cash register and when she returned this time the tears were gone. Outside I told Berta that before the day was over either that girl or I would have some reason to shed tears.

On our way back from the cemetery we stopped again to see Emma. On entering I saw the waitress in the arms of Tom Maxwell, the man I had been going with for 17 months. This time the tears were mine.

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THE LAST TIME I saw tears of warning was in May 1969. At one of the regular gatherings I have with some of my women friends to discuss our dreams and visions, my neighbor June Cook — who can see things by looking into a glass of water as some persons can in a crystal ball — had just begun her demonstration when I saw tears in her eyes. I said, "June, don't cry."

"I'm not crying," she said, giving me a wondering look. The tears in fact had vanished. Feeling a little silly I said nothing more.

The following November June's husband Harry, a logger by trade, was cutting a limb from a tree that hung above his mother's garage. He slipped and fell 12 feet to the ground, breaking his back and pinching the nerves so badly that if he ever works again at all, it will have to be light work. June Cook has shed many tears since.



BURGLAR SKUNKS POLICE CHIEF

AN UNIDENTIFIED burglary suspect eluded capture in New Hampshire in March 1972 aided by the local wildlife.

Police Chief Robert Gale of Weathersfield, off duty and without his car, had halted a man answering the description of the burglar of a Claremont, N.H., store and was about to place him under arrest. The suspect dashed into the woods with the Chief in hot pursuit. As he was about to nab the fugitive, Gale tripped — over a skunk. The animal turned his wrath on the chief and that ended the chase. Gale sought help in a nearby bar but "they asked me to leave," he said. Finally a passing car gave him a lift "with the windows way down and the driver hanging his head out the window." Even Gale's fellow officers "cleared out" when the chief entered the police station. At last word, suspect and skunk were both at large.



David Hoy caught ESP bug when he was a young man. After years of development he now works to foster others' psychic abilities.

ESP ACCORDING TO HOY

By Brad Steiger

DAVID HOY discovered his own psychic abilities by accident and he believes along with many of his colleagues that ESP lies dormant in each of us and that paranormal talents can be developed.

The king-sized psychic (six-foot-three, 250 pounds) has acquired an enviable reputation lecturing on the correlation between creative business techniques and ESP for such corporations as United States Steel, RCA Whirlpool, General Motors, State Farm Insurance, Bell Telephone, Sealtest, Chevron Oil and J. I. Case. In addition to his heavy lecture schedule for business audiences and universities in the United States and Canada Hoy has published *Psychic and Other ESP Party Games* (Doubleday & Company) and recorded an album titled "ESP According to Hoy" (Royal-American)

which provide simple exercises designed to sharpen one's latent paranormal abilities.

Hoy was born on July 31, 1930, in Evansville, Ind., and since his childhood there he has been a performing magician but he did not begin to study paranormal phenomena until he was in college, where he experienced the first manifestation of his own ESP. Until then he had considered ESP nothing more than a routine used by some performers with prearranged codes and confederates in their audiences.

"Extrasensory perception is a natural facet of the human mind, an ability anyone can develop to a high degree of proficiency."

"However, I was sitting with my roommates, John Huxford and Norman Chase, on March 15, 1952, at the University of South Carolina in Columbia," he relates, "when I suddenly turned to them and said, 'My father just died.'

"Of course they argued that I could not know this because my dad lived 600 miles from the school. Furthermore, so far as I knew my father was in good health. Just then the phone rang. I found myself standing up and saying, 'That's for me. It's about Dad.' "

Hoy was correct. When he hung up he told his astonished roommates that his father, Clarence Hoy, had died that afternoon in Evansville. His sister Margaret's husband, Billy James Morris, had called to tell David of his father's sudden fatal heart attack.

This incident mystified the young man and understandably triggered his interest in psychic phenomena — but he still maintained that the standard spiels of mediums and seers were hoaxes. Thus, his first public demonstrations of psychic phenomena were designed to expose them as controlled charlatanism. But to his shock and chagrin Hoy discov-

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ered that whatever ESP was he had "caught" it. He became convinced of this one night when he was a student at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., where he studied from 1956 through 1960 and was graduated with a Bachelor of Divinity degree in Hebrew and Greek.

Hoy had conducted a midweek service for the East Lake Baptist Church in Nashville, Tenn. During the fellowship hour following the service an impromptu discussion began on the subject of the paranormal. The young seminarian couldn't resist the opportunity to resume his role as leader of the flock and he told the group how easy it would be to trick them with "mind reading."

"I briefed one young man to be my confederate," Hoy remembers, "and I planned to 'read' minds by answering questions whispered in my confederate's ear. Then I was going to expose the system."

The demonstration was proceeding according to plan when the confederate, by code, relayed a woman's question: "How did my son die?"

Unhesitatingly Hoy replied, "On D-Day, 7:10 A.M., on Utah Beach."

The woman almost fainted.

"So did I," Dave admits. "I had never seen her before and I was astounded by the answer which simply popped into my head."

Hoy began an earnest study of the psychic field and soon was carrying on lengthy correspondences with almost every recognized authority on ESP in the world. Concentrating particularly on his own development, he began to expand psychically and soon discovered a special ability developing: precognition, the ability to foretell the future. Using what he calls "time-projected empathy" Hoy found that he could "throw" himself into the future.

Today he can substantiate his claim to 85 percent accuracy on his predictions. Standards he has set for himself demand that he make all predictions well in advance of the events and that they be carried by the news media. Using time-projected empathy Hoy correctly predicted that Jacqueline Kennedy would marry Aristotle Onassis. He stated this on the "Paul Benzaquin Show" on Radio Station WEEI in Boston two years before the wedding bells rang on Skorpios.

Lecturing at Tusculum College, Greenville, Tenn., in May, 1968, he predicted that Robert Kennedy would be assassinated after winning the California primary. Two weeks later the

senator was murdered.

In an article in the January 1, 1967, *Sunday Look Magazine* (Evansville, Ind.) he forecast that the English pound would be devaluated, that the Arab-Israeli War would break out in the summer of 1967 and that Lyndon Johnson would not seek reelection.

These are only a few of his successful predictions and since they were publicized ahead of time in the news or on radio or TV his batting average is a matter of public record.

But precognition is only one of Hoy's psychic abilities. On August 19, 1964, he attended a dinner party in Boston honoring conductor Arthur Fiedler and trumpeter Al Hirt. Seated at Hoy's table were Hirt and his wife Mary. The conversation drifted to ESP and someone suggested that Hoy do a mind-reading experiment. Typically, Hoy was game.

He asked Mary Hirt to think of any word, hold it in the forefront of her thoughts, then spell the word silently. Hoy then scribbled down the first word that flashed into his mind. Handing the paper to Hirt, he asked Mary to divulge her thought.

"Lipstick," she said.

Al opened the piece of paper and held it up for all to see. It read "lipstick!"

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I DON'T LIKE to call ESP a 'gift,'" David Hoy says. "Whether in me or others it's an *ability*. Many persons use ESP in their daily affairs but they neither recognize it nor develop it."

If one would develop his extrasensory abilities Hoy believes he first must be convinced of the phenomenon's existence; then he must be persuaded to accept the possibility of his own capabilities. Acknowledgment comes first, then comes awareness. These are states of mind anyone can achieve.

For simplicity Hoy has divided ESP into three categories: telepathy (mind-to-mind communication), precognition (the ability to predict events in advance of their occurrence) and psychokinesis (mind-over-mind and mind-over-matter).

"Telepathy is an ability we all have which is easy to trigger," Hoy teaches in his album ("ESP According to Hoy"). "To make contact with some other person all you need do is think intently of that person and what you wish to communicate. Think of the mind as a vast reservoir of energy ready to be released into the unknown. Form the image in your mind, then let go of it and watch it float into the other person's mind."

As a gauge of your success in this exercise Hoy suggests that

you set a time limit on your thought projection, then note how long it takes to get a positive feedback or response.

You also may use telepathy to meet another person. For starters Hoy suggests you try this in a room filled with people — a restaurant or some other gathering. Pick out an individual whose back is toward you and concentrate on the back of his head.

"Imagine there is a stream of light flowing from your eyes. Then on that stream send the thought, 'Turn around and look at me.' Don't be disappointed if your target does not turn around and look at you immediately. Just keep at it and within a few minutes he will turn, a puzzled look on his face, and stare directly at you."

Meeting someone to whom you are attracted can be accomplished in much the same manner, Hoy explains.

"We all have been at parties where we have seen someone, of either sex, whom we would like to meet." You can arrange it telepathically, he says.

"First, concentrate on the person. Imagine the act of meeting and 'see' the introduction taking place. Send a mental photograph to that person but don't be obvious about it. Just think on it. Soon, without your having taken a step, your 'target' will come over to you and introduce himself."

None of these exercises should be forced. It is important to remain relaxed. Then when you achieve positive results, use them to cement the knowledge in your mind: *telepathy works.*

The second category of psychic ability, according to Hoy, is precognition. A successful prognosticator can see into his friends' future and into his own and he will know in advance what will take place on the international scene. To develop this ability, you must use what Hoy terms "time-projected empathy." This is "throwing" one's mind into the future, waiting for an image to come into focus, seeing it happen, then verbalizing it. In this way you may "empathize" with the future.

"You will have misses at first," David warns, "but don't let that discourage you. It is unimportant whether you are right when you begin. What is important is that you *feel* an event as if it were actually happening in your mind."

To judge your success, however, Dave insists on three criteria. First you must relate your prediction to friends well in advance of the event. They then can provide substantiation. Second, you should set a time limit in which the foreseen event must

occur. (You can train yourself to do this by demanding that a time approximation accompany each impression of the future.) Third, you must record your predictions in writing in order to keep a running score.

Perhaps most important in training precognitive abilities is to *trust the images you receive.* Don't worry about misses.

The final category of ESP is psychokinesis or PK, mind-over-mind and mind-over-matter.

"Many expert gamblers believe they can control the fall of the dice and equally skilled poker players insist they can influence the cards dealt to them," Hoy states emphatically. "Try it," he urges. "There is probably a deck of cards in your house right now, lying face down in some drawer. Select the card you think is third from the top and check to see if you are right."

This exercise is easily practiced. While shuffling the deck of cards, simply *will* a particular card to be third or fifth or seventh from the top.

Moving from control of inanimate objects to the human mind poses ethical problems. Is controlling another's mind dangerous? David admits that it may hold certain risks but he maintains that it is "not any more dangerous than other aspects of science which man either can use or abuse."

To facilitate development of this ability, Hoy suggests the following exercise:

"The next time you are out with friends for the evening, choose a course of action for one of them to follow that will manifest in some frustration. Obliquely, send out an image of your friend doing something unusual — putting the wrong end of a cigarette in his mouth, for example, or tripping up a stairway. By choosing something he normally would not do, you will know that you have been successful when he does it."

