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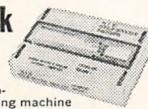
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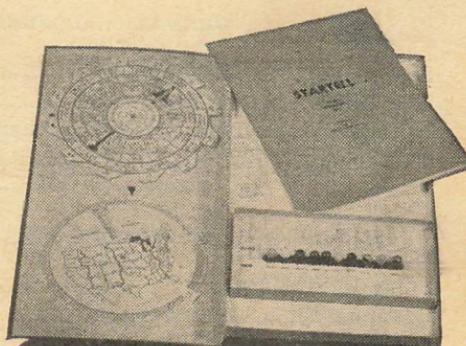
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# I See by the Papers

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*"Against the man-like Amazons we stood,  
And Sanger's stream ran purple  
with their blood."*

—Priam's account to Helen.

## LEGEND CONFIRMED?

ONE OF THE persistent legends of the ancient Greeks was of warrior women—the Amazons—against whom they fought in prehistoric times. The Trojans, too, warred against the fierce-fighting horse women who carried wars as far afield as India and Egypt. Legend has the Amazons besieging Athens itself although they did not capture the city.

Mythology says that the Amazons originated in a Scythian tribe which settled in the Caucasus. The men were mostly slaughtered in an uprising of recently conquered natives and the surviving women fled into the mountains and eventually settled on the Thermodon River in what is now northern Turkey. Here, to exist, they organized their state along military lines.

They realized that they would soon be extinct unless they took measures to have children and declared frequent truces to mingle



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with the men of other tribes. The girl children were kept and the boy children were either sacrificed, mutilated or returned to their fathers.

There are many theories about the Amazon tradition but until recently there hasn't been much evidence to support the myths. Now Ukrainian archeologists have found the graves of "warrior women" in ancient Scythian tombs. The discovery was made near Borispol and Nikopol in the east central Ukraine.

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bodies of the women were iron spears, sheaves of arrows, armor, bows and javelins.

Moscow radio reported: "One of the most ancient historical legends has been confirmed. The Amazons existed and lived on the territory of our country."



## LEGEND EXPLORED?

ANOTHER persistent legend prevalent in Europe—ancient and modern—is of the "little people." Although dwarfs were the prized possessions of emperors and princes, and there is strong evidence that an entire community of dwarfs once lived in Austria, there is simply no evidence of any widespread strains of pygmy-size natives in Europe within historical times.

Now Prof. Dr. Matthias Zender of Bonn University has offered a theory for the persistent legends of dwarfs. Bender's explanation is in part another dramatization of how dark things really got in the Dark Ages and how much knowledge was lost.

Professor Zender discovered that most of Europe's dwarf stories coincided geographically with the existence of the former great Roman communities. Roman legions founded such cities as London, Cologne and Vienna, and in the construction of the Roman buildings they naturally installed central heat-

ing systems—systems the like of which were not revived until the past century.

These central heating systems consisted of furnaces plus a system of flues in the floors (sometimes in the walls) which received and distributed the furnace heat. These flues were called *hypocausts*, and their purpose—let alone even the existence of central heating systems—was completely lost after the destruction of the Roman empire.

The *hypocausts* in the floor usually were made by building a base floor, and then mounting a second floor on little pillars about 24 inches above the first.

When plowmen of the Middle Ages began turning up the ruins of Roman buildings—in which the walls and, of course, the roofs had long since fallen, they found beneath the floors whole series of well-made tiny halls 24 inches high.

They could only conclude that they must have been made and used by dwarfs.



### MYSTERY OF MEMORY

WE ALREADY have evidence that in some primitive worms memories can be transferred from generation to generation by inheritance and apparently even by feeding the tissue of a trained worm to other worms.

Now it appears that certain

## DOOMED BY YOUR MEMORY?

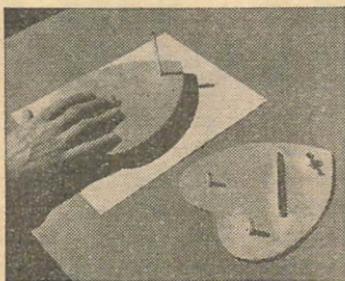
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The injected normal animals immediately develop a tolerance to the pain killer almost equal to the tolerance buildup in the original addict.

Dr. Ungar's studies were conducted on mice, rats and dogs and only by analogy can be held applicable to humans. The experimenter suggests that the drug experience is recorded in the brain of the initial animal—that is, the addict—in the form of a chemical structure that can be transferred as a sort of physiological memory.



**AT THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA**

**A**LMOST SINCE the first UFO's were reported there have been sightings over lakes, rivers and seas. For all these 18 years there have been theories trying to link them up with water—theories as far apart as that water provides a place to hide, that they may be fueling with water or they may be gathering it for cargo.

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A plant you think? Not so, says Dr. Thomas Hopkins, senior marine biologist aboard *Eltanin*. "At that depth there is no light so photosynthesis could not take place and plants cannot live."

Another and possibly allied mystery was reported from Ft. Pierce, Fla., early in July. A marine biologist, Dr. Dmitri Rebikoff of Chicago, had been conducting one-man submarine operations for 10 days gathering data at 90 to 100 foot depths for Dr. Jacques Piccard's planned cruise under the Gulf Stream.

Rebikoff reported that beneath the various schools of fish, moving at approximately the same speed as the Stream (3½ knots), there suddenly loomed a pear-shaped object.

"At first from its size we thought it to be some form of shark. However, its direction and speed were too constant. It may have been running on a robot pilot. We received no signal and therefore do not know what it was."

Rebikoff made efforts to take photographs of the object but we have no report of his success. He pointed out that the area is a fre-

quent route of heavily instrumented Russian fishing and hydrographic vessels.



### THE ENIGMATIC CRASH

SOME VERY strange statements have been introduced into testimony on possible causes of the wreck of a Canadian Pacific Airlines DC-6B early in July. Fifty-two persons died in the accident.

Dr. Warren Lovell, a Seattle pathologist, who has investigated more than 150 air crashes involving 2,000 deaths, says he would not exclude the possibility of a force "completely unknown to science at present" as the cause of the crash.

"I would also not exclude that a force from outer space is responsible," he stated, "no matter how unlikely this possibility appears to be."

Chemists examining parts of the aircraft have concluded that the plane was destroyed by an explosion originating in the toilet, causing it to split apart. The washbowl was forced closed, like a tulip, and the floor underneath was pushed down violently. The toilet bowl was shattered.

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determined that nobody was in the washroom when the plane was ripped apart. Pieces of formica and steel from the washroom were found imbedded in the floor and in the bodies of some of the passengers. The bodies have all been X-rayed. But what caused the explosion?



### HYPNOSIS AT WORK

JOHN J. CARROLL, safety investigator of the Civil Aeronautics Board, has revealed the results of hypnotic technique on a helicopter pilot involved in a non-fatal crash on the Pacific Coast.

Although the circumstances of the accident and the name of the pilot cannot be made public, the success of the experiment has made it likely that the CAB will try hypnosis on future cases in which the pilot has blanked out during the crash crisis. It had been considering the use of truth serum but has now shelved that idea.

