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EDITORIAL

The War Retrospect

Our last issue brought our chronicle up to about May 19th, when the Duke of Aosta surrendered as h T. came to the opposition of the King of Italy's \odot .

For the rest, the month went against us.

Vichy virtually joined the Axis and Russia went so far as to acknowledge the Iraqi usurper Rashid Ali.

In regard to these events one can but refer to Hitler's Sun par. Jupiter, exact in July.

Apart from the fighting in Taurus countries, the formation in that sign hardly performed what most astrologers expected of it. There was no invasion, and such earthquakes as there were were unimportant and had no effect on hostilities. There was the Hess incident, which may or may not have been important, and the rule associated with Mr. Mitchell, that four or more bodies in one sign portends the downfall of the great, was exemplified in more cases than one.

The lunation, at the end of the month, produced several appropriate results, such as Roosevelt's declaration of an unlimited emergency, much fighting between air- and sea-craft, and the savage battles in Crete. Whether the bombing of Dublin may be ascribed to this, or to the Taurus positions, depends on one's opinion as to the rulership of Eire.

The month closed with better news from Iraq, but also with the deplorable evacuation of Crete. There were reports of mutiny and sabotage, but, apart from the Hess affair, my forecast of insubordination in Germany and German-occupied countries did not receive very definite corroboration until later. Obviously it is not easy to estimate the ebb and flow of such tendencies.

June came in with Sun sextile Jupiter (180°) map, and this seems mainly to have operated through the ever-increasing help from the States, e.g. the freezing of Axis credits, the

assumption by America of naval responsibilities in the Pacific, and, later, the garrisoning of Iceland.

In the March issue I mentioned two influences affecting France, and noted that the tenor of the second ($\mathfrak{J} \Delta \mathfrak{D} \text{r.}$) was ambiguous. It seems to have indicated the stubborn Vichy resistance in Syria.

Coming next to the ingress, the very mixed character of the 7th house in that figure and the likelihood of fresh friendships and new foes were emphasised, and, in the event, justified.

For Turkey signed a treaty with Germany. At that time \mathfrak{h} was in transit to the square of the same planet in the 11th house of the 1801 map, and, incidentally be it noted, in the war-map \mathfrak{g} , ruler of the 11th, occupied the same point.

Further, we had to take up arms against the Vichy French in Syria, and, last but not least, Germany, Italy, Hungary, Finland, and Rumania invaded Russia, a country which, until very recently, had done much to hamper and annoy us.

The invasion seems to have started about sunrise on the 22nd. As when invading Poland, Hitler chose $\mathfrak{D} \mathfrak{g} \mathfrak{L}$, but the lord of the 7th was by no means without favourable aspects.

In the issue of December 1939 I wrote, of relations between Germany and Russia, "one sees little signs of permanent friendship or even toleration"; but I have been unable to speak with confidence about Russia because of the lack of dependable data. Yet it may be worth recalling that in the above issue I also wrote, "We may note that Napoleon, who, like Hitler, had Saturn in the 10th, did himself no good by his transactions with Russia."

In our last issue we suggested that Russia might adopt a bolder attitude. It seems she was invaded without having any opportunity to be either firm or weak. But her subsequent resistance has astonished the world.

In the war-map Moon was conjunction Uranus (\mathfrak{S}), and, by the measure of one degree for a month, we find $\odot \mathfrak{g} \Psi$ in the map for the non-aggression pact between Germany and Russia. By this measure Saturn, significator of Russia, was trine Neptune in the 11th in the war-map almost to the day.

This degree-to-the-month increment is new to me, but I am informed that it has been used by others for horary and revolutionary maps. It appears to be worth noticing.

To return to the U.S.S.R., the best map seems to be that for November 9 (NS), 1917, at 5.15 a.m. E.E.T., at Leningrad (see our issue of December 1937).

As for Stalin, events seem to confirm the map for 8.16 a.m., January 2, 1880, N.S., at 42 N., 44 E. The positions are:

Houses

X	XI	XII	Asc.	II	III
18 ♍	10 †	29 †	23½ ♍	8 ♋	19 ♍

Planets

♂ 11 ♍	♂ 4 ♍	♂ 19 †	♀ 26½ ♍	♂ 15 ♋	♂ 9 ♋
♂ 9 ♍	♂ 9 ♍ R	♂ 9 ♋ R	♂ 25½ ♋ R		

There were, about midsummer, various powerful progressed formations, mostly bad. The most noteworthy was the opposition of progressed Moon to progressed Mars, both going to the squares of natal Jupiter and Uranus. It seems very clear that, as we said, Stalin did not wish a conflict with Germany, and, indeed, he went to great lengths to avoid it.

I would say that the mighty Russo-German struggle is the *real* message of the Taurus formation, squared by Mars in Aquarius, the sign of Russia.

Despite Stalin's adverse June directions, his Sun is going to sextile radical Mars, from a natal trine, and so final success seems indicated.

Whilst these things were transpiring in the East, we in Great Britain enjoyed, from May 11th onwards, a prolonged spell of comparative quietude. So the various pacific indications, to which we have drawn attention, were to some extent justified.

The King's Moon trine Saturn was significant both of better conditions in the country and of improved relations with Russia.

As the month came to its end, we began our great air-offensive, by day and night, against Germany. This was entirely characteristic of Mars conjunction Uranus 0—d in the 1801 map, and also of the entry of Mars into Aries. Meanwhile Saturn and Uranus molested Goering's alleged ascendant and Hitler's progressed Moon.

As regards the Italian afflictions mentioned in our last issue, I suppose the Russian war was the main correlate of these. It cannot be pleasant to enter a war expecting it to be finished (by someone else) within a few weeks, and then, after a year of humiliating defeat, to find that one's partner has started yet another major struggle. From what we know of Hitler it is quite likely that the Italians were not consulted on this matter; the direction ♂ ♄ suggests surprise.

Mussolini's personal affliction (♂ ♂ ♀) mentioned in our last issue, produced the death of his son Bruno. ♀ is a general significator of sons.

In Abyssinia the campaign drew near its end, and early in July ten Italian generals surrendered on one day.

Further rationing was not unexpected, for we have ♄ par. ♃ in the 1801 map, exact during the autumn.

July started with furious fighting in Russia.

For ourselves, Mars in Aries, sextile Jupiter in Gemini, was a splendid augury of continual collaboration with the United States, and on the 8th it was announced that American troops would garrison Iceland, a tremendous step forward.

In Syria the Vichy forces asked for terms, whilst in Western Germany the attacks of our air forces increased by day and night.

During this encouraging period the Sun was sextile Pluto in the war-map, by the degree-for-a-month measure.

An important feature was the very heavy shipping losses we were able to inflict on the enemy. Speaking of the Summer Ingress in the last issue I hinted that the figure was bad for maritime matters, but that this was not exclusively applicable to us. One is always prone to interpret these maps, both in respect of afflictions and helpful indications, from the standpoint of one's own nation. This is patriotic, but not scientific. It is better from time to time to ask one's self, "How should I be likely to read this if I were a German?"

As the lunation came into action at the end of the month the difficulties we had foreseen for the Government were not slow in making their appearance, though they were perhaps less malignant than I had feared. There was a good deal of criticism of the Government, and a virulent attack upon the democracies by General Franco, but the worst development, of course, was the Japanese occupation of French Indo-China, with the connivance of the Vichy junta. To this both the British Empire and the United States promptly reacted with firmness.

August began with some naval successes, well shown by Moon trine Neptune, 1° per mensem measure, in the war-map.

Many astrologers seem to have expected much from the full moon, which involved Hitler's Saturn. However, it affected other maps besides Hitler's, including Saturn in one of the two suggested U.S.S.R. figures. Furious fighting continued in Russia and the Germans won undeniable successes. I do not myself consider full moons as being, as a rule, very important.

The Roosevelt-Churchill declaration was broadcast in London at 2.00 p.m., G.M.T., on the 14th, and the time might have been chosen by an astrologer, since Venus was precisely on the M.C., in trine to Saturn and Uranus, setting. The Sun and Mercury were in sextile to Jupiter and in trine to Mars. Mercury and Jupiter, part-lords of the 1st and 7th, were within half-an-hour of an exact sextile. There were, of course,

afflictive contacts and it is indeed obvious that the programme of the two statesmen is not going to be easily carried into effect. Nevertheless, the figure is an intensely interesting one.

It may be observed that the Moon comes to the trine of Venus in 6° . Also, note that at the time Jupiter (T) was in almost precise trine to Venus in Aquarius in our 1801 map.

Passing on, Mars around 22° may indicate some definite offensive action by Britain, since this point is the asc. of our 1066 horoscope. However, it is also prominent in other maps. It is near the opposition of Hitler's ascendant, the δ of the Mikado's γ , and the δ of the asc. in one of the suggested U.S.S.R. charts.

The lunation falls in square to the Japanese Neptune, which is also receiving (T) the conjunctions of η and μ . My impression is that we shall be no less occupied with Japan than with Germany during the latter part of this year.

Prospect

September is a month full of astrological interest, and although previous forecasts of months being "bad for Germany" have not been too successful, one feels prepared to risk another such prophecy.

The month starts with Moon opposition radical Neptune in Hitler's map, whilst Uranus is stationary near the natal Neptune and Mars is stationary in opposition to his ascendant. Such configurations point to personal danger, as well as numerous frustrations in politics and military and naval matters. At best it will be a very harassing time for the Führer.

Again, about the middle of the month the one serious configuration in the Third Reich horoscope (the "T" formation of Venus, Uranus and Pluto) begins to be excited by the progressed Moon, which takes the square to Uranus in the 12th.

The eclipse of the 21st shows the Lights just rising at Berlin in close conjunction with Neptune in Virgo, and here we see indications of popular unrest and Communistic movements, sabotage, and a spate of rumour. I write "we see," but, as with all Neptunian motions, much more will transpire than meets the eye. In this figure the lords of the 1st and 7th are in near trine, but the former is opposed to Mars, on the ascendant of our 1066 figure.