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MANY OTHER FACETS of extrasensory perception will aid in your unfoldment. Hoy's big three — telepathy, precognition and psychokinesis — have many subdivisions and minor offshoots. Indeed, each phase of extrasensory ability is part of a vast system of tributaries. Eventually all these tributaries flow into the same great river, your own reservoir of extrasensory perception.

Psychometry is one of these tributaries. To psychometrize, one holds an object belonging to another person and from that object picks up impressions of its owner. As in all aspects of ESP you must believe that the phe-

nomenon exists and that you personally are capable of doing it.

Practice psychometry by holding an object belonging to someone you do not know well. (It proves nothing if you divulge information about a very good friend.) The most important thing to remember is to verbalize your impressions. Don't be afraid that you are wrong. Have the courage to say what you feel.

Even self-healing may be possible through ESP. Naturally, serious medical problems require competent medical treatment — but what about the minor complaints that daily beset us all? Who does not have a common cold, usually several times a year? And who does not suffer with that painful result of high-pressure living, the tension headache? Well, David Hoy, for one.

"I haven't had a cold for at least five years," Hoy declares in lecture halls around the country. "Every time I feel the sniffles coming on I say, 'I do not want to have a cold.' This simple process is amazingly effective.

"Every day your body produces c h e m i c a l substances which keep you alive. Through psychokinesis you can activate the manufacture of these chemicals with your mind.

"For example, the next time you feel a headache coming on, say to yourself, 'I call upon all my bodily resources to cure this headache. My body now will produce whatever is needed to cure this headache.' Try it. See if through psychokinesis you can control your own body."

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THE CONCENTRATION necessary for these extrasensory abilities to manifest can be achieved more easily by some persons through the art of meditation. Hoy advocates for beginners a simple but effective means of meditating which does not involve long hours of silence or any special expertise. It is a direct method that uses the time-honored tool of the occult — the candle.

Hoy instructs his student to place a lighted candle on a bare table, the flame 30 inches from his forehead. While the color of the candle is not important, purple traditionally is believed to be most conducive to the manifestation of ESP. Now it is advisable to blink several times, for you shortly will begin to stare at the flame for a certain length of time without blinking.

"The pineal gland is located in the center of the brain. This is known as the 'third eye.' It is this gland that you will activate in this exercise," Hoy explains.

"Now stare intently at the

flame of the candle. Examine it carefully without blinking. See that there are many colors in the flame of a candle, colors you have not noticed before.

"Watch the flame burn. Let the image of the flame sear your third eye. After 30 to 60 seconds, let your eyes slowly close, then turn upward and inward, concentrating on the center of the brain, the home of the third eye. If you have meditated properly, suddenly in all its glory the flame of the candle will appear in the middle of your forehead. As you hold the image on the screen of your mind it will appear that it is burning its way into you. It will be a most pleasant experience. Relax and slowly open your eyes.

"As you rest in this relaxed state you may find that your mind is filled with telepathic images. Sort these out and determine with whom you have been in contact."

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NO WORDS ON the development of ESP would be complete without attention to the natural psychic abilities of children. In the formative years between birth and the age of five, extrasensory perception most often manifests.

"Until a child reaches that point in his life when inhibitions push down his natural creative capacity his creativity expresses itself in every form of ESP we know," David Hoy has learned. "With the advent of sophisticated speech, however, the child finds that he no longer needs to rely on ESP. He then loses it but only because he doesn't use it. For the rest of his life it will lie dormant, a vast resource of the mind just waiting to be tapped."

Because this natural ability in children is suppressed an untold number of natural psychics are lost to the world. This conviction has contributed to David Hoy's fervor for helping youth and adults regain the powers of that lost world.

"ESP is a natural facet of the human mind," he says matter-of-factly. "It is an ability anyone can develop to a high degree of proficiency."



BOOK ON LIFE SAVES LIFE

TORONTO police say that a man's life probably was saved by a book he carried entitled *The Truth That Leads to Eternal Life.* When Roger Pepin, aged 40, was shot at close range with a sawed-off shotgun, the hard-cover book in his pocket absorbed most of the blast. — *W. Ritchie Benedict.*



Lashed by the fury of the storm, the barges headed for the open sea. I feared that I would go down with them.

By Victor Werner

GHOST SHIP of GRAVESEND BAY

IN MARCH 1920 I was a captain in the Maritime Division of the Army Transport Service charged with supervising the movement of barges and other craft operating out of the Brooklyn army supply base and adjacent waters. During March the steamer *LaForge* arrived from Europe with a cargo of World War I materiel, supplies and equipment to be sold as surplus and it was my duty to oversee the unloading of this ship.

While the cargo of the *LaForge* was being unloaded onto two barges moored to the ship with guy lines, a violent rainstorm suddenly broke over the area. It was accompanied by high winds, thunder and lightning. The two barges began to strain at the ropes which held them and to crash against the side of the steamer. As the violence of the storm increased the crewmen working below on the barges scrambled up the rope ladder to the steamer's deck, leaving the barges unattended. The crackling sound of the ropes had told them — and me — that they soon might break and the barges would go adrift.

Realizing that as captain I was responsible for the barges and the war materiel on them, I made a quick decision and slid down a towline to the deck of the barge closest to the steamer. This was Barge 771 which already was loaded with mortars and gun caissons. The other vessel, Barge 313, was almost fully loaded with office supplies and equipment.

My worst fears were soon realized. The ropes to the *LaForge* parted and the two barges, which remained fastened together, were adrift. The hurricane wind swept us rapidly across Gravesend Bay and by nightfall we were headed toward the open sea.

The two barges pitched and rolled with the whitecaps, sometimes banging together, at other

times pulling away from each other. The mortars and gun caissons on the barge on which I rode had finally broken loose and now at every roll and pitch came crashing against the back of the small cabin in which I had taken refuge. I began to wonder how long it would be before the cabin was smashed off the barge into the raging waters below.

saw that the light came from a small ship which shone from stem to stern with a brilliancy somewhat like a continuous yellowish-blue neon light.

I noticed what appeared to be a long towline, an intensely bright streak of light, snaking crazily across the raging waters and fastening itself around the stanchion of the barge on which I

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With difficulty I lit a lantern for the cabin and another to attach to the short mast on the barge. Looking at the clock which was swinging crazily on the wall I noticed it was 2:00 A.M. when I opened the cabin door and peered out into the inky blackness of the night.

I was about to close the door of the cabin when a tremendous flash of light almost blinded me. Shading my eyes with my hand I

stood. As I continued to watch a similar beam of bright light streaked through the darkness to fasten around the stanchion on Barge 313.

I reentered the cabin and picked up my binoculars to focus on the strange ship. No sign of life or people was visible but what appeared to be luminous shapes glided along the deck of the ship.

Immediately I felt a strong tug

and the barges swerved back from the open Atlantic. The two barges, with me aboard, continued shoreward under the power of this unknown craft for about an hour. Then the weird "ship of light" vanished.

Once again all was pitch-black except for the light of my two small lanterns. Just as I was pondering over this the sound of a foghorn came out of the night and a voice shouted through a megaphone, "Ahoy there! Are you adrift? Do you need a tow?"

I grabbed my megaphone and shouted, "O.K. Throw me a line."

I put on my gloves to catch the slippery wet rope. As I fastened it to the barge I noticed that the stanchion was extremely hot and charred. I found the stanchion on the other barge the same.

The storm now was breaking up and the tugboat with the barges in tow proceeded to the army supply base with no further difficulties. After reaching shore Captain Dumphey of the tugboat *Margaret J. Sanford* introduced himself and his six crew members. "If I hadn't picked you up," he said, "you would have broken up on the rocks off Hoffman's Island."

After I recovered from my experience I conferred with Major A. J. Swiger in the office of the Judge Advocate General for Maritime Affairs in New York City. The major advised me that a claim for salvage had been presented by Captain Dumphey and put the question to me, "Would the barges and cargo have been lost if Captain Dumphey had not given you a tow?"

I told the major about the strange phenomenon of the ghost ship that towed the barges back to Gravesend Bay and stated that I felt it was the unknown craft rather than the tugboat that really was responsible for saving the cargo.

Major Swiger then said Captain Dumphey also had mentioned seeing a small brightly-lit ship disappear into the darkness as he drew near the two barges on which I rode. His crew members also had seen the ship.

I suggested that Captain Dumphey and his crew be given the regular towing fee plus a substantial bonus in lieu of his salvage claim.

Was it a phantom ship that hauled me back from the open sea on that never-to-be-forgotten night? What was its name and who were its skipper and crew?

I often wonder — and would be afraid to know — what would have happened if that mysterious skipper and crew on that ship made only of light had not towed me back from the open sea.

Our Parapsychologists Visit the U. S. S. R.

Firsthand observation of Russian research leads to inescapable conclusion that parapsychology belongs in mainstream of science.

By Stanley Krippner and Richard Davidson

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Czech researcher Zdenek Rejdak, left, here tests Nina Kulagina's PK ability.

LAST SUMMER we traveled to the U. S. S. R. to meet with Russian parapsychologists and to observe some of their research firsthand. Although the Russians were familiar with our work at the Dream Laboratory of Maimonides Medical Center — in the past seven years the laboratory has published more than 100 articles on extrasensory perception in dreams, not only in parapsychological journals but in medical, psychological and psychiatric journals as well — we had to carry on a lengthy correspondence with Soviet researchers before Edward Naumov approved our visit. Mr. Naumov is a member of the department of physics of the City of Moscow Engineering Institute and as the Soviet's leading parapsychologist he directs the Institute of Technical Parapsychology.

Parapsychology, so named because it is concerned with phenomena usually considered outside the realm of orthodox psychology, deals primarily with extrasensory perception (ESP) and psychokinesis (PK). ESP refers to information that is not received through the usual senses

and includes telepathy and clairvoyance. PK describes physical effects not caused by so-called natural laws or human motor activities. Objects that seemingly move by themselves or are made to move by the will of a "sensitive" fall into the realm of PK.

Perhaps the most striking discovery we made during our stay in the Soviet Union was the difference between American and Russian approaches to parapsychology. In America the thrust of research is on simply proving the existence of ESP and PK. At the Dream Laboratory, for example, we begin an experiment on ESP with an elaborate statement of purpose and methods. Then we go to great lengths to shield the subject from any type of sensory or motor cue. Finally, we analyze and evaluate the results with such conservative statistical techniques that there *must* be ESP for the results to be significant.

In the Soviet Union, however, there is little emphasis on the experimental, statistical approach or on proving the existence of ESP or PK. The Russian parapsychologists seem to harbor no doubts about the existence of parapsychological phenomena. Instead, they are seeking practical applications and an understanding of how these phenomena operate.

The United States and the Soviet Union each has about six major centers for parapsychological research and about a dozen minor ones. All of the Soviet centers of course are government-funded. While we were in Russia we told Naumov that only one United States center receives any federal financial support and that our own laboratory is privately funded, principally by the Babcock Foundation of Winston-Salem, N.C. At that moment, we added, the laboratory had only enough funds to operate for another six months or so.