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took after the helicopter struck the ground.



### COINCIDENCES?

SINGER BOBBY VINTON, one of the modern teen-agers' favorites, was sitting in the patio of a motel in Oklahoma July 25. It was a hot, humid day and Bobby was pretty uncomfortable. He wasn't looking forward to his afternoon engagement scheduled at Springlake, remembering the 103° heat he had faced the day before.

He had joked about tornados several times. Finally he said: "a little tornado would help matters. Besides we wouldn't have to do that afternoon show." Then, to quote Vinton, "the wind started blowing. I saw the stuff in the air and made a dash for the door. Something hit it just as I closed it."

Whatever hit the door punched a 9x4-inch hole. Vinton stood by the window until something shattered it, knocked over two lamps and showered him with glass.

"It was like an act of God," he said later. "I thought 'what have I done wrong in life?' It gives you something to think about."

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We're not about to ascribe supernatural powers, really, to Bobby Vinton. And it is probably another coincidence that brought tragedy to active members or alum-

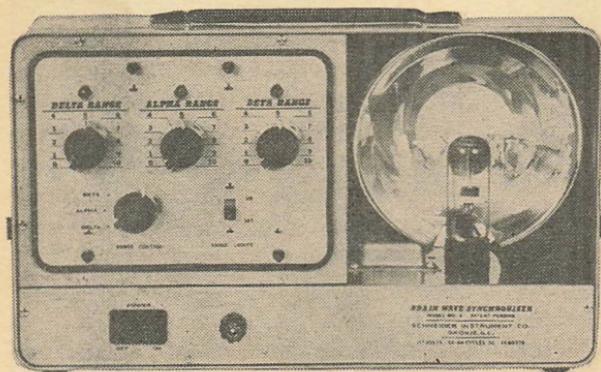


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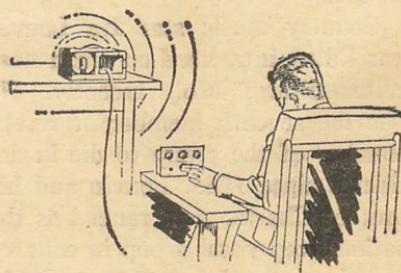
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ni artists of the Grand Ol' Opry troupe.

Country music star Ira Louvin was killed in a head-on crash near Williamsburg, Mo., recently. He was the seventh member or recent member of the group to die in accidents since 1963. Louvin and his brother Charles were ranked as the nation's top vocal group in country sacred music from 1952 to 1956 and *Billboard* Magazine voted them the favorite country and western small vocal group in 1958 and 1959.



#### LET'S RECONSIDER

OBVIOUSLY most coincidences must be just that and no more. But we are not inclined to dismiss them all out of hand. There may be something else working here and we hope not to sound paranoid when we say this. We aren't even on the threshold of understanding field theory in human and psychical relationships and what it may mean in the matrix of events.

Cause and effect are not necessarily as closely related as the materialists insist. There is a web of events, which Carl Jung called "synchronicity", needing some kind of orderly investigation. But like all projects which bear a potential label of "magical thinking" nobody dares to look into the claim.

Consider, for example, the life of

two-year-old Montie Neal of Anaheim, Calif. It was saved one day last spring by the fact that a fire truck driver made the wrong turn.

Montie went into convulsions, muscle spasms, and swallowed his tongue. A fire truck from Bunea Park, driven by a rookie undergoing training, missed a turn and wound up in Anaheim just in time to save Montie's life. The boy already had stopped breathing when Capt. Gary Walker ordered the truck to halt, jumped off, pulled the tongue free from the baby's throat, inserted a plastic tube and was about to start mouth-to-mouth resuscitation when the boy resumed breathing.

Our question: Do events affect each other, not by simple cause and effect but, in the manner of iron filings in a magnetic field, or in the manner of marbles in a pan where the movement of one may affect them all?

How set up an experiment to investigate such interrelated events?

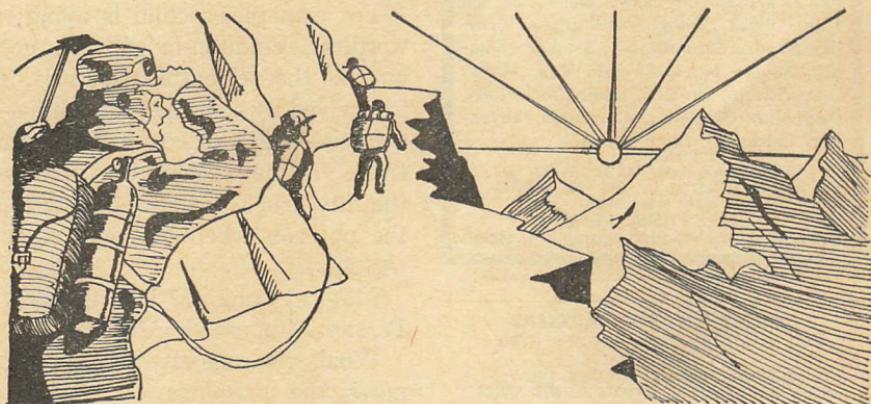


#### CAN ESP EXPLAIN THEM?

CARL JUNG'S explanation, as we suggested, was "synchronicity" a word that does little more than deny "coincidence".

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telepathy could be considered the major link bringing about such synchronous events.

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Magical thinking? Yes. Unlikely? Perhaps. Impossible? No.

What we suggest here presupposes the existence of telepathy. This we accept unhesitatingly.

The other assumption, quite untested by science, is that there is a directing force. Or alternately that all minds, somehow, somewhere, under some circumstances, and at certain levels, are linked telepathically. If there is any statement on which even parapsychologists will agree it is that those times when telepathy is most likely to operate is at crisis levels—during great danger and great despair.



### FAMILY TRAGEDY

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Autopsies on all three young people have not revealed any cause of death.



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At about 4:15 P.M. on Friday, June 25, members of the Long Ridge Swim Club noticed a white cloud near the tennis court. One club member thought it looked like the "white tornado" used in TV commercials to advertise a brand of detergent.

The whirlwind moved from the tennis court up the hill toward the swimming pool, picking up three tables with umbrellas on the way. A man who tried to hang onto one table was cut on the arm. Approaching the pool, the whirlwind deposited bits of debris and small objects therein, meanwhile raising a

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Jerry Rasmussen, science curator of the Stamford Museum, admitted he was stumped. There was no storm system in the Stamford area, and only 10 m.p.h. breezes. There was no indication of the kind of weather conditions that cause dust devils or miniature tornadoes.

But it happened, nevertheless; 450 people swear to it.



**OCH! LOCH NESS!**

**T**WO SCOTTISH brothers, William and James Cameron, have stepped forward to say they saw the Loch Ness monster this past July and "it was a terrific size."

The Camerons were setting up a camp on the bank of the loch. William was down at the shore washing his hands. "I looked up and there it was," he said. "I shouted for my brother.

