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EDITORIAL

The Autumn Convention

Though I was prevented by ill-health from attending most of the meetings held on this occasion, all reports go to show that it was widely appreciated, especially by country astrologers—the Londoners are perhaps rather spoilt astrologically, and do not always realise how their rural confreres miss the lectures and congenial social intercourse that they can so easily obtain. To judge by letters received, it was the social side of the Convention that was most enjoyed, but the lectures were also of a high standard. I am able to print in this issue Miss Estelle Gardner's wonderful paper, which should be a classic on its own subject, and I hope to publish Mr. Thorburn's at a comparatively early date.

Financially the Convention paid its way, without help from the general funds of the Lodge.

Warm thanks are due to Mrs. Sudbury Hurren and other Lodge members who devoted time and energy to organising the gatherings, and to Mrs. Brittain, F.T.S., who most kindly arranged for the teas.

Some Lodge members commented on the astrologically unfavourable time chosen for the Convention. The answer is that one is not always able to choose one's own time for these things.

Those who attended were, of course, by no means all Lodge members; nevertheless I wish that certain prominent astrologers had given evidence of their willingness to help by attending and joining in the discussions.

Lazy Libra

I see that Mr. Robson continues his good-humoured attack in the *B.J.A.* on the failings of the seventh sign and refers to Scorpio as the bad boy of the zodiac. I should almost have thought that Capricorn is more often the scapegoat; Scorpio

certainly has, in many people's eyes, the glamour that pertains to a wicked reputation.

But at this point we ought to consider what aspect of the signs we are considering.

So far as Libran laziness is concerned this is important, for however indolent those born with *Libra rising* may be, it is surely undeniable that the *Sun in Libra* produces people who are the very reverse of slothful. For example, one could not accuse Annie Besant or Hindenburg of torpidity, or Lord Roberts, or Mr. J. H. Thomas, or President De Valera, not to mention the Vice-President of the Astrological Lodge, Mrs. Sudbury Hurren!

Sloth must necessarily come under the fixed signs, not the cardinal ones, for it is an exaggeration of the static principle. Hence, if *Libra rising* is idle, as I am afraid it often is, the reason, to my way of thinking, must lie somewhere else.

The difference extends to other things, for, whilst *Libra rising* is a notorious example of "peace at any price," *Sun in Libra* does not tend in that direction, as most of the above persons testify.

Is Astrology productive of pessimism?

I consider that there is some reason for asking this question, inasmuch as we have more aspects of strain than aspects of harmony, and only two "benefic" planets as against four or five that definitely incline to the opposite character. Certainly astrological studies do not agree with everybody and I have heard of cases—fortunately not often—where persons naturally prone to anxiety and foreboding have suffered much mental anguish on account of some astrological configuration with which they were confronted.

This, of course, does not imply that astrology is "bad" or "dangerous," any more than we judge medical science to be so, because some people cannot read descriptions of diseases without imagining that they are suffering from them.

However, it *does* imply that people should not carelessly lift the veil of the future either for themselves or for others. Particularly for others—I consider that the person (usually himself not a very profound student) who goes about cramming crude astrological notions into the heads of all and sundry and offering "to tell them about their maps" is a nuisance and a bore, to say the least of it. However much such people may salve their consciences with the idea that they are "trying to help,"

they are more often really actuated by a desire to show off their knowledge and "impress" their unfortunate victims.

No one with a proper sense of what astrology is, or ought to be, would behave in this irresponsible manner.

Doctors do not walk about proffering unasked-for opinions about the health of those they meet, but wait till they are duly consulted. Astrologers should act in the same manner.

As regards the point about the pessimism of astrological thought, the answer is, I believe, that the *background* of all normal existence is happy, even if the actual incidents of life are (perhaps) more often vexatious than pleasant. We may state this astrologically by affirming that the Sun, which is immeasurably the most important factor in every horoscope, is essentially benefic and more than outweighs the troubles that afflict frail humanity by reason of our faulty response to the various "bad" aspects and "evil" planets.

I think the average astrologer finds his troubles easier to bear because he can correlate them with cosmic phenomena and both expects their coming and can estimate when they are likely to decrease and vanish. Moreover astrology can often indicate the cause and cure of disharmony.

The Encyclopaedia of Psychological Astrology

The third edition of this work—my first—is now being brought out by The Theosophical Publishing Co. It contains a good many additions, especially in the medical field, and some of the diseases now treated therein have never, to my knowledge, been specifically dealt with in English astrological literature.

C. E. O. CARTER

OBITUARY

WE record with deep regret the passing of Mr. William Thomas Pavitt, widely known for his beautiful productions in the field of symbolic jewellery. Mr. Pavitt was a sound astrologer, as well as a fine craftsman, and many of us treasure rings and other articles made by him for us after a careful study of our nativities. He was, however, more than this; he was a man of the highest principles and was a true friend to all who consulted him; a man whose paramount desire was to do good to all who came to him.

ASTROLOGICAL CONVENTION

SEPTEMBER 1937

'Tis now, dear reader, my intention,
To write about the late convention
Which saw a hundred students meet
In Besant Hall, near Baker Street,
To speak or list, to hark or chatter
Of every astrological matter
And hear astrologers discuss
The Stars, and what they mean to Us.
We all regretted Mr. Carter
Was made by illness a non-starter;
But Mrs. Hurren took his place
With organising skill and grace,
And welcomed each partaking member
On Friday twenty-fourth September
At seven o'clock, and then began
By calling on that learned man
Mr. John Thorburn, of Stranraer
And Cardiff, to begin the fair
And read the lecture he had brought:
"Astrology and Modern Thought."
But modern though the subject seem,
'Twas history the speaker's theme,
And soon he'd taught us quite a lot
Of Shakespeare, Dante, Keats, and Scott
The next was Mr. Wilfrid James
Of Sheffield; I omit the names
Of several others who ensued,
And hope they will not think it rude.
Next morning on eleven's stroke
Miss Estelle Gardner up and spoke
On Nazism and the Soviet,
With horoscopes correctly set
By data taken from the books
(As anyone can see who looks)
Of Trotsky and of General Goering;
This lecture was restrained but stirring
That afternoon the talk was on
Disease, by Dr. Dickinson,
And seriously though she spoke
She never could resist a joke.

Then sociably we took our tea
(Price ninepence, not a lofty fee).
We heard that evening Mr. Bray
Explain with verve the easy way
To make directions, and untwist 'em,
By what is called the Radix system,
And Mr. Frankland, apostolic
Of new directions called symbolic.
On Sunday Mr. D. Macnaughton
Contrived our interest to tauten
With slides of ancient zodiacs;
No knowledge there the speaker lacks.
Then after lunch, unwilling martyr
Of health, returned our Mr. Carter
And, half recovered from his murrain,
Came to preside for Mrs. Hurren.
The lady spoke on education,
But hearers, stirred by her oration,
Made observations that conflicted,
And some were flatly contradicted.
That night instead of a discourse
Was planned a summing-up, of course
By Mr. Carter; but instead
The doctor sent him home to bed.
At this the whole committee said: "Oh!
In that case we must call on Gleadow;
He shall amuse both low and highbrow
With comments made by lip or eyebrow."
On Monday night, convention's end,
We met once more as friend to friend,
And heard Miss Sharp and Mr. Hart
And Miss O'Brien do their part
With music to delight our ear.
The thing was a success, I'm sure,
And so it can't be premature
To hope we'll meet again next year.

R. S. G.

(To which we answer "Hear, hear, hear!"—*Editor*)

NATIONAL ASTROLOGY

By ESTELLE GARDNER

As I begin my article for the autumn quarter I am glad to be able to record that a distinct improvement in the Spanish situation has taken place, though not as much as the well-aspected position of Venus in the 9th house at the Libra Ingress led me to hope for, and so far the angular affliction of Sun opposition Saturn has proved the stronger. Still, Venus has prevented any general outbreak of hostilities, and kept the rising Mars in Sagittarius in check, and for that we must be thankful. With October the most critical effect of the Sun-Saturn affliction should be over, and when the Sun enters Capricorn at 6.22 a.m. at London, on December 22nd, we find Venus taking the place of Mars, and rising in Sagittarius at London, Berlin, Paris, and Rome. This should improve the general situation with regard to non-intervention. But alas! she is going to the square of Neptune from the 9th, a delusive and hampering position, very typical of the atmosphere of intense propaganda to which this country is being subjected by conflicting interests at the present time, with regard to foreign affairs in general, and Spanish affairs in particular. So that the will to peace of the peoples of all four great nations (and of the lesser nations too, for Venus is rising at the Ingress in all European countries west of the Central European time meridian of 15 E.) is not yet to be allowed free expression, and apparently we may expect another quarter of somewhat confused and chaotic conditions, in which January seems likely to be the most critical month, especially the third and fourth weeks. With regard to this square affliction it would be wise to remember that nothing influenced by Neptune (more especially an afflicted Neptune) is quite what it seems, and to take all news from abroad (Pisces intercepted in 3rd) with the proverbial grain of salt. As I thought likely, the fighting turned in favour of the Nationalists in August, with the capture of Santander, and they now hold approximately three-quarters of the country. The approach of winter makes it seem rather unlikely that very many more decisive moves can be made before next spring. Yet the New Moons of the next few months all fall on vital spots in Franco's map, that of December in particular being conjunct his Sun and trine his mid-heaven, and the transits of the second half of February seem particularly favourable to him. Perhaps we may see the end of the conflict sooner than at one time seemed possible.

As to home affairs, we find both Mars and Saturn in the 3rd house of the quarterly figure, and the Moon ruling the 8th and placed in the 9th. With this combination it would not be surprising if there were to be some regrettable loss of life during the quarter, either in connection with affairs abroad, or in transport accidents, or to do with 6th- or 12th-house matters. The last week of January seems particularly critical in this connection, and February looks like being a difficult month for the Government, who are not treading a primrose path at present, with Saturn squaring their ascendant (National Government, August 24, 1931, 4 p.m., G.M.T.) and conjunct the Prime Minister's Sun (March 18, 1869, no time known). In this connection it would be no use pretending that I am not in agreement with some other astrologers (notably Mr. Robson in the October number of the *B.J.A.*) in thinking that we are entering upon a critical period in this country, which is likely to culminate in far-reaching changes about 1940 and 1941. I consider it somewhat too early in time to speculate upon the exact nature of these changes, except that they will undoubtedly have a marked influence upon both finance and the land. At present I will only say that in my opinion, with three planets in Taurus, trine England's Sun and England's Jupiter (December 25, 1066, midday), and the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of February, 1941, in almost exact trine moreover, that they will ultimately be beneficial to this country, and that something of the nature of a national revival may be expected from them, though the period in which they are taking shape upon the physical plane will of necessity be accompanied by tension, stress, and strain, the planetary indication of which, as Mr. Robson says, is the coming passage of Saturn through Aries.

Returning to our present quarter we find Jupiter, ruler of the Ingress Figure, in the 2nd once more. As he will just have passed the opposition of Pluto perhaps his influence will be able to manifest rather more freely than it has of late. There is no doubt that the fact that Saturn has ruled the 2nd house in three out of the four Ingress maps this year, and been in affliction with the Sun in each, has had an adverse effect on finance in general, and in particular prevented the revival of confidence on the Stock Exchange which we might reasonably have hoped for with Jupiter in the 2nd house in three of the maps, and in the ascendant of the 4th.

Within the Empire, January and February are none too favourable for the Palestine situation, but since I had no space last quarter to do more than mention the Sino-Japanese con-

flict I am going to deal with that first, and give reasons for the belief I then stated that the stars are with Japan at present, although, as I have unfortunately no reliable data on China, my deductions are necessarily drawn from the one side only, and a more than usually large margin of possible error must therefore be allowed to me!

The Japanese Constitution was proclaimed at Tokyo on February 11, 1889, at 10.30 a.m. (Standard Time). This map has proved itself completely radical, especially at the great earthquake of September, 1931, and I think it may be trusted. One of its chief features is the position of Saturn in Leo, in the 4th, and ruling the 9th. In its 4th-house position Saturn undoubtedly shows the handicap of natural conditions which is such an important factor in driving Japan forth on her path of penetration and conquest. It shows a country, the surface of which is only about one-seventh arable, and which therefore cannot provide for a rapidly increasing population which has more than doubled itself in the last seventy years. In its 9th-house rulership, and in its trine to Venus, ruler of the map, which is placed in the 12th house, Saturn shows us that during the period of validity of the map, lands from abroad (9th) will be added to the country, which will help to relieve the cramped position of the people (12th) by giving her the closed markets for her goods which she is compelled to have in order to solve her problem. I found, when I came to study the question in detail, that whenever such additions have been made Saturn has been active, either by direction or by transit. Thus, at the first Sino-Japanese war in 1894, when Japan obtained Formosa (progressed Venus trine first the progressed then the radical Saturn), at the Russo-Japanese war, when her paramount interests in Korea were acknowledged (transiting Saturn trine radical Moon), in 1910 when she formally annexed that country (progressed Moon trine radical Saturn), at the Great War, when she obtained a mandate over all the former German possessions in the Pacific, north of the Equator (progressed Mars trine radical Saturn), and again in 1931-33, when she completed her occupation of Manchuria and created Manchukuo (progressed Venus square radical Saturn) gaining territory in spite of much opposition.