Naumov was incredulous. "Don't your people realize the importance of parapsychology in the development of the human mind?" he asked. "This is extremely important work that you are doing, for it opens the door to creativity and human potential. Your country is a nation of businessmen. Don't they realize that it is good business to support humanitarian efforts?"

We then asked Naumov about the status of parapsychology among Soviet scientists. He produced two lists that had been compiled by his staff from all the material printed in the U.S.S.R. on parapsychology. One list contained the names of 45 scientists who had publicly supported parapsychology research and were sympathetic to the data pro-



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duced. The other contained the names of scientists who were critical — all nine of them.

This public support, however, is a fairly recent development. In the 1955 edition of the *Soviet Encyclopedia,* the definitive reference book that supplies the "party line" on all the sciences, parapsychology is defined as "the nonscientific idealistic consideration of supernatural abilities of perceptual phenomena." But in the 1970 edition, parapsychology is described as "the area of psychical and biophysical research dealing with the informational and energetics possibilities of living organisms. Parapsychology considers the newest forms of sensitivity, the results of those sensitivities and the possibilities of the human organism." You will not find any standard reference book in the United States that describes parapsychology in similarly positive terms.

In fact, much of the difference between American and Soviet approaches to parapsychology is displayed in the terminology used in the two countries to describe parapsychological phenomena. To describe perceptual phenomena, for example, we in America use the term "extrasensory perception" or "ESP." Russians, however, speak of biological information or bio-information. Much can be said for the wisdom of this choice, for as several American scientists have

noted, any inference that events might be extrasensory or beyond the range of the senses creates immediate hostility. Anthropologist Margaret Mead, for example, a longtime member of the American Society for Psychical Research, prefers to think of ESP as "supersensory" perception or "extraordinary sense" perception.

The Soviet notion of bio-information takes many forms. If a person gains information without an agent — what we would call clairvoyance — the Russians use the term "bio-location." One special type of bio-location is bio-introscopy in which subjects identify the contents of sealed containers or envelopes. Other types of bio-location being studied in the U.S.S.R. are dowsing and dermal-optical sensitivity, sometimes known as "skin vision." In the area of dermal-optical sensitivity, experiments in both countries have shown that blindfolded "sensitives" can determine the color of a card either by touching it with their fingers or by touching a plastic envelope in which it is enclosed. But Soviet research in dermal-optical sensitivity, we were told, recently suffered an unfortunate setback: The star subject went off and joined a circus. However, new subjects are being trained and Larisa Vilenskaya, a leading Soviet parapsychologist, has herself developed dermal-optical skills.

American researchers use the term psychokinesis to describe psychic physical effects on both living and nonliving objects. In the U.S.S.R., however, psychokinesis refers only to nonliving objects. Furthermore, the Soviets break down PK into two areas, spontaneous and experimental. Spontaneous PK refers to situations where objects seem to move for no apparent reason. Experimental PK, on the other hand, refers to objects moved by a "sensitive." These distinctions may seem to be merely semantic quibbles but it is our belief that they point to a fundamental difference in outlook.

Only an hour after we checked in at Moscow's Intourist Hotel on the first day of our visit we received a call from Larisa Vilenskaya. She welcomed us and said: "We have arranged for Dr. Krippner to give an address at the Institute of Psychology in the Academy of Pedagogical Sciences in Moscow on Monday. This will be the first lecture on parapsychology ever delivered at the institute. We have invited 200 psychologists, psychiatrists, physicists, engineers, space scientists and cosmonauts-in-training." Flattered by the invitation Krippner accepted. It was an

auspicious beginning for our stay in the U.S.S.R.

During the next week we worked on the lecture slated for the following Monday, traveled to several historic sites in and around Moscow and were visited by a number of Soviet parapsychologists, most of them involved in psychokinetic research. One of the historic sites we visited was the Archangel Palace, the home of Catherine the Great. We told Naumov of the several movies we had seen about Catherine and of how she had been portrayed by actresses as diverse as Marlene Dietrich, Tallulah Bankhead, Jeanne Moreau and Bette Davis. Naumov was delighted to hear that Miss Davis — obviously one of his favorite Hollywood stars — had played the Czarina. He was even more impressed when we mentioned that she had studied Russian for her role as Catherine in the movie *John Paul Jones.*

One of our visitors was G. S. Vassilichenko, a noted Russian physician and sexologist, who is a believer in acupuncture. He described how he and his colleagues use acupuncture as one of several types of treatment for sexual dysfunction, primarily directing their efforts to certain points near the base of the spine. Vassilichenko is not unusual in his emphasis on acupuncture. Many Soviet physicians use it to treat various disorders and the technique is employed at many large Russian clinics.

Almost everyone we met in Russia mentioned acupuncture, although it is not as widely practiced there as in China. There are, in fact, important differences between the two techniques. Instead of using needles as the Chinese do, Soviet physicians usually stimulate the appropriate area with massage, ointments, lotions, weak pulses of electricity, injected chemicals and even, in the case of epileptic seizures, laser beams. Although most parapsychologists in the U.S.S.R. believe in the efficacy of acupuncture, it should be noted that not all physicians who use acupuncture are interested in parapsychology. Many use acupuncture simply because it seems to work.

We also heard about acupuncture from another visitor, Victor Adamenko, a brilliant physicist who has helped to develop the tobioscope, a device used to detect acupuncture points. We watched him demonstrate the device, which is about the size of a small flashlight. As he slowly moved it across a woman's face its bulb flashed on and off. We were told that the light goes on as the tobioscope passes over the various acupuncture points. A

bright light indicates the individual is in good health, a dim light that there is a current or future health problem. Adamenko and his associates claim to have identified more than 900 acupuncture points with their tobioscope. After the demonstration Adamenko explained that the device measures changes in the body's "bioplasmic energy." By obtaining measures from several of the body's acupuncture points he claims he can detect the flow of this energy and thus predict and treat disease. The bioplasmic system, he feels, will eventually be recognized as an important component of the organism along with the circulatory, lymphatic and nervous systems.

Adamenko then described to us his work with a device invented some 30 years ago by Semyon and Valentina Kirlian. It is said to take photographs of this bioplasmic energy. Basically, he told us, the Kirlian device is an electrical Tesla coil connected to two metallic plates. Between the plates are placed a living or nonliving object and a piece of film, with the film touching the object. When a switch is turned on a high-energy frequency is generated that causes the film to record an "aura" that surrounds the object. Adamenko showed us photographs of plants taken with the Kirlian device. When we inspected the prints closely, we saw flare patterns emerging from the leaves. If the plant has buds and flowers there is more activity in those regions. If the buds and flowers are cut off the photograph shows streams of light coming from the severed tip of the plant, much like the shower of sparks that emanates from the end of a Roman candle.

When we looked at Kirlian photographs of human body parts we also saw flare patterns. They were especially obvious in the pictures taken of human heads and hands. The patterns are said to change very quickly if the individual is hypnotized, imbibes alcohol or takes drugs. The Kirlians claim that the technique is a method of converting nonelectrical effects into electrical ones that can be visually observed by the device. Applications of the process to such fields as agriculture, nutrition, dentistry and medicine may be possible, they say, since each living species has its own distinctive flare pattern that changes according to its biological state.

Interestingly, sunspots are believed to affect the Kirlian photographs, since pictures taken on days when there is sunspot activity do not turn out well. These photographs may relate to the electromagnetic fields around living organisms studied by A. S.

Presman, another of our visitors.

Genady Sergeiev, a psychophysiologist, has made Kirlian photographs of the noted Russian "sensitive," Nina Kulagina, in which a heightened biological luminescence seems to radiate from her eyes while she is performing some of her celebrated feats of psychokinesis. Other Kirlian photographs of Mrs. Kulagina engaged in psychokinesis show a bioplasmic field around her entire body that expands and pulses rhythmically. We did not see Mrs. Kulagina because she was out of town when we visited her home in Leningrad. However, one of our Maimonides colleagues, Montague Ullman, a psychiatrist who directs the Maimonides Community Mental Health Center, recently observed a performance of her powers in Leningrad. As she made passes with her hands over a table in Ullman's hotel room paper clips, matches and pen tops seemed to move across the table without her touching them. Since then Mrs. Kulagina is reported to have performed even more remarkable feats, such as moving objects by simply thinking about them. Her weight is reported to drop and her blood sugar level to rise during these experiments.

A small group of women, we learned later, is now being trained to duplicate Mrs. Kulagina's feats. Each one is given a compass and told to spend several hours each week attempting to move the needle. Each is told to make these attempts while in a highly emotional state and to imagine what the Russians call bioplasma coming out of the hand and pushing the needle. Once they can move the needle the women attempt to make a wooden cylinder roll across the tabletop. If they are successful they place small pieces of metal and wood (paper clips and matchboxes, for example) on a table and try to move them. Women with dry skin seem to make the best candidates for psychokinesis, possibly because bioplasma is inhibited by oily skin. N. P. Minayeh, an industrial engineer, is currently devising personality tests which he feels will identify subjects proficient in psychokinesis and other paranormal abilities.

The concept of bioplasma is a key to the understanding of Soviet parapsychology. Bioplasma is presumed by the Russians to be a fourth state of matter that constantly interacts with other states of matter, perhaps transforming itself into them from time to time, just as water becomes steam or ice. It is bioplasma that explains the workings of acupuncture and other aspects of Soviet parapsychology.

Before we left the United States for the U.S.S.R., Khigh Dhiegh, an actor and one of the few Americans who is knowledgeable on the subjects of bioplasma and acupuncture, discussed them with us. He explained that the ancient Chinese physicians conceptualized a life energy running through the body, an energy that resembles the Soviet concept of bioplasma. In the Chinese belief, the body's 900 acupuncture points represent the focuses of this energy. The life energy can be brought into balance by stimulating the energy centers. T. X. Barber, a United States researcher in the psychology of altered states of consciousness, has noted that the concept of bioplasma serves Soviet parapsychologists as a useful "hypothetical construct" in stimulating integrated research approaches to elusive parapsychological events. In other words, it gives them a "handle" to grasp in designing experiments.

While in Moscow we were exposed to another extraordinary approach to human potential. Vladimir Raikov, a psychiatrist, brought several students to our room and demonstrated what is called "hypno-reproduction," a form of hypnotism in which the subject is told he or she is a figure in public life or history who can do something extraordinarily well. His first subject was a student at a musical conservatory who played the violin for us. The student was then hypnotized by Raikov and told he was Fritz Kreisler. The student played again — this time, in our opinion, with more confidence and expertise. When the hypnotism was terminated, the young man told us that it took only a few seconds for him to "slip away"; from that point on he had no memory of the experience. He believes his skill on the violin has improved with hypnosis.

Raikov then hypnotized another student and told her she was three days old. When she opened her eyes, they were unfocused and wandered aimlessly like those of an infant. When Raikov erased this suggestion and told her she was Rachmaninoff she played an imaginary piano with great pleasure. At one point in the session when the subject had her eyes open Raikov told the hypnotically reproduced Rachmaninoff that we were the hypnotist's drinking companions. The young woman looked at us in disgust and went to a far corner of the room. Raikov then explained that Rachmaninoff had had a drinking problem, as had the young woman at one time. Hypnosis had helped her overcome it.