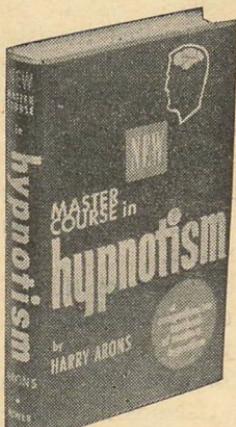
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The finches are only the size of sparrows, but they break the skin on the backs of the boobies, which are the size of ducks, and feed on the birds' blood.

"It's a kind of creepy thing," Dr. Bowman says.



## A CONGREGATION OF SNAKES

CREEPY? Frank Farmer, staff writer for the Springfield, Mo., *Daily News*, was dispatched to the Pine Ridge Church, between Chadwick and Forsyth, late in July to investigate reports of a plague of poisonous copperhead snakes at the church, whose Pentecostal members

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were having a revival.

When Farmer, his wife Helen and  
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the church they found 92 copper-  
heads had been killed during the  
past week. While he was there a  
93rd was killed.

For some reason the snakes seem  
to be attracted to the church and  
most of them are killed in its im-  
mediate vicinity. Some people have  
suggested that the snakes are drawn  
by the piano and guitars which pro-  
vide music for the services. Other  
persons discount this claiming that  
snakes are deaf.

Farmer asked Alvah Walker, who  
is conducting the revival, whether  
"this snake business is not a stunt  
to promote your revival."

"It sure has helped attendance,"  
Walker said laughing. "Started out  
with 25 to 30. Now we got about  
50."

A week later, on July 27, the  
count of dead copperheads had risen  
to 149—pretty good for two weeks  
of snake fighting. Meanwhile Walk-  
er reported that attendance at the  
revivals had increased "to where we  
can't hardly seat the people or park  
their cars."

That's pretty good, too.



## YOU AND DDT

THE ENTIRE globe, in case you  
haven't suspected it, appears to  
be contaminated to some extent by

DDT. Traces of the pesticide have been found in Antarctic seals, penguins and fish, according to Dr. John L. George of the Pennsylvania State University.

There is no record of DDT ever having been used in Antarctica, nor any reason why it should be used there. Yet traces of the chemical have been discovered in specimens of Adelie penguins, Weddell seals and in some kinds of fish.

Where has the stuff come from?

It was not been dispersed by atmospheric winds because Dr. George has found no DDT in Antarctica's snows. He believes it probably came from DDT sprayed on crops which found its way to the sea, was picked up by plankton and eventually reached larger creatures in the food cycle.

Such DDT despositos are not yet large enough to cause alarm, yet it is noteworthy that they have spread so far in the 20 years that DDT has been in widespread use.



### CATS & DOGS

**B**RIAN VESEY-FITZGERALD, writer for the British *News of the World*, vouches personally for his story of a precognitive cat. The cat is a 15-year-old spayed female belonging to a friend.

One evening the cat, which had seemed to be asleep, waked up suddenly from her place close to the



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TV set, gave the set a long look, jumped down and asked to be let out. Thereafter the cat refused to be in the room while the TV set was on.

Several days later, the tube in the set suddenly shattered, spraying glass about the place. The manufacturer, who said he never had heard of such a thing, replaced the set with an exactly similar model.

Whereupon the cat resumed her place beside the new set.

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Of quite a different order is the mother instinct of Penelope Jones. Penelope Jones is a 3½-year-old Pekinese-Beagle mixture with an overwhelming urge to adopt and nurse stray kittens.

Penelope Jones belongs to a family in Owosso, Mich., and recently she adopted a litter of four kittens after the mother had ignored them. Not only did Penelope Jones adopt the kittens but was able to nurse them by milk produced through the phenomenon of false pregnancy although she never has had puppies.



PRIEST DOWSER

THE JANUARY issue of *Maryknoll Magazine* contained an article by DePorres Stilp, M.M., on Father Beaudevin of the Paris Foreign Mission Society who is famous as a water diviner throughout Korea. The Rev. Emile Beau-

devin is administrator of the Tae-jon Diocese and has spent 42 of his 68 years in Catholic missions in the Orient, 30 of them in Korea.

Author Stilp met Father Beau-devin while he was a guest of Bishop James V. Pardy and accompanied him while he dowsed two wells for the Chong Ju Diocese. His work is so accurate, particularly his estimates of the depth at which water will be found, that Bishop Pardy "can contract, almost to the penny, for the exact amount of concrete rings and other materials needed to reach a certain depth."

Father Beaudevin found 200 wells for the Korea Army in a single week along the 38th parallel. He dowsed 60 of these wells in one six-hour stretch.

The Priest-Dowser uses the conventional forked willow stick method; walks over the surface of the ground until he finds two "streams" crossing, and indicates that spot for the well. He determines the depth of the water by walking at right angles to the flow of water, away from the "stream", until the willow rod flips completely over—pointing up and in toward his chest. The distance of this point from the "stream" gives him the exact depth at which the "stream" is flowing. He double checks by walking away from the stream in the opposite direction and noting the distance at which the rod again flips.

The authors were engaged in a program of experiments with LSD and other psychedelic drugs at Harvard University, until sensational publicity, unfairly concentrating on student interest in the drugs, led to suspending experiments. Since then, the authors have continued their work without academic auspices.

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THIS IS the story of a search that FATE Magazine and this writer began more than a year ago. It is a strange quest—for evidence of a cat that not only talks, but talks sense—and our results are inconclusive, for we have by no means proved the facts. Nevertheless, I interviewed several persons who attest that they have indeed heard a soft voice issue from a tomcat named Whitey, and that this voice spoke clear and sensible English.

As good a place as any to begin this account is with Patrick Kelly's column, "In Our Town," published in the August 16, 1964, issue of the Tampa *Tribune*. It told of a talking white cat belonging to a man and wife living in Lake Hamilton, Fla. The source of the information was Bennett William Palmer, a retired minister who lives in Haines City, Fla.

FATE published a brief resume of Kelly's report on the talking cat in Curtis Fuller's "I See By The Papers" column of December, 1964. Because I am writing a book about psychic animals, when I read this I immediately wrote to Mr. Palmer for further information. FATE also made direct contact with him, and together we began to gather some fascinating information about this most unusual cat.

In January, 1965, FATE sent me to Florida to meet The Reverend Mr. Palmer, to interview Mr. and

# The SEARCH for the TALKING CAT

FATE reports on its investigation of a Florida tomcat that numerous witnesses say not only talks—but talks intelligently.

*By Susy Smith*

Mrs. James Deem, Whitey's owners, and to hear the animal talk—if I should be so fortunate. I was also asked to obtain as much verification of the strange facts as I could.

On Friday, January 22, 1965, I met the talking cat for the first time. Initially I had gone to Haines City to pick up Mr. Palmer and we then drove until we finally located the Deem home. It is a small, extremely modest, two-room, rented house, but beautifully located among huge oaks covered with Spanish Moss beside one of the numerous lakes near Lake Hamilton.

When I was taken inside to meet Whitey I admit I hoped passionately he would greet me with "How do you do." But he never said a word. The large white cat looked at



Mr. and Mrs. James Deem, Haines City, Fla., pose with pet cat Whitey, shown also at top. They state Whitey, now about two years old, first spoke at age of six months and since has uttered a word or sentence almost daily.



me steadily and seriously with his pale green eyes, but he never said a single word. The Deems were reticent, too, at first, but they gradually relaxed when they saw that I was perfectly willing to believe that the cat could talk, if only I might hear the truth about it. I have learned too many fantastic facts in my psychical research to close my mind to anything; however, I made it clear that evidence

was of extreme importance. It was not long before Ruth Deem was telling me how it all began.