The above remarks apply, of course, to most of Central and Western Europe, but at London the Lights and Neptune are well below the horizon and their action much less powerful.

The Autumn Ingress, two days later, shows Sun conjunction Neptune in the M.C., trine Saturn and Uranus. At Berlin and

Rome, Neptune is only a few degrees from the cusp of the 10th, and at the former city Saturn and Uranus are setting. Even allowing for their being well aspected, this appears to indicate for the Germans unrest and privation at home, and serious checks and difficulties in the field of battle, especially in Russia.

Moreover, the prominence of Neptune denotes maritime troubles. Note, he also rules rain and snow.

This same feature (as in the eclipse map) will probably produce a great crop of rumours and I daresay the old topics of invasion and gas attack will be amongst them. We shall be wise to be prepared, but it is not likely that the Nazis will achieve much success anywhere this month. *Indeed, it would not be strange if, by the end of September, the inevitability of their final defeat should be apparent, even to their friends.*

The opposition of ♄ to ♃, both at the Ingress and the eclipse, shows tremendous aerial fighting, and in this connection it is good to see ♀ and ☿ still in opposition to Goering's reputed ascendant.

During the month Victor Immanuel has ♀ ☿ ☽, o—d, and one would not be surprised to see Cyrenaica back in our hands.

The worst indication for us is ♀ and ☿ on the nadir at London for the station of ♀ on the 11th. This seems rather bad for the city and for the Government about that period.

For the month of *October* I have noted several directions:

r8or Map) △ ☉ r. at the beginning
 War-Map (1° per mensem) ☽ △ ☿ about the 4th
 Asc. ✱ ☿ about the middle
 ♄ ☐ PL about the middle

The King of Italy has ♀ ☐ ♀ o—d, and by the same measure ♀ ☿ ♄ occurs in one of the two maps of the Third Reich.

On the 10th of the month there is a station of Jupiter with Pluto very close to the M.C. at London, square Mercury, but in sextile to both the Moon and Uranus, in Gemini. On the same day there is an opposition of the Sun and Mars, which, at Berlin, falls along the cusps 3-9. Combining these data we may safely conclude that very heavy aerial attacks will be made upon Germany about this time.

On the 15th we have ☉ △ ♄ with ♄ almost exactly on the M.C. at London, but near Hitler's prog. ☉ and opposition our King's ☉. This seems to denote involved diplomatic affairs and the Nazis may have some success in this field, perhaps at Madrid.

We next come to the lunation, on the 20th.

Here Venus is not far from the upper meridian, and she is

well aspected by Mercury, Mars and Pluto, but unfortunately this pleasant picture is spoilt by a setting Pluto, and point is added to this by the fact that at Tokio this aggressive planet is rising, the ascendants at the respective capitals being exactly opposed. It seems, therefore, as if there may be distinct signs of peace in certain directions, but also equal danger of a fresh crisis in the Near and Far East. However, except for a square of Mercury, Pluto is not afflicted.

Venus is close to the meridian at Amsterdam, Brussels, and Vichy.

It may be that some sort of peace offensive may be attempted about this time. In this connection astrology, as well as common sense, must insist that *there be no negotiation with Hitler or his associates*. There are definite astrological reasons for this. Hitler has a very formidable map, in many respects, and about 1948 it is again stirred to warlike activity (☉, ♀, ♂ in ♈). If he is still at large, he will not let this pass without once again plunging the nations into conflict. A little earlier, about 1946, our own horoscope (1801) shows a grave threat to peace, and, furthermore, the maps of several exalted personages in our Empire indicate severe affliction.

As a general rule I deprecate looking too far ahead; it tends to cause undesirable fears and forebodings and to take one's mind off one's present tasks. But in the near future it may be necessary to give this warning as much publicity as possible.

In *November* numerous astrological pointers occur, of which the chief, for the Empire, is His Majesty's Sun opposition Jupiter radical. This is hardly a warlike configuration, but it indicates much trouble with foreign affairs and the likelihood of fresh complications in that field. True, these bodies are in mutual reception in the King's natus and are also in congenial signs; they are, nevertheless, in sequiquadrate aspect. It is the sort of contact one would look for after a great war rather than during it, for it seems to denote diplomatic rather than military difficulties; however, we fear the war will not have ended by then. Of course this aspect has a wide orb.

On the other side Hitler has Jupiter sextile Sun, square Neptune (o—d). As stated in *Symbolic Directions* a linking of these bodies often goes with death; they tend to spell retirement or withdrawal in some shape or other, an abandonment of responsibility. We shall see. Like all o—d formations, it may not work for some weeks.

The map of the Axis also shows two o—d afflictions.

In the war-map (1° per mensem measure) Moon is trine Mars early in the month.

In the mundane field we have a station of Mars on the 10th. This planet is just past the M.C. at Rome and Berlin and is in sextile to the ascendant at Berlin. At Rome Jupiter is setting. At Washington Mars is near the eastern horizon. At London Neptune, rather well aspected, is near the midheaven.

To me the clearest message from the above is the decline of Axis military power, shown by Mars passing from the M.C., and the imposing strength of the U.S.A., indicated by the same planet rising. Mars is also stationary in close trine to the King's Pluto.

Our next phenomenon is the lunation of the 19th, which is indeed a grim warning of a winter which, for much of Europe, will be as terrible as any since the Middle Ages. It falls in opposition to Saturn and Uranus, whilst Venus is in quadrature to Mars, and Mercury to Pluto. There is really little I can see here except deprivation, disease, and warfare. Neptune has some good contacts and will be rising over much of Western Russia, but, as regards Neptune, "I fear the Greeks even when they bring gifts."¹

Lest I should be thought alarmist I must explain that it is very improbable that Great Britain will be the chief sufferer in the tribulations of this winter. The main stress will fall on the Taurus-Aquarius countries.

New and Full Moons

An old and experienced student has asked me why, in my notes, I refer almost exclusively to new moons, especially as I regard these as only having effect for a few days?

This is a very fair point to put. In reply, I feel that one must draw the line somewhere and that conjunctions are stronger by far than any other contact. As for their lasting only a few days, that is a rather intricate matter. How long does a black eye last? Obviously that depends on three things: the strength of the original impact, the resistant quality of the tissue affected, and the recuperative power of the tissue. So with astrological impacts. I consider that a new moon will produce an effect, if at all, within a very few days of its occurrence, though it is important to note that this does not mean that this effect will be patent to all and sundry. In these days in political astrology effects may be concealed from the generality of mankind for

¹ This familiar quotation from Virgil was put by him into the mouth of Laocoön, priest of Neptune, who was referring to the Trojan horse, horses having been in Greek mythology bestowed on mankind by Neptune. And Laocoön was soon after killed by snakes coming from the sea!

months. Nothing is more naïve than the way in which laymen, if some effect is forecast for a certain date, seem to expect to open their newspapers on that morning and see the appropriate tidings blazoned across the front page. But the effect of any important astrologic "influence" may last for a very long time; indeed it is obvious that such an "effect" as the loss of a limb will endure throughout the life. It is impossible to formulate rules on this matter. It is not necessarily a matter of the force of the impact only, for it would normally require a very powerful direction to bring a man to death's door through illness. And yet, once he recovers, he may be as strong as ever he was.

Similar Directions, Opposite Effects

The same reader asks me how Sun conjunction Saturn in Mr. Churchill's map could correspond with his being out of office (the radical Saturn) and being in office (the progressed Saturn).

The answer seems to lie in the basic meaning of this contact, which is that of *meeting obstacles*. When out of office Mr. Churchill tried in vain to arouse his countrymen to their danger; when in office he tries, for the present in vain, to overcome German resistance. Thus there is no contradiction in the above conditions. Astrology will never "make sense" unless we develop the faculty of looking below the surface.

Stations of the Planets

The point has also been raised as to how important these may be.

It is a question for investigation, but certainly they seem to affect the weather very noticeably. For instance, the very cold winter of 1939-40, when Saturn was stationary at the Winter Ingress, and the heavy rains around the station of Neptune on June 5th of this year.

And if they affect the weather strongly, it is only reasonable to suppose they are important from other angles.

THE EDITOR

Written August 16, 1941

Errata and Omission

On page 33 of the last issue the date of the Greek Day of Independence should of course have been March 25, 1821, not 1921.

On page 37 we should have written that at Moscow Pluto was trine the M.C., not the ascendant.

The article on Heliocentric Co-ordinates was by Mr. J. M. Thorburn, whose name was accidentally omitted.

COMPETITION

HERE is another competition for the Half-Guinea offered by a Lodge member. I hope it may prove an easier proposition than the last.

Male born at Brighton about 8 a.m. G.M.T. on March 25, 1899. Underwent an operation in April 1925: of what nature was this?

Solutions by November 1st next, please, and my decision to be final.

THE EDITOR

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

H. B. PILKINGTON

WHEN we seek to learn from the natal horoscope, or its appropriate progressed charts, the right remedy for a diseased condition, it is not a bad idea to consider, first of all, the medicines suggested by the sign containing the most "negative" of the chart's patternings. Next, the placing of the Moon should be noted, for her "convertibility" can provide many surprises. However, even the most definite of markings, such as Moon conjunct Saturn in Capricorn, can be worked from and around towards still more precise medication. The Capricorn Cell-salt is of course calc. phos. (calcium phosphate), but if the chart, in addition to the above conjunction, had an afflicted Jupiter, the carbon equilibrium might need adjustment, which would call for calc. carb., or maybe an affliction in Sagittarius along with the Capricorn conjunction might point to calc. sil. (silicate). *Sanicula aethusa*, and even *lycopodium*, to say nothing of phosphorus itself, are all possibilities as remedies, as a given case might exhibit symptoms leaning to the calcium deficiency side or more over to phosphorus.