One of Raikov's subjects was an attractive young girl who showed us several of her pastel paintings. She had no interest in painting before she volunteered for Raikov's experiments but was told during hypnosis that she was Ilya Repin, a well-known Russian artist. We saw the results of her work from session to session. By the end of the sixth session she was doing what seemed to us to be highly competent work — without having taken a single art lesson.

Raikov's subjects work in small groups, the hypnotically reproduced Rubenses and Rembrandts drawing and painting each other while hypnotized. Perhaps they learn artistic techniques from each other while hypnotized. In any event, the improvement we saw in several dozen "before" hypno-reproduction and "after" hypno-reproduction drawings was remarkable.

Raikov feels that only about one in five people can enter hypnosis deeply enough for hypno-reproduction to work. We performed a number of hypnotic suggestibility tests on his subjects and found them all highly hypnotizable. On the eye-roll test, for example, they were able to roll their eyes so far upwards that their pupils all but disappeared. Would one of us be a candidate for hypno-reproduction? Raikov agreed to a demonstration with Richard Davidson. "Sit down, Richard, and relax," he said. He pushed Richard's head back, pulled his neck forward and began to strike his chest. When Raikov said, "I am holding a rose under your nose and you can smell it," the subject immediately smelled a rose aroma. Age-regression techniques, however, produced little response.

"Richard," concluded Raikov, "you are not a candidate for hypno-reproduction."

On Monday, standing beneath a large portrait of Lenin, Krippner delivered his lecture at the Institute of Psychology. He began his presentation with a description of the technique of "convergent operations" used at the Dream Laboratory and its relation to dream and alpha-wave research. Convergent operations, he explained, combines the subject's report of his experiences with psychophysiological monitoring. In the dream studies the subject is awakened when his eye movements and brainwave patterns indicate that he is dreaming. He then describes the dream.

Krippner outlined the laboratory's most recent dream study carried out with the enthusiastic cooperation of the Grateful

Dead, a well-known United States rock group. While the two subjects of the study slept the audience at a series of six Grateful Dead concerts, all held about 40 miles from the laboratory, viewed a randomly selected slide of an art print for 15 minutes. The Grateful Dead played as the slide was projected. The audience of about 2,000 was told to try to communicate the slide's contents to one of the subjects who was sleeping at the Dream Laboratory. Nothing was said about the other subject who slept at home. The experiment was repeated each night with a different print being shown.

When the experiment was completed two outside judges matched the dream reports of the two subjects with the art prints. The judges evaluated the dreams of the subject who had slept in the laboratory as corresponding with the print that had been shown at the concert four times out of six. The dreams of the other subject corresponded only one time out of six. The laboratory subject's dreams sometimes mirrored the print very closely. When Scralian's painting *The Seven Spinal Chakras* was projected the subject dreamed about "an energy box" and a "spinal column," both recognizable components of the painting. Krippner pointed out that the results of the experiment suggest that intentionality on the part of the agent is important, since only the subject whose name was given to the audience attained significant results.

After the lecture we were told that the top two rows in the audience were filled by space scientists and cosmonauts-in-training. Naumov gave us affectionate bear hugs and told us that the day was a "victory for parapsychology."

A few days later, after a brief trip to Leningrad, we boarded a plane in Moscow for the return flight to the United States. We were aware that we had much to learn from the Russians in parapsychology and that the Russians could learn much from us.

Perhaps the most important Soviet contribution to parapsychology is their work in the area of psychokinesis. However, we well could adopt their strategy for putting parapsychology into the mainstream of science. We should follow their lead and redouble our efforts to find possible practical applications for ESP and PK, especially in the areas of medicine and mental health. For example, in our own dream and telepathy studies it would be extremely useful to find out how schizophrenics react in the experimental situations. Perhaps,

as we told Yuri Nikolayev, a leading Soviet schizophrenia researcher, the paranoid delusions of schizophrenics contain a nugget of truth; perhaps they are picking up other people's thoughts at least some of the time. Though little experimentation has been done in this field it could be enormously important.

The Russians, on the other hand, could learn from us rigid experimental techniques with which to temper their approach to parapsychology. Most of the papers we collected on our trip were from the Russian popular press or from such semiscientific periodicals as *Science and Religion* which praises science and criticizes religion. They rarely present well-designed tests with control conditions, isolation of variables and tests for statistical significance.

International cooperation, including cross-studies of "sensitives," joint seminars and research programs, would greatly aid the absorption of parapsychology into the mainstream of science. It would, we feel, contribute to man's understanding of his own potential.



THINGS THAT GO BUMP

By Don Worley

MANY RESIDENTS of Cincinnati, Ohio, and surrounding areas have been mystified by loud thumping sounds that jar the roofs and walls of their homes. During the period from January 28 to 31, 1972, newspapers and law enforcement officials received calls from frightened citizens who reported sounds of heavy bricks or rocks being thrown against their homes. Many thought vandals were responsible; others feared their furnaces had exploded. Some crawled to attics to check roof trusses but no one discovered any visible damage.

The *Cincinnati Enquirer* made every effort to track down the cause of the mysterious thumps but succeeded only in eliminating some theories. They learned that the sounds could not be due to pressure in the water mains, to electrical surging, stresses from ice on the roofs, contraction of heating ducts, road construction blasting nor trees cracking in the cold. A spokesman at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base said no military planes were aloft on those days to cause sonic booms but admitted he wouldn't know about secret flights. However, the secret sonic boom theory was strained by widespread reports of thumps elsewhere. A Williamsburg, Ohio, woman said she was listening to Philadelphia radio station WCAU and heard callers asking about bumping sounds in homes there too. To date no explanation for the disturbances has been found.

In the blitz of London my life was often imperiled . . . but what mysterious force protected me more than once during Nazi bombings?

My Guardian Angel . . .

A TINY BRIDESMAID

By George Villiers

DURING THE grim years of World War II I served as a lieutenant in the ambulance service operating out of St. Thomas's Hospital in Millbank, London. For months the city was subjected to heavy air raids by German bombers but despite this London managed a certain underground night life even through the worst of it.

On June 10, 1940, I was on 24-hour leave. My own flat had been bombed out and I was living in the Warwick Square flat of my friend George Cavanaugh who worked at the Cafe de Paris in Coventry Street in London's West End. I was to join him there during his midnight break as I was assured of getting a good meal with meat in that restaurant.

It was now only about 10:30 P.M. and I was using my free time to catch up on badly-neglected correspondence. About an hour passed while I wrote a couple of letters and I decided to write yet another, to my Aunt Emma Barker who had a large house in Reading, Berkshire, and who was caring for about 30 evacuated East London children. As I was writing to her I had the strangest feeling of being watched. But this soon vanished and I completed the letter to my aunt, then washed and changed for my midnight rendezvous with my friend.

I was combing my hair before the mirror when to my amazement I saw over my shoulder in the doorway, the small figure of a very pretty child silently watching me. It may seem odd now that I did not turn around immediately but somehow the reflection in the mirror held me spellbound. She seemed to be about nine or 10 years old and

was dressed in a long white lace-embroidered dress. She had flowers in her long blonde curls and carried a nosegay of blue forget-me-nots and tiny rose-buds. She stood staring earnestly at me.

I cannot explain the wave of sadness that swept over me. I turned to speak to the child. You can imagine my feelings when there no longer was anyone there. I could not believe my eyes. I forced myself to put it down to the fact that I had been writing to my aunt about children. The sight of the child *must* have been due to a vivid hallucination although that did not explain the feeling of desperate sadness I had experienced. I dismissed the matter from my mind, put on my overcoat and left for the restaurant.

The flat was on the third floor of a converted mansion with no elevator and I began the long descent down the stairs. Due to the blackout the stairs were illuminated by the minimum of light and were rather dark. Halfway down I again experienced this strange feeling of acute sadness. I stopped and turned around. On the half-landing one floor above me the same child was peeping over the bannister. But this time she seemed upset and although I heard no sound I knew she was crying. I have no idea why I



Author's sketch of "bridesmaid."

concerned myself with the child, except for a strange feeling of familiarity. It was as if somehow I knew her. Nor did I stop to wonder why she was wandering about a block of London flats near midnight.

Anyway, it seemed perfectly obvious that it was *I* she was concerned about. I started back up the stairs and as I did so the girl turned and ran. I called out to her to wait but she continued up the stairs, occasionally peeping over the bannister to see if I were following her. I figured I would catch her at the top of the stairs but when I reached the top floor she was nowhere to be seen.

By now I was definitely agitated, angry at having been delayed and out of breath from running up the stairs. I was pretty sure the flats must be empty as the sirens had sounded an hour earlier and the tenants always went to the basement or the shelter next door. Nevertheless I rang the doorbells. There was no response. The child must have entered one of the flats and there was no way I could find her.

I stopped outside George's flat and decided I should go back in and phone him I would be late. I dialed the number but was unable to get through. But this was not unusual during air raids such as was going on at the time. I went down to the street and managed to get a taxi to take me to the restaurant. When we arrived in the vicinity of the Cafe de Paris, however, we found the area cordoned off.

Only then did I learn that the cafe had received a direct freak hit. The bomb had fallen down a ventilator shaft barely two feet square and exploded directly on the dance floor below the street level, killing nearly all of the patrons. I later identified what was left of my friend George who had been killed on the spot — as I would have been, had I not delayed to search for the elusive child. This thought was with me for a long time. I wondered who the girl was, why she had saved my life and indeed, whether she was anything more than an hallucination.

My subsequent inquiries in George's building produced no possible identity for the child. There were no children living in the building at the time. I'm sure the other tenants must have concluded I was drunk when I went about asking about the winsome little girl who had been dressed like a small bridesmaid.

The whole affair remained a puzzle but in the hectic activity caused by continued Nazi bombing I eventually forgot the child.

* * *

SOME 18 months later, on November 13, 1941, the ambulance service received an urgent call shortly before noon. A schoolhouse in Battersea had been strafed by Nazi dive-bombers and a great many children killed or injured. Two colleagues, Nurse Doris White and Frank Tyrell, and I arrived at the scene while the raid was still in progress. The whole neighborhood was terror-stricken by the wanton destruction. Even after all these years my heart is chilled by the memory of it. With heavy hearts we loaded the dying little souls into the ambulance, wrapped the dead little bundles in calico shrouds.

Thinking that all the children were now out of danger, I turned back to look at the schoolhouse once more. Through the haze of smoke and pulverized brick and stone I could faintly discern a child standing, calling for help at a splintered window in the school. Over the noise of the bombers and explosions I called out to my colleagues that I was going to help her. Without further ado I made my way through the debris and up a broken stairway that was momentarily in danger of falling. As I cautiously picked my way up the stairway a strange feeling of acute sadness and familiarity came over me. Suddenly I realized the child calling for help was my "bridesmaid!"