When Whitey was a six months old kitten, she said, he jumped on the bed one morning and said, "I'm hungry." Mrs. Deem was not asleep, but she knew she must be dreaming. "I thought I was hearing things," she told me. "A cat can't talk." She turned over and looked at her pet. Whitey spoke again. "Mama,

I'm hungry," he said.

"What did you say?" Ruth asked.

"I'm hungry," Whitey replied once again. So what could she do? She got up and fed the cat. But she didn't say a word to her husband.

Two or three days later James Deem was lying down when Whitey jumped up beside him. Stroking the animal, Mr. Deem said, "Whitey, you're a bad cat."

"I am *not* a bad cat," replied Whitey, then added, "I want to go out."

James Deem shouted to his wife, "Did you hear that?"

"Yes," said Ruth, "and I want to hear it again." Then she told her husband the cat had spoken a few days before, too, when she was alone. She was relieved that she now had someone with whom to share her surprise.

James Deem had been a coal miner in West Virginia from the time he was nine years old until World War II. He has been retired on a disability pension since then; and he and his wife have lived in Florida for his health for the past 15 years. On June 7, 1963, when they were living in an area called Hillside Acres, Ruth heard faint meows coming from some tall grass near their home. It had been raining and the weather was so disagreeable that she asked her hus-

band to try to find out what miserable little creature was out there calling for help. He located the wet, bedraggled, abandoned kitten, which appeared to him to be about a month old, and brought it into the house. Ruth dried it and cleaned it and gave it some warm milk, but the little thing was very ill. After spending the next two nights sitting up with it, she and her husband finally took it to a veterinarian who managed to save its life.

The kitten was named Whitey, in contrast to the Deems' other cat, who epitomizes its name of Blackie. Whitey seemed perfectly normal until he spoke his first words when he was about six months old. Once he started speaking he was rather fluent for over a year, I was told. While the more striking incidents occurred very infrequently, over a period of many months he is reported to have said some human word or sentence almost daily.

I am acutely aware that such claims are difficult for the reader to accept. They are difficult for me to accept. But so are the alternatives—hoax and fraud, or simple delusion involving several different persons. If my account was based on the testimony of the Deems alone, I would not bother to write it, for they could easily be under some misconception about their pet. However, I have talked with two

of their neighbors, who have signed statements that they, too, have heard Whitey speak. There are two other women whom I did not have the opportunity to meet, who are said to be willing to give me their statements if I can go there at a time when they are home.

As I have said, I did *not* hear Whitey speak. He uttered nothing more startling than "Meow" in my presence. But it was explained to me that he had been ill and had spoken almost nothing for some time, so I was not being discriminated against. I liked the cat, and he seemed to like me. At least, he endured my caresses with less disdain than cats usually show to strangers.

I liked the Deems. I appreciated their initial reluctance to talk about their pet for it showed me they are not publicity seekers. Also, I was pleased when they were willing to let me borrow the cat and keep him with me until I could hear him speak. To me this indicates their confidence in his unusual ability; for they obviously love the animal and had no intention of letting me have him permanently. I didn't know how I could keep a sick tomcat in a hotel room, or even at the home of friends, but I *was* going to make the effort. However, when Mr. Deem tried to put him into a box in my car a wildcat fighting captivity couldn't have been more

frantic, vicious, or violent. Mr. Deem managed to hold onto him, but he got badly scratched. I immediately withdrew my petition to try to handle him myself in some distant locale. Whitey calmed down quickly, however, and, back in the house, sat beside me on the bed as I listened to more stories about his amazing vocal feats.

The Deems seem quiet, pleasant, unassuming people who only desire to live quietly with their pets. Yet if it wouldn't make them too conspicuous they do feel that others should know about Whitey's unusual talents. Unfortunately, they are not too aware of any kind of need for scientific evidence. Neither do they seem likely to show much objectivity in evaluating their experiences. I rather doubt that their neighbors who purport to have heard Whitey talk would be any different. Yet none of these people would seem to be the type to attempt a hoax. I cannot conceive that their imaginations, even collectively, could produce some of the charming stories I am about to relate.

When Mrs. Deem went to the grocery, she told me, she often returned with some chocolate. Whitey is particularly fond of chocolate and he would say, "What did you bring me?" She would counter with, "Do you love me, Whitey?" And he'd reply, "I love you, Mama,

what did you bring me?"

Once Ruth says she heard the cat say, "Come! Come!" She went out and saw him sitting looking steadily at something under the house. He said, "He's a big one!" She stooped to see what he was looking at, and a big black snake crawled out. Mrs. Deem screamed, and then, she swears, the cat said, "Mama's a coward."

Whitey likes to watch television and the set often is left turned on just for his benefit. Once he saw a man shot on TV and asked, "Is he hurt?" Mrs. Deem said, "No, he isn't hurt." Whitey then said, "Mama, don't tell a lie." He also is reported to have said of a dog he saw on television, "He's not real." Ruth says she thinks she once heard him say, "Thanks," but she is not positive of this.

When Mr. and Mrs. Deem mentioned these incidents to their neighbors, they got only smiles in reply. Then they went away on a week's trip and asked Marshall Ferguson to stay in their house and take care of their cats. Mr. Ferguson is a carpenter and painter who also picks fruit when the more remunerative work is not available. He had a small house nearby. He hold me, "I thought Ruth Deem was having hallucinations the first time she told me about the cat talking. I thought she was dreaming it up."

But one day during the week

that Mr. Ferguson was catsitting, he was on the back porch. He noticed that Blackie was chasing Whitey toward the house. As Whitey ran near him, Mr. Ferguson plainly heard him cry out, "Hey, Ma." He said with a grin, "I very flatly told him Ma wasn't home. I know he understood. Prior to that I thought she was loose upstairs." And he nodded toward Ruth Deem.

About a week after the Deems returned from their trip, Marshall Ferguson dropped in one morning and was having a cup of coffee in the kitchen. Whitey was in the bedroom with Ruth.

"Mama, he hit me," he said.

"Who hit you?" she asked.

"Him," Whitey said, apparently referring to Mr. Ferguson, whose voice could be heard from the kitchen.

"What did he hit you with, honey?"

"Newspaper," answered the cat.

Ruth went out into the kitchen and asked Ferguson if he'd had any trouble with the cats while they were gone.

"Not too much," he replied.

"Did you have to hit Whitey?"

He thought a moment. "Once," he said, recalling that Whitey and Blackie had been fighting and he had struck at them to stop them. Blackie immediately had jumped down and run under something; Whitey had sat where he was and

stared with those pale green eyes.

"Did you hit them with a newspaper?" Ruth continued.

"Yes, with a rolled up newspaper," said Marshall Ferguson, and then he did a double take, wondering how she knew about it. He remarked to me, "There is only one way she could have known. That darn cat told her."