At the present time Saturn will soon be entering Japan's own sign of Aries, and be in sextile to the M.C. of the Constitution (Aquarius 2). Together with this the Sun, representing her supreme power, is just leaving the conjunction of Venus, ruler of the map (and also China's ruler by tradition), in Aries, and last June the progressed Moon was over this con-

junction, which is why I stated about a year ago that I thought it possible that either a constitutional crisis or the long-heralded occupation of Peking might take place last June. The condition of the Emperor's map bore out my conclusions, for by secondary direction his progressed Mars, although at present not forming any exact aspect, was trine Venus ruler of his M.C. in 1934, and is moving on to the trine of Jupiter ruler of his ascendant. Also, last June, his progressed Moon, now passing through the 1st house, was trine his radical Mars. I might say in passing that I have seen it frequently stated that Libra rules both China and Japan. Yet Raphael, in the 1932 edition of his *Mundane Astrology*, gives Aries as Japan's ruler, and surely is right in so doing, for ever since the birth of modern Japan at the Restoration of 1867, she has been most emphatically a pioneering nation, and by some writers in the past was called the Great Britain of the Far East.

In December, the progressed Moon of the Constitution will form a trine to Saturn, and the Full Moon of that month (which is also a solar eclipse), trines the Venus-Sun direction. Jupiter by transit will be just on the M.C. and the Capricorn Ingress shows Venus in the 7th at Tokyo, and Jupiter just on the cusp of the 9th. Although some newspapers talk of a long war it does not seem probable that hostilities will continue beyond this time, and I should not be surprised to see about then, or perhaps a little earlier, in November, the opening of negotiations for a settlement which will be favourable to Japan.

In Europe, the eclipse of December 2nd, in Sagittarius 10, seems likely to affect France and Russia principally. In the map of the French Republic (September 4, 1870, 4.45 p.m., Paris), it falls in the 10th house, square the Sun, with the Pluto-Jupiter opposition falling across the 1st and 7th angles of both the Republic and its present Government, for, as I said last quarter, the groups of degrees 25-29 Cancer-Capricorn is apparently of much importance to France. A fresh government crisis may result, and it is interesting to notice that the ruler of the 2nd house of the Republic, Neptune, is going to be more or less stationary on the 8th cusp during the next three or four months, opposition the 2nd-house cusp therefore, and square the Saturn-Jupiter opposition of the 11th-5th houses which I also mentioned last quarter. This seems an additional indication of an unsound and extremely tangled financial position. The month of January looks like bringing attempted co-operation of some kind between England and France; perhaps we shall be requested once more to come to the rescue of the franc.

In the U.S.S.R. (October 27/November 9, 1917, 5.15 a.m., Petrograd),¹ the eclipse falls in the 2nd, opposition Jupiter in the 8th, and square the Moon, while Mars is conjunct Uranus in the 4th, and square the Sun. This seems a sinister combination, having regard to the fact that, as I have stated elsewhere, the transiting Uranus is already affecting the T-square in fixed signs which is such an unfortunate feature of the map, from the 7th house. A continuation of the "purges" which have apparently been frequent during the last few months, may result from these violent factors. Since the Moon of the U.S.S.R. in Virgo 12 is conjunct the French Sun, the New Moon of March in Pisces 11 is again unfavourable to both countries, and may be expected to bring out some of the effects of the eclipse.

The New Moon of January 31st, in Aquarius 11, touches Germany and the United States in particular. It falls on the Sun of the Third Reich, the progressed Moon of which is now in Gemini, favourably aspecting the prominent Aquarian constellation (trine Mercury ruler of 2nd and 6th in December, and trine Saturn, ruler of 9th and 10th in March and April). Jupiter, now entering the 10th house of the map by transit will be over the Aquarian constellation at the same time, and since Saturn, ruling 9th and 10th, is being affected, I think it possible that this combination may prove to have something to do with the German colonial campaign, the opposition to which seems to be astrologically represented in the German map by Uranus, square the Sun in the radix, and now transiting in square to all these factors.

In the United States, this New Moon falls on the President's Sun, and in the 10th house of the map of his administration (January 20, 1937, 29½ minutes after noon, E.S.T., Washington). It is trine the President's M.C. but is squared by Uranus in the heavens, the dispositor of his Sun, and the ruler of the M.C. of the administration. A New Moon in the Solar Return is always important. Since in President Roosevelt's natal map it is the satellitium in the 9th house (law) which is chiefly affected by it, and in the solar map the 11th house (parliament and legislation) and the 1st, a year of further disputes with Congress and the Senate seems to be looming ahead for him. The Senate threw out the Judiciary Bill sooner than one had thought possible, so that the Supreme Court question is in abeyance

¹ See Vol. III, p. 337, *History of the Russian Revolution*, by Trotsky. Standard time presumed. The First Congress of the Soviet Dictatorship opened on October 25th/November 7th, and lasted two days. I have taken the accurately timed close.

for the present, but much other legislation is apparently pending, and President Roosevelt's efforts at the further centralisation of the administration of the United States seem likely to meet with the same determined opposition as before. The improved directions from his progressed Moon, which is going to the sextile of the 9th-house planets and the rising Uranus, will help him, however, and will also probably have the effect of increasing his personal popularity and prestige, which suffered somewhat from the June eclipse in his 10th house, square his ascendant. As far as the Capricorn Ingress is concerned we find Libra rising at Washington, so that Venus in Sagittarius is found in the 3rd, taking the square from Neptune from the 12th. Much propaganda will be at work in the United States also (Neptune in 12th); the mind of the country will be much occupied by foreign affairs (9th-house sign on 3rd), and perhaps more speeches will be made upon them (3rd) but it does not seem likely that any action will materialise. The financial uncertainty which the United States is at present experiencing is apparently indicated by Neptune, in the 5th house of the map of the administration, falling stationary square the cusp of the 2nd (Gemini 21 and conjunct the Dragon's Tail), a somewhat similar position to that in France, adverse to speculation and the Stock Exchange, and to confidence in general.

All in all, a quarter which seems likely to be characterised more by confusion, obstruction, and an inability to make headway in the solving of the world's pressing problems, rather than by violence. Not too bad, but also not too good.

(Written October 29, 1937.)

“TWO REVOLUTIONS”

Lecture delivered by ESTELLE GARDNER at the Autumn Convention.

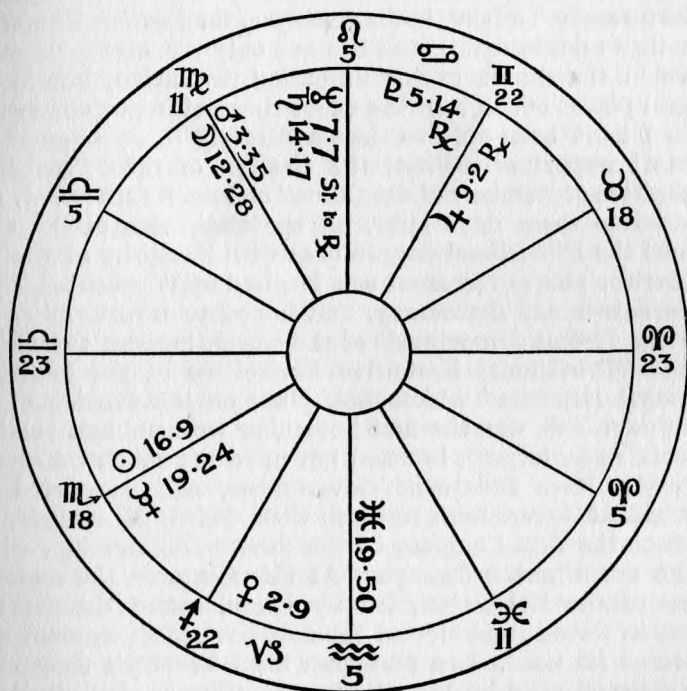
IN making my decision to talk to you to-day upon “Two Revolutions,” I was aware that in doing so I should be treading upon somewhat dangerous ground. For there is no subject in the world to-day upon which feelings run higher, nor upon which men and women become more violently partisan, than upon the present struggle between the opposing ideologies which we label Fascism and Communism, National Socialism and

International Socialism, or, more briefly, Right and Left. And astrologers though we may be, we are each of us also individuals and citizens, and as such it is not possible that we should avoid being affected to some extent by the powerful currents which are sweeping through the world, and which have already changed the face of some countries almost beyond recognition. Nor is it desirable that we *should* completely avoid being so affected, for as citizens it becomes our duty to form opinions upon those currents.

But if national astrology is to have any value at all, it seems to me that it should not shrink from the discussion of world problems, even though they be controversial, lest in any way at all it can throw light upon them. I therefore decided after much thought to present to you the maps of these two great social experiments of to-day, as they finally took shape upon the physical plane in two great countries, National Socialist Germany and the Union of Socialist Soviet Republics, or Communist Russia. It is, of course, not possible in a short talk to do more than touch the fringe of such a gigantic subject. What I shall try to do is to examine the main planetary aspects in each map in connection with certain facts concerning each movement, taken wherever possible from its literature or from the speeches of its leaders, in order that we may, if we can, see in what astrological respects the two differ, in what respects, if any, they are alike, and if we may conclude that any particular planetary influence or combination of influences is at work in each. I choose to work with the maps of the movements rather than with those of their leaders because, the map of a movement being impersonal, we do not misjudge any human motives in the reading of it, and it is therefore easier to treat it impartially. The interpretation of horoscopes is hard enough in all conscience, but when to a man's personal life one must add the national fate which for the time being is personified in him, the task of interpretation becomes even harder. Men of destiny appear from time to time upon this world's stage. Forces play through them of which they are sometimes conscious, sometimes not. Aspects which in a purely personal nativity might imply favourable or unfavourable traits of character, may in theirs typify the gigantic national struggles in which they are engaged, and the success or failure of those struggles. The motives which inspire their actions we cannot know, therefore we should not presume to judge, for in doing so we may do grave injustice.

The Russian revolution came into being sixteen years earlier than the German, than the National Socialist revolution that is,

for there was, of course, the earlier German revolution of 1918. For that reason I am going to deal with it first, and also because the Russian revolution of 1917 was a contributory cause, though by no means the only one, to the German revolution of 1933. You will notice that my map for the U.S.S.R. is cast for November 9 (N.S.), 1917, at 5.15 a.m. E.E.T. at Petrograd, and



MAP FOR THE BIRTH OF THE U.S.S.R. (See above for data)

Placidian Cusps

you will first want to know what justification I have for taking this somewhat strange time.

Those of you who are especially interested in national astrology probably know that there is a map in circulation which purports to be the map of the U.S.S.R., and is dated September 15, 1917, midday. My first thought therefore was to trace this to its source and try to verify it historically. It appears to have been given by a Frenchman, M. Brahy, in a book which was reviewed in *Modern Astrology* for April 1934. I have not been able to obtain the book, but in the review the

date was mentioned as being of interest. But after a good deal of research and reading I have not been able to find *any justification whatever* for this date. No book on recent Russian history, as far as I have been able to discover, mentions any date at all in September as having been of importance, March and November (N.S.), February and October (O.S.) having been the crucial months.

Fortunately Trotsky, in his *History of the Russian Revolution*, goes into minute detail, and has not only put on record every move in the drama of the unfolding revolution, but has in several places even given the exact times of important events. Thus I have been able to time accurately three maps of the greatest importance. First, the election of the "Provisional Committee of Members of the Duma" on March 12th (N.S.). This Committee three days later, on the abdication of the Czar, formed the Provisional Government with Kerensky as Minister of Justice. This government was inspired by Western principles of parliamentary democracy, and hoped to transform Russia into the "freest democracy" of the world. Second, the session of the "Provisional Executive Committee of the Soviet of Workers' Deputies" which took place on the evening of the same day. This was the first Soviet, or workers' and soldiers' council, to be formed, but had not in reality much connection with the later Bolshevik Government, and supported the Provisional Government to begin with. Third, the map for the close of the first Congress of the Soviet Dictatorship, which is the one I put before you. At this Congress the minority party of the Bolsheviks, led by Lenin, seized the supreme power in Russia, and elected the first Soviet Government with Lenin at its head. Two sentences from Trotsky's account of this congress must be quoted. He says: "The session" (this was the first session, which lasted through the night of the 7th-8th November) "finally came to an end at about six o'clock. A grey and cold autumn morning was dawning over the city. . . . If there were astrologers in Petrograd they must have observed portentous signs in the heavens." He then describes how the congress met again in the evening of that day. Again the session lasted all night. Then: "The agenda of the congress was completed! The Soviet government was created. It had its programme. The work could begin. And there was no lack of it. At 5.15 in the morning (November 9th, October 27th by O.S.) Kamenev closed the Constituent Congress of the Soviet régime. To the stations! Home! To the front! To the factories and barracks! To the mines and the far-off villages! In the decrees of the Soviet the delegates will carry the heaven of the prolet-

arian revolution to all corners of the country."¹ Certainly, whether there were astrologers in Petrograd or not, Trotsky's words have proved exceedingly useful to one astrologer twenty years later, and I am certain in my own mind that this time gives us the radical map of the U.S.S.R.