I do not know of any one rule that is applicable in all cases. The human body can respond variously to the same cause.

Data No. 1 sets up the natus of a lady who has for many years suffered from stomach and menstrual troubles. She has had numerous "treatments" and five operations to the abdominal region and uterus. The chart, when calculated, shows the Moon rising in Scorpio squared by Saturn, and Mars square Neptune, which has meant trouble with elimination.

This rising Scorpio Moon—two negatives—leads one to think at once of calc. sulph. or its herbal counterpart *pulsatilla*. On her data sheet it was recorded that her condition was marked by intolerance of eggs, fat, and milk. To check

up the accuracy of the horoscope's pointing to calc. sulph. or pulsatilla, Boenninghausen's *Homoeopathic Repertory* was consulted, and in the section "Aggravation and Amelioration" pulsatilla occurs in either heavy or large type in reference to mal-assimilation of eggs, fat, and milk. So far, so good. Pulsatilla was promising for the digestive side of the case.

In popular astrology the Moon is said to rule silver, or argentum, as the chemists call it when silver is prepared for medicinal use. When the *Repertory* was looked over to match the several "menstruation" symptoms, pulsatilla was found again, and so also—often in heavy type—was argentum nitricum. These two remedies are serving her at present with an efficacy and simplicity that the native has not previously known.

Data No. 2 gives us the chart of a lady who has not been well this last eleven years, following the birthing of a still-born child. Here our patterning presents a grand square on the mutable cross, one arm of which is mediated by a sextile from Libra bringing in the Moon and Mars. An opposition from Saturn to both Sun and Mercury is a separate affliction.

Marc Edmond Jones gives Virgo as sign ruler of the parathyroid gland and Zain tells us that afflictions involving Mercury, Uranus and Saturn seldom allow the parathyroids to remain unscathed. Calcium depletion and mineral salt equilibrium are usually much disturbed. Both systems point the same way for different reasons.

Her doctor, who went over the case with me, recognised at once that parathyroid dis-function was a possibility which he was able to confirm at a subsequent re-examination of his patient. The opposition of Pluto in Gemini (calcium equilibrium) to Uranus in Sagittarius (carbon equilibrium), though wide, led me to suggest calc. carb., which we found correct when her general symptoms were compared with the *Repertory*. This was given along with silica, a Sagittarian salt, in 1 m. potency once each week for a month. This patient also had about six injections of parathyroid hormone preparation. Since the first month of this treatment calc. carb. in small doses is all that has been required. The general debility is less obvious and there is relative restoration to health.

Data No. 3 is another example of painful menstruation in which pulsatilla (Scorpio) and mag. phos. (Leo) might do much. So far the native's medical adviser does not agree either could do any good. As her remedies (a woman doctor in this case) have failed, "How could astrology help?"

The foundations of the brain-spine system were laid at a

very early stage in man's evolution, and Marc Edmond Jones gives the rulership of the brain lobes as follows:

- Leo: Forebrain—Telencephalon—Volition consciousness.
 Cancer: Inter-brain—Diencephalon—Sympathetic association.
 Gemini: Mid-brain—Mesencephalon—Quadrigenina relation.
 Taurus: Hind-brain (Upper)—Metencephalon—Cerebellum movement.
 Aries: Hind-brain (Lower)—Medulla—Life Arc.

What is important in connection with prescribing from the horoscope is that afflictions in signs ruling the brain lobes do seem, according to their nature, to affect the patient's attitude towards their condition.

Many times a remedy calculated to straighten out a "psychological complex" towards a sick condition is more important, or at least as important, as one reaching the physical disability.

From time to time it happens that a patient will not hold or respond to the most carefully selected of remedies. In many of these cases the planetary placings in the first five signs of the zodiac will yield the cause in its psychological aspect, and also show the way to its appropriate adjustment.

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Mr. Pilkington very kindly states that he will gladly answer questions from inquirers. His address is: Glendale, Derwent Way, Neston, Cheshire.

THE END OF THE WAR

DIRECTIONS FORMED IN THE MAP OF THE UNITED KINGDOM FOR THE YEARS 1941, 1942, 1943

March 1941	..	♂	✱	21	o.d.
May	..	♂	♂	PL	sec.
June	..	♂	♂	♂	o.d.; ☉ ✱ 21 sec.
Sept.	..	♀	P.	h r.	sec.
Oct.	..	♂	♂	♂ r.	sec.
Dec.	..	♂	♂	♂ r.	sec.

Jan. 1942	..	♄ ♂ ♄	o.d.; ☉ P. ♄ r. sec.
April ..	..	♄ △ ♄	o.d.
May ..	..	♀ □ ♀ r.	sec.
May ..	..	♄ □ ♀ r.	sec.
June ..	..	♄ * ♄ r.	sec.
July ..	..	♄ * ♄ r.	sec.; ♂ P. ☉ r. sec.
Oct. ..	..	♀ △ Asc. r.	sec.
Dec. ..	..	♀ ♂ ♄	sec.
March 1943	..	♀ □ ♄	sec.
July ..	..	♀ ♂ ♄ r.	sec.; ♄ * ♄ r.; ♄ ♂ ♄ r. sec.
Sept. ..	..	☉ * ♄ r.	sec.
Nov. ..	..	♄ △ ♀	sec.
Dec. ..	..	♄ ♂ Asc. r.	sec.; ☉ △ ♄ r. sec.

The above is believed to be a pretty complete list of direct secondary and one-degree directions.

It will be seen that one of the most powerful contacts in the map (which was given in our issue of June 1940) is Jupiter sextile Uranus, and an inspection of the above table will show that in the three years under review this is thrice stimulated.

Firstly, in the early part of this year Mars came to the sextile of Jupiter (African victories) and the conjunction of Uranus.

Secondly, early in 1942 Uranus and Jupiter come to the opposition and trine respectively of Saturn.

Thirdly, by secondary direction the Sun forms the sextile to Jupiter and the trine to Uranus in 1943.

These are the main patterns; but we ought not to overlook the two solar parallels of January and July 1942, or the significant Venus trine ascendant radical of October 1942.

It will be seen that there are several points when peace might come, and it seems likely that actually they will mark definite steps towards peace, as country after country drops out of the contest.

However, it is Germany that really matters.

Perhaps we should not be far out if we say that 1940 will be the year of defeat, 1941 of struggle, 1942 of victory, and 1943 of re-settlement.

Here are some of my reasons for selecting the beginning of 1942 for a cessation of hostilities. I regard them as being at least interesting, but *not* conclusive.

Table of Important O-D Directions, Spring 1942

Italy (map of 1871)	..	♄ □ ♄	Jan. 1942
King George VI	..	♀ ♂ ☉	Feb. 1942

Mussolini ..	..	h	♂	☉	Feb. 1942
German Empire ..	..	PL	♂	☉	Feb. 1942
German Empire ..	..	≡	♂	♂	Feb. 1942
King of Italy ..	..	≡	☐	♀	Mch. 1942
King George VI ..	..	2	*	☽	Mch. 1942
United Kingdom ..	..	2	△	h	Apr. 1942
Hitler .. ..	..	h	☐	☽	May 1942

In addition to the above, the Moon comes to the conjunction of Uranus radical in the German Empire horoscope on or about February 15, 1942, and, if pressed, I should hazard that date as a likely one for our enemies to throw in their hand.

Of course it is quite possible to argue that the obvious time to look for the overthrow of Hitler is when his Saturn square radical Mars is exact, at the end of 1942; and even to contend that this, though certainly a bad aspect, is by no means necessarily significant of complete downfall.

Only time will show.

The fact is that with only one relative personal nativity known with exactitude (our King's) and with the horoscopes of the principal countries almost equally untrustworthy, we are in a state of horoscopic semi-blindness and must simply do the best we can.

However, when there is a concurrence of directions of similar significance, as in February next, one may feel that a prediction is not altogether without warrant.

THE EDITOR

THE JUPITER-SATURN CONJUNCTION, 1941

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THIS evening I want to talk to you about the 1941 Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. The mutation maps have always been of vital interest to astrologers, but probably none of the past conjunctions have been so widely studied and considered as this present one—for it comes at a time when the world is being riven and desolated by war. It comes, too, at a time when humanity stands bewildered amidst the ruins of a passing age, looking towards an unknown future with its vision blinded by the forces of destruction that now rage about us.

We know that the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction takes place every twenty years. The conjunctions go through each of the

Triplicities in turn and in retrograde order, forming ten conjunctions in each Triplicity.

The 1941 conjunction is the sixth of the present series, the first occurring in 1842, in the Earth sign Capricorn, and the last one taking place round about the year 2021. After this, Jupiter and Saturn will begin to form a new series of conjunctions in the Air Triplicity, commencing with Libra.

We know, too, that each Jupiter-Saturn conjunction has a powerful effect on world affairs during its twenty-year term of influence, and that it is especially powerful in its effect on the countries ruled by the sign it occupies, and through the medium of the sign itself.

For instance, the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of 1921 took place in Virgo, and so the emphasis was laid on matters influenced by the 6th sign. The period 1921-41 was characterised by labour troubles. The world saw an alarming increase in unemployment. New forms of legislation had to be introduced to cope with this growing problem, and we got the dole and the Means Test as remedial measures. And in Turkey—a country ruled by Virgo—where the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction was actually on the ascendant, we saw the rise of Kemal Ataturk, followed by the emancipation and modernisation of that country.

The present conjunction takes place in the sign Taurus, which, as we know, rules Ireland, Persia, Poland, Asia Minor, White Russia and the Grecian Archipelago. We also know Taurus to be the sign ruling finance. Therefore, some of the most important effects of the present Jupiter-Saturn conjunction will be centred on the world's money affairs. In actual fact signs are not lacking that we are heading for a time of financial and economic upheaval—a time when many of the world money-markets will crash.