About this time another incident allegedly involving Whitey occurred. Whitey was at a hospital because of infections he got in a cat fight. From his cage he said to the veterinarian's helper, "I want to go home." The helper looked around and saw no one anywhere near except the cat. He rushed to his employer with what he had heard, but was charged with trying to "fool somebody". The doctor then went to the cage and looked at the cat, who didn't say a word. However, as he turned to go away the doctor also heard the words, "I want to go home." He looked accusingly at his helper, who maintained, "The cat said that."

I could not verify this story. It seems that if a veterinarian actually heard a cat speak he should be willing to admit it and, in fact, to publicize it to the ends of the earth. I am told, however, that the vet in question is afraid of bad publicity and so will not allow his name to be mentioned. I have made every effort to learn who this doctor

is and have gotten nowhere. Mrs. Deem says he has sworn her to secrecy. This is the one tale about Whitey that I offer only with reservations.

Eventually news of the talking cat began to spread. A reporter from the *Lakeland Ledger* interviewed the Deems and wrote a story about Whitey—who would not talk for him either. Soon there were brief accounts in several Florida papers. None of the photographs taken came out well, but after the *Ledger* photographer left Whitey uttered the word "light," referring evidently to his flash bulbs.

After this newspaper publicity, people began to spy on the cat and its owners, sometimes in a very rude fashion. Hillside Acres is a housing development on the side of a lake near the town of Lake Hamilton. Some distance away in the midst of large orange groves, is the settlement of trailers and plain little hollow tile houses where the Deems lived. People began to travel the dirt back roads to track them down. Once someone even stuck a camera in the window and took a picture of the cat inside its home.

The Deems decided to move to Winter Haven to get away from the sensation seekers. There a travelling preacher sought them out because of his curiosity about the cat. The Deems are deeply religious people and they invited him in.

After some conversation, they were startled to hear Whitey say to the preacher, "Why don't you go home?" And they were horrified when he added, "He's a stinker." Mrs. Deem quickly said, "Aren't you ashamed of yourself?" But Whitey stoutly denied it. "I am not!" he said. I never learned the name of this visiting preacher but even if I had it seems doubtful that he would like to have it published under the circumstances.

Another story which sounds too good to be true, which cannot be verified and which stands on the word of the Deems alone, occurred when they made a trip to North Carolina.

They naturally find it difficult to get accommodations when travelling with two large tomcats; that's why they leave them at home whenever possible. When they do take them, however, Mrs. Deem says of motel owners, "If they don't want my cats, they don't want me."

So this was not the first time they had slept in their automobile. In a small town in North Carolina they were parked alongside the curb sound asleep when a passing policeman heard a voice from the car cry, "Help! help!" He rushed up and flashed his light inside. What he saw besides a couple of sleepy people was a large, beautiful white cat, who now spoke to him calmly and distinctly. "I want out, please,"

it said. What the policeman felt when the cat added, "No one loves me," no one knows.

This is typical of the "put upon" attitude Whitey so frequently indicated in his statements. But his actions bespeak a different attitude. When one considers the claims for a talking cat one must consider not only what he says, but the cat himself. If he is said to have a human-like vocabulary, one half expects him also to act in a human manner. Whitey, however, is all tomcat—and an excessively stubborn tomcat at that. His very "tom-cattiness" is one reason the story has been so difficult to research. If he had stayed home and watched television nights he wouldn't have had so much trouble, and probably wouldn't have lost his voice. But this cat prowls and fights. During the year that I have known about him he has been stolen, lost, poisoned, and hospitalized almost more than he has been at home.

Shortly after the North Carolina trip Whitey was stolen from the porch of his Winter Haven home. He was gone for 27 days, but eventually turned up back at Hillside Acres. He was in very poor condition, and even had a mark on him which the Deems think indicates he was shot at.

Whitey and his family now live about four miles from Hillside

Acres, but the cat continues to return there whenever he gets away from home. Since he is so clamorous and forceful in his demands, James Deem eventually will relent and let him out even though he knows Whitey will run away. Shortly before Christmas, 1964, on one of his sojourns, he was poisoned, and was very ill when found. He still was not feeling well when I saw him, and the doctor this time said he may never fully recuperate. It was this spell which made him stop talking.

However, one of the best instances of his speaking has occurred since this time. Joe Rhodes, a contractor who has trucks for picking citrus fruit, lives in a trailer at Hillside Acres with his wife and children. One afternoon in late December he noticed Whitey in a vacant lot nearby. He thought, "That cat's run away from home again," and he started toward Whitey in order to retrieve him. This was between 4:00 and 5:00 o'clock on a clear day and the visibility was good. There was nobody else anywhere around. As he walked slowly toward Whitey he distinctly heard the cat say, "You can't catch me."

Mr. Rhodes is a very quiet and retiring man. He appears to have no possible interest in publicity or the limelight. Neither did any of the other people I talked to about

this cat. I have only their testimony, however. Whitey was not a witness in his own defense.

I have discussed this case with the well-known parapsychologist, Dr. Hornell Hart, Professor of Sociology at Florida Southern College, Lakeland, Fla. Professor Hart says: "I should entertain as my primary hypothesis that the alleged remarks by the cat could be explained under three main categories: (1.) ventriloquism, (2.) sincere misinterpretation of a normal cat's mewings and meows, and (3.) the development of a fad under which it became stylish for individuals to report having heard the cat make various remarks. I know of no psychical phenomena which create any plausible precedent for expecting a cat to make intelligible vocal sounds, conveying conversational meaning. I doubt very much whether the structure of the cat's vocal cords and mouth would permit any such thing."

Now, as just noted, if we accept Mr. Rhodes's testimony we have removed the charge of ventriloquism. Second, nothing Whitey has been reported as saying has sounded like a meow, unless "I want aouwt" can be so interpreted. As for Dr. Hart's third suggestion, perhaps this is the true answer. I only reiterate that these people who testified did not act or sound as if they were indulging in a

fad or a game of any kind.

There are always those persons who will suggest a super-normal explanation. The Reverend Bennett William Palmer, for instance, disagrees entirely with Professor Hart. Mr. Palmer never has heard Whitey talk but he believes implicitly in the veracity and objectivity of the Deems. To him this cat is the most remarkable cat in the history of the world.

The Rev. Mr. Palmer says he entered the picture in June, 1963, when he invested some money in lots in Hillside Acres and there met the Deems. "It was probably six months later," he said, "that I first heard mention of the talking cat." After that he began to collect stories about Whitey and to send out reports to newspapers and magazines.

Mr. Palmer may be fairly close to the mark when he compares Whitey to the talking mongoose on the Isle of Man. This story is well-known to all psychical researchers. In a house there at Cashen's Gap a disembodied voice was heard frequently over a period of years. It called itself Gef, and said it was a talking mongoose. However, Dr. Nandor Fodor, who spent a week on the Isle of Man cross-questioning witnesses but did not see any of the phenomena himself, concluded that Gef was a poltergeist-like manifestation.