Before we go any further we must briefly examine pre-revolution conditions in Russia, to help us to understand how it was that the experiment represented by the U.S.S.R. was able to come to birth in that country. We find that the state structure there was quite different to any other in Europe. We find an absolute monarchy, which in the eighteenth century under Peter the Great had adopted Western methods of administration, without abandoning its traditional basis of absolutism. This had the effect of creating a powerful bureaucracy, while at the same time rejecting parliamentary government as we understand the term, as being un-Russian and against national tradition.² We find a large class of passive and uneducated peasantry forming about 80 per cent of the total population, for Russia was a predominantly agricultural country, and a limited class of landed nobility; these two classes usually supported the régime. We find a middle-class small in numbers, for it had only come into being since the eighties, when modern industry began to penetrate the country; this class had ideas which might roughly be described as liberal, and therefore usually opposed the régime, and were often to be found sympathising to a certain extent with the fourth group, that known as the intelligentsia. This group had come into being after the French Revolution. Its members, not content with demanding necessary reforms, believed in bringing about a radical change by force, and endeavoured for many years to attain their ends by terrorism and assassination. The doctrines of Marx and Engels found a ready acceptance here, and the alien races forcibly incorporated in the Russian Empire, Poles, Ukrainians, and so on, provided recruits. The Jews also, who suffered great disabilities under the Imperial Government, took a leading part in this group. I mention this because it has a bearing on the development of German National Socialism.

In the years immediately preceding the war Russia was being industrialised, a process which always creates a certain amount of economic dislocation. It drove the urban workers in large numbers into the Marxian Socialist party, at that time divided into two main groups, the Bolsheviks and the Mensheviks.

¹ *History of the Russian Revolution*, Vol. III, p. 337.

² *Bolshevism, Theory and Practice*, by Waldemar Gurian.

Then came the war, and gradually the inefficiency of the Imperial Government became manifest. In March 1917 the transport services failed, and created difficulties in the food supply, and this precipitated the end. Food riots took place in Petersburg, and the garrison joined the rioters when employed in suppressing them. The majority of the army mutinied, and authority fell into the hands of the circles represented by the opposition in the Duma, the middle-class in other words. Thus came into existence the Provisional Government, often known as the Kerensky Government, which was in power from March to November 1917, at first supported by the Soviets which were rapidly formed all over the country. I have already mentioned the two maps of March 12th (N.S.). Neptune and Jupiter were in square at that time, and whereas the map of the Provisional Committee of Members of the Duma formed at 3 p.m. had Jupiter on the M.C. squared by Neptune from the 12th, that of the first Soviet, formed at 9 p.m., had Neptune on the M.C. squaring Jupiter in the 7th. Those two maps are an interesting study in themselves, so accurately do they reflect the essential nature of the two bodies in question.

It would take too long to trace the steps by which the Bolshevik party succeeded, first in undermining the authority of the Provisional Government, never very effective because out of touch with real Russian conditions, and then in ousting the Mensheviks, or moderate Socialists, from control of the Soviets. In April Lenin returned from exile in Switzerland, and placing himself at the head of his party issued the celebrated *April thesis*, in which occurs this passage: "The peculiarity of the present situation in Russia is that it represents a transition from the *first* stage of the revolution, which because of the inadequate organisation and insufficient class-consciousness of the proletariat, led to the assumption of power by the bourgeoisie—to its second stage, which is to place power in the hands of the proletariat and the poorest strata of the peasantry." As might be expected in a country where the proletariat, to use the revolutionary term, was completely uneducated and almost in a state of barbarism, the actual result of this was to place power in the hands of the only party who were prepared to carry out this programme by force, namely the Bolsheviks. After six months of complete collapse of public order and increasing anarchy, Lenin was elected head of the first Soviet Government under the map you see above, the Moon of which was conjunct his midheaven of Virgo 8, while the Sun was conjunct his ascendant of Scorpio 17½.¹

¹ *More Notable Nativities*, Map No. 137.

It may surprise some of you to see Libra on the ascendant. Yet, after all, Libra is the sign of the Balance, and esoterically represents the state of consciousness that is between the higher and the lower emotions; a critical condition in evolution in which the Scales may dip to the one side or to the other. Here a Libra ascendant is combined with a Scorpio Sun and a Virgo Moon, a combination which Alan Leo regarded as the most critical of the twelve Scorpio polarities. In a personal horoscope it is said to give, under certain conditions of course, a tendency to extreme worldliness. In the map of a régime we might therefore expect to find the underlying philosophy to be material rather than spiritual. It is also an excellent combination for scientific research, in which the U.S.S.R. has often shown itself to excel, e.g. stratosphere investigations, polar flights, and so on.

Looking beyond the ascendant and the Sun and Moon positions we are immediately struck by the presence of Neptune on the M.C., and this position I regard as of the utmost importance in attempting any astrological understanding of Russian developments. It is to be found also in the map of the first Soviet to which I have referred. Though that Soviet in actual fact held no controlling position, its map is interesting astrologically because in it we find two of the essential features of this later map already in being, namely an ascendant of Libra 21, and an M.C. of Leo 2 with Neptune in exact conjunction therewith. It is therefore, I think, a legitimate astrological conclusion that the Russian revolution and the form of government proceeding therefrom are more strongly influenced by Neptune than by any other single planet.

What then, we must ask ourselves, is the significance of this predominant position of Neptune? In order to answer this question, at least in part, it is necessary to formulate some definition of the aims of Bolshevik social and economic policy. I will therefore quote one from the English translation of Waldemar Gurian's book *Bolshevism, Theory and Practice*, published in 1932. He says: "To realise Socialism, that is, to construct a society without classes and without private trade, in which production is systematically regulated by society in accordance with the needs of the community as a whole and every individual in particular, the most modern technical methods are employed, and the means of production publicly owned . . . such is the avowed goal for whose attainment the Bolshevik party seized the Government of Russia in November 1917." The textbooks have always told us that Neptune represents the masses, that it is the planet of Socialism *per se*. Its more

obvious implications in this map require little comment therefore. The rejection of the theory of monarchy (Sun ruler of 10th in 8th-house sign, opposition cusp of 8th, indication of the terrible fate which was to befall the Russian Imperial House, Neptune taking the place of the Sun in 10th, and in the ruling sign of Leo), the establishment of a proletarian state amongst whose citizens there shall be the least possible divergence either in position or possessions.

There is, however, one less obvious significance to Neptune. If it be the planet of universal love, or of universal chaos, as the textbooks tell us, then of all the planets it has the best claim to represent the principle of universality, and as such of internationalism as opposed to nationalism. It seems therefore possible that it denotes in this map the policy of world revolution which is an integral part of Bolshevism. I will quote from an interview with Lenin which appeared in the *Daily Chronicle* on April 23, 1919. At that time he expressed himself as follows: "A Communist state cannot exist in a world of capitalist states. This is politically and economically impossible. The Communist state must either convert the capitalist states to Communism, or succumb itself to capitalism. An apparent compromise between the two is conceivable for a short time, but it can never be real and lasting. . . . But it is with ideas, not with armies, that we shall conquer the world." Notice the phrase "with ideas," for the ruler of this map is placed in the 3rd house, which is the house of ideas, and in Capricorn, which is the natural 10th-house sign. Furthermore, the only affliction to the ruler of the 7th (war) is from the ruler of the 3rd (ideas), and that ruler, Jupiter, is in Gemini, the 3rd-house sign, and placed in a succedent and not an angular house. Elsewhere we find Lenin saying: "There is one and only one kind of real internationalism; hard work at developing the revolutionary movement and the revolutionary struggle in one's own land, and the support (by propaganda, sympathy, and material aid) of such, and only such, struggles and policies in every country without exception."¹ In the early days of the revolution the Russian leaders seem to have thought that this task of bringing about world revolution would be comparatively simple, a miscalculation which arose from the fact that they drew their deductions from Russian conditions, which were so different from those in the rest of Europe. It was in pursuance of this task that Soviet Russia sent its first ambassador to Germany in

¹ *Soviet Communism, A New Civilisation?* by Sidney and Beatrice Webb, Book II, p. 1115. Footnote from Lenin's Collected Works, Vol. XX, Book I, of American Edition, 1929.

May 1918, while Germany was still at war with the rest of the Allies, and there apparently exists well-documented evidence for those interested that the revolution of the following November was encouraged by Russian propaganda, and helped by Russian money. Owing to the patriotism of Ebert and other moderate Socialists it failed in its object however.

And how is Neptune aspected? First we see a sextile to Jupiter, in Gemini, in the 8th. One significance of this, since Neptune rules the 5th (education) and Jupiter the 3rd (the mind), is evidently the spread of education in an hitherto ignorant land. The Soviet Government have made, to quote the words of the Sidney Webbs, whose two-volume book *Soviet Communism*, published in 1935, is one of the most informative available on modern Russia, "a strenuous attempt to develop the intelligence and increase the knowledge, not of a selected few among a selected race, but of the masses of factory operatives and peasants, of hunters and fishers, of wandering tribesmen," who make up the vast population of the U.S.S.R. A benefic Neptune-Jupiter contact, says Mr. Carter in his *Encyclopaedia*, often does not notice barriers either between classes, sexes, or nationalities, and this aspect is therefore an appropriate one to find in this map. It is also often associated with idealism and religious faith, and seems to me to signify here Communism as a form of, or a substitute for, religion, and the enthusiasm which it inspires in its adherents. That it is not religion in the sense in which most of us would apply the word, seems to be shown by the position of the ruler of the 9th, Mercury, squared by the Saturn-Uranus opposition, and also by the essential weakness of Jupiter, natural ruler of the 9th, and its affliction in particular by Mars. This affliction, which in itself is somewhat extremist in nature, in politics, or anything else, was regarded by Alan Leo as one which under certain conditions could produce, to quote from *How to Judge a Nativity*, "irreligion, unorthodoxy, lack of devoutness, and carelessness of established forms of religion." The Bolshevik Government has been uncompromisingly hostile to established religion since its beginning, and the Webbs state that membership in the Communist Party is "open to no one who does not wholeheartedly and outspokenly declare himself an atheist, and a complete denier of the existence of every form or kind of the supernatural." The dictum ascribed to Marx that "religion is opium for the people" was restated by Lenin as "religion is alcohol," the underlying theory being, of course, that a belief in immortality tends to distract people from conditions in this world, and hence from trying to change or better them. The

Webbs make the statement that the professed faith of the Russian administrators is science, and this accords well with the soli-lunar combination of this map, which, as I said just now, is an excellent one for scientific research. I will also quote a short passage from Gurian, who says: "The Bolshevik outlook is, in short, determined by the adoption of a particular programme of political and social revolution as a religious creed. For Bolshevism Marxism is not merely a sociological theory, a political method, but a revelation to be received with unquestioning faith, which admits of no doubts or radical criticism." Further: "This absolutism leads to the rejection of all moral obstacles that impede the execution of the party programme. . . . In consequence of their belief in the all-importance for humanity of the political and social life, everything is measured by its relation to that life. Traditional humanitarian considerations count for nothing. The end is all in all and justifies the means."

This second half of the quotation leads us on to the T-square affliction which is a prominent feature of the map, and with which Neptune, being only 7 degrees from the conjunction of Saturn, is linked. We see Saturn in Leo in 10th, opposing Uranus in Aquarius (traditionally Russia's sign) in 4th, and this opposition squaring Sun conjunct Mercury in 1st-2nd; a serious affliction in fixed signs therefore. So that Neptune, far from being free to work out its basic idealism, is bound down to a concrete affliction in angular houses which will, through the manner of government (10th), rend the whole country (1st), with its home life (4th), agriculture (4th, of special importance since Russia is an agricultural country), finance and trade (2nd), asunder.

Uranus in particular deserves our attention, since, placed in the 4th he is obviously the planetary indicator of the peculiar changes brought about in Russian internal life by Communism. If we endeavour to define these changes in one word we may say collectivism, as opposed to individualism. Not knowing Russia myself I have had to depend upon the descriptions of others, and I have found the translations of modern Russian novels particularly illuminating in this respect, because they give a picture of the daily life of the country which is, one presumes, in essence reliable. The one thing which has struck me above all others with regard to this daily life is its absolute lack of privacy of any kind, also, as far as one can judge, of home and family life as we understand them. Books by English visitors are necessarily more restricted in scope, but *Straw Without Bricks*, by E. M. Delafield, is very well worth reading

and also exceedingly amusing. She had the unusual, I should almost think unique, experience for an English woman, of staying for a month on a collective farm, not, judging by her description, an experience I should care to have myself, though of course intensely interesting. One small thing she mentions impressed me especially, I suppose because I am very devoted to pet animals myself, and that is that the keeping of them is not encouraged in Soviet Russia, partly apparently because it has still an acute housing problem, and a not completely solved food problem, but also because, in a country where even the children are almost entirely removed from the care and influence of the parents, there is certainly no room for fondness for animals. These various manifestations are what one might expect from a Uranus which is severely afflicted (you notice it has no good aspect at all except its trine to the ascendant), and a Uranus moreover in its own sign of Aquarius, the heresy of which according to Mr. Carter in his *Zodiac and the Soul* is "the belief that the individual should count as little or nothing compared with the community."