I really cannot say that the 1941 conjunction strikes me as being a particularly comfortable map. We can certainly extract quite a lot of good cheer from the rising Venus with its exact trine to the Moon in Libra. But the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction itself, although sextile Mercury, is squared by Venus and by Pluto. The Sun benefits by a sextile to Mars, but is square Uranus, and Mars is squared by Neptune.

With difficult aspects like this in force it would be useless for me to try to paint a picture of "roses, roses all the way"—and, anyway, none of you would believe me if I did. I only wish that I could go on to speak of an easy and restful time for the world during the next twenty years, for, like many others, I myself feel that I only want to see the war over, and then

heave a huge sigh of relief, and sit back and take things easily for a long, long time. However, I must speak of the truth as I see it astrologically, and before discussing the map in detail I should like to make it quite clear that I speak purely as a student of astrology, leaving aside all personal bias.

In the first place, the exact trine of Venus to the Moon in Libra (the Moon being the ruler of the 7th house) not only shows the end of the present war, but will also do much to preserve peace for the next twenty years, although I do not claim that the next twenty years will bring us an especially restful and easy time. Far from it.

However, in my opinion, a state of war such as we have at present cannot exist for long under such an aspect. Most astrologers are now agreed that the war will be over and done with by the summer of 1942. At this time the Cancer Ingress map shows Venus rising in Taurus at London, with a trine to Neptune—and also Sun conjunction Jupiter. It is interesting to note, too, that this same map puts the Saturn-Uranus conjunction on the Ascendant at Berlin, and moreover the Ascendant is close to the opposition of Hitler's radical Neptune. We can find many additional confirmations of the coming of peace in other mundane and national maps. For instance, King George has progressed Venus conjunction Sun, by one-degree measure.

In the map of England (Union of Scotland and England) we get progressed Venus sextile Moon, by radix measure. The Great Mutation map of 1603 gives progressed Venus sextile Mars, by cosmic measure (i.e. 1° for every twelve years—a measure which gives some remarkably significant results in some of the long-term maps). In the Great Mutation map of 1842 Venus reaches the square of the radical Sun during 1942, by radix measure. The 1066 Accession map gives progressed Venus sextile ascendant, by radix measure.

And, finally, Venus in the present Jupiter-Saturn map is in conjunction with the 4th cusp of the map for the Declaration of War—a configuration which points very clearly to the end of the conflict.

For this reason, my talk to-night will be more concerned with post-war conditions, rather than with the discussion of the war itself. I cannot hope to give you more than a bare outline—firstly because the subject is a vast one, and beset by many complexities, and secondly because many of the political maps on which we now base our judgments will be replaced by new factors during the coming twenty years.

Another thing which points to the collapse of hostilities is

the square of Neptune to the war planet Mars, and it is interesting to note that the Mars-Neptune configuration is very close to the Angles in some of the Balkan and Near East countries—thus showing that the war will finally come to an end in these parts of the world.

Mars square Neptune also shows that the coming twenty years will bring a time of great chaos and confusion directly arising from problems created by the war. In view of Neptune's coming progress through the late degrees of Virgo and into the early degrees of Libra, where it will automatically form major aspects (conjunction, square or opposition) to the Sun at each ingress, I consider that this state of chaos and confusion will persist for five or six years—until 1946-47—at which time the planet Neptune begins to get away from its recurring aspects to the Sun at each ingress.

During this time, the continually recurring Sun-Neptune aspects point to the increasing spread of Socialistic influences—for we know that Neptune rules Socialism, just as Uranus represents the opposite pole of Fascism and Nazism.

During 1948 Uranus reaches Cancer, and so starts a similar series of Sun-Uranus aspects, which I think will bring a period of drastic reforms and reorganisation, following on (and arising out of) the preceding years of post-war confusion.

One of the most important aspects of the conjunction map is the Sun's square to Uranus—more especially because Uranus is practically angular. It is only 6-7 degrees from the cusp of the 4th house, and if we follow Raphael's rule of dividing the number of degrees in each house by three, and considering any planet in the last third of the house as actually being in the next, then Uranus is very definitely a 4th-house influence in this map.

The Sun-Uranus aspect, considered from a mundane angle, is one that always shows a great deal of upheaval and unrest, and I do not doubt that the next twenty years will bring a period characterised by changes of a drastic, dramatic, and revolutionary nature. These changes will work out in two major ways. First, by bringing about a collapse of existing financial and economic values, and second, by bringing accompanying collapses of existing modes of government—all of which will be linked with internal unrest in the countries involved.

With this aspect in force, the world is going to be jolted out of its present ruts in no uncertain fashion. We know that Uranus is ruthless and irresistible in its action. It brings the bolt from the blue. It brings the lightning stroke. But it is not

called the Awakener for nothing, and we know that the shocks and upheavals it brings work for ultimate good by clearing the ground of unnecessary lumber and opening up entirely new horizons.

The Jupiter-Saturn conjunction of 1921 put Uranus in the 7th house, and the tensions of Uranus had their greatest effect here. Thus, we had twenty years of stress and strain and ultimate upheaval in our foreign affairs. Our friendly relations with other Powers were always on the verge of being snapped, and everyone lived in a state of feeling that they were sitting on a barrel of dynamite that might go up at any moment. In the end it did go up.

The present conjunction map puts Uranus on the 4th cusp, so that the stress and upheaval will work out through our internal and domestic affairs, which seem to be heading for a time of wholesale change and reform. I say "our" internal affairs, because Uranus is practically angular at London, and for this reason (among others we in this country cannot expect to avoid some of the implications of this aspect).

We are already seeing the seeds of this time of internal upheaval being sown. For, even now, enemy raids are bringing a widespread destruction of property (Uranus in Taurus, conjunction 4th cusp), and I have no doubt that the vast reorganisation that will be necessary after the war will fulfil some part of the reformatory side of the Sun-Uranus square.

In a general world sense, the Sun-Uranus aspect will work out through finance, because the money sign Taurus is involved. But it will also pull in parliamentary and governmental reforms, because the Sun and Aquarius are also involved. Thus, in this country and in others, we may expect some pretty complete changes of administration.

I have already said that the chief effects of the 1941 conjunction will be centred on the world's money affairs, owing to the position of the conjunction in the sign Taurus. A closer study of the map brings to light additional evidence of this, because Jupiter is the ruler of the 2nd house, and the conjunction is squared by Venus, the natural ruler of the 2nd house. And, in addition, the Sun squares Uranus in Taurus.

Because of these inharmonious aspects we cannot expect the coming economic and financial changes to work smoothly and harmoniously. And, because of Sun square Uranus, the map tells us that the next twenty years will not only bring some full-size financial upheavals, but it is also likely to see the crack-up of our present economic and financial systems, and the introduction of an entirely new set of values. Moreover,

the change-over will not come into being easily and leisurely. On the contrary the process will be drastic, and will be accompanied by reforms of a very sweeping nature.

I am also of the opinion that the coming governmental and financial upheavals will come about as a direct result of the complete collapse and failure of the Fascist and Nazi systems of government—this being shown by the solar square to Uranus, the planet ruling Nazism and its kindred ideologies. They will also come about as a result of the wholesale disruption and destruction of values brought into being by the present gigantic clash between Democracy and Fascism.

Mars in Sagittarius in the 11th, with a sextile to the Sun, points to some courageous and sincere legislation—although the square to Neptune shows that this will be hampered—and sometimes badly muddled—by the necessity to tackle many confusing problems. Moreover, Sun square Uranus shows some unpopular reforms.

It is encouraging to note that Mars is the ruler of the mid-heaven at London, and its sextile to the Sun (part ruler of the 7th) is a good indication of the preservation of our national power and prestige through victory in the present war. We knew that there are other factors to give confirmation of this—the greatest of all being embodied in the horoscope of Hitler himself.

So much for the disturbing and unsettling features of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction. There is, of course, a happier side, for parallel with this element of drastic change there will be the development of a very real and constructive effort to ensure permanent world peace and harmonious co-operation between nations. The good aspect between Venus and the Moon shows that clearly enough, and it gives great hopes of happier and more successful results than we have ever yet known in this particular direction.

With Venus in Aquarius—the sign ruling groups, associations, and societies—we may certainly anticipate the formation of another league for World Peace—probably a bigger, better and more successful edition of the League of Nations.

To my mind, the most interesting point about this is that the Venus-Moon configuration shows women playing a far larger part in building for peace than heretofore. I am fully convinced that we shall see very important developments here—probably a Peace Association organised and led by women. Incidentally I was also interested to note that Venus is very close to the ascendant at Geneva, so that there is a distinct probability that the new League will again find its headquarters

there. In addition, the Libra Ingress map for September 1942 has 10 Aquarius rising, and so is in exact conjunction with the conjunction Venus, and this may indicate that the new peace league will be formed at this time.

Education will be under exceptionally good influences during the next twenty years—note Mercury's sextile to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction (which is, itself, in the House of Education). I think we may expect intelligent and progressive developments here—especially in the plans for educating the younger generation (Mercury ruling the 5th).

So far as individual countries and statesmen are concerned, the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction provides some interesting and very significant pointers, although I cannot hope to include them all.

In the case of England, I judge that we shall not really begin to pick up the initial effects of the map until June 1942. At this time we get 10 Taurus rising in the Cancer Ingress map—which, of course, puts the place of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction on the ascendant.

As Mr. Carter has already pointed out in the *QUARTERLY*, the conjunction Mars is on the place of Uranus in the 9th house of the Accession (1066) map, although the conjunction itself trines the Sun and midheaven of that map. In addition, the conjunction Neptune is opposition the Accession Moon in Pisces. We get a kind of repetition of the Uranian and Neptunian contacts with the map of England, for the conjunction Neptune is on the place of the Moon in that map, whilst the conjunction Uranus is on the place of the Sun at the Nadir, and also opposition the midheaven.