I did not have a chance to find out if the child were real or only a phantom. A dive-bomber zoomed out of the sky dropping a string of bombs. The next thing I knew I was regaining consciousness in the hospital. I learned that my ambulance had received a direct hit, leaving no trace of my two colleagues or the children inside. The strange unidentified child had saved my life a second time.

I went through the remainder of the war without a scratch. I never saw the child again during this period, not even in dreams, although I thought about her often.

After the war was over in June of 1945 I visited my Aunt Emma in Berkshire where she had cared for all of those unfortunate children from London during the war. In the midst of one of our discussions I casually mentioned that it was while I was writing to her about the children that I first became aware of the presence of the ghostly child. I then told Aunt Emma how the little girl twice had saved my life. As I described the child and how she was dressed my aunt became pale and silent. I asked if there was something wrong. Aunt Emma walked over to her bookcase and took down an old-

fashioned family photograph album, opened it and without a word placed it on the table in front of me. She pointed out one picture with a trembling finger.

There was my "bridesmaid"! She smiled up at me from a rather faded photograph of a wedding group. The picture was dated 1893. Very much taken aback, I asked my aunt, "Who is this little girl?"

Her eyes filled with tears. In barely more than a whisper she replied, "She is your mother!"

My mother, Louisa Jane Villiers, had died on March 2, 1936, of blood poisoning — four years before I first saw the child who was the image of my dear mother as she had looked at that wedding in 1893 when she was nine years old. I have no reasonable explanation to offer. I make no effort to understand. I have not seen her since but I have the feeling that if ever there is impending danger to me my mother, either as a "bridesmaid" or in some other form, will warn me.

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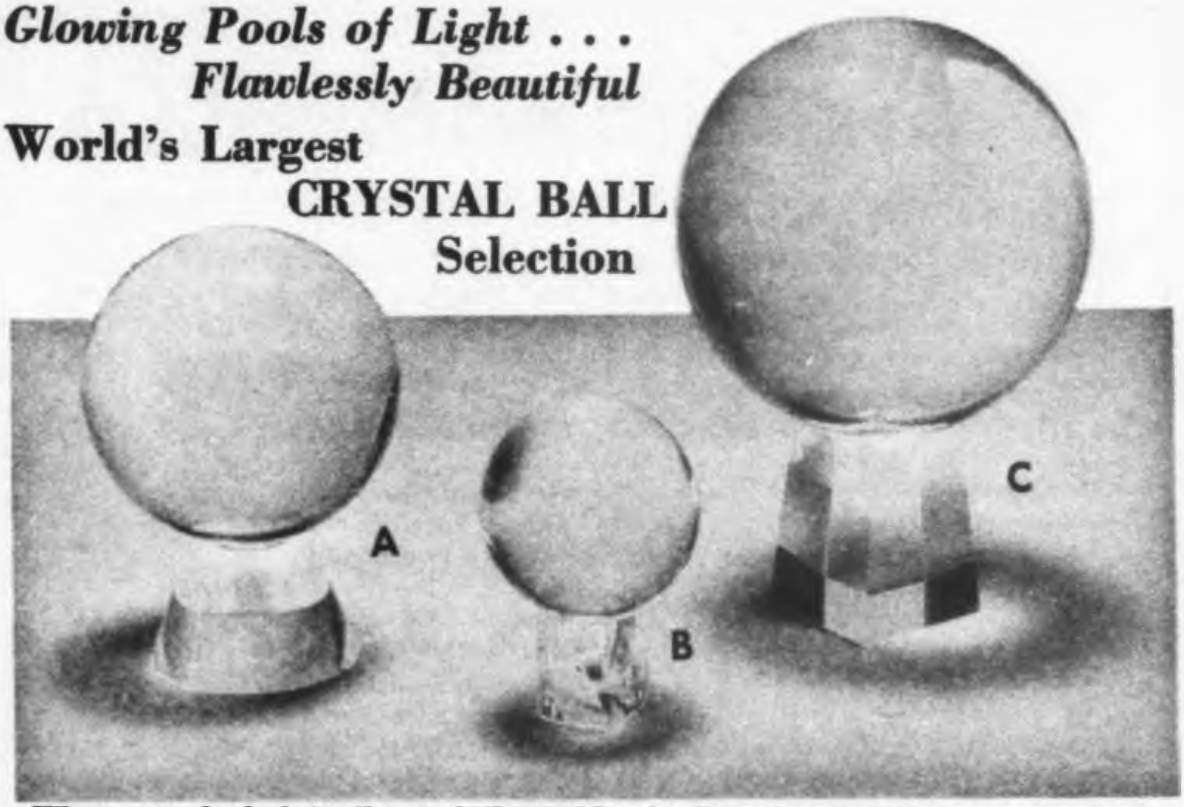
THE APPARITION of a boy with long blond hair, dubbed the "Yellow Boy," allegedly appears in a certain bedroom in Knebworth Manor in Hertfordshire, England, and reveals to the occupant by pantomime the manner in which he will die. In *Light*, June 25, 1942, the Rev. Montague Summers reported that the Yellow Boy correctly foretold a suicide.

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Lord Castlereagh made a diary "memorandum" of this experience. Mr. Lytton was careful not to tell his guest what he believed to be the significance of the Yellow Boy's appearance. But about 20 years later, on August 12, 1822, the Yellow Boy's prophecy was fulfilled. At his home in North Cray Place, Kent, Lord Castlereagh, Marquis of Londonderry, committed suicide by cutting his throat.

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A LIFESAVING IMPULSE

By Oscar M. Ostlund

MY AUNT Harriet, whom I had not seen in many years, passed away in November 1961. I had planned to attend her funeral, some 300 miles distant, but my car was being repaired and I was told it would not be ready in time to make the trip. I was considering taking the bus when it occurred to me that my cousin George Lane, who lived in an adjoining county, might be attending the funeral. So I decided to phone him and see if he would be willing to share the ride.

Finding I did not have George's phone number, I readied a pad and pencil to take the number down while waiting for the operator to place the call. This process took about three minutes, during which time I recall gazing fixedly out the window with a sense of loss and sorrow at losing Aunt Harriet. At the same time, unaware of what I was doing, I had begun doodling on the pad. "Do you have that number, sir?" The operator cut in.

Abruptly coming to, I started to record the number as the operator gave it — but stopped short in shock and amazement as my eye fell on the pad. My doodling had not been the usual stars and circles but the words: "Stay Home! Harriet Porter," in my aunt's handwriting! I have always had a healthy respect for the unknown, which perhaps prompted me to reply, "Cancel the call, operator."

I had never had a psychic experience before and I began to feel a bit foolish about staying home from the funeral — until I heard some distressing news. My cousin George had gone ahead with his trip to the funeral despite very bad weather with snow and ice covering the roads. While rounding a dangerous curve, George's car had gone into a skid



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over an embankment. He was rushed to the hospital but died from his injuries.

Following this second shock, I remembered the pad with the message and compared its handwriting with one of my aunt's old letters I found in the attic. It was identical, even down to the precise slant of her signature — except for one inexplicable difference. We had always known my aunt as Harriet Shannon. But during the last year before her death, while Harriet was out of touch with the rest of the family, she had remarried. Yet her message on the pad was signed "Harriet Porter," the last name of a man none of us ever had heard of. — *Pittsburgh, Pa.*

THE PROFESSOR'S WARNING

By Alla Ernst Crone

ALTHOUGH OF White Russian extraction, I was born and raised in China. In November 1944 I lived with my widowed mother, Natalie Kassianoff, in Japanese-occupied Shanghai on Rue Cardinal Mercier. Like most Europeans we resided in the center of the city. Although Allied air raids occurred almost daily, the bombings were directed at the industrial section on the city's outskirts and our most immediate danger was from the Japanese antiaircraft guns strategically placed on the rooftops of several apartment houses.

One day that November I planned to visit my friend Olga Yarova, who lived on Avenue Joffre about four blocks from my home. The night before I had a dream in which I was walking along Avenue Joffre toward Olga's apartment. As I approached the first cross street, Avenue Roi Albert, an urgent voice spoke up from behind me: "Don't go near the coffee shop!"

I recognized the voice in my dream as that of my music teacher and a family friend, Prof. Boris Zaharoff,

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who had died a few years before. I turned around but the street was empty. My legs felt heavy and every step became harder and harder until I sank to my knees. I woke up abruptly and wondered what it all meant.

There were several cafes on Avenue Joffre but only one was located on my way to Olga's apartment and since I could not afford to go into any of them, Professor Zaharoff's warning seemed unnecessary.

On my way to Olga's apartment the next day I had already passed Avenue Roi Albert when the air raid sirens began to whine their warnings. I was halfway between my home and Olga's and could not decide which way to run. Suddenly, as I looked ahead toward the cafe, I saw a coffee shop next to it. Of course! The professor's voice had distinctly said "coffee shop" rather than "cafe" and I had failed to catch the significance. The coffee shop sold nothing but fresh coffee beans that were ground for the customer at the counter and the fragrant aroma always had tempted me to stop at the window and inhale.

I shivered and retreated home, hugging the tall fence that encircled the tennis courts of the French Sports Club. Suddenly there was an anti-aircraft explosion and moments later a distant sound of shattered glass.

The following day I visited the coffee shop and the owner told me that as the glass shattered in a nearby window two customers about to enter the shop were wounded. — *Santa Rosa, Calif.*

THE VALLEY

By Nell Simcox

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Somehow I knew it was true. I pleaded, "Not yet! Oh please, not yet!"

My brother spoke again, "It is his time. He must come with me."

Then, although Father's body still lay in the cot, he was drifting away with Aaron. Slowly they drifted against the wall. Aaron went through while Father groaned in agony from the cot. I awoke from the dream thinking "What a horrible nightmare!"

But in the early morning hours of January 17, 1940, my father died from his first and only heart attack. I knew immediately that he was with my brother and that it was only his earthly body that we buried next to that of Aaron, who had died exactly three years earlier.

In December 1954 I entered St. Bernadine's Hospital in San Bernardino, Calif., for an hysterectomy. After I was released, complications from the surgery caused severe hemorrhaging and I was rushed back to the hospital, near death from loss of blood and shock. I was deeply concerned over my two children — Dean, then seven, and Susie, 13 — and wondered what would become of them if I died. During that night I was aware of a mysterious floating movement and I saw my father standing by my bed looking into my eyes with compassion and understanding. He held a hand toward me and softly said, "Come."

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I opened my eyes to see a doctor and nurse watching me closely. An oxygen mask was over my face, Dr. Tatro's fingers were on my pulse and the nurse was holding an empty syringe and needle.

"There she is," said Dr. Tatro in obvious relief. "Just a sinking spell." He turned to the nurse. "Keep the oxygen going. Call me if you need me."