There is one thing, however, on which all responsible observers of the U.S.S.R. seem to be agreed, and that is that it is not possible to form a really correct estimate of developments there without having known Russia in pre-war days, and this I can well believe. Since Mars, ruler of 2nd and of 6th (house of the people), is in trine from the 10th to the ruler of the map, we may conclude that in some ways the people as a whole have benefited from the revolution, or at any rate certain sections of them. Certain social reforms, details of which can be found in any textbook dealing with Soviet Russia, are presumably denoted by this aspect, also the engineering and electrification schemes which have been carried through. Furthermore the Moon, which also represents the masses, is in sextile to the Sun, ruler of 10th, and the form of government will therefore be very largely approved. Not long ago *The Times* published some interesting articles on Russia, and the second one opened with the words: "It is a strange world in which the Russians live, but it undoubtedly suits most of them." This benefic aspect of the Moon to the Sun, which in a personal nativity helps to give a good constitution, will ensure that the severe square afflictions will not break up the régime altogether, at least for many years, as will the fact that the Saturn-Uranus opposition, though in square to the Sun, is sextile-trine the ascendant. Furthermore the cardinal sign on the ascendant will ensure a certain flexibility, and this has often been demonstrated in the twenty-year life of the U.S.S.R., when changes

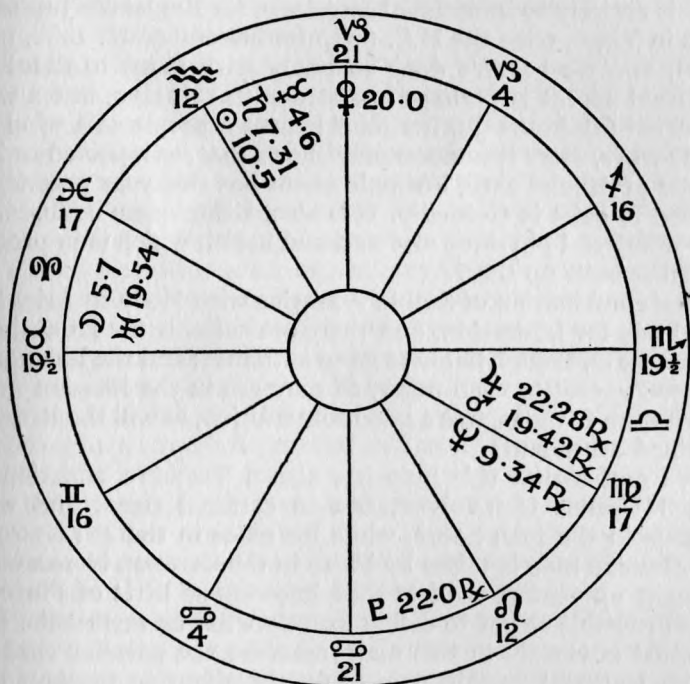
suiting the policy of the moment have been made. These changes were designated by Lenin "steps backward" in pursuance of the theory that "the line of advance in a revolution takes a zig-zag course." The first of them was the economic policy known as NEP, introduced in March 1921, which brought back private trading to a certain extent. It is astrologically interesting that during that month Jupiter was in transit over the Moon, a small proof that Jupiter has much to do with what we know as the established order of things.

The linking up of Neptune with the Saturnian afflictions seems to be the astrological indication of the gradual development of the Russian *internal* system away from the original principles of the revolution. This development, which recently moved Trotsky to write a book called *The Revolution Betrayed*, seems to have been caused by the effort to enable Russia to compete with capitalist countries. It was discussed at length in three articles in *The Times* last July, entitled respectively "A New Industrial Revolution," "A Retreat from Utopia," and "A Changed Face to the World." The writer says: "The capitalist observer need not be disconcerted to discover that Soviet Socialism is, after all, only capitalism writ large," from which we may apparently, if pessimistic by nature, deduce the truth of the French proverb that "le plus cela change, le plus c'est la même chose!"

Since however, the main purpose of this talk is to compare the Russian map with the German, I must now turn to the latter. But before I do so I would like to point out that the next four years are undoubtedly going to be of extreme importance to the U.S.S.R., for Uranus by transit will complete the square in fixed signs, and in 1940 and 1941 he will be followed by Saturn. What will happen one can only surmise, but the square of Uranus to the radical Saturn seems to have already been at work this summer in the frequent "purges" which have taken place.

The German National Socialist State formally came into being, according to General Göring's book *Germany Reborn*, on January 30, 1933, at 11 a.m. C.E.T. in Berlin, when the formalities creating Hitler Chancellor of the Reich were completed, and the aged President dismissed the newly formed government to its work with the words: "And now, gentlemen, forward with God!" The background of the post-war years in Germany, which rendered this revolutionary change practically inevitable, will be more or less known to you. A succession of democratically elected governments, reduced to impotence by implacable hostility abroad and disunion at home, a heavy

burden of reparations, an inflation which ruined the middle classes, destroying capital with such completeness that to-day anyone in Germany who inherits anything whatsoever apart from real estate is an outstanding exception, and lastly the spread of Communist propaganda, to which Germany, by reason of her geographical position and desperate economic condition (her unemployment figures were over the six million mark in a



BIRTH OF THE GERMAN NATIONAL SOCIALIST STATE
(Data given above)

Placidian Cusps

population of approximately sixty-three million), was particularly vulnerable. I went into this background in detail in a former talk, and will now take January 30, 1933, as my starting-point.

The very first thing we notice about this map, the ascendant of which is conjunct Hitler's Venus-Mars conjunction, is that it is also ruled by Venus in Capricorn. Venus in Capricorn in a personal map gives a certain coldness which, without being too far-fetched, we can also trace in authoritarian governments,

which certainly cut out sentiment. But the Venus in this map is far more strongly placed than the Russian one, being exactly on the M.C. In fact by mundane position it is the strongest planet in the map, and therefore will manifest more strongly on the physical plane. Furthermore it is in close trine to Jupiter in the 6th house and 6th-house sign. Jupiter in Virgo is traditionally a weak sign position, but I cannot think that this is entirely so in national astrology, for England's Jupiter is also in Virgo, trine the M.C. (map for December 25, 1066, mid-day), and we haven't done so badly with it up to date! Its spiritual aspect is perhaps less strong in this sign, but a well-aspected 6th-house Jupiter *must* benefit a people as a whole in some ways. Here it undoubtedly shows that, as reported in *The Times* of August 25th, unemployment has this year practically ceased to exist in Germany. It is also, I think, the indicator of the wonderful physique and national health which is in process of being built up there.

The combination of Sun in Aquarius with Moon in Aries is a good one for leadership, and therefore suitable for an authoritarian state, though liable to go to extremes; and the luminaries in good aspect to each other, as they are in the Russian map, will ensure to the régime a good constitution, as will the strongly fortified ascendant.

We notice that this map has also a T-square affliction in which Uranus is involved, but in cardinal signs, and with Uranus in the 12th house, while his place in the 4th house of the Russian map is taken by Pluto in the German. Here we are brought up against the fact that, knowing so little of Pluto, it is not possible as yet to define exactly what he represents. But he must obviously in this map represent the peculiar changes which National Socialism has brought about in German life, just as Uranus in the Russian map signifies those brought about by Communism in Russian life. Therefore we must try to find some definition of National Socialism, and in that way perhaps we may be able to throw some light upon the meaning of Pluto. But before doing this I would like to point out that the one planet afflicted without mitigating aspects in this map is Uranus in the 12th, and Uranus is the planet which we find in the Russian 4th, representing the particular kind of revolutionary change brought about by Soviet rule. And this is interesting, because it is exactly *that* particular kind of revolutionary change which National Socialism was designed to prevent, and the party propaganda was deliberately directed to winning over those Germans who had become Communists. National Socialism has its own form of revolutionary changes

and difficulties, which are evidently represented by Pluto, but the Russian form it has imprisoned in the 12th house, and the Communist State is the one form of State structure with which, by its own nature, it can have no compromise whatsoever. Therefore, although I once thought, and stated, that in all probability Pluto might be considered the enemy of the Third Reich, I now, two years later, consider that it is *Uranus* which we may expect to be the chief planetary indicator of any future danger which may threaten it.

National Socialism, like Bolshevism, was a minority party when Hitler was made Chancellor. But in the election held the following March, under a system of proportional representation, the party obtained 42% of all votes cast, while the remaining 58 per cent was split up among nine other parties, of which the Social Democrats and the Communists, in that order, obtained most support. I might say in passing that there appears still to be a widespread idea in this country that National Socialism is merely reactionary, and a return to pre-war Germany. This idea, which is assiduously spread by propaganda, is based presumably on the fact that Germany has re-armed, but in reality nothing could be farther from the truth. National Socialism is a Socialist structure in a national form (Goebbels, at Nuremberg, 1936). A popular and easily remembered definition of it is: "If you love your country you are national: if you love your people you are socialist," but we must go into it in rather more detail than that, and in order to do this I am going to read to you seven points out of the twenty-five on which the party was returned to power.

(1) We demand the union of all Germans in a Pan-German State (the German word is *Gross-Deutschland*, great Germany), in accordance with the right of all peoples to self-determination. (The main masses of Germans outside the Reich are the German minorities incorporated by the peace treaty in the new States of Czechoslovakia and Poland. The people of Austria are Germanic by race, but not by nationality.)

(2) We demand that the German people shall have equal rights with those of other nations; and that the Treaties of Versailles and St. Germain shall be abrogated. (This point has been largely fulfilled, as we know.)

(3) We demand space (colonies) for the maintenance of our people and the settlement of our surplus population.

(4) Is what is known as the Aryan clause, which runs: "Only those who are our countrymen shall be citizens of our State. Only those who are of German blood can be considered as our countrymen, regardless of creed." Out of this arises point (6)

which demands that no public office shall be held by any but a citizen of the State.

(9) The rights and duties of all citizens shall be the same. Out of which arises (10) the first duty of every citizen shall be to work mentally or physically. No individual shall carry on any work that is deleterious to the community, but shall contribute to the benefit of all.

Then follow points dealing with the sharing of the State in the profits of large industries, the control of chain stores and combines for the encouragement of the small private trader, the creation and maintenance of a sound middle-class, certain land reforms, social measures to do with physical education and maternity welfare, the control of the Press, and finally in point (24) is summarised the object of the party philosophy: "The Party is convinced that a lasting recovery of the nation can only be achieved from within on the principle THE GOOD OF THE STATE BEFORE THE GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL." Nothing could be more typical of the Aquarian configuration of this map. An unafflicted Aquarius, as Mr. Carter says in his *Encyclopaedia*, "gladly sinks its own interest for the common weal."

Neptune, so powerful in the Russian map, is unaspected in the 5th house. Socialism, though present in education and in social policy, is approached from a totally different angle; I think it might be said rather to serve in Virgo than to rule in Leo. You notice that in the map of the U.S.S.R. the ruler of the 6th (house of the people) is placed in the 10th, and that it is in the 6th-house sign. Russia calls herself a proletarian state. But in the Third Reich the ruler of the 6th, also in the 10th, is in the 11th-house sign, for National Socialism aims at solving the class problem without pressure, by the mixing of the classes at work and at play—by, in short, a spirit of comradeship based on a common aim (also very typical of Aquarius), rather than by a forcible liquidation of all classes except the one. Though collectivism is present in the German system in such things as youth organisations and labour camps, the family is still the unit of the nation, and home and daily life in most of their aspects go on undisturbed.

With regard to Pluto, Mrs. Rhodes once said to me that she felt that he represents a change of values, and my mind leapt at that definition at once, because that is exactly what he seems to have produced in Germany. The most obvious example is, of course, the concrete one of finance. Germany has very little gold; she has a managed currency within her own borders. Any gold that she does possess must be used in buying indispensable imports. This makes for a poor country, forced to be self-

contained, and calls for certain sacrifices on the part of the people. We see that Pluto is in opposition to the ruler of the map; tension must therefore be present. But he is also in sextile to the 6th-house planets; these sacrifices are, for the most part, cheerfully borne, and luxury is unfashionable in Germany to-day. They also bring certain indirect benefits, such as the stimulation of invention in the supplying of substitutes, and of craftsmanship. I will give you one small instance. You will see no gold jewellery in German jewellers' shops to-day, but you will see silver or silver-gilt jewellery of exceptionally pleasing design, since it must depend for its appeal upon appearance alone, having little intrinsic worth. There is a general simplification of life, since its standards are no longer set by the gold which is not there, and the money which very few people have. Everything which has to do with national culture and tradition, such as folk-music and dancing, peasant dress, old customs, is encouraged. Above all, the land and those who live on it are in the first rank of importance. Strangely enough, whereas in Russia an agricultural country is in process of being industrialised (and Uranus was the planet the discovery of which coincided with the opening of the industrial era), in Germany a highly industrialised country is endeavouring by every possible means to become, not completely agricultural, which of course would be impossible, but at least as much so that the land may once again provide food for its own people, and that it, and those who live on and from it, may not be sacrificed to urban culture and development, as it has been more or less in all industrial countries, including our own. In how far this effort can succeed time alone can show, but it is one, to my mind, entirely commendable aspect of National Socialism.