At first glance it seems a far cry from an alleged talking mongoose on the Isle of Man to an alleged talking cat in Florida. But animals with such unusual talents have to be explained some way, unless human testimony is dismissed entirely. The remarks of both animals resemble what one might expect from an unhappy and insecure child—and it is just such infantilism that some theorists associate with poltergeist activity.

If one subjects Whitey's supposed conversation to psychological scrutiny it seems at times almost embarrassingly human—and Freudian. Here is a cat that apparently was abandoned to die when it was a kitten. Today, even though rescued and loved by the Deems, it still is reported to complain that "No one loves me". It most frequently uses human words of love and rejection: "Hungry", "Mad", "I want to go home", "He's bad" (often said about Blackie), "Love", "I love Mama", and "Why no one love me?"

It also has been suggested that perhaps in Whitey we have evidence of the transmigration of a human soul into a cat's body. But, in this case, one wonders why it's conversation should be limited to Whitey's ordinary experience and to a child-like vocabulary.

But all this is pure speculation in an era when few persons credit

the existence of poltergeists or talking cats. Obviously this case needs long and detailed investigation.

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Just as I was finishing this article word arrived that Whitey has started talking again. He said to Mr. Deem, "Come on," when he wanted to go for a walk. And he said to Mrs. Deem, in front of Mrs.

Sharon, a neighbor in Hillside Acres, "Mama, I want out."

The concensus of opinion at Lake Hamilton is that I should come-on-down to Florida again to hear the cat now that he has resumed talking. That's the concensus of opinion right here, too.

I'll never be satisfied until Whitey speaks to me.

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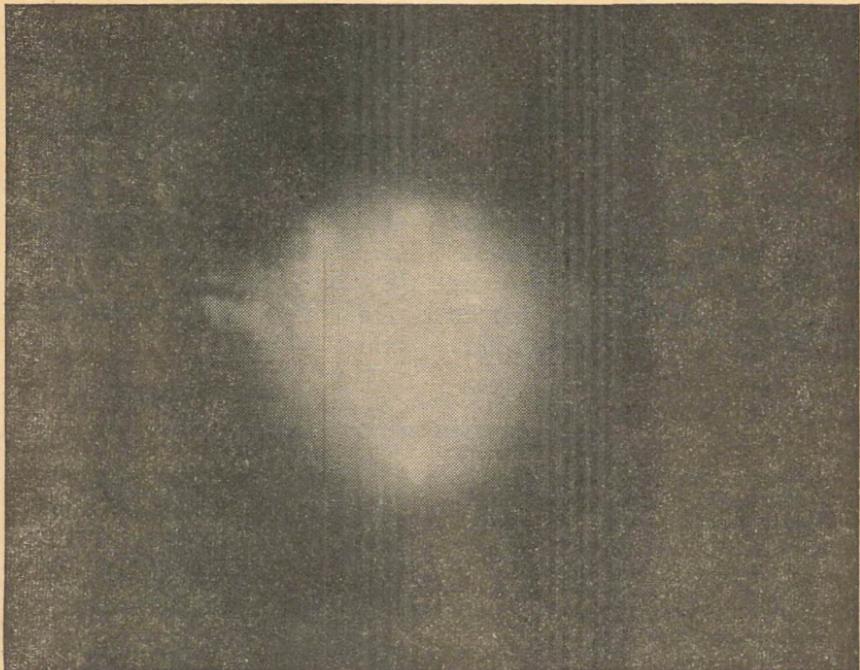
#### ROXANNA FINDS A NEW HOME

After a colleague, Dr. Robert J. Mills, mentioned that he wished to have an Afghan hound, Dr. Adah R. Taylor, a physician and dog fancier, obtained one for him in Oakland, Calif. As she drove into the driveway of her home in Fresno, the dog, named Roxanna, leaped out of the car window and ran away.

Aided by her husband, Dr. H. A. Anderson, Dr. Taylor spent the night cruising Fresno streets in a fruitless search for Roxanna. In the morning she received a phone call from Dr. Mills, who lived almost three

miles from her. He explained that an Afghan hound had arrived at his house during the night, awakening his wife by looking in the window at her. Since the dog may have been the one they wanted, would Dr. Taylor come over and see if it was?

Dr. Taylor drove over with her husband, both assuring themselves that it was too much of a coincidence for Roxanna, unaided, to have reached the one house out of the many in Fresno to which she was to have been delivered. The dog, however, proved to be Roxanna.



Brilliant object hovering in sky near Bells, Tex., was photographed by Bob Campbell, cameraman for KXWI-TV, Sherman, Texas.

## Western UFO Flap

It was an exciting few days, with a record number of visual and radar UFO reports, and objects of varying shapes & colors.

*By Coral E. Lorenzen*

SHORTLY AFTER midnight on Monday, August 2, Bob Campbell, news photographer for KXWI-TV in Sherman, Tex., was lying on the bed at his home in Bells, Tex., listening to police calls on his short wave set. His attention was arrested by a conversation involving an uni-

dentified flying object being tracked on radar in Oklahoma and apparently headed toward Texas. He listened to the Texas side of the conversation between Texas and Oklahoma Highway Patrolmen and when they said the object, described as an intense blue-white light, was south of Durant, he grabbed his 4x5 Speed Graphic camera, got into his car, and headed into town.

There Campbell found Police

Campbell believed object to be stationary and to have clearly defined shape, but fuzziness of both photos suggests it was surrounded by a glow—or that it did move.

Chief Pete McCollum and together they drove around until, when they were 13 miles east of Sherman and about one mile east of Bells on Highway 82, they spotted the object hanging in the northeast sky.

It appeared to be a huge, solid ball giving off a brilliant blue-white light, just as described. Its edges appeared well-defined and it was hovering, stationary, at about 45 degrees elevation in the northeast. Campbell and the Chief watched the object for a while, then Campbell, who had already set up his tripod,



began taking time exposures of approximately two minutes each, at three minute intervals. He took four exposures.

At 3:30 A.M., after a two and one-half hour vigil, Campbell and Chief McCollum left the area. The thing had not moved a fraction of an inch but it was late and they were tired.

While Campbell and Chief McCollum were watching from east of Bells, Oklahoma Highway Patrolman Bill Quires was watching from Durant, 30 miles north of Bells; and Department of Public Safety Dispatcher, Jim Faglia, was watching seven miles south of Sherman. Because of these relative positions it seems logical to assume Campbell and McCollum were closest to the light and that it was at a fair altitude in order to be seen from Durant, 30 miles north.

None of the watchers stayed to see the object depart.

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THIS TEXAS sighting is only one of the numerous, recent UFO reports. The first reports of what now has become a big western UFO "flap" came out of Wichita, Kans., in the early hours of Monday, August 2, the same day.

The Sedgewick County Sheriff's office at Wichita informed the press that the Weather Bureau there had tracked "several of them" at altitudes of 6,000 and 9,000 feet on

Sunday evening, August 1.

The Oklahoma Highway Patrol said Tinker Air Force Base at Oklahoma City had tracked as many as four UFOs on its radar screens at one time, also in the early Monday morning hours. The Oklahoma City press stated that some of the objects dropped from 22,000 to 4,000 feet altitude. But Tinker Air Force Base would neither confirm nor deny the radar sightings and referred all inquiries to Air Force Headquarters in Washington.