The two Moon-Neptune contacts give a very definite suggestion of the growth of democratic movements among the people of England, whilst the two Uranian contacts both emphasise the keynotes of sudden change and upheaval. The Uranus-Midheaven opposition affecting the map of England certainly points to a change of government, whilst the Uranus-Mars contact in the Accession map suggests, among other things, the break-up of some of our existing laws (9th house and sign involved). Nor do I think that this particular contact is very good for our relations with colonies—especially with Australia, which is partly ruled by Sagittarius.

You will remember that, at an earlier stage, I drew your attention to the fact that for the next six or seven years the Sun at each ingress would be in major aspect with Neptune. In preparing for this lecture I put up the ingress maps for nine years ahead—up to 1950. The results proved really remarkable.

In effect, for the next five years (up to 1946) the Sun-Neptune opposition at each Vernal Ingress will occupy angular houses at London. In fact, for three successive years the opposition will be practically on the angles. Thus, excluding 1941, we start off in March 1942 with the Sun in Aries within 2° of the ascendant, opposition Neptune on the descendant. In 1943 we get Sun in Aries within 1° of the midheaven, opposition Neptune at the Nadir. In 1944 we get Sun in the 7th within 3° of the descendant, opposition a rising Neptune. In 1945 and 1946 the aspect is still angular, but not quite so close to the cusps. Personally I think this constitutes a very remarkable series, and there can be little doubt that it will result in the establishment of a Government functioning along ultra-democratic and Socialistic lines.

In addition I would stress the years 1943-44 as the important years in this respect, because the midheaven of the 1943 ingress map is opposition Neptune in the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction, and the ascendant and midheaven of the 1944 ingress again pick up the places of Mars and Neptune in the conjunction map. I do not doubt that this will bring a critical time to our country, especially in her internal affairs, and we must expect great changes.

In view of the coming series of Sun-Neptune aspects it is interesting to note that the influence is repeated in the two Great Mutation maps. The 1603 map shows Sun and Moon reaching the square of Neptune in 1944 and 1945. And the Earth Mutation of 1842 gives progressed Sun square Neptune during 1943, both by radix measure. In addition, King George gets progressed Neptune conjunction midheaven in the middle 1940's.

At Berlin the Jupiter-Saturn map gives an ascendant of $16\frac{1}{2}$ Aquarius, which, of course, is opposition Hitler's Saturn at midheaven, and in even closer square to his Mars-Venus in the 7th. This alone points to his defeat in war, and downfall from power, and we all know that contributory signs of this are not lacking. Incidentally, for those of you who like seeking out sticky directions for Hitler, I would recommend an examination of his converse radix directions, based on the map with 24 Libra rising. Astrologers may hopefully point out Hitler's progressed Saturn square Mars by secondary measure, but in my opinion his converse radix direction for 1941-42 are far more potent in their promise of disaster and downfall. For he has progressed midheaven square converse Saturn, progressed Uranus square converse Sun, and opposition converse midheaven, and also progressed Moon opposition converse Uranus.

The same measure applied to the map of the Third Reich also produces some strong afflictions—for instance, progressed midheaven conjunction converse Saturn, and progressed Moon conjunction converse Uranus. However, returning to the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction, we may note that it squares the Sun-Saturn conjunction in the map of the Third Reich.

Comparison with the map of Germany (i.e. that for January 1, 1871¹) yields two very interesting factors. The conjunction Moon is on the ascendant of Germany, and the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction itself is on the place of Germany's Moon. Thus we have two strong lunar contacts operating through this map. The Moon is the ruler of Germany's 10th house, and so this contact shows a change of Government and leadership for Germany, and as it involves the Moon in Taurus it will be a change for the better and will probably bring an administration functioning along more conventional and established lines.

Significantly enough, these lunar contacts affect the maps of the two remaining parties to the Tripartite Pact, because the conjunction Moon is on the midheaven of the map of the Fascist Government, and also on the midheaven of the Emperor of Japan. We can even say that it also affects General Franco's map because the conjunction Moon is on the place of his radical Saturn and his progressed midheaven—which, if his horoscope is correct, are now in conjunction. Therefore I think we can say that the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction presages a change of administration for all these four countries—and especially for Germany and Italy.

At Rome we get 26 Aquarius rising, and therefore the Sun, with its square to Uranus, is exactly on the ascendant, so that we can certainly expect great changes and upheavals for Italy. In fact, here is another country closely affected by the revolutionary Sun-Uranus aspect.

Mussolini has the conjunction Uranus opposition his ascendant, and the conjunction midheaven (at Rome) is midway between the opposition of his Moon and Mars in the 7th—all of which cannot be in the least healthy for Benito, especially at a time when he has progressed Saturn coming to the conjunction of his Sun-Mercury in the 9th. This latter direction will certainly bring the loss of his colonial power (9th house and Leo involved), while the contacts between his birth map and the conjunction map spell sudden defeat and downfall in war. Whatever the problems of the years lying ahead, we can at least be thankful that they won't be likely to include Messrs. Hitler and Mussolini.

¹ See *Astrology*, vol. xiv. p. 83.

So far as Japan is concerned, the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction falls on the place of the Emperor's Sun-Venus conjunction in Taurus, but both his horoscope and that of the constitution are badly affected by the Mars-Neptune square.

The Mars-Neptune contacts suggest that Japan's present war policy will go from bad to worse in its results, and will ultimately end by bringing her affairs into a state of confusion and collapse. But the effect of the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction on the Emperor's Sun-Venus in the fixed sign Taurus indicates that Japan will ultimately find happier conditions by a return to more conventional and peaceful policies.

This will not come as yet, for both the Emperor and the Constitution have to face difficult aspects. The Emperor is barely clear of progressed Sun opposition Uranus, and soon progressed Neptune will be squaring his radical Sun-Venus conjunction.

The conjunction Uranus is in close opposition to the mid-heaven of the French Republic—and this at a time when the midheaven is progressing to the opposition of the radical Mars by primary measure. Therefore I have little doubt that we shall see something very much like a second French Revolution. I can only hope that it will result in the formation of another horoscope for France, because if ever a map was as dangerous as a naked flame on a barrel of gunpowder, then the French Republic horoscope with its explosive Mars-Uranus conjunction in the 7th is that map. From an astrological point of view, the peace of Europe and the happiness of France will never be assured while the Republic map represents her fortunes.

So far as Russia is concerned, the most interesting factor is that the Jupiter-Saturn conjunction falls on the place of Stalin's Neptune. This Neptune of his is conjunction Mars, and both planets receive extremely good aspects, being trine Sun, Moon and Uranus, and sextile Jupiter. Moreover, by radix measure, Jupiter has now reached the conjunction of Stalin's Neptune, and is passing on to the trine of the Sun. So, for the time being, one would certainly judge that the contact with the conjunction map would stimulate expansionist influences now at work in Stalin's horoscope—probably bringing expansion through the subtle and insidious methods of Neptune.

But, as the conjunction Uranus is opposition the U.S.S.R. ascendant, one certainly cannot say that it will be all honey for the Soviet during the next twenty years. As this contact involves Uranus in Taurus, and also the 7th house—which always brings in the action of other people (other countries, in this case), I am inclined to interpret the Uranus-ascendant oppo-

sition as showing that the U.S.S.R. will be badly affected from *without* by financial and economic upheavals in other countries.

At Washington, the conjunction Moon in Libra turns up exactly on the 11th cusp, and this of course brings in the trine to Venus, which is the ruler of the 11th house at Washington. This certainly suggests that we shall see America taking active legislative measures in the coming attempts to secure international peace and co-operation. But the Washington map also shows Uranus very close to the 7th cusp, and opposition the ascendant. Thus, America seems likely to be affected by outside financial developments, much in the same way as the U.S.S.R. and of course the coming passage of Saturn and Uranus through Gemini will bring the U.S.A. her own share of political troubles during 1942 and onwards.

Time does not permit of further discussion of individual countries—although I cannot claim to have exhausted all the available factors of information. Nor can I claim to have given anything but a very sketchy picture of the next twenty years. This, in any case, is an impossibility because, with inevitable changes of government and rulership looming ahead, many of the mundane maps on which we now base our judgments will be swept aside and superseded by an entirely new set of maps.

To my mind, two things stand out crystal clear, and will probably manifest simultaneously—or, at least, follow parallel lines of development. First, the growth of an organisation to preserve world peace and to institute harmonious international co-operation—one which will prove stronger, more genuine, and more successful in its efforts than its rather ineffective predecessor, the League of Nations. Second, an accompanying element of stress and upheaval in which we shall see many of our existing conditions (governmental and financial) ruthlessly swept aside and replaced by the new and untried.

We certainly stand on the threshold of new things. As astrologers we can face it in the sure and certain knowledge that everything happens for ultimate Good, and in accordance with a divine plan.

PLANETARY STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

By PAUL P. STOCKER

MR. ROBSON in his well-timed article in "The Kaleidoscope" of the spring number of *Astrology* has touched upon questions of great urgency, and I for one have often felt that the modern tendency of disregarding traditional authority has been

readily adopted by astrologers in the same way as one finds in other domains of culture and learning.

Whilst we must be truly grateful for our science to have been enriched by such discoveries as "The Radix System of Directing," or the new information on planetary aspects, so ably expounded by yourself in *The Astrological Aspects*, it must be frankly admitted nevertheless that in the last twenty years or so teachers and writers on astrological subjects have been guilty of a deplorable ingratitude not only to the old classical masters of astrology but also to more recent learned authorities such as Simmonite and Pearce. I do not know of any organisation in this country corresponding to a statistical bureau which has ever set itself the task of systematically testing the mass of traditional aphorisms and rules by collecting statistical material on the largest scale possible.