The nurse could have left also. I had no doubts I would recover and that my father had come back from the other side to let me know. — *San Bernardino, Calif.*

MAN WITH A MALLET

By Beatrice E. Cooper

MY BEDROOM in our house in Brockton, Mass., was on the north side and my window opened directly onto the street. Many nights the people passing on the sidewalk seemed to be walking in my room. But one particular night in June 1932, even with the window wide open because of the heat, the sidewalk noises didn't bother me. I was so exhausted I fell asleep immediately. My parents, Grace and Harry Fuller, were entertaining their bridge club on the opposite side of the house.

In the middle of the night I had a dream in which I was looking up into the eyes of a burly man who hovered above my bed with a mallet raised to strike me. Then I heard a voice begging me to wake up and do just as she said. I immediately recognized the voice as that of my deceased grandmother. Helen Aldrich, who had loved me like a mother and



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had helped me out of many a precarious situation while she was alive. I awoke frightened and shaking. By the dim light of the streetlights coming through the window I could see the man of my dream, mallet and all, approaching my bed, and this time he was real! Following Grandma's instructions I rolled quickly to the right of the bed and onto the floor. The next moments were a nightmare. I ran through three darkened rooms, then crumpled to the floor like a piece of paper.

When my parents rushed to me, all I could manage was to point toward my bedroom and say, "Man!" Mother thought I'd had a bad dream but Father and one of his guests, William O'Brian, ran to my bedroom. Sure enough, they apprehended the intruder. The seat of his pants had caught on a nail as he tried to climb back out the window to the street. He turned out to be a recently-released mental patient who had molested small children — I was only 10 then.

"Well, Grandma has done it again," exclaimed Father when I told them of the voice in my dream. "Furthermore," he continued, "I don't remember any nail sticking out of that windowsill before." It is now many years since the night Grandma saved me and I believe she still watches over me. — *Onset, Mass.*

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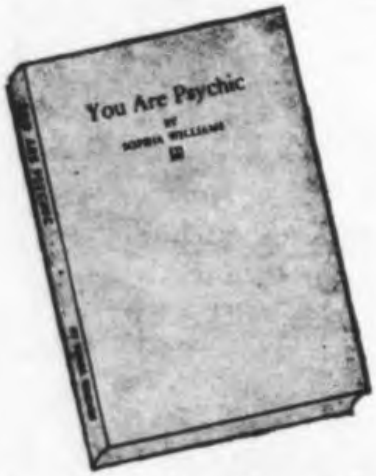
REINCARNATION AND ROSALIE

PERHAPS INEVITABLY a book which claims to be "a report on psychical research in the 60's" in slightly over 200 pages can only cover some of the highlights of what has gone on. *Beyond the Senses* by Paul Tabori and Phyllis Raphael (Taplinger Publishing Co., New York, N. Y., 1972, 218 pages, $6.50) is the first volume of a projected series on "Frontiers of the Unknown," so perhaps its coverage is deliberately selective. More difficult to understand is the authors' ambivalent attitude toward everything they have investigated. They will devote several pages to a sympathetic account of, say, Lourival de Freitas' psychic surgery in Brazil and appear to be impressed. A few pages later on, however, they will quote an anonymous physician who dismisses the whole matter as nonsense and follow this with remarks suggesting they agree. It is difficult to tell where they stand on any of the phenomena.

The most interesting chapter is "The End of Rosalie?" "Rosalie" was the alleged materialization of a spirit child described by Harry Price in *Fifty Years of Psychical Research* published in 1939. Price had only a single opportunity to observe "Rosalie," in 1937, and was permitted this only on condition that he conceal the names of the seance participants and the locality of the sitting. But Price did have complete control of the conditions and carefully sealed off all entrances to the room where the circle was held. When the full form materialization of a child appeared despite these precautions Price was shaken — and totally frustrated in his attempts to visit the circle a second time.

In 1958 Eric Dingwall and Trevor Hall, in their book *Four Modern Ghosts*, suggested Price made up the whole story just to add an exciting chapter to his book. Price's friends rushed to his defense and an acrimonious debate ensued. The late David Cohen found documented evidence amongst Price's correspondence that the seance indeed had taken place as described but there still remains the thorny question of whether the manifestation was gen-

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uine or Price somehow was duped. In their chapter on this case Tabori and Raphael quote in full a long letter which purports to be the "confession" of the child who played "Rosalie" and explains in detail the reasons for the deception and exactly how Price was fooled. But, alas, the "confession" raises as many questions as it claims to answer, the most baffling being why the author of the letter refuses to give her name and the location of the seance. Since, by her own testimony, all the other participants in the seance now are dead it seems pointless to continue to insist on anonymity. The controversy surrounding the case of "Rosaliie" is far from ended but it seems increasingly clear that this is another of those inexplicable phenomena about which we never will know the truth.

Besides the chapters on psychic surgery and "Rosalie" the book contains interesting material on faith healers in England, on reincarnation investigations and on the varying authoritative views on the future of psychic research.

Despite the ambiguity of the authors' attitude the book make stimulating reading.

NEW AGE NEWSPAPERS

CONTINUING last month's discussion of new publications I want to mention three relatively new periodicals with newspaper formats (or at least printed on newsprint). *The New Age Journal* is published by New Age Publications (No. 8, 45 Kingsway, Vancouver 9, B.C., Canada). Subscription to this monthly is $3.50 a year in the United States ($2.50 in Canada, $4.20 elsewhere). The first issue contains articles on health, vegetarianism, Atlantis and Baba Ram Dass.

A similar effort is *Atlantis* (Rte. No. 2, Bainbridge, Ohio 45612) which sells for 35 cents a copy or $5.00 for a

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"lifetime subscription." *Atlantis* is even more strongly oriented toward the natural-foods-get-back-to-the-simple-life movement. The sample copy I have also contains brief articles on Hopi prophecy, using a pendulum for divining, Edgar Cayce on Atlantis and the Essene gospel of peace.

Another new age newspaper, with a more intriguing title, is *The Astral Projection* (P.O. Box 4383, Albuquerque, N. Mex. 87106) although no issue I've seen has contained any material on astral projection. A 10-issue subscription is $5.00. The subject matter is largely the same as the two publications I just described. There are articles on natural foods, quotes from Meher Baba, reviews of books and records and inspirational poetry. Most striking, however, is the lavish use of interesting old illustrations from 19th-Century books and magazines; some are reproduced in poster-size. Many readers will find this publication worth its subscription price for the fascinating engravings alone.

FROM TURKEY AND ELSEWHERE

A CURIOUS conglomeration of mimeographed material on Agharta, Chinese astrology, Hermetic lore and predictions by editor Paul Verhaeren appears under the title of *Palingenesis 77* (70 Edgewood Ct., Daly City, Calif. 94014). This monthly periodical sells for 25 cents a copy or $3.00 a year.

From Massachusetts comes *Friendly Contact* (179 Gulf Rd., R.D. 2, Amherst, Mass. 01002). This mimeographed newsletter is produced by the Rev. James C. Crosson whose reviews and articles have appeared in *Parapsychology Review* and *Spiritual Frontiers*. A typical issue contains Crosson's comments on recent psychic meetings, directions for trying automatic writing, book reviews and news items in the psychic

field. No fixed subscription payment is required but contributions toward publication and mailing costs are appreciated.

A nicely printed English-language periodical from Turkey carries the awkward title *Scientific Researches on Spiritual Evolution Bulletin* (P.O. Box 38, Istanbul, Turkey). This modest bimonthly is basically Spiritualistic with a column of questions answered through "spirit channel communication" and essays on the spiritual life. This is another publication that requests contributions rather than quoting a subscription price.

FOR BUYERS AND SELLERS

A RATHER tongue-in-cheek quarterly journal of opinion is being published under the title *caveat emptor* — Latin for "let the buyer beware." Members of the editorial staff are identified as mental health editor, spiritual advisor, group therapist, court jester and mascot. Editors Gene and Geneva Steinberg appear to be most interested in UFOs but there are articles on witchcraft, the Brown Mountain lights, women's liberation and assorted other topics, supplemented by book reviews and interviews. A subscription of four issues costs $2.00 a year ($3.00 foreign) and single copies are 60 cents (G & G Enterprises, 22 Strode Ave., Coatesville, Pa. 19320).

The most ambitious of all the publications we have to discuss this month is *Occult Trade Journal* (240 Main St., Danbury, Conn. 06810). Described as a "business magazine for the occult/metaphysical industry" this monthly periodical costs $1.00 a copy or $10.00 a year. With the rapid growth of the whole occult-psychic-metaphysical field (there is no really comprehensive term) it is only natural that someone start a trade journal aimed at the bookshops, occult suppliers, schools and psychic lecturers. Such a clientele is primarily

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OTHER REVIEWS

PARENT-CHILD TELEPATHY by Berthold Eric Schwarz, Garrett Publications, New York, N.Y., 1971, 241 pages, $7.95.

Parent-child telepathy is not a new topic for New Jersey psychiatrist Berthold Schwarz. He authored a paper on this topic a few years ago in the *International Journal of Parapsychology* and other articles in psychiatric journals. The present account is a list, kept over a period of about six years, of all possible telepathic events between Schwarz, his wife and their two children Eric and Lisa.

To call this digest "possible telepathic episodes," as Dr. Schwarz does, is an exaggeration. While some of the author's material is *suggestive* of telepathy, most of it is no better than the day by day coincidences a group of people living together are prone to experience. One is constantly amazed to hear Schwarz interpret almost any event as a telepathic transference. The reader must wade through page after page of such "cases" as: "At the end of a rather boring news report on television there was some refreshing music by Handel. I thought, 'Gee, this is different!' Lisa looked up from play-

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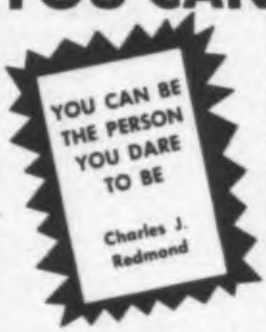
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Some other cases seem stronger. There are several instances where Schwarz wakened from a nightmare and his daughter awoke crying shortly thereafter. Such incidents were frequent enough that we cannot dismiss them as coincidence but the impact of these few startling cases is lost amid the questionable material.

Both at the beginning and the end of the book Dr. Schwarz offers some general comments on parent-child telepathy written in psychiatric terminology and concepts. Readers without any background in clinical psychology will find this hard going. Dr. Schwarz's working hypothesis is that telepathy is a common occurrence in the parent-child relationship and that is the "missing link" in our understanding of interpersonal communication. However, the evidence offered in this book is not convincing support for this theory. — *D. Scott Rogo.*

THE BIOLOGICAL BASIS OF RELIGION AND GENIUS by Gopi Krishna, NC Press, New York, N.Y., 1971, 64 pages, $4.50 (hard cover); $1.95 (paperback).

The review copy of this volume was accompanied by promotional material with advance appreciations by Laura Huxley, Marcus Bach, Leslie Shepard, noted physicist C. F. von

Weizsäcker and many others. These rather impressive endorsements seem to indicate that Gopi Krishna is speaking to a widespread need of our times, the urgency of transformation leading to new values, new perspectives and new consciousness.