It is this deep and close tie with the earth which I feel links National Socialist thought so strongly with Pluto, and which leads one on to what may be termed his mystical aspect. Pluto is the god of the underworld, of the depths of the earth, perhaps also of the depths of consciousness, not only personal but national and racial. In England we are given from time to time garbled accounts of National Socialist mysticism; we are told about "blood and soil" and "race" and so on, and it all sounds very absurd, especially to those who have never come into personal contact with it. And it is very difficult to put into words, because like all mysticism it is more or less formless, one only knows that it is there, the idea that each people is in itself an entity, with certain characteristics peculiar to itself, bound closely to, and drawing life from, the soil from which it springs, with an awareness of itself which seeks consciously or uncon-

sciously to defend its distinctive physical and mental type against adulteration, and to preserve its national type from anti-national internationalism. It is something which has burst forth from the depths, primitive if you like, unscientific possibly, violent sometimes with the violence of Scorpio, liable, as Scorpio is liable, to extremes, yet in its unafflicted aspect healthy and cleansing. Mark you, I say unafflicted aspect, I have *not* said that the German Pluto is totally unafflicted, any more than I said that the Russian Neptune is totally unafflicted. What I *do* say is that the system connoted by Pluto is the natural answer to the one connoted by Neptune; the natural answer of a nation with a strong national consciousness to the nation which has as its avowed aim the wiping out of national consciousness. Both systems on their economic side are efforts to construct societies in which the plenty which modern science is capable of producing shall be within the reach of all. But while the one attempts through the principle of universality inherent in Neptune, together with the principle of collectivism inherent in certain aspects of Uranus, to wipe out all difference of race, of creed, of nationality, of class, almost it would seem, of personality, the other, through the individuality of Capricorn, together with the cleansing action of Pluto, keeps these things, and endeavours to redefine them, to place new values upon them, and to achieve regeneration for its people. Thus, in the first system, the attempted universality of Neptune ensures that the doctrines of Communism are the same wherever they are preached, but the second, through Pluto, is closely linked to the soil on which it comes to birth, so that its expression is different for each nation and we find that German National Socialism is very unlike Italian Fascism. But we live in an imperfect world. An American thinker quoted by the Sidney Webbs has written:¹ "The perfect society has never yet resulted from a revolution. The process will simply be the adjustment of mankind to a new phase made necessary by its own evolution." And that evolution has always, all through the world's history, taken a tremendous toll of individual human suffering. Revolutions, being in their essence change, cannot come to birth except under afflictions, for good aspects alone would not produce the necessary stimulus to change. But neither do they come to birth unless conditions are present which make them inevitable.

There is one more point on which I must touch, and that is the vital one of peace or of war. We have heard that the avowed idea of Communism as regards other countries is to further

¹ George Soule, *The Coming American Revolution*, 1934, p. 303.

world revolution, and to conquer the world by ideas and not by armies. What is the National Socialist idea? Some of you would say, perhaps, that it is to conquer all and sundry by force of arms, but at the risk of offending those of you who think this, I am compelled to say that I disagree. To my mind while we might describe the Communist idea as "internationalism founded upon internationalism" we might describe the National Socialist idea as "internationalism founded upon nationalism," or respect for its own national traditions and for those of other people. This can best be illustrated by a quotation from Hitler's speech to the Reichstag on May 17, 1933. He said: "In speaking at this moment as a National Socialist I wish to announce in the name of the National Government and the entire National Revolution that in this young Germany we in particular are possessed by a deep understanding of, and sympathy for, similar feelings and sentiments in other peoples, as well as for their just claims. This young Germany has only up to the present known want and misery in its own nation, and has suffered too much from folly to entertain any notion of bringing others into a similar state of misery. Our National Socialism is a principle which imposes upon us an international outlook. It is because we feel a boundless love for and loyalty to our own nation that we respect the national rights of other peoples, and desire from the depths of our hearts to live with them in peace and amity. Hence we are also free from any notions of Germanisation. The intellectual attitude of recent centuries that thought it possible to make Germans out of Poles and Frenchmen is as unquestionably foreign to us as it is certain that we would passionately defend ourselves against any similar attempt. We look upon the European nations surrounding us as given facts. Frenchmen, Poles, etc., are our neighbours. We know that no conceivable historical event can alter this truth." I think myself that the German map bears out this statement; I believe myself that we need not fear either Germany or Russia, with her huge armed forces, starting an aggressive war *in the old sense of the word*. In neither map is the ruler of the 7th house afflicted; in both the rulers of 1st and 7th are in trine. But, you will say, what about Spain? Here I feel myself to be touching upon a very delicate subject indeed. I am very anxious not to say anything that might be considered too political, though it is very difficult to speak upon my subject without touching politics. But one thing I do feel bound to say, because it arises out of the nature of these two maps, and I think it is blinking the realities of our present-day world not to say it. There are millions of people in all countries to whom Bol-

shevism and world revolution with all their implications are utterly abhorrent. Therefore, where the system which is committed to it is at work, the system which has Neptune on its midheaven and Uranus in its 4th, there you will inevitably find the adherents of the other system, which in the case of Germany has its ruler Venus on the midheaven, and Pluto in the 4th, helping those whose ideals are similar to their own. And this is because these two forces are far more than just political parties, or systems of government; their roots go deep down into the very foundations of human nature and existence; they are in conflict of necessity, in the same way that the forces of Protestantism and Catholicism were in conflict in the Middle Ages; like them they are philosophies of life, they are creeds, and any attempt to estimate or to deal with them as less is foredoomed to failure.

I believe, I may be wrong but I believe, that the conflict we are witnessing has for its astrological signature the sign of Aquarius, together with the mighty powers of Pluto and of Neptune, both, since they are manifesting in the physical world, linked closely with Saturn. And that it is a conflict which, for good or for ill, is going to leave its mark upon our century, and eventually, in one form or another, upon every country. For it is nothing less than the conflict as to how life within the dawning Aquarian age shall be lived; the conflict which is symbolised by chain-store versus individual trader; by trust versus anti-trust; by the centralised ant-heap, the logical outcome of which is a ruthless international super-capitalism, within which the unit, whether national or individual, will be completely powerless in the hands of the controlling few; or the voluntary association of nations retaining their own characteristics, keeping each its own national heritage of culture and tradition. Dislike the idea though we may, it is becoming increasingly clear that in the extreme complexity of our modern world, if a nation wishes to survive at all it will be compelled to restrict individual freedom within the limits of national well-being; in order to preserve its freedom it must, to a certain extent, lose it; it must, as the National Socialist phrases it, place **THE GOOD OF THE STATE BEFORE THE GOOD OF THE INDIVIDUAL**. In other words *to the Neptunian principle of attempted universality it will be compelled to oppose the Plutonian principle of change of values and a link with the soil*. These two maps in the essential differences afford, to my mind, as good an astrological example of these conflicting principles as one could hope to find.

There are those among us who still think that it is possible

for England to pass completely unscathed and unchanged through the present world ferment. I would only remind them that from the last world ferment, that of which the French Revolution was the first manifestation, emerged the creed of liberalism, which has exercised a powerful influence upon this country in the past. And from an earlier one, which in many ways parallels our own time more closely, that known as the Reformation, came the influences which eventually cast the religious life of England in its distinctive mould. The major processes of history have never halted at national frontiers, and we are living in a time when history is being made more rapidly than ever before. Out of each world-struggle comes some contribution to world-development, very different it may be from what the originators of that struggle had in mind, as liberalism was different from the violence that gave it birth, but which, in its turn, sways the hearts and minds of men for a time, long perhaps when measured in terms of the single human life, but short as the twinkling of an eye in the great process of man's becoming. England's genius throughout the centuries has been that she has moulded her own pattern of each world-development to serve her sons and daughters, taking that which is good, rejecting that which is less good. If through national astrology we may gain a little insight into the forces at work in the world to-day, perhaps it can help us, as citizens, in the moulding of an English pattern once again, when, as I believe must inevitably come to pass, these cosmic currents of attempted adjustment begin to affect our own national life with ever-increasing strength. We, of all people, should not be blind to the real issues involved; we, of all people, should try to keep our vision clear, and our minds unaffected by the subtle propaganda with which this struggle is befogged through a thousand channels. And when, as citizens, we take our parts in the conflicts of the period into which we have been born, let us, as astrologers, see to it that our art, as far as it be possible, be kept free from prejudice and preconceived ideas, that it may serve truth, and perhaps be instrumental in a little to the "healing of the nations." Let us bear in mind Edwin Arnold's words:

Before beginning and without an end,
As space eternal and as surety sure,
Is fixed a Power Divine which moves to good,
Only its laws endure.

For there is One Whom the planets in their courses obey,
and "our times are in His Hands."

ANSWERS TO PROBLEMS

VERNITA CHURCHILL, a member of the Committee of the Astrological Lodge of London, and a well-known lecturer on astrological subjects, has kindly agreed to answer questions concerning children, courtship, domestic, and psychological problems.

Every question must be accompanied by a coupon, which will be found on advert. pages, and a stamped addressed envelope must be enclosed for reply, in case there is no space to print it. Also please state the birth date of the person about whom the question is asked—day, year, place, and time, if possible. If the question concerns two people, such as husband and wife, dates of both must be given.

Please do not send questions concerning racing, health, or money affairs.

Examples of questions recently dealt with follow below.

CHILD WHO TELLS LIES

I have a child who is a terrible liar. There does not seem any reason for it, as we are not unduly harsh parents, and the other children are quite different. How can I break him of this fault?

This child has the Moon rising in Gemini afflicted by Neptune, which shows that he is extremely sensitive, and often indicates an unreasoning fear. Never scold a child of this sort, but point out to him gently and kindly that certain actions unfailingly bring certain results, whether one is found out or not. Show him how unwise it is to steal the plums and hide the stones under the carpet; someone is sure to step on them. Make him feel that it is a mistake which he has made, and not a sin which he has committed, and that naturally he will be anxious to put it right. Suggest that he buys some more plums with his pocket money, and puts them back. Make him feel that it is a thing that you might have done yourself, and in any case that you know he is sorry, and you will always help him to put it right.

Gradually, you will overcome his fear, and you will find that he only lies when he is frightened. We so often make children feel wicked when they are only unwise. They are not born sinful, but have the sense of sin planted in them by their elders.

LONELINESS

I am a spinster of about fifty, intelligent and artistic, but I make few friends, and in consequence am very lonely. Why is this?

The fault lies in yourself and not in your circumstances.

You are born under Virgo and the natives of this sign are always very critical and particular. The Sun in the 10th house shows that you have risen somewhat above the sphere in which you were born, and the people you used to mix with no longer satisfy you—you want something a little better. Those born under Virgo are naturally reserved, and find it difficult to make the first advances, but it is a cosmic law that you cannot receive until you have given. Be friendly and kindly to those a little below you socially, and who want to know you; and you will find that this will lead to other friendships with those who are more congenial to you. You can then select the ones you prefer, and in this way, you will slide gradually and naturally on to a higher social scale.

ESTRANGEMENT

My husband and I were very happy at first, and I thought the world of him, but we seem to have grown apart. Is there any way of getting back to the original state?

Your husband is born under Leo, and Leo people cannot live in an atmosphere of disapproval. Virgo is your sign, which gives you a somewhat critical nature, with a quick brain and clear perception. You probably have not hidden the fact that you can see through your husband, nor failed to pull to pieces his exaggerated statements, nor to show him up when he is boasting. In doing so, you have unwittingly destroyed his self-pride.

Do your utmost to build it up again. Not by flattering him, but by bringing out the things that you used to admire in him, and which are still there. Try not to mind the boasting and inaccuracies. Everyone has something to put up with, and most Leos are so kindly and warmhearted that it is easy to forgive them a great deal. There are strong ties between your maps, which show real affection and understanding as a basis.

Virgo criticism is very difficult to bear, the more so as it is nearly always true; and the natives of this sign should be very careful not to let it be destructive criticism, or they simply defeat their object, which is to produce perfection.