Modern astrological periodicals are filled with a confused mass of information, much of which is absolutely worthless, since conclusions seem based frequently on a very limited number of cases to support a given thesis. Most of those "new rules" would, I am certain, be found unreliable if tested on material covering several hundreds of cases. But if our very foundations are insecure, how can we reasonably expect to sift our traditional inheritance and erect the vast structure of a new classification? Surely, one of the very first problems to be tackled is the question as to which house division is correct. In this connection, I am sorry that you have not found it practicable when illustrating any horoscopes in your magazine to insert an outer circle in the diagram showing the Campanus cusps, while retaining the inner circle for the semi-arc house division. By such a process the relative superiority of the one system over the other could be seen at a glance and tabulated. I am of opinion that we attribute far too much importance to zodiacal aspects and almost invariably ignore the mundane ones, thereby falsifying our judgment when interpreting maps. The disastrous import of the full-moon map for May 11th seems to have been greatly modified by the fact that Mars was neither in mundane square to the satellitium of the planets in the 12th house nor to the Moon—at any rate not in the latitude for which the map was set up. And besides, why attach such importance to a full-moon map—is it not more logical to credit the new-moon chart with greater potentialities?

Coming back to the subject of zodiacal versus mundane aspects, it is curious that the ancients attributed an evil influence to the trines of Saturn and Mars when occurring from signs of short ascension, i.e. ♈ to ♐, and to their sextiles

in signs of long ascension, i.e. ϖ to \uparrow , for in both instances these zodiacal aspects would be mundane squares. This is an interesting point and deserves thorough investigation.

The ancients also used an elaborate method for ascertaining the individual strength or otherwise of the planets and luminaries in the nativity, by assigning a fixed numerical value to each type of fortitude and debility of them, according to definite rules. The result so obtained affords an estimate of numerical proportion being established over the map, which serves as an excellent guide and becomes a valuable asset in judging the relative potency of aspects in directional arcs. I append the rules in question in the event of your wishing to publish them in the pages of *Astrology* for the benefit of students.

I do not believe that it is possible to simplify astrology without sacrificing accuracy—the factors being too numerous, to mention only the separate influence of each degree of the zodiac of which we hardly take any account when interpreting a given aspect. The fixed stars too receive little or no attention from the average student, judging from the scarcity of references to them in astrological magazines, and despite that most fascinating and at the same time thoroughly scientific book on the subject: *The Fixed Stars and Constellations* by Vivian E. Robson. And no attempt seems ever to have been made to trace any influences emanating from the four largest asteroids or from the larger satellites of Jupiter and Saturn when at their greatest elongation.

Instead of filling newspaper columns with nonsensical "birthday predictions," and by this means degrading astrology to the level of vulgar fortune-telling, the writers in question might spend part of their time in statistical research and thus serve a worthier cause. Indeed, one need scarcely wonder at the contemptuous attitude adopted by most orthodox scientists towards astrology when one glances at the "patent medicine type" of astrological goods offered to the public in the daily papers.

RELATIVE DEGREE OF PLANETARY STRENGTH AND WEAKNESS

According to the houses:					Forti- tudes	Debi- lities
Planet in 1st or 10th	..	..	..	..	5	
„ in 4th, 7th or 11th	..	..	..	..	4	
„ in 2nd or 5th	..	..	..	..	3	
„ in 9th	..	..	..	..	2	
„ in 3rd	..	..	..	..	1	
„ in 12th	..	..	..	..		5
„ in 8th or 6th	..	..	..	..		4

	Forti- tudes	Debi- lities
Planet in own sign or mutual reception ..	5	
„ in exaltation	4	
„ in own triplicity	3	
„ in own term	2	
„ in own decanate	1	
„ in its detriment		5
„ in its fall		4
„ <i>peregrinus</i> (without any dignity) ..		5
According to motion:		
Direct motion (not applicable to ☉ and ♃) ..	5	
Exceeding mean motion	2	
Retrograde		5
Slower than mean motion		2
Moon decreasing		1
In relation to the Sun:		
Planet not combust	5	
„ <i>in corde solis</i> (not beyond 16° from ☉) ..	5	
„ combust, up to 5° from Sun		5
„ <i>on via combust</i> (from 13° = to 13° ♍) ..		5
„ <i>Sub radiis</i> (from 5° to 15° from Sun) ..		4
According to quarter:		
A superior planet <i>orientalis</i>	2	
An inferior planet <i>occidentalis</i>	2	
A superior planet <i>occidentalis</i>		2
An inferior planet <i>orientalis</i>		2
According to aspects:		
Planet in ♀ with Jupiter or Venus	5	
„ in △ with Jupiter or Venus	4	
„ in ✱ with Jupiter or Venus	3	
„ in ♀ with Saturn or Mars		5
„ in ♂ with Saturn or Mars		4
„ in □ with Saturn or Mars		3
Luminaries or planet <i>feralis</i> (with no aspects) ..		3
„ in conjunction Dragon's Tail		2
„ in application to an evil planet		2
„ in conjunction with fortunate fixed stars of first magnitude	5	
„ in conjunction with evil fixed stars of first magnitude		4
A positive planet in positive sign	3	
A negative planet in negative sign	3	
A positive planet in negative sign		3
A negative planet in positive sign		3
A diurnal planet in a diurnal geniture above the Earth	2	
A nocturnal planet in a nocturnal geniture above the Earth	2	

SINCE PLUTO CAME TO EARTH

By MABEL BAUDOT

THE "Mystery Planet," Pluto, was discovered early in 1930 by Professor Lowell, in California. It is only to be expected that when a new planet is found in the heavens and given a local habitation and a name in astrology, the nature of the star is noted to manifest itself more and more both in psychological effects and mundane events.

Pluto heralded in acute financial difficulties. He was discovered a few months after the appalling financial crash in Wall Street in America, the country where he was just about to swim into the ken of astronomers.

Soon after he was tabulated, the state of monetary affairs in Great Britain commenced to take on the same sombre hue—Pluto's colour is black—as that in America, and it appeared at one time that our financial conditions were so bad as to drive us very near the abyss of national bankruptcy. It was at the most critical moment in 1931 that our Ministers acted with unusual celerity and decision; for after a brief but vital debate, we went off the Gold Standard. Gold, the purest, most valuable metal to be found on earth, the metal with the least alloy, the coin of the realm, was routed by the dark Plutonian forces.

From the time of Pluto's inclusion into astrological affairs, it has been my opinion that he is the overlord of Scorpio, and after twelve years I incline increasingly to this rulership. It is noteworthy that the leading American astrologers accord Pluto unhesitatingly to the eighth sign of the zodiac. The planet's indubitable connection with underworld and submarine events, together with his malefic influence at this stage of our history, would logically assign him to a sphere of darkness, disaster and death. He is linked to the Greek Rhadamanthus, the stern judge of Hades—the Underworld. On the Egyptian tombs and mummy-cases this just yet inflexible god is seen weighing the soul in the balance after it has left this world and entered the sphere into which it passes for judgment. Pluto employs the scales of Libra, the Balance, the preceding sign to Scorpio. He plays a prominent role in that profound occult work of the Egyptians, *The Book of the Dead*.

He evidently possesses strong reformatory qualities—his sign is the midway one of the reformatory triplicity. Scorpio is the octave, and when the tasks of this zone have been accomplished and its lessons assimilated, Sagittarius is eagerly awaiting humanity, all ready with its fiery zest to help us upwards

and onwards through its spiritual ideals and the unquenchable light of its faith.

But it is only too apparent that the human race, as a whole, has failed to pass the Scorpio tests with flying colours. Pluto stands at the Sidereal Gates, keeper of the great negative sign, to ask the password, and that the password is not answered correctly is shown only too patently by the awful conflict which is ravaging Europe to-day.

There has been no real, no assured peace since this planet was signalled to us. The early thirties were filled with forebodings and darkened by financial difficulties. Much uneasiness prevailed in Great Britain, and the Government had three Prime Ministers in the space of a few years, Ramsay MacDonald, Stanley Baldwin and Neville Chamberlain, who was pre-eminently, as he himself stated, a man of peace, but who was forced, albeit with his heart gripped by sorrow, to declare war upon "a crazed and driven foe." For the Germans are crazed and driven by the mystical maniac at the helm of that great country—Hitler, with his strangely aspected Pluto, ruling Scorpio, so strong in his 1st house. Pluto is situated in his 8th house, in close conjunction with Neptune the chaotic. This terrible conjunction of malefics in this particular man's natal chart will end in the destruction of the Dictator.

But to continue with Pluto's increasing momentum in the mundane events of the thirties. Mussolini, impelled by ambition, and heedless that Shakespeare has told us that even angels have fallen by that sin, gathered the might of young Italy and his chosen generals and launched titanic warfare on unprepared Abyssinia. It is a well-known fact that the Emperor Haile Selassie only possessed three fighting planes against the large air fleet of the enemy.

Pluto, overlord of Scorpio, was unfavourable to a country under the sway of Aquarius—the sign of Ethiopia. This square influence, rendered still worse for the Abyssinians by Mussolini's rising Scorpio and his strong Leo planets, resulted in the complete subjugation of that country, and the Dictator and his minions put into active practice the cruel old Latin dictum "*Vae victis!*"¹

And after this the waters of the Far East became troubled like the pool of Bethesda. Japan, in her ruthless might, fell on ageless China and began the combat which has been waged almost without intermission for over four years.