Krishna asserts that there is in fact an evolutionary tendency toward higher consciousness in mankind, partially achieved by mystics and seers and even perfectly realized by individuals like Christ and Buddha. The unhealthy environment of modern civilization, however, is impeding and distorting this evolutionary force. Krishna views the current vogue for the mystical and occult as a symptom of current conditions as well as an effort to transcend them. Popular enthusiasm is too often a flight into the irrational without accompanying effort at self-mastery.

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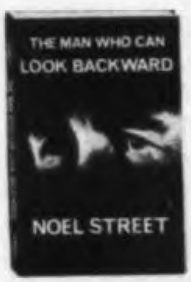
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More significant, however, is Krishna's claim that kundalini, once initiated, proceeds on a purely biological basis capable of scientific verification and even repeatability under laboratory conditions. The brief introduction in this volume lacks the supporting details to be reported in future books but some hints are given here. As kundalini is awakened, the nervous system extracts from the surrounding tissues a nectar-like substance, which changes into a subtle essence which rejuvenates the nervous system and brain until a new consciousness is born. An accompanying process is increased production of reproductive fluids which are mostly diverted to the spinal column and rise to nourish the brain cells. Hence the emphasis in most religious disciplines on chastity.

Although Krisha claims to have observed these processes within himself for 30 years, it would be premature to pass judgment until his contentions are subjected to scientific study, as he himself wishes. But if von Weizsäcker and others can validate his claims, it is safe to say that a major breakthrough in understanding human potentials will have been achieved. — *Robert Galbreath.*

CONFESSIONS OF A PSYCHIC by Susy Smith, Macmillan Co., New York, N. Y., 1971, 315 pages, $7.95.

This spirited autobiography does indeed seem to fit someone nicknamed "Susy"—her manner throughout is perky, informal and immediate. In a communication from her deceased mother Miss Smith was told to "stick to my own style of writing and just tell my story as it occurred . . . It won't impress any of those who are looking to be impressed either by big words, authoritarian statements or esoteric mysticism."

Her story begins with her childhood and goes on to detailed accounts of her various jobs, illnesses, friendships and psychic adventures. While many of these seem irrelevant, they do make the psychic world seem accessible. If someone as down-to-earth as the author can enter, so can the ordinary reader.

Parts of the book are based on alleged messages from the departed including psychologist William James, relayed chiefly through automatic writing and presented with refreshing common sense and clarity. Miss Smith says she is well aware of the possibility of wishful thinking taking the guise of "spirit messages" and of the unreliability of spirits themselves. "But actually," she concludes, "the picture is tremendously inspiring. To feel that through your own strivings you will one day achieve unity with God is overwhelming."

In sum, her "confessions" should appeal to those who know her through her 14 previous books in the psychic field. For newcomers she provides a friendly introduction. — *Joseph M. Backus.*

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Godwin takes the typical tack of "I used to be a hard-boiled, skeptical journalist." But he achieves a good balance between skepticism and credulity, taking potshots at the too dryly scientific and the overenthused groups with even-handed accuracy. His very sane conclusion seems to be that there's a lot of nonsense and a lot of fraud but there's something real too.

However, the book has some definite faults, most noticeably its title. I doubt that the parapsychological groups he mentions enjoy being included under the umbrella "occult." Far from being secret or hidden, these people work hard to shed light on the workings of psi.

Godwin's choice of organizations seems somewhat lopsided too. He gives us 23 pages on Scientology and 21 on saucerians but only 11 on Cayce and the A.R.E. A survey of "The Scientific Scene" takes up 17½ pages without mentioning any of the research being done in various colleges and universities.

On the other hand, Godwin completely ignores America's "mystery schools" except for some slighting asides to Astara and "the Rosicrucians" (making no differentiation between the various disparate Rosicrucian groups). A number of organizations Godwin mentions are open only to those who live in the right place or know the right people. Yet the mail-order mystery schools are open to anyone who clips an ad and has the required dues, thus making membership available to a large segment of the population. But it is not possible to judge the worth of a "secret"



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Despite these criticisms, the book is well worth its price either as an introduction to the field or as a reference volume. It would have been even more useful had an address list of organizations mentioned been sandwiched between the glossary and the index. — *Diana Robinson.*

SCIENCE AND THE SPOOK by A. R. G. Owen and Victor Sims, Garrett Publications, New York, N. Y., 1971, 218 pages, $4.50.

Biologist-mathematician Owen, best known in parapsychology for his book *Can We Explain the Poltergeist?*, wrote the first seven chapters of the present volume. The remainder are written in a lively style by British newsman Victor Sims. Together the two men visited the habitats of eight purported "spooks," selected on the basis that each fell into a different category, was recent and had been witnessed by more than one person.

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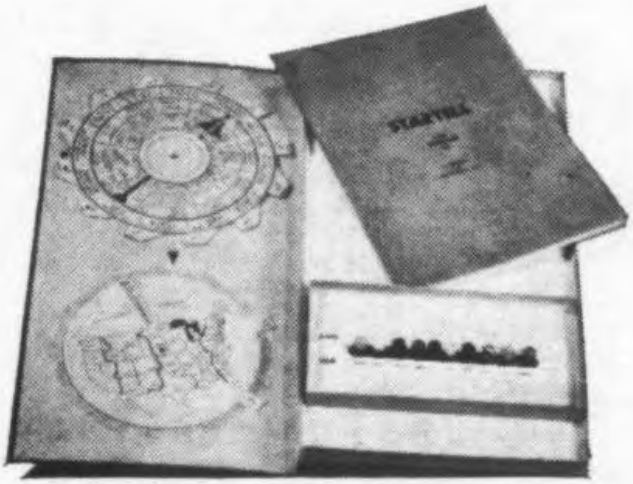
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FILINGS OF LIGHT by Adelaide Jeffreys Garrett, Christopher Publishing House, North Quincy, Mass., 1971, 153 pages, $3.95.

Brief meditations on various subjects received by the author through inspirational writing.

THE BIBLE and SPIRIT COMMUNICATION by John Everett Sutphin, Metamental Missions, P. O. Box 668, Starkville, Miss. 39759, 1971, 71 pages (paperback).

The author details instances of spirit communication in the Old and New Testaments to demonstrate that such manifestations are not contrary to Christian teachings and theology.

TELEPATHY: THE 'RESPECTABLE' PHENOMENON by Sybil Leek, Macmillan Company, New York, N. Y., 1971, 158 pages, $6.95; and Collier Books, New York, N. Y., 1971, 160 pages, $1.50 (paperback).

The celebrated witch and medium covers much more than telepathy in what is actually a fairly general introduction to the psychic field.

THE AQUARIAN GUIDE TO OCCULT, MYSTICAL, RELIGIOUS, MAGICAL LONDON AND AROUND edited by Francoise Strachan, Aquarian Press, 37-38 Margaret St., Cavendish Sq., London, W. 1. 1970, 180 pages, £0.30.

Strachan compiles information on some 345 different groups, organizations, teachers, practitioners, bookstores, magazines, publishers and supply houses which cater to the occult needs of London.

PSYCHOANALYSIS AND THE OCCULT edited by George Devereux, International Universities Press, New York, N. Y., 1971, 432 pages, $3.95 (paperback).

Paperback reprints a pioneering volume in the study of psychoanalytical aspects of psi phenomena with contributions by Sigmund Freud, Jule Eisenbud, Nandor Fodor and others.

THE DEVIL'S PICTUREBOOK by Paul Huson, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N. Y., 1971, 256 pages, $6.95.

Illustrated guide to the Tarot by a noted witch details their origins, history and symbolism.

DICTIONARY OF SATANISM by Wade Baskin, Philosophical Library, New York, N. Y., 1971, 351 pages, $12.50.

This concise but comprehensive reference for the serious scholar includes definitions for concepts, issues, people, places and events associated with Satan in his multifaceted but continuous manifestations.

Report FROM THE Readers

MANDALA MAGIC

I think you will be pleased to learn that the article on my work ("The Magic of Mandalas," January 1972 FATE) was instrumental in getting another article published in the June 25, 1972, *Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine*. The editors of the *Tribune* were much impressed with the FATE article.

I have received many letters from FATE readers whom I find to be informed, cultured and friendly. My advertising also brought a large response — you may be sure your magazine is thoroughly read! FATE has opened a door for me and for my mandalas and I wish to thank you.

I also wish to comment on the letter from Alton Parsons published on page 145 of your August 1972 issue. For the benefit of your readers, particularly those interested in the mandala, I wish to point out that there is no similarity between the creation of a mandala and producing designs with the Kenner Spirograph. With the Spirograph an infinite variety of designs can be made but it remains a mechanical instrument and its designs are a matter of gear arrangements.

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We are four of the many thankful persons who have experienced successful etheric surgery at the hands of the Rev. William Brown and his spirit doctors. Two of us had surgery in 1971 and the other two, the latter part of June 1972. Our combined problems consisted of back trouble, heart trouble, emphysema, arthritis, duodenal ulcer and adhesions, among other things. The spirit doctors corrected all of these, as well as replacing discs in our spines and valves in our hearts.

Thus, it is difficult to understand how Mary Glowacki can make the statements published on page 144 of your August issue.

First of all, it should be understood that the Reverend Brown takes no credit for healing. He gives it to God and the doctors. Before surgery he tries to stress what many persons don't realize: that wrong (negative) thinking can make us ill and that with God's help, right (positive) thinking can make us well.

Second, after we were taken into the surgery room no one asked what was wrong. Dr. Murphy, the diagnostician, told us what ailed us.

Third, at no time was any fee mentioned. Before we left, we each gave the Reverend Brown a contribution of our own choosing — and we all felt it was too little because being healed can't be measured in dollars and cents.

We thank God for the Reverend and Mrs. Brown and their efforts to help humanity. —*Robert E. Walker, Sarah Gardner, Lucille Bullock, Isabelle Simpson, Evansville, Ind.*

In the August 1972 FATE I was especially pleased to read Virginia Wiborg's letter about the Reverend Brown and the success of her etheric surgery. Then I was horrified to read Mary Glowacki's report which takes a negative tack.

About a year ago I went to the Reverend Brown for treatment of a heart condition. A friend who accompanied me had a bad disc in her spine and a crooked septum in her nose. I was taken first and both Mrs. Brown and my friend listened to my heart through a stethoscope. Before surgery they heard swishing and gurgling but after surgery the sounds disappeared. I also had adhesions which hurt when pressure was placed on them but after surgery the pain was gone. I have felt much better this past year and so has my friend. I would not hesitate to consult the Reverend Brown again if I needed help.

I wish to make this perfectly clear: no price was quoted for treatment but our room cost $9.00 a night, including meals. It was a lovely clean room and I'd like to know where two persons could get such good accommodations including food for $18.00. Also, not one word was said about the amount we were to pay for the treatment. We gave what we wanted to.