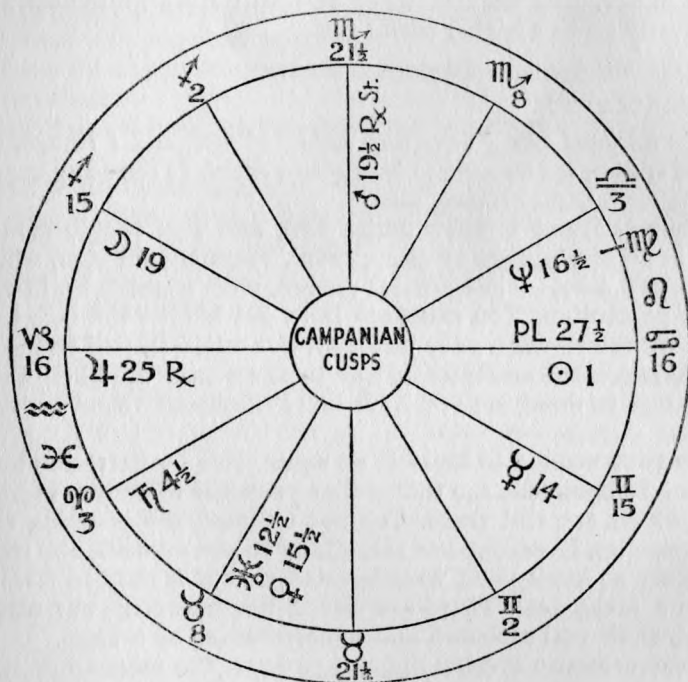
THE MISSING BALL

A PROBLEM IN HORARY ASTROLOGY

By LUNA LEO

THE problem set last quarter was to find the whereabouts of a lost ball by means of the accompanying horary figure, cast for 9.13 p.m. G.M.T., June 22, 1937, London. The solution is given in the words of Mr. X, the finder.

"Of course I went straight to the spot; it was unmistakable.



The lord of the 1st house in the 2nd, and the lord of the 2nd strong on an angle, well aspected by a benefic in the 1st, were sure indications that the ball would easily be found. As Mars was the ruler of the 2nd and was on the cusp of the 5th (games) from the 6th (small animals), it was clearly the signifier of a red ball used as a *plaything* by dogs. And Mars was in Scorpio—*drains*!

"Night was falling, so I took a flashlight, and, bending down to the ground, peered into the gully drain—there was the ball!

Wedge at the junction of the two branches (illustrated in the last Quarterly), into which it had been poked in earlier searches, it only partly obstructed the drain, and could not have been seen in the daytime owing to the strong light outside. Hastily withdrawing it, I rushed indoors, to meet the enthusiastic reception already recorded.

"All very trivial, no doubt, but what splendid evidence for Campanus! The houses are set according to that system, which alone puts Aries on the cusp of the 2nd, ruled by Mars stationary in Scorpio on the 10th, so apt a significator of the missing article and its whereabouts. Placidus and Regiomontanus both place Pisces on the 2nd cusp, ruled by Jupiter in Capricorn, which, apart from its not being a fitting significator of the ball, indicates either the floor of the outhouse or the ground beneath the shrubs as possible places in which to search, and, moreover, being retrograde denotes the likelihood of the ball not being found at all.

"Advocates of Campanus have often been challenged to produce facts substantiating the validity of that method of house-division, and here at last, plain for all to see, is a piece of evidence which not only proves it up to the hilt, but decisively discredits all other systems in use at the present time."

Only four readers sent in attempts at a solution of this problem, all presumably based on Placidian cusps, and consequently incorrect, although the assumption of Neptunian rulership of Pisces nearly scored a bull because of the watery element. By this means Mrs. Ryan narrowed down the search to three places: the fish pond, the gully drain, and the water tank, but chose the latter because Neptune was in Virgo, the earthy sign indicating a droughty state and its opposition to Pisces the inversion of the tank, an additional pointer being the rulership of rubber by Neptune. As, however, there is no familiarity between that planet and the ruler of the 1st, and as it is in the 8th squared by the Moon in the 11th, the finding of the ball would have been a difficult matter, if not impossible.

Mrs. Stone's effort nearly hit the mark, but as it contains so many variations, it could hardly have done otherwise. With the Campanian clue she could not have missed, for she refers to the position of Mars in the 5th house from the 6th and its rulership of red objects. Her final choice is a crevice or corner of the rockery, however, based on the position of Saturn and the Moon in fiery signs, one of which is ruled by Jupiter in earth, Sagittarius also denoting rising ground with shrubby

growth. Both Mrs. Stone and Mrs. Ryan mention the speedy and unexpected recovery of the ball by an astrologer, from the conjunction of Venus with Uranus, the former ruling the 4th. (Incidentally it will be noticed that Campanus gives Venus rulership over the 3rd with Uranus not far from the cusp—the chief end of the matter being its publication in an astrological magazine!)

Mrs. Churchill suggested the gate by the back door, and Mrs. West would have chosen the water tank had her credibility allowed, but decided on the outhouse from Jupiter's rulership.

The question was discussed at the Lodge on October 11th, when several present would have voted for the drain were it not that they had more faith in Mrs. X than in astrology! Actually the ball could not have been seen there at all in daylight, as mentioned above, and poking had merely forced it into the angle between the two branches.

The problem has aroused some interesting discussions and correspondence, and, as it gives weight to the Campanian method of house-division, readers would seem well advised to experiment with that in their horary work. It should be added that no clear clue appears to be afforded by the directions of the signs or houses, the ball being found W.N.W. from the querent's position.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

TRANSITS—RECTIFICATION—TISSUE REMEDIES

From JOSEPHINE M. SHEFFIELD.

In regard to transits of minor planets (except Mars) being unimportant, I think it depends on how important they are in a person's chart; if Venus or Mercury, for instance, rule the ascendant, or are rising, or in some other outstanding position, they often indicate an event of importance to that person.

I'm so "sold" on transits, after having tried other systems, that I firmly believe that when they seem not to work it is because a sufficient amount of rectification has not been done, or the astrologer hasn't used everything available, such as nodes, lunations, transits as they affect natal planets and points, and zodiacal transits. An example of the latter: I know a young man who had a job as photographer on a boat sailing between New York and California; the seamen's strike was called during the opposition of Saturn and Neptune in the sky; it fell across his 6th and 12th houses. He could not afford to be idle for an indefinite period, so gave up the job. Of course with the adverse influence working, he didn't get another

good one, but managed to keep himself going till aspects changed. There were other adverse influences besides the opposition, which indicated a difficult period, but none which showed the loss of his job as clearly as that did.

I've had many cases where the north or south node seemed to be the only indication of an event.

I would like to speak again of rectification in this connection. I believe not half enough work is done along that line. Many astrologers simply take the person's word as to the time; others get two or three events, from which they do a little rectifying, and then make a year's forecast which, in many cases, doesn't work. I know of several such cases, where the client has gone back to the astrologer to have further correction made, only to be told that it was not the astrologer's fault if he didn't give his correct time, and that if he wanted further work done it would cost \$5 or \$10 more. Many clients do not go back but simply conclude that there's nothing in astrology.

I believe the right way is to get at least five or six important events by which to rectify the time; then send the person a month's forecast and ask for a report as to how it works. This is the method I use and find very satisfactory, to me as well as to my customers. I *never* take anyone's word as to his time, unless there is a written record of it.

As to my system of rectification—I use lunations, and cuspal conjunctions (of transiting, not progressed, planets). Not all important events have a cuspal conjunction, but all cuspal conjunctions indicate important events, and if I do not find at least three or four of them in checking a list of events, I feel sure the time needs rectifying.

If a chart is properly rectified and the astrologer uses the nodes, lunations, transits as they relate to natal planets and points, and zodiacal transits according to where they fall in the natal chart, I'm sure complicated systems of progression will be unnecessary.

In case the above sounds merely theoretical, let me say that I have tested the theory very thoroughly with charts in my own file and also those given in magazines, and I have found so few cases where the events were not clearly shown by transits, that I am convinced those few were due to insufficient rectification.

This may interest you in connection with my idea that Uranus has to do with "flu." In looking through the book of tissue remedies (Boericke and Dewey) I noticed that the one given for this disease is *natrum muriaticum*; that is the Aquarius salt and Uranus rules Aquarius!¹

¹ This letter is accompanied with extensive data tending to show the connection between Uranus and influenza. According to some biochemic authors the disease is due to excess of waste moisture in the tissues and is prevented or cured by *natrum sulphuricum*. *Muriaticum* is indicated by running colds and *clear* liquid exudations of all sorts.
—ED.

I wonder if you will help me a little regarding the use of these salts, as you have had so much experience with them. Jupiter, ruler of my ascendant (and also my Sun sign) is afflicted in Aries. Should I take the ♄ salt or the ♀ one, or both?

I have your magazines containing Mrs. Rhodes's articles, but I confess I found them a bit confusing. She seems to advocate using the salts that go with the planets and gives ferrum phos. for an afflicted Mars. That is the Pisces salt! It is logical that phosphate of iron (ferrum phos.) should go with Mars, but what about the other planets? Is there a separate list of salts for them? How does she know what salts go with the planets if she doesn't use the ones of the signs ruled by the planets?

Using them in the regular way, as listed, here is an idea I've had. For convenience, take my chart with Jupiter afflicted in Aries. Mars is also afflicted by a very wide (12°) opposition to Neptune. I know this works as Neptune is in Taurus and Mars in Scorpio, and I had an operation on my throat. Now it seems to me that I should take both the ♄ and ♀ salts; but if I had only Jupiter afflicted, and not Mars, I should think I'd need only the ♄ one. Is that correct? Carrying the idea a little further, I have Mars afflicted in Scorpio, but Pluto, ruler of that sign (I believe) is not afflicted, so I'd need only the Mars (Aries) salt.

I shall so appreciate your advice, as the whole idea of these salts seems to me logical and I want to use them and recommend them to others, but I want to be sure of giving the right advice.

NOTE BY EDITOR.—Astrology, as a mirror of human life, is necessarily complicated, at best, and attempts to make its use simple, as when it is said that the sun-sign always indicates the remedy required, irrespective of all other considerations, are probably more likely to mislead than to prove themselves useful short cuts. Examination of symptoms will often show the salt needed without recourse to the natus, but, if possible, both avenues should be explored. My personal belief is that *the remedy indicated by the signs containing malefics (and in particular by afflicted malefics) is nearly always required*—most so, of course when that horoscopic element is specially active. If some part of the map that has particular reference to health is involved, so much the more that sign will be a true index. For example, natrum sulph. (Taurus) has been a real godsend to me, and my weakest planet is Neptune in Taurus in 8th. I have never seen a correlation of remedies to planets. I do not think the remedies are *ruled* by the signs allocated to them, but that the signs *need* these remedies. Thus, Mars probably *rules* ferrum phos. and Pisces may *need* it, because it is the sign farthest, in the order of the zodiac, from Aries, the positive sign of Mars. Thus a body in Pisces would normally have been longer away from Aries than if placed in any other sign, and it would, so to speak, have exhausted its positive Mars content.

HOUSE-DIVISION

From W. GLEN HENSON.

It appears to me that a few pertinent remarks relative to investigations into house-division are in order at this time. More precisely

stated, clarification of the actual difficulties engendered by such an investigation. There is no desire on the part of the writer to follow the usual custom by giving a few of the reasons for his purely personal preference for a given system, and then to sit back with an air of smug self-satisfaction, expecting a tremendous ovation for the so-called "beatific logicity" of what is obviously a crippled form of scientific procedure. By no means. In the first place, we assume that among the body of readers there are some who have experienced the exacting demands of research in some particular scientific pursuit. Consequently such people would hardly be impressed with the customary procedure as described above. Their intellectual appetites would naturally be of such a nature as to demand something other than conversation as proof of the particular form of house-division being examined.

There is another class of readers with which we should concern ourselves. This class is composed of relatively elementary students who are forced by the very meagreness of their knowledge to invest the flat statements of your correspondents with the properties of scientific authority. Such readers find themselves in difficulties the magnitude of which is seldom appreciated. The writer has the deepest sympathy for them, and it is with the view of clearing away a portion of the doubt, however slight, in which the antics of your correspondents have placed them, that this letter has been written.

The problem of house-division is to be regarded as being no nearer an exact solution to-day than it was, let us say, a century ago. This may be attributed to the following reasons:

(1) The inferior mathematical and astronomical qualifications of the observer.

(2) The peculiar belief that years of experience in the astrological field have the magic to invest personal preferences with the properties of objective proof.

(3) The, as yet, undefined nature of the "physical force" underlying planetary influence.

(This last needs a further qualification as investigations into G. E. Sutcliffe's *Cosmology* as outlined in a series of articles on "The Physical Foundations of Astrology," appearing in early volumes of *Modern Astrology*, and in a text entitled *The New Astronomy, or Cosmic Physiology*, are so promising that a theory both coherent and comprehensive appears to be in the offing.)

(4) There is no known method at present for precisely determining the relative value of any of the fundamental planes which form the basis of the various systems of house-division put forward thus far. True enough, many writers have logically assumed that the two actual planes of motion, the ecliptic and the equator, should be given first consideration. But it is to be remembered that, however logical this may appear, it is still only a theory.

(5) All tests of house-division by actual experiment are somewhat invalidated by the rather disconcerting fact that the very astrological factors used as criteria, such as directions, aspects, and

the imputed influence of signs and planets, etc., are in themselves debatable points.