If we accept the statement of the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, it seems one of the objects tracked by Tinker which dropped in altitude could have made its way south toward Durant and Bells, Tex., to be re-sighted there.

John Shockley, a Wichita Weather Bureau observer, tracked UFOs between 2:00 and 6:00 A.M., at altitudes between 6,000 and 9,000 feet, "mostly on the south side of the city," he said. He stated one UFO looked about the size of a Cessna airplane on the screen.

As reports from all over Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas began to pour into the press rooms, inquiries began to flow out. P.H. Messner, in charge of Air Traffic Control Installations for the Federal Aviation Agency, stated his office had no information on unidentified flying objects and no reports of any observed on their electronic equipment. Mc-

Connell Air Force Base, at Wichita, Kans., confirmed the FAA statement, but pointed out that the FAA radar screen covers only a 30-mile radius while Weather Bureau radar covers most of the state of Kansas.

A staff photographer for the Wichita *Beacon* took a picture of the radarscope at the Weather Bureau. This photo, printed in the morning edition of August 2, carried this caption: "Wichita Weather Bureau radarscope showed unidentified flying objects Monday morning (see circled blip). Other white dots show locations of earlier sightings as the objects moved across the scope."

The same issue of the *Beacon* recounted the sighting of a UFO by two rookie police officers at Caldwell, Kans., that same early Monday morning. The two officers, Dave Lowe and Eddie Roberts, heard over their patrol car radio that unidentified flying objects were moving in a southerly direction toward Wellington, South Haven and Caldwell. The men headed for the vicinity of the Caldwell Airport east of town.

Lowe suddenly noticed something behind a rise of ground about 50 yards from their patrol car. He later said he first thought it was headlights. He stood on the floor of the car to get a better view and saw the object itself "as bright as 100 searchlights." The object ap-

peared to the policemen as an iridescent conglomeration of colors—red, green and white—all blended together.

"It didn't look at all like what I thought a flying saucer would," Lowe said. "It wasn't round and it was much longer than it was wide." It looked like an egg about 100 yards long, he told reporters.

Shaken by what they had seen, the men jumped back into their squad car and raced after the object in an attempt to get a closer look. They pulled onto Highway 81 and headed east but the object ducked behind a hedge row and they lost sight of it. Lowe said it must have turned its lights off so they couldn't follow it. They did not see it again.

Both men agree their total observation time was about three minutes. Lowe had heard the sound of an engine running shortly before they spotted the thing and had spoken of it to Roberts. However, he thought it was an airplane but they saw no plane before, during or after the sighting.

The two policemen have stated their belief that the object was not of earthly origin. Roberts thought it was like nothing man-made he had ever seen—"It might be something experimental, but I don't think so," he said.

At sunrise Roberts and Lowe returned to the field where they thought the object had touched

down but they found nothing.

According to Monday morning press reports the Weather Bureau also tracked an object south to the vicinity of Wellington, and it can be assumed the object Lowe and Roberts saw was the same one.

Other sightings were reported on August 2. Deputy Sheriff Everett Tucker of Wellington, Kans., about 23 miles northeast of Caldwell, said he and his wife saw a glowing, egg-shaped object trailing a red vapor trail as it moved rapidly north. This was at 4:50 A.M. Was it the same thing Lowe and Roberts saw earlier?

Jack Sheets and four other men at Wellington reported watching UFOs from 4:50 to 5:30 A.M. while at work in the Santa Fe railroad yards. Four different objects "or whatever they were", Sheets said, passed across the sky at intervals of seven to eight minutes. He said the first two were solid red lights which did not flash or blink. They seemed to be high up, on a steady, even course. The third object was red, but turned white. The fourth was white from the time it was observed until it disappeared in the north.

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**R**EPORTS OF earlier sightings poured in from Chickasha, Cushing, Shawnee and Chandler, Okla., where four mysterious craft were observed flying in a diamond-

shaped formation from south to north. These UFOs were picked up on the Weather Bureau radar in Shawnee, and highway patrol officers in three different cars in three different sections of the area observed the diamond-shaped formation of lights. They reported the objects changed from red to blue-green, to white, and occasionally moved from side to side in flight. This was at 9:00 P.M., Sunday evening, August 1.

Cushing, Okla., police reported what apparently was the same formation at about the same time. Police dispatcher, Jim Cline, said C.V. Barnhill of the Oklahoma State Highway Patrol had sighted a kite-shaped object with a red, revolving light on top.

At 1:30 A.M. on Sunday morning, August 1, Policeman Lewis Sikes of Wynnewood, in south-central Oklahoma, observed an object which emitted a red, white and blue light. He said it hovered in one spot and he watched it for 45 minutes before reporting to the Oklahoma Highway Patrol.

Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma City located the object on radar at about 8,000 feet and, after checking with other government installations, Tinker officials announced that no authorized air traffic was in that area. Tinker tracked the object to a location 29 miles south of Tinker where it dis-

appeared. Officials at Tinker said they had no information as to the nature or origin of the object.

It may be because of this incident that radar installations in Oklahoma and Kansas were alerted and this alert brought about the subsequent rash of UFO sightings. Certainly Tinker already had been alerted by Officer Sikes' sighting.

Various attempts were made by authorities to discredit and explain the wholesale sightings. Air Force Headquarters in Washington, D.C., issued a statement explaining the many objects were merely familiar stars such as Aldebaran, Betelgeuse, Capella Rigel, or the planet Jupiter. No one explained how these astronomical bodies could be picked up on ordinary radar with limited range.

But Robert Risser, director of the Oklahoma Science and Art Foundation planetarium in Oklahoma City, wasn't even interested in this discrepancy. He told reporters that watchers in Oklahoma certainly did *not* see Jupiter or the stars the AF listed. "That is as far from the truth as you can get," he said. "Somebody has made a mistake. These stars and planets are on the opposite side of the earth from Oklahoma City at this time of year."

Various authorities, including the FAA, began to talk about the bright, twinkling stars to be seen at this

time of the year (no longer mentioning specific ones, of course) temperature inversions, etc.

Reports of formations of lights seen in the skies at Amarillo, Binger, and Dalhart, Tex., came in. One sighting involved a brilliant light surrounded by small lights south-southwest of the Traffic Control Tower at Amarillo.

The fragmentary reports in newspapers and press dispatches gave the impression that the saucer flap started in Oklahoma and Kansas and moved south and west. This is not true.

Three New Mexico cities reported strange objects in their skies between 8:20 and 9:00 P.M. on Sunday evening, about the time objects were being tracked over Kansas, and before the close-up sightings of Monday morning.

At Hobbs, N.Mex., near the West Texas border, a round white object with an orange tail was seen moving rapidly into the west. A police dispatcher at Carlsbad, N. Mex., which is 69 miles west of Hobbs, said she saw a round white ball with an orange trail moving west. At Artesia, 36 miles northwest of Carlsbad, police received four separate reports of a bright object with a red trail passing directly over the town, headed northeast.

Did all three cities see the same UFO?

On Sunday evening there were additional sightings at Oklahoma City, Norman, and Chandler, Okla.