I regret that Mary Glowacki does not understand more about spiritual healing and karma. Had she understood spiritual things before she went to Toccoa, she would not have told the Reverend Brown an untruth about her eyes in the first place. If she was just looking for fakes, I doubt she would have had to travel so far to find one. — *E. M., New Philadelphia, Ohio.*

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THE SPIRIT POND RUNESTONES

I have followed with interest your stories on the runestone found by Walter Elliott near Popham Beach (Me.) State Park in the summer of 1971.

Your readers may like to know the stones are now displayed at the Bath Marine Museum in Bath, Me., and a pamphlet about them titled "The Spirit Pond Runestones" has been published by the New England Antiquities Research Association. Copies of the pamphlet may be ordered from NEARA, 4 Smith St., Milford, N. H. 03055. Its price is $2.00. — *W. L., Quincy, Mass.*

GOOD NEWS FOR ASTROLOGERS

In part II of Ralph Metzner's article, "Astrology, Potential Science and Intuitive Art," in the August 1972 issue of FATE, Alan Leo's book *Practical Astrology* is said to be out of print. This may be true in the United States but an inexpensive copy (in English) is published by D. B. Taraporevala Sons & Co., Private Ltd., 210 Dr. D. Naoroji Road, Bombay 1, India. Anyone who is interested may write this firm to learn the price of the new edition — *John Bennet, Waycross, Ga.*

"EQUAL TIME"

We feel the story which appeared in the May 1972 FATE (23 Mediums All in a Row" by Don Worley) was not altogether fair to Camp Chesterfield. Over the years thousands of articles about Spiritualism have been published in newspapers, magazines,

newsletters and various scandal sheets. The overwhelming majority of such articles have been written by grossly misinformed and highly unqualified individuals. Many of these writers have attended only two or three seances and yet they feel qualified to present a comprehensive view of Spiritualism. I must confess that two or three visits to the Camp Chesterfield mediums were not sufficient to give me a thorough understanding of Spiritualism. It has a depth which is not to be fathomed in so short a time.

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We Spiritualists do not claim to know all that can be known but we do know that we have found a way of life that needs no apology. We are not ashamed of our religion nor of the phenomena which accompany it. I treasure the many joyous times, the many evidential messages I have received and the many friends I have found at Camp Chesterfield — a place known throughout the world as the hub of world Spiritualism.

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MORE ON ULAs

"On the Trail of Pumas, Panthers and ULAs" (June 1972 FATE prompts me to write about my personal knowledge of these strange beasts. During the years I attended high school (1916-1920) at Madisonville in Hopkins County, Ky., the eastern portion of the county was terrorized for several months by an animal that killed pigs, dogs and other animals. It was seen and described in various ways but usually as a "black panther." Finally a man killed the animal and it turned out to be a gray timber wolf. It was mounted and displayed in the window of a local drugstore for several weeks.

We had the same kind of scare in 1950 and 1951 in the western and southern part of the county. Full-grown hogs were killed, bark was torn from trees six or seven feet above the ground and dogs were chased home. My father saw the varmint responsible on a hillside 100 yards or so back of his house. Many of the local people shot at the animal but he was never hit and finally left the area. My father's description makes me think it too was a wolf. — *Cecil D. Clayton, Slaughters, Ky.*

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Volume IV of *The Illustrated Encyclopaedia of the Animal Kingdom* has to do with the ungulates and in

this volume is an illustration of the *Ectoconus majusculus*. The picture caught my eye because the animal illustrated looks like the one described in your article on "ULAs." It has a blunt nose, a very long tail, its color could be gray, its hind legs appear to be longer than its front legs and it does appear to be a cat.

Could this be what many persons have seen through the years? The species has been extinct for millions of years supposedly but is it possible a few specimens might have existed this long without civilization knowing it? — *Sharon Dwyer, Weslaco, Tex.*

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I live near Pana, Ill., and in about the same period of time mentioned in your article on "Pumas, Panthers and ULAs" (September 1970) I saw tracks similar to those mentioned. In fact, I saw those tracks on my farm in 1969, 1970 and 1971.

This is hound dog country and sometimes owners let their dogs out to run at night. Several different times I have heard quite a ruckus in the woods south of us which comes up to within a couple hundred yards of our dwelling. Many times I have seen tracks in my fields, tracks larger than the palm of my hand. Once I found a line of tracks in a field which indicated the animal was running hard. I measured from the leading track to the back track and found a span of nine feet.

I hadn't seen any tracks for quite a while so I thought the thing had moved on but one Thursday in April 1972 when I was hunting mushrooms I found these same large tracks in the mud at the sides of a small stream that runs through one part of our farm. Again some of the tracks were as big as the palm of my hand.

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PLATO IS SAFE

In "Report from the Readers" in your June 1972 issue Dewey Schley Carroll doubts that Plato knew any authentic history dating back 10,000 years because he "lived during the supremacy of Greece (330 to 30 B.C.). If Dewey Carroll's objections are as solid as his dates Plato has little to worry about. The great Greek philosopher and student of Socrates *died* in 347 B.C. — 17 years *before* the date Carroll uses to mark the beginning of the supremacy of Greece!

It is customary to deride ancient claims to knowledge because modern man is so smart that ancient man just had to be ignorant. But the deriders have forgotten — if they ever knew — how many ancient libraries and stores of knowledge existed until they were destroyed — like the library in Alexandria burned by a drunken army and the Mayan library burned by a "Christian" bishop who wanted no "pagan" literature around.

Greece had active and developing cultures from before the Dorians (circa 1200 B.C.) through its heyday. Homer is thought to have lived in the 800's and heights of philosophy, literature and drama were reached in the 500's and continued until about 146 B.C. when the last Greek city fell to Rome. And even then Greece "conquered her conqueror" by hellenizing much of Roman civilization.

I have no idea where Carroll got his dates but I suggest he use other sources in the future. — *Doris Patterson, Ardmore, Pa.*

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Many times after that we would get a glimpse of something around the hay shed or barn and occasionally the farm animals would become frightened and stampede. We often missed a few chickens and turkeys but never really got a good look at "the thing" again in the years we lived there. However, at times there would be reports of someone seeing an "animal" running through the forest on two legs. — *Mabel Fulcher, Yarnell, Ariz.*

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I have read so many UFO experiences in FATE that I no longer feel like a "kook" in telling you mine.

In August of 1967 I found myself driving on an unfamiliar, dark and lonely road in the middle of the night. I tried to determine my whereabouts but everything looked strange.

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He took my arm and led me a short way into the prairie. Then a very bright light came on from within what I now could see was a spaceship. In the brightness I saw three men dressed in business suits also being escorted into this spacecraft as I was, each of us led by a

man in a white suit. The man escorting me smiled reassuringly and urged me forward. We were led up a staircase and into the craft. The interior seemed filled with metal cabinets, all having many controls and gauges. The men in white coveralls looked alike, all were in their 30's, more than six feet tall and baldheaded. Only one was shorter and he seemed to be in command. They spoke an unfamiliar language.

I felt no fear — only curiosity. The next thing I knew one of the spacemen was saying, "You will have no memory of anything you saw or experienced here. You will awaken with no memory of this experience."

We were led out and down the steps and escorted to our cars. As I started my car I saw others drive away one by one. I started down the road just as the bright light from the spacecraft was extinguished. Again the road was dark and lonely. I drove on hoping to come to an intersection that would give me my bearings.

I awakened in the morning very much aware of what I have related but with no knowledge of how I drove to that site or what else transpired in the spacecraft. I have never been able to remember what I was told *not* to remember.

I would like to hear from any of the men who shared this strange experience, to compare ideas and prove this was not a dream but a factual event. — *Mimi Gorzelle, Des Plaines, Ill.*

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My UFO experience in 1969 brought me ridicule — as I expected —but I still do not believe I am the only person on earth who became weightless when a UFO flew over.

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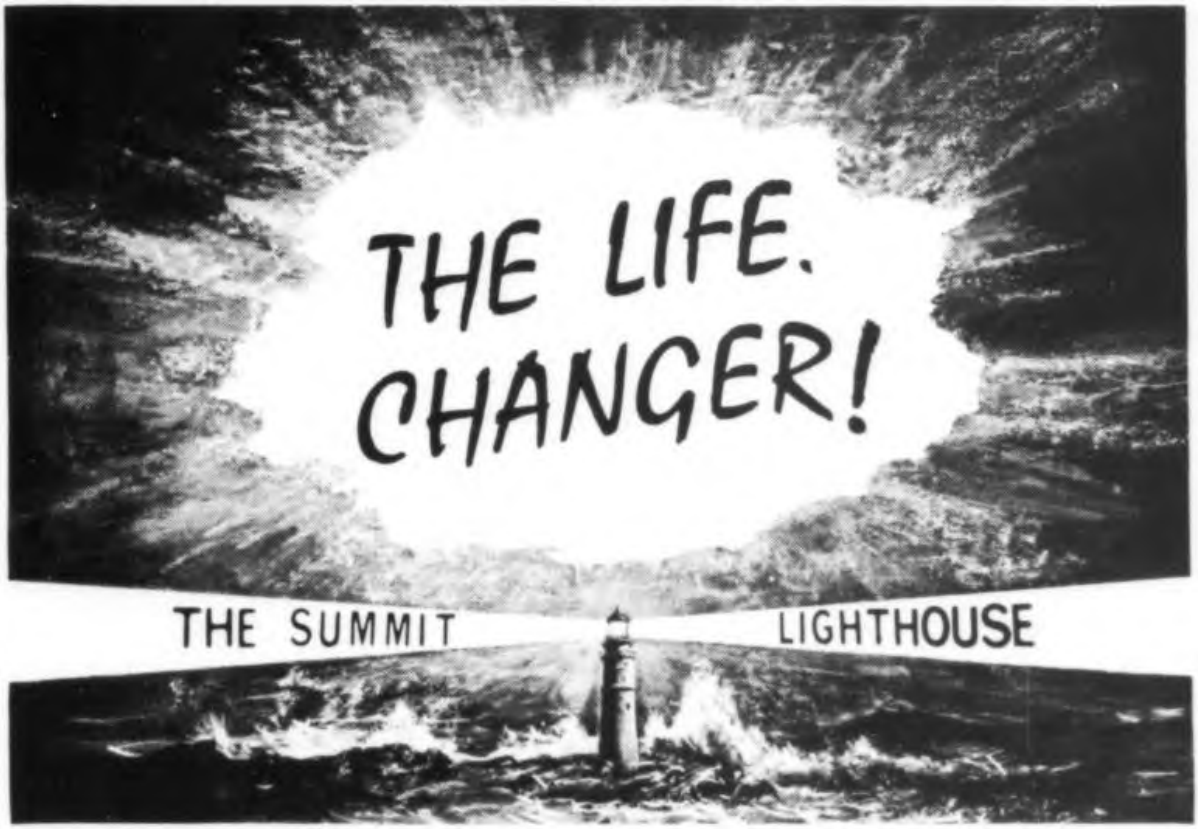
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