These items are variables in that the system utilised depends upon the individual tastes of the investigator, rather than upon rigidly conducted tests.

While the items listed above do not claim the distinction of completeness, it is our belief that they constitute the most important reasons why this tricky and somewhat elusive item, house-division, had never been definitely pinned to earth.

There is one thing certain, and that is that your correspondents can write themselves black in the face, utilising their present approach, without accomplishing anything further than coining new adjectives and exhausting all the personal invectives in the English language during the course of their squabbles. The wild bedlam arising during these harangues serves no other purpose than to heap further shame upon an already disgraced science, astrology. In many respects this sorry spectacle is inclined to make one very pessimistic indeed when considering the future of astrology.¹

Though we do not expect to alter this unfortunate condition, we do hope that we have given a little insight behind the scenes to the poor befuddled beginner.

MR. BRAY'S ARTICLE

From M. WARDROPER.

Mr. Edgar Bray's article in your June issue was full of interest and I was particularly grateful to him for supplying the maps of the pre-natal epochs.

But to one statement I must take exception. On page 55, Mr. Bray says:

"The map has not a single opposition and only one square aspect, indicative that Mrs. Warfield is an essentially 'good' person, with very little evil," etc.

Does this not imply that adverse aspects in a chart are an indication of an evil character? Granted that this is so at times, yet we can all recall some fine characters with heavy squares and oppositions in their nativities, which have shown out in the life as ill health, serious accidents, severe handicaps of all kinds, and have been fought and overcome with admirable courage and patience. The absence of such aspects quite often merely shows that the native's life will move along more pleasantly than average, possibly owing to an amiable, adaptable, and easy-going nature.

Moreover, I am inclined to think that in the Duchess of Windsor's chart the Moon must be considered within orbs of an opposition to Mars. How otherwise explain the severe attacks made on her name,

¹ I cannot but regard Mr. Henson's phrases as being very exaggerated so far as the Quarterly is concerned.—ED.

especially by the Press of her native country? (ruler in 4th opposition Mars in M.C.). Hidden enmity and slander is also shown by Neptune in 12th ruler of M.C., in square to M.C. Mr. Bray looks upon Jupiter as the ruler of Pisces: he has no doubt dignity in that sign, where the philanthropic side of Pisces is concerned; but no astrologer considers the 12th house or the twelfth sign as exceptionally lucky, which they should be, were they ruled by the greater benefic.

One remarkable feature of this horoscope Mr. Bray did not comment on at all: the fact that the Sun and four planets are in the 12th house, which, one would expect, would tend to a life of retirement and seclusion, whereas the opposite—so far—has been the case. Personally I think this would tend to give this native an exceedingly dual and complex nature; much of her character would remain concealed, even from those close to her; she may even suffer considerably from this inner isolation. She will carry many secrets in life, or may at times be the victim of intrigues. I should not be surprised to hear that she is interested in the occult.

As regards the prospects for permanent happiness in married life I also cannot quite share Mr. Bray's optimistic view. True, there are many points of contact between the two charts and no doubt a strong mental affinity and similarity of tastes exist.

As regards progressions, the ordinary secondary directions of one day for a year bring Moon progressed trine Venus, progressed, sextile Pluto to June last, date of the wedding, carried out in relative seclusion in a foreign country—Pluto and Venus radical in 12th.

As regards the problem of conjoint twins, perhaps some of our medical confreres can tell us whether it is physiologically possible that two separate ones, fecundated at separate times, might grow together while in an embryonic condition.

If this is believed, or known to be, possible, two distinct pre-natal epochs might account for subsequently diverging destinies, even in conjoint twins.

In the horoscopes dealing with corpulency, I was struck by the fact, that Capricorn and also Virgo seemed rather strongly represented. How can this be explained? The fixed signs, especially Taurus, one would expect to tend that way; also perhaps Libra (after middle life) but not so our saturnine and mercurial friends!

In conclusion, I wish to record my appreciation of "Horoscopes Wrongly Calculated," by Mr. Fagan.

A very remarkable fact in Joan of Arc's planetary positions is that the fiery signs are conspicuous by their absence and nothing seems to indicate a violent death except Mars square Pluto—possibly Mars in 8th, in opposition ascendant at time of death?

CHILDREN'S HOROSCOPES

From LOUISE EASLEY.

As a new subscriber to your Quarterly I would like to hear from any of your readers who are interested in the relationship of Astrology to Children's Charts.

Some of them might be interested in the same subject and possibly know of books dealing with this subject which would be of assistance to me. If they would communicate with me through your magazine or direct, I would greatly appreciate their co-operation in this matter.

Thanking you for your assistance.

GENERAL FRANCO

From WALTER H. SAMPSON.

May I comment on Miss Matthews's letter *re* mine about General Franco?

My whole plea is for a compromise between what we conceive to be astrological truth and kindness to the object of our comments. Miss Matthews says that "to attack your own countrymen because you do not like their form of government; and brutally destroy them, is not exactly kind and generous." I do not think anyone would dispute this. But I must plead that I cannot find in that either a complete or a just description of General Franco's activities. Will anyone think that this account is sufficient unto the case? I hope not and I think not.

Miss Matthews takes me to task for asserting that the favourable aspects of Saturn and Jupiter to the luminaries in this horoscope are of prime importance. She thinks not, because the Sun and Moon both apply, first, to the squares of Mars. I reiterate that they *are* of prime importance, because in cases where luminaries or significators are afflicted by minors, and befriended by majors, the majors eventually take charge, and while the early stages of the life may be marred by the afflictions, the later stages are certainly much improved. There are very many good points in this horoscope which Miss Matthews chooses to pass over, such as, for example, the fact that Sun and Mars are both in Jupiter's signs, and that the Sun and Jupiter are in mutual reception, since Jupiter is in the sign of the Sun's exaltation, and, surely, a square of the Sun to Mars in signs of Jupiter cannot be so evil as if it occurred elsewhere. Again, it is of very great importance that the opposition of Saturn to Jupiter is mediated by the luminaries and by Neptune, and, in fact, all the bad points she mentions are modified by good ones which it is not at all difficult to find.

My whole contention is that we must strive to be just; we must remember that we are not using an *exact* science, that there must be unknown factors, that no judgment of ours can be final, that

estimations of the more trenchant kind are best avoided, and that a judgment that is chiefly condemnatory is seldom correct. I am willing to believe that most people who reach, or are led into, positions of eminence and power may, usually, mean very well, but Fate, circumstance, or whatever one likes to call it, plays strange tricks, and individuals become involved in actions which are very far-reaching in their effects for good or ill, and that these effects are often far from their intentions. Leaders are very often scapegoats, if they do not appeal to the popular imagination.

I was little concerned in the first instance as to whether General Franco was an instrument of wicked and evil forces, or a lesser St. Michael, but much more concerned as to whether his natal horoscope really justified Miss Matthews's delineation. I still think that her description was unfair, and that his natal horoscope describes a man in whom there must be a very large proportion of active good, to say the very least. That is all I wished to assert—not that General Franco is an angel or devoid of any blame, but simply that his natal horoscope represents at least as much good as the reverse, and that he should, in any delineation, be given credit for it. And this he most certainly was not.

I have not said and cannot say the last word on this subject, for it is utterly beyond my powers to do so. There is always and forever so much to learn, so much that is and may always be unknown. It seems to me our duty as astrologers to make as kindly judgments of our fellows as the terms of our art, *and the extent of our ignorance* (which is incalculable), allow. We should not depart from what we think is the truth, but we may and should temper our judgments with all the evidence we can command, and then again, by the reflection that people are seldom or ever as bad as some of their horoscopes seem to denote, and that, somehow, lots of people make not too bad a job of horoscopes which appear to be little groups of calamities knitted up into a great catastrophe. Yes, people are often much better than their horoscopes, and it may be the part of wisdom to commence with that as an assumption, rather than end with it as a corrective.

Astrology may be for many purposes, and who is to declare exactly what "its purpose" is? Still, I have always seen in it a wonderful opportunity to help people, but if we commence with condemnation, how can we help? There actually is good in all people, even in General Franco, and to find that, to fasten the attention of the individual upon it, to help them to utilise it—that seems to me the best office of astrology. In this sense, the astrologer can be a priest, upholding the good in people, warning against the evil. I cannot think that we are here to pillory others, or to make "specimens" of them. It is difficult to be just or kindly if those are our objects. The superior is bound, by its position, to help, not to attack. If astrology is not an aid to humanity in the hands of its exponents, if it cannot be an encouragement by reason of the fact that it discloses our divine potencies and our latent possibilities, I think it

would be far better if it were left alone. Humanity is in sore need of spiritual help. I see in astrology a most powerful and fruitful source of aid, but I do not see it in those who have not yet learned to use it in a kindly, tolerant, generous spirit. In saying this, I mean to accuse no one, but only to plead, in conclusion, for a higher and better use, on the part of all of us, of that which after all is the highest and best source of wisdom available to us. And I hereby, publicly, sincerely, and earnestly pray for the will, heart, and strength to carry out this doctrine on my own part, for the glory of the Heavens and its Maker, for the credit of astrology, and for the good of humanity.

SYMBOLICS, MORIN, AND THE STARS

From GEORGE H. BAILEY

It seems my lot to be ever striving to save my astrological friends from delusions of their own contriving, only to be met with lofty assurances that at least they will not allow themselves to be deluded by *my* arguments, nor will they unbend to face the facts so liberally spread before them. And you, dear Editor, despite my repeated statements that in the case at issue the native had passed through many evil symbolic directions, even you decline to investigate further, and when confronted with a series of powerful symbolics which on your own showing are of a fatal nature, airily dismiss them as harmless where infants are concerned! Regretfully, therefore, I am compelled to produce yet other evil symbolics to which the native did not succumb.

Taking the radical contacts you mention as indicative of death, we find in the 10th year, by 1° , $\text{♁} \text{♂} \text{♂}$, $\text{♀} \square \text{♂}$, ♁ and PL afflicting the angles, and ♀ , ruler of 1st and 8th, joining in the natal $\text{♀} \square \text{♁}$, her radical position being at the same time $\text{♂} \text{♁}$, while by the $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ "background" measure $\text{♁} \square \text{PL}$ affected \odot . Yet the lad lived on.

Between 14 and 15, too, your "two radical contacts" became entangled with each other, for then we find $\text{♁} \text{♂} \text{♀} \square \text{♁}$, and PL $\text{♂} \text{♁} \square \text{♀}$, also M.C. $\text{♂} \text{♂}$, and ♁ afflicting the angles, all by 1° , while by $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$ ♁ was just leaving $\text{♂} \odot$. And the lad lived on!

May I say again—*there are others!* How one could attempt to predict from such directions, in the face of the trifling examples put forward to account for death, is beyond comprehension. If you can't find a "better 'ole" than this you are indeed in sore straits!

Your remarks on prediction by the stars are beside the point. My original article was an attempt to solve a problem unexplainable by ordinary methods, and I did no more than revert to ancient tradition. The stars and constellations have been associated with

astrology from the beginning, and only in our modern and more superficial times have they fallen into disuse. To imply that they have no significance is striking at the very foundations of astrology, and such an attitude in one of your eminence is to be deplored.

I do not understand Mr. Macbean's difficulty in accounting for the 720 arcs he terms "fantastic," for I gave details in the June issue. Each planet (or luminary) is separated from each of the nine others by two arcs which together make 360° , yielding no less than 90 arcs for conjunctions alone. A similar number exists for *each* evil aspect (of which there are seven), and $8 \times 90 = 720$, omitting the 40 arcs between the ten bodies and their own places. Of course, if no measure greater than 1° is used (Oh, 4° , where is thy sting?), many will not apply, even to the longest life, but as symbolists do not hesitate to use cusps as directional points, what is lost on the swings is more than gained on the roundabouts!

I must add for Mr. Macbean's benefit that "a day for a year" is *not* symbolic, but *factual*, as may be appreciated by due consideration of the nature of time. If astrology is to be made a science we must face cosmic actualities and drop this pseudo-symbolism. Indeed, there is nothing "symbolic" in progressing a point at $\frac{1}{3}^\circ$, $\frac{1}{4}^\circ$, or 1° per year, and such shallow practice only lowers astrology to the level of astronomy.

It is a pleasure to turn to Mr. Gleadow's letter, which convincingly attacks the problem on rational astrological lines. He is kind enough to confirm that the star Scheat (*Beta Pegasi*) was setting in the progressed horoscope at death, although he ignores Matar (*Eta Pegasi*), which was also on the western horizon, the one being $\text{♂} \text{♀}$ radical (zodiac) and the other $\text{♂} \text{♂}$ radical (zodiac). Strangely enough, he proclaims himself no user of symbolics, yet seems to have progressed the map at a so-called "symbolic" or uniform measure.

His main contention is that ♂ , ruler of the Regiomontanian 8th (and 3rd) is the anareta, and by the methods of Morin he shows how that planet came into operation at death. As, however, by the same methods equally potent directions are found at the age of 14, up to Mr. Gleadow to explain why no fatal accident occurred it is then.