Japan is sometimes said to be under Libra, but I differ from

¹ First used, I believe by the Gaulish chieftain Brennus, in menacing the Romans. See Livy, Bk. V, cap. 49. (Ed.).

this opinion, and hold with several other students of astrology that she has Leo as her dominant note. Symbology must never be disregarded, especially when it has held good for centuries. "The Land of the Rising Sun," as the Japanese call their country, must possess a powerful Leonian influence. Libra has been allotted to her as giving her people their love of beauty, but Leo is also an intensely beauty-loving sign, as evidenced by the Latin races ruled by the Solar sign. Leo is commonly considered as bestowing fair colouring, but it is by no means always a blond sphere of the zodiac. Its subjects are very frequently olive-complexioned, with dark eyes, even in Northern countries. The Leonians always hold themselves well, and the Japanese are erect, with graceful movements. Unfortunately, the bestial side of Leo is often uppermost in the conduct and policy of that race, and has been in evidence increasingly of late. At the present time, they too are affected by the entry of Pluto into their sign. On the very day of the lunation of July 24th they declared a pact with the Axis-inspired Vichy Government, and began to move southwards towards French Cochin-China. The luminaries were in the first degree of Leo, applying closely to Pluto in 3° of that sign. The Sun and Moon were near the cusp of the 8th house at Tokio, and Pluto was posited just upon it.

Steering backwards once again in time, when the crisis of 1938 manifested itself relating to Germany and Czechoslovakia Pluto had barely moved into Leo from Cancer. Then came Mr. Chamberlain's historical flights into Germany, the much-discussed Munich pact, and one more year was gained before the final appalling call of the Red Gods. The lull—for it was nothing more—was owing to the retrogression of Pluto into Cancer between the September of 1938 and the same month of the following year. Peace, during that period, seemed to balance herself on a needle point.

On September 1, 1939, the Plutonian planet was once again in the Lion, and the dominating and bestial elements of that sign flung Europe into the nethermost Plutonian pit of terror and suffering. The German wolf pack had once more broken out of their primeval forests!

The Black-out was the next development due to Pluto—surely the dreariest eclipse of light which has ever been known! The natural gold of the Sun, and the helpful brilliancy of night lighting, alike obscured by the dark Plutonian shadows!

Black is Pluto's livery, for he rules the Scorpionic sign of suffering and mortal transition. He is the planet of destruction, but can become a superb element of regeneration, being

guardian over the second Sign of Mars, and those under his sway must pass through the furnace of that fiery planet before they are able to reach Pluto's higher vibrations.

He is Azrael, the Angel of Death, in one of his great connotations, and his paths lead into the secret places of intense suffering, but he is also Lucifer, Son of the Morning.

Ah! must

Designer infinite!—

Ah! must Thou char the wood ere Thou canst limn with it?

Thus Francis Thompson, in his incomparable poem *The Hound of Heaven*.

In our sidereal science, Pluto chars the wood in order to carve it into stronger, fairer shapes.

There has been no peace since Pluto left his subterranean caverns, drawn on to earth, as it were, by Professor Lowell, of Arizona, in 1930.

One understands the remark of the small boy who, when asked if he knew what November 11th meant, replied, "Yes, there was a war a long time ago, and since then there has been two minutes' peace every year."

One of the greatest and most far-reaching tragedies of this most tragic period was the collapse of France in June 1940. Those who love and understand that fair land of history, art, tradition, courage, music and light—that land which once had a king who exclaimed, "*Suivez mon panache blanc!*"—feel that she is in a sort of coma. Once again the strange power of Pluto can be observed. Nine months—nine months only of his sojourn in her Leonian sign—and his mandragora-like influence became visible. Down, down she fell into that drugged sleep which has already lasted for over a year. Like the Sleeping Beauty, she will awake at a gentler touch, but the eliminating and regenerative rays of Pluto will sway her for twenty-five years to come. The other great Latin country—the Land of the Caesars—has also undergone the Plutonian test, but she has bowed the knee to his Moloch-influence, and flung the finest of her children into his brazen and molten hands. Her future sufferings will be more severe than those of France, who is submitting to her ordeal now, but who, even in her unquiet dreams, is longing, Persephone-like, to escape from her shadowy caves and arise one more into the light of day—the natural element of *Le Pays Lumière*.

Up to the present the only continents which have been spared sanguinary combats are our mighty neighbour, America,

and the far-distant soil of Australia. And of America in particular one might ask, "Watchman, what of the night?"

For a long time past we have known that the other great transcendental planet, Uranus, will pass into Gemini, the ruling sign of the United States, in August. This seems to indicate that Lincoln's Land of Freedom will not be able to remain much longer among the few countries in which war has not actually taken place.

She will assuredly be called into the heat and burden of the day, but Uranus, which is in 9° of Gemini in her national chart, is in sextile to Pluto, so the friendly land across the Atlantic will have, from the very outset, the help and protection of that planet—and the might of Japan shall not prevail against her.

There will be, in all likelihood, a certain hold-up—some frustration or limitation for a little while, as Uranus retrogrades into Taurus from October 1941 until May 1942. This points to trouble with Japan, who will ultimately fail because of her strong handicap from Pluto. Next year Uranus will finally leave Taurus for the period of eighty years and commence his sojourn of seven years in Gemini—the swift, intelligent, and nimble sign of Mercury. And here the Uranian planet will be well-placed, for he will arise from the sometimes earthbound Taurus into the luminous air of the Mercurial sphere—

This air
Nimbly and sweetly recommends itself
Unto our gentle senses,

as Shakespeare wrote of the air around a Scottish castle built ten hundred years ago.

And what of Britain where Pluto is concerned? She will triumph in the end, even although Winston Churchill's prophecy of "blood and tears" may fall to her lot. Pluto in Leo cannot be so injurious to England with her rising Aries, for these signs are harmoniously related to each other. And the position of the Moon in her 1066 chart was applying to the close trine of Pluto when she declared war on the aggressor state on September 3rd.

Alan Leo declared, many years ago, that Europe in general is very much under the sway of the Lion, and the entry of the Plutonian body into that zone just as the great conflict began certainly justifies his belief. Astrologically, the nightmare sufferings and privations of nearly every part of that continent are largely caused by him.

Russia, not the "Holy Russia" of the Czars, but the striving, yearning land with her eyes fixed on a far goal to be attained

in time, is a victim of the *furor Teutonicus*. She will, alas, endure great agony and the irretrievable loss of thousands of her bravest sons, for Pluto is in the opposition sign to that of Russia, ruled by Aquarius. Yet there is immense power for spiritual ascension in the opposition. She should be enabled to polarise this, and will arise like the phoenix from her own ashes and the "scorched earth" around her.

When Uranus is firmly established in the first Mercurial sign, and comes into exact trine with the other mighty transcendental, Neptune, which planet will be in the second air sphere, the humane and Venus-ruled Libra, on December 11, 1942, it is very probable that an era of peace may set in, for Pluto in Leo will hold a sextile position to the powerful twain.

It may well be that the last chapter of this titanic struggle will terminate with the assassination of the German Dictator at that time, and with the deepest thankfulness we shall be able to repeat, with a slight transposition of words, the arresting lines of Rudyard Kipling:

Subdued, his armies melt away,
On dune and headland sinks the fire,
And all his pomp of yesterday
Is one with Nineveh and Tyre!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

THE COMPETITION

From URANIDES.

The above was too remote from ordinary experience to be solved by ordinary astrological methods, but now that the answer is known some interesting points arise:

1. The native had $2\downarrow 6\rightleftharpoons$.
2. Kreuger, the "Match King," had $\oplus 6 \varphi$.
3. Annie Besant, who made one of her first public appearances as champion in a strike of the matchworkers, had asc. 5φ .

These correspondences may be fortuitous, but perhaps other readers can supplement them.

Matches are said by the encyclopaedia to have been introduced about 1834, when \hbar was in the first decan of \rightleftharpoons .

Incidentally you have recently suffered the loss of your office from fire, and your progressed Sun is in 6φ .

PLANETARY DIGNITIES

From (Miss) W. E. WILSON.

I would like to take this opportunity of saying how much I value

and enjoy your magazine, which I have taken from its beginnings, in spite of many planets and afflictions in mutables!

I am very pleased to see Mr. Robson's Kaleidoscope, and in this connection one would be interested to know where the tables can be found for the five dignities he mentions for determining the rulership of a house.

THE VALUE OF TRANSITS

From A. PARKES.

I have read Mr. Bailey's letters with much interest. My experience of transits and secondary directions is that they seldom fail to have an effect; indeed, after watching several maps for many years, I have never known a major secondary fail to work. It has seemed to me that transits during the war have worked more powerfully than heretofore; this opinion has also been expressed to me by other students. Astrologers viewed the transit of Jupiter (\ast ♂) over Herr Hitler's Sun in May 1940 with much misgiving, and Mr. Carter's prophecy of a set-back for him in the following August was largely based on the transit of Saturn sta. on his Mars-Venus conjunction. Buckingham Palace was bombed when Saturn by transit was opposition His Majesty's natal Saturn. One could multiply instances; in short, it seems to me that in the successful prophecies of this war, transits have given a very good account of themselves.

From GEORGE H. BAILEY.

I was sorry to find your Editorial Note to my letter in the last Quarterly entirely overlooked the practical side of the point at issue. The problems I set were in no way "complex," but were in fact actual instances met in the practical application of astrology when making predictions for friends, a practice I have followed for years, and as for "finding the time to attack them," anyone who undertakes directional work must be prepared to spend a certain amount of time in the interpretation of progressions, and these three problems are no more difficult than many others which crop up in this kind of work. I would like to stress this point to encourage other students in their researches, for if astrology is to be of any value to the world at large, it must stand tests imposed by practical prediction.(1)

While repeating that transits are useless, I certainly do not make that assertion concerning primary and secondary directions, for despite the failures of secondaries mentioned in my last letter, my own investigations lead me to believe the two apparently separate systems are really one.(2) Unfortunately, the absence of tables to simplify the application of primaries based on a rational division of the houses precludes my carrying out a series of widespread tests, for here the calculations involved really do render the time factor a serious obstacle.