At that age not only was ♂ (ruler of 4th, and a significator of death) directed to ♂ ascendant (zodiac), but ♂ was also on the 4th cusp, in mundane square with the ascendant, which was therefore doubly afflicted. The solar revolution for 1921, too, was of far more deadly import than that for 1926, for ♂ , the ruler, was closely $\text{♂} \odot$ in the 8th on the place of the radical ruler, ♀ . The "preserver of life," ♂ , was also in the 8th, closely $\text{♂} \text{♂}$, and *Luna was on the 3rd cusp squaring the radical Jupiter from the radical 8th*, while the degree on the radical 3rd was close to the M.C., squared by ♂ , which was also $\text{♂} \text{♂}$ in the 1st. ♀ , too, ruler of the 8th, was in the 8th $\angle \text{♂}$, $\square \text{♂}$, $\square \text{♂}$ radical and M.C. progressed. The transits two months later were equally bad, for when \odot passed over the M.C. of the revolution and the cusp of the radical 3rd, ♂ was crossing

the radical ascendant, $\odot \♂$! What would Morin have predicted from that?

The rôle of destroyer hardly fits $\♂$ in the present case. His tokens are cuts, wounds, scalds, or burns—certainly bloodshed of some sort. The native suffered no external injuries, however, and as death was due to crushing, surely h must be blamed. In the radix h afflicts \odot , J , and ruler, and is in ill aspect with $2\downarrow$ and PL, whereas $\♂$ is in no aspect with any of the significators of life, *save a close sextile with Luna*. Further, the 4th house not only contains the elements of a sudden end to the life (H , $\square \text{♀}$ in 1st), but is ruled by this extremely malefic h , afflicting the rulers of the 1st and the Campanian 3rd and 8th. Such considerations add weight to the significance of the stars setting in the progressed horoscope at death, $\odot \text{h}$ and $\text{♂} \text{♀}$ (one of which, Matar, was actually culminating in the heavens at the start of that fatal ride), and effectively dispose of Mr. Gleadow's contentions based on the Regiomontanian scheme.

Editor's reply:

Mr. Bailey is nothing if not stimulating. On page 52 of this volume I specifically said that I was not attacking his views about the stars, for the very simple reason that I have never properly investigated this field.

My quarrel with him is that he condemns symbolics because they appear to him imperfect and failed to "kill" the unfortunate lad whose map is under discussion at an earlier date. I have replied that directions do not always affect the young as clearly as those whose activities have developed over wider fields. I had Sun square Neptune when I was about 13, but nothing happened. I did not even smoke my first cigarette until two years later! But I am quite certain such a direction would affect me *now*, very severely. It may have worked out in family affairs and so may the symbolics that Mr. Bailey quotes.

I recall a case wherein Sun opposition Neptune worked very clearly in one twin's map but did nothing in that of the other twin, who was under close astrological observation.

If Mr. Bailey's studies of the stars can throw light on these cases and similar ones, we shall be grateful.

If I could reject symbolics I should be very pleased to do so, for I am, during the next two years or so, confronted with some unpleasant ones, the radical $\text{♀} \square \Psi$ forming contacts with the radical ascendant $\square \text{h}$ —my two worst aspects coming together.

Turning to what are (I hope) less controversial points, I would draw attention to the *transit* condition just before the lad's death. Namely Mars stationary on the cusp of the 8th (Campanus) and Uranus stationary almost precisely at the midpoint of the radical opposition Sun-Saturn.

Transits have this advantage over most directional methods, to wit that they appear almost always to work *personally*, whereas directions often affect us obliquely, through our associates, so that a careful scrutiny of the *individual* life does not reveal their effects.

SOME QUERIES

From A. RUPERTI, junr.

To me as a reader of the Quarterly and student of astrology, there are several significant trends noticeable in the present attitude of astrologers to their art or science which urge one to ask a few questions:

1. Do our modern leading exponents of astrology consider it as an art or as a science?

2. If the former, do they also agree that astrology deals with a system of abstract symbolism—or do they believe that the stars actually influence people and do they attempt to gauge this influence through astrology?

3. Can anyone give an adequate explanation as to why one system of directions serves better for one person than for another? We have this problem in the present argument over “symbolical directions.”

4. How do our attempts at exact prediction of *concrete* events become reconciled with the principle of free will?

5. We are all agreed that modern textbooks on astrology give most definite and concrete meanings to planets, their positions, and their aspects. We agree also that these meanings are merely correlated, traditional data, gathered together by various men from Ptolemy to the present day. Is it agreed that such textbooks do *not* deal essentially with *pure astrology*, but only with certain particular applications based on traditional knowledge of traditional subjects? Character, health, marriage, happiness, matters affecting the state, etc.

6. What is the basis of astrology? Would the answer that astrology is based on an intuitive realisation identifying “order” and “the celestial motions of the stars” suffice? This is to say that the conceptual quality of “order” was latent in the unconscious; that it was the psychological result of a yearning to find a compensation for the apparent chaos of every-day existence; and that man observed that there was a striking regularity in the movements of Sun, Moon, and stars.

7. Do astrologers consider that the interpretation of astrological factors should become rigid and set, and based on the compilation of sufficient data and statistics?

8. Do astrologers agree that even now in modern astrology the geocentric and the heliocentric viewpoints are hopelessly mixed, e.g. Sun and Moon are called the "lights"; the term "fixed stars" is used for no valid reason, and what is more these fixed stars are given archaic meaning in terms of the old geocentric concept "constellation"?

9. Do astrologers consider primary and secondary progressions as unsymbolical?

10. Mr. Carter has stated that astrology is still largely in the stage of being an empirical science, and yet he avers that the "theory" of astrology is based upon philosophical considerations. Do astrologers agree with this statement?

11. If astrologers agree to call astrology an empirical science, how do they reconcile this with the "horary" branch?

12. Would astrologers accept the following explanation of Mr. Carter's statement above: Astrology in its deeper aspect is that effort made by Man to give to Nature, within as well as without, the meaning or order of cosmos. All sciences, of course, work toward this goal. Astrology however, which probably antedates them all, pursues the goal in a broader and more constructive way than any other method of thought, because it is *not* a mere science tabulating facts; it is a philosophy interpreting these facts in terms of ideas, and an art, applying the interpretations to individual cases.

13. Have astrologers agreed to the suggestion, made by Mr. Carter in one of his books, that in natal and horary astrology, house position was of more importance than sign position, when considering the function of a planet in an individual chart? In other words planets are, in terms of their zodiacal positions, focal points for collective energies; while they represent, in terms of their house positions, centres of activities within the individual structure of the entire being and destiny.

14. How many astrologers agree when it is said that the value of astrology does *not* depend upon its predictive accuracy, but rather upon the fact that it provides us with "formulas" of being and of becoming, which enable us to extract the most significance from what is happening or what HAS happened; because if we assimilate that significance thoroughly we are then able to face whatever WILL happen with an integrated unified front, and as bestowers of significance. Events in themselves are not important, what matters is the significance we bestow upon them. Thus, events do not happen, we happen to them; we make them constructive or destructive. We must therefore know what we are rather than what events may befall us.

15. It has been said that the radix system of directing is a compromise aiming at ease of calculation and simplification; this because it is outwardly very close to the 1° method, but also very close to secondary progressions as the solar and lunar mean daily

motions are employed. Would astrologers agree that there was very little reason for adopting such co-efficiency of translation of spatial into durational values, on the ground that either the actual daily motion of Sun and Moon should be considered, or the archetypal value of 1° ?

16. Why should concrete events be foretold accurately? Is not the co-efficient of inaccuracy the co-efficient of freedom? From a strictly astrological viewpoint, is not the latter seen to consist in the very fact that there *are* various possible ways of progressing, directing, or "transiting" a chart? Is not the ever-prevalent element of inaccuracy in progressions the symbol of man's creative freedom and creative initiative? Is not the real value of *natal* astrology in its being able to allow man so to understand his past, so to grasp the full *significance* of the seed-form of his being and destiny (birth-chart), that he will be fully prepared to meet any future event—to meet it *significantly*, with courage, with understanding, and from such a "formed" viewpoint that all events are seen as beautiful?

17. Having stressed the idea of "significance," one presumes that it is known that no one can *normally* give accurately the location of an event and the significance of that event at the same time, because each factor requires a special type of mental or spiritual polarisation which, at least to some extent, excludes the other.

In the light of the above, would it not be more worth while and more constructive to concentrate not on finding the exact time of a concrete occurrence, but on establishing the *sequence* of the operations involved in the process of actualising the potentialities in the birth chart?

18. Have not astrologers realised that the lumped-together and confusing interpretations of astrological factors found in modern textbooks, still attempt to explain man and his actions from the physiological-instinctual level, but that man to-day is more of a rational being and in more and more cases functions at the psycho-mental level? In other words have astrologers decided yet that the interpretations they give must be re-polarised to modern conditions, instead of being in terms of the past solar-plexus reactions to life.

THE DOLLFUSS DATA

From ING. PAUL REGENSTREIF.

Miss Mabel Baudot has used wrong data in her wonderful article on our Chancellor, Dr. Dollfuss. I suppose she got her information by way of German papers and not through Austrian information.

He was born 4.10.1892 at 12.29 (night) and his correct data are:

M.C.	♈ 22°	♈ 22°
XI.	♈ 5°	♈ 0°
XII.	♈ 13°	♈ 8°
Asc.	♈ 9°	♈ 9°
II.	♈ 29°	♈ 27°
III.	♈ 22°	♈ 27°
(Regiomont.).		(Placidus).
☉	11°12' ♈	♈ 21°4' ♈ R
☽	9°45' ♈	♈ 4°17' ♈
☿	7°58' ♈	♈ 4°53' ♈
♀	25°49' ♈	♈ 11°12' ♈ St. R
♂	12°48' ♈	♈ 9°35' ♈

For death on 25.7.1934 we have: *Primary Direction*: ascendant ♈ ☽ *direct* and *Ingress* on the primary ascendant ♂ ♀ ☽ ♈. You know that we have formed an "international correspondence service," and if you want any data we are all at your disposal, Mr. Gleadow being at the head of it.

REVIEWS

The Uranian, written for Pentecost, 1937, the Festival of the Mitred Flame, by HILARY DOURAN. Published by The Theosophical Publishing House, London, W.C.1. Price 6d., 7d. post free.

Why or how a flame should be cut at an angle of 45° is not explained in this booklet, but it contains other strange things, chiefly concerned with the author's conceptions of the odd behaviour of Uranians and of what the Aquarian Age will be like. The prospect is not alluring. One expects a little eccentricity with an afflicted Uranus, but according to Hilary Douran a full-blown Uranian is a sexless creature interested in biology, but having no use for children or flowers, who tours forlorn suburbs giving misleading information to garage hands, who likes being offensive to pretty girls, and who generally proves a disappointment not only to his tutors but to his acquaintances—in fact, everything that an Aquarian is not! Yet, in common with many astrological students, the author regards Uranus as the ruler of Aquarius, and contends that the coming age will be chiefly individualistic.

Those who welcome fresh viewpoints from unusual angles will not begrudge the small sum charged for this booklet.

G. 13.

Astrology's Place in the World of Science, by ARNOLD W. MEYER. Published by L. N. Fowler & Co., Ltd., London, E.C.4. Price 5s. net.

As may be inferred from the title, this book is an attempt to put astrology on the scientific map. The author appears to know some-

thing of astrology and something of science, but whether his knowledge would pass muster with experts on either side is a moot point. As, however, he is not writing for experts, this should not detract from the value of the book, which is likely to achieve much in the popularisation of astrology, especially amongst the multitudinous followers of the "armchair science" so widespread to-day.

From a consideration of the earth's place in the universe and the nature of matter, the author goes on to demonstrate by mathematical formulae the interaction between the planetary bodies, thence to their astrological relationships as manifested in life and character. The calculation of the horoscope follows, with brief descriptions of the nature of the planets, zodiacal signs and houses, illustrated by example nativities and horary figures. A chapter is devoted to foreign horoscopes and southern latitudes, and one to eclipses and lunar phenomena, in which the author's own natus is given to illustrate the prenatal epoch (necessitating a rectification of no less than twenty-six minutes in his birth-time and a radical alteration to his sex!). Tables of Major and Minor Arcs for use with the radix system of directions, together with a Table of Eclipses from 1902 to 1936, complete the book.

The examples of directional astrology would have been enhanced had Mr. Meyer used the "day-for-a-year" system, especially in the case illustrating the effects of Mars in Gemini, for at the time of the fatal accident mentioned the planet concerned was, by its own local motion, actually crossing the lower meridian, in mundane square with the ascendant. In the case of the accident to one of a pair of twins, too, mention of the converse direction of Uranus to the exact conjunction with the radical Moon, both afflicting the birth ascendant from the 3rd house, and both culminating in the heavens at the time of the mishap, would have added weight to the argument.

The book should appeal more to the general public than to the purely astrological student, for it is no textbook and consequently many details are missed, even in the calculations. This, however, may be a good feature in that readers will be encouraged to delve into other and deeper regions of the astrological field.

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