It is easy to see why believers in transits can claim nine successes out of ten if they imagine transits over His Majesty's horoscope

have anything to do with the "facts" you quote. Apart from the fact that *predictions* from such transits would undoubtedly fail, so many important events have occurred in the present war that it would indeed be strange if some of them did not coincide with the transits mentioned (whether His Majesty's radix has anything to do with the war or not), and, further, one does not need to look far to find many events *without* corresponding transits!(3) Again, it is not clear whether the Uranian transit quoted is to be regarded as good or evil, for at the time of the Battle of Oran the country was highly elated over the German setback due to most of the French Fleet coming under our control. Compared with such an event, one wonders why the second contact should indicate the Italian attack on Greece, the mystery becoming deeper when it is realised the third contact did *not* coincide with the German attack on Greece and Yugoslavia, which occurred nearly three weeks earlier. Against all this the surrender of the Greeks in Epirus was indeed a poor thing to choose from the string of events available, amongst which may be mentioned the twenty American torpedo-boats handed over to Britain, President Roosevelt's statement that U.S. warships would patrol all the Western Atlantic, and our capture of Dessie!(4)

Now, *if* the transit of Uranus over the Moon's opposition really induced such events, what effects (either dire or encouraging) would you have *predicted* from the transit of Saturn? That occurred on July 5, 1941, too late, alas, by a fortnight to be quoted as the indicator of the German attack on Russia, and, in fact, *it coincided with no event of particular importance*, save the producing of yet another instance of the miserable failure of transits!(5)

So many astrological students have been brought up on the transit theory that it is possible my assertions may have caused dismay in some quarters.(6) We are all, however, seekers after truth in astrology, and therefore to those who wish to take up the cudgels on behalf of transits but are not prepared to analyse the cases I gave, I suggest the writing down, in black and white, detailed *predictions* for a couple of years *in advance*, based on transits over the horoscopes of half a dozen friends.(7) *Then* we may say "*ipsa loquitur*"!

COMMENTS

1. I do not agree that astrology is useless unless it can make practical predictions. Indeed, many students consider the predictive side relatively unimportant.

2. This sentence is beyond me. It is stated that secondary directions often fail, but that the secondary and primary systems are one, and that therefore they are not useless. One would suppose that, if they are one system, then, if secondaries often fail, so do primaries.

3. Mr. Bailey talks as if I had advocated a system of transits alone, without any other system. I do not. As for predictions from

transits, it depends how exact he expects forecasts to be. I cheerfully admit that neither by transits nor any other method do I claim to be able to make *precise* forecasts about anything, leave alone a subject as intricate as the war.

4. I entirely disagree with Mr. Bailey's standards of importance, and leave the question to our readers.

5. I should have predicted something fortunate from the transit of the King's Saturn to the opposition of his radical Moon, for reasons which any experienced astrologer could perceive, as, no doubt, Mr. Bailey will do. It occurred on the 5th, and on the 7th (or perhaps earlier) U.S.A. troops landed in Iceland. Here again Mr. Bailey may say it is quite an unimportant episode; I don't agree.

6. Let us hope our old friend's views will not have quite such a devastating effect as he envisages. In any case, a good critic is one's best friend and Mr. Bailey is entirely entitled to his own opinion on transits.

7. I have given up hoping to be able to make *detailed* predictions by any astrological method, if indeed I ever had any such expectations, though it does not follow that this will *never* be possible, with increased knowledge. If, and when, this happens, the doctrine of free-will must presumably look after itself! To quote Flamsteed (see *American Astrology*, July 1941, p. 26), "I find astrology to give strong conjectural hints, not perfect declarations."

But here, once more, Mr. Bailey is talking as if I advocated using nothing but transits. Those who have read my writings know how incorrect this is.

From "RIGEL"

Mr. Bailey's letter on transits seems to call for more than an editorial rejoinder, so the following remarks are offered, in the hope that they will perhaps help to clarify the position. They are the results of much cogitation as to why some transits operate and yet others do not. Were it not for Mr. Bailey's letter, these observations would not have been put forward at this moment, but at a later date when satisfaction of certainty had been obtained at least in some small degree.

A transit, *per se*, is of non-effect.

The transiting planet must be coupled with another. It is nevertheless capable of being coupled to itself, where it rules more than one department of activity.

The transiting planets must also be coupled to the angles of the horoscope. If not, then no effect will be observed no matter how likely the possibility may appear.

The above seems on fairly safe ground. That which follows is not yet tested sufficiently to pass judgment.

Transits can only stimulate the factors of the natal chart. So that a fearsome combination in the heavens will have absolutely no effect in a chart where the same planets are more happily distributed. This leads to a practical suggestion which has shown

itself reliable. Suppose Venus-Saturn to be the two leading planets in a chart. Then when Venus-Saturn in the Heavens are strongly posited cosmically, they will influence the native who has these planets as the leading planets, no matter what degrees or signs are involved. But should signs and degrees, and especially directions concur, then the native will be the more strongly affected. This was the case on June 21st last when the Noon (G.M.T.) positions of Venus were 16.33 ϖ and Saturn 23.23 γ . Now if the Midpoint of Venus from $0^\circ \varphi$ be taken this is 23.16 γ and coincides with the longitude of \mathfrak{h} . Actually the exact position was reached a few hours later but the positions are obvious enough. Consequently $\varphi \mathfrak{h}$ on that day were in a particularly important relationship with the Cardinal Point. Therefore it seems certain to the writer, that all those who can claim a leading value for their $\varphi \mathfrak{h}$ must have been affected by it. Certainly he was, but there is also another far more widely known who also reacted to it. That was Hitler. The main difficulty in Hitler's chart is due to a Venus stirred up by Mars only to find the outlet for the emotion damned by Saturn. The writer from those positions alone expected a move from Hitler, although it was not the only transit of importance that day.

Another test that can easily be tried is to observe when the Sun aspects the Ascendant of the Natal Chart. Then see whether any planet is in transit or in aspect to any other planet in the chart. When this occurs, the day will most surely bear the imprint of the natal planet. It will also occur if the Planet in transit aspects the Ascendant and the transiting Sun aspects the same natal planet. Thus Natal Asc. 20 \mathfrak{M} ; Venus 9 \mathfrak{I} . On May 31, 1941, \odot 9 \mathfrak{I} , φ 20 \mathfrak{I} . Day was markedly Venusian in character and shed an illuminating light on what might be expected from that part of the chart inhabited by φ .

The same necessity to couple planet with angle occurs in directions. The fact that directions become perfect and then pass without effect is due to lack of contact with an angle. But let not Mr. Bailey jump to conclusions that in this approach "anything goes." There are rules yet to be formulated but the main fact is clear enough. Astrology is a system of consonance. Just where the boundaries are is a matter for definition, but in the opinion of the writer they are as sharply limited, and therefore capable of accurate mensuration, as are the factors of calculation in casting the map.

One more consideration. In the chart of the Abdication of Edward VIII, $\varphi \delta \mathfrak{L}$ opposed the Natal \odot in Edward's Chart. Why? Unless a satisfactory reason why these two planets and not two others were in opposition can be found, how is it possible with such limited understanding of the whole matter of transits, to say which will operate and which will not?

REVIEWS

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We are glad Mr. Gleadow, who is of course a well-known astrologer, has defied Nostradamus's commands to "astrologers, fools and barbarians" to remove themselves from the study of his quatrains, or else be "properly accursed." C. E. O. C.

Rasputin Speaks, by GEORGE SAVA. Price 8s. 6d. 324 pp. Publishers Faber and Faber, Ltd.

Rasputin speaks in this case through a medium. We always understood that he was, in this life, a sensual and illiterate monk. Sensual, at least in his reminiscences, he remains "on the other side," but he has developed a very attractive literary style, clear and racy. The first part of the book is autobiographical; the second unfolds the monk's political views, especially in regard to Russia—they appear ably conceived.

As for the doctrine that it is advisable to sin in order to be humbled and prepared to seek forgiveness, this did not originate with Rasputin and is not likely to have died with him. It is true that great sinners have become great saints, but we should be sorry to think that one *must* first roll in mire in order to enjoy a bath.

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SOME FINAL NOTES

IN regard to the Roosevelt-Churchill declaration, a Student of the Scriptures writes:

"The number Eight is the number symbolic of Salvation in the Scriptures. Eight persons, including Noah, went into the Ark and were saved. David was the eighth son of Jesse and he saved Israel. Joseph was 17 (8) when he was sold and delivered, ultimately to become the saviour of Egypt. The blood was sprinkled seven times on the Mercy-Seat and once before it. Christ rose from the grave on the eighth day.

Is not this pronouncement the symbol of near-approaching peace and the salvation of the world from war?

The eighth Beatitude is for those who suffer persecution, and

the two great men in these Eight Points have said that we know that in the past righteousness has suffered; now henceforth we pledge ourselves to the task that righteousness will reign."

The invasion of Iran brings into the field of war yet another of the Taurus-ruled countries. Of the list we gave in our issue of last March only Asia Minor has entirely escaped, and not by many miles, either.

On showing the proofs of this bumber to a friend, he pointed out that the stations of Neptune (see end of editorial) last year and the year before had coincided with fine weather. I had not thought it necessary to indicate, to readers of the Quarterly, that no astrological phenomenon is to be regarded in isolation. This year Neptune went stationary in square to Venus, the planet of moisture. In any case, I stated a fact and did not try to enunciate a general hypothesis.

The same correspondent suggests that it is unsafe, to say the least, to use figures for the stations of the planets, because the times given for these in the ephemerides are unreliable. If they are so, it is certainly unwise to use such maps; but what evidence have we to suppose the data are not dependable? This point should be settled.

The invasion of Iran was closely followed by a station of Uranus, with Saturn and Uranus very close to the nadir at Teheran. That may be a mere coincidence, or, on the other hand, it may not.

I expected three countries (the States, Japan and Turkey) to enter the war this spring. At this moment this has not been fulfilled, though all three have been, or are, very close to the brink.

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