Also, on Sunday night, George Broussard of Casper, Wyo., returning home from the Big Horn Mountains, observed a glowing blue-white object high in the sky. Apparently some distance away, it looked like a round ball of blue-white light, he said. He had it in sight for 20 minutes.

As more UFOs were reported in the newspapers additional observers came forward with their stories.

Three civilian employees and a navigation officer at Warren AFB in Cheyenne, Wyo., told the *Denver Post* that 30 huge, cylinder-shaped objects were seen over Warren at 5:30 A.M. on Sunday. Inquiries at the base elicited only the curt statement that the reports were "under investigation".

A call purporting to come from a man at Warren AFB in Cheyenne to a newspaper in Greenville, S.C., may have been a hoax. The man, refusing to identify himself, stated that 30 unknown craft were hovering over the base. The reporter for the *Greenville News* called the *Denver Post* and said his informant had described the objects as having glass-enclosed cockpits topped with an antenna device and a revolving red light, and said that some of the objects landed but when dawn came they flew eastward in formation at

tremendous speed. The *Denver Post* for August 3 carried this story but did not identify the caller and efforts to check at Warren again were met with the official statement "we are investigating".

The Colorado State Penitentiary datelined another UFO incident early Monday morning. Guard Don Stites told the *Rocky Mountain News* in Denver that he just had walked out onto his catwalk at 2:15 when he saw the object close to the ground an estimated 25 to 30 miles away—halfway between Colorado Springs and Pueblo. He first thought it might be a large planet but then realized that the sky was 100% overcast. "At first it was bluish-white. Then it changed to a slight red glow," he reported. It was without definite outline and generally oval or oblong in shape. Stites called two of his superior officers and three other guards. They all watched the object for about 10 minutes before it began to rise "very, very slowly" straight up.

In Cheyenne, Wyo., two and one-half hours earlier, around midnight, two red, white and blue flashing objects were stationary in the southwest sky for several minutes. A UPI reporter, Gary Harvey, saw them. Harvey was in his office at 11:00 P.M. on Sunday when the first report came in. He looked out the window and saw an unusual light resembling a three-colored air-

craft beacon. He and a friend hopped into a car and drove out of town to get a better look. When they reached southwest Cheyenne the object was still hovering but soon began to move upward and away, disappearing into the Southwest. The first object was just disappearing when Gary Harvey noticed a similarly lighted object closer and just west of Cheyenne. The two again drove closer, to find other persons looking skyward. These observers said they also had seen the first object. After about 10 minutes the second UFO began to move in a straight line across the western sky to disappear westward over the mountains. It continued to flash red and white alternately until it was out of sight.

On Monday morning, August 2, a man from Justin, Tex., informed the sheriff's department at Fort Worth that a strange, brightly lighted object had landed about one mile north of his Denton County town. Two sheriff's deputies, Bennie G. Barton and Don Morrison, also reported seeing a bright light in the vicinity of Haslet or Justin while they patrolled near Eagle Mountain Lake. They said the object looked like a "magnesium flare" and appeared to be on the ground, but investigation of the area next morning yielded no physical evidence of such a landing.

Another photograph of unidentified

objects was taken by news photographer George Goodson of the *Junction Daily Union*, Junction City, Kans. Goodson was photographing a sky diver on Monday and when he developed the pictures on Tuesday he discovered eight odd black oval dots on the negative. He said he did not notice anything in the sky when he snapped the photo.

"I thought at first I'd goofed and left water spots on the negative," he said later, "but when I made a print I saw that two of the black things were partially hidden from view by a parachute shroud."

He feels now the spots were not caused by any technical fault and they do not look like airplanes.

At 6:15 A.M. on Monday morning Mr. and Mrs. Friehe of Culbertson, Nebr., reported seeing a silver, cigar-shaped object in the sky. It moved out of the southeast toward the northwest.

Objects with red, white and blue flashing lights were reported by police officers at Valentine, Nebr. They said some of the objects hovered over the city. Similar reports came from Ainsworth, North Platte, and Scottsbluff.

Two enterprising amateur astronomers in Valentine succeeded in photographing UFOs on Monday night with the aid of a four-inch refractor telescope. One of the teenagers, Judi Hatcher, told the

*Nebraska State Journal* that the object was "star-like in appearance except that it moved up and down in relation to some power lines." The movements covered about 12 degrees, she said, and the object dimmed frequently, changing from red to green to bluish-white. An out-of-focus telescope observation showed that the colors moved across the UFO from one side to the other. "The colors were not all present at the same time in a shifting pattern as they are with stars," she told reporters.

A second object was seen by Judi and her young companion, Bill Ward. It appeared in the northeast and moved back and forth in an area of about one degree as it proceeded slowly to the east. Judi noted that four, smaller, dimmer objects appeared to follow the main one and, as they watched, these smaller objects seemed to close ranks with the larger one.

Judi Hatcher stated that all the major stars were in their places, including Arcturus, and no star of less than second magnitude was visible in the vicinity of the object she and Bill watched. Whenever one of the two larger UFOs blinked "excessively", she said, "the other would disappear."

The two young astronomers reported there was little atmospheric disturbance throughout the sighting and "seeing" was good.

After reading these reports Captain Lee Beekin of the guard detail at the Sioux Ordnance Depot at Sidney, Nebr., reported seeing similar objects on both Saturday and Sunday nights. He described "them" as one large object and four smaller ones moving in a diamond-shaped formation. "They looked like a cruiser going through the sky," he said, and added that four other guards also saw them. Beekin told the *Omaha World-Herald* he reported the sightings to Warren AFB at Cheyenne, Wyo., shortly after they occurred.

At Broken Bow, Nebr., a UFO was seen on Saturday night, July 31.

At 9:15 A.M. on Monday Mrs. Henry Rawlings of La Junta, Colo., looked up when her 15-year-old daughter said "something strange" was in the sky. Mrs. Rawlings later described the object as a bright, silver-colored, saucer-shaped object with domes both top and bottom. Mrs. Rawlings and her daughter watched the object for about five minutes, then the girl called the local radio station. As Mrs. Rawlings continued to watch the object, which had been rotating slowly about 1500 to 2000 feet above the ground, it started to move, at first horizontally, then it rose straight up and disappeared.

On Monday night at about 10:30 P.M. APRO member Achzehener, of

Arlington, Tex., called the APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization) office from Dallas. He just had watched a diamond-shaped formation of UFOs over Dallas from his hotel roof.

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**A**CTIVITY THEN shifted to the north it seems. Police officers by the dozens in the Minneapolis—St. Paul, Minn., area called their headquarters between 12:30 and 2:30 A.M. Tuesday, August 3, to report various objects which "bobbed, dipped, hovered, stopped, jerked along and sped away." When these reports were published in local newspapers they were accompanied by official comments that unusually clear skies were causing unusually bright and changing colors in the stars—also a number of B-52 military aircraft were in the area.

But winking stars and B-52s are not "strange, multi-colored objects that bounce up and down like yo-yos, hover, dart away at breakneck speeds and occasionally line up in formation and fly off into space." As the *Minneapolis Star* put it, it was anything but a normal night in the dispatcher's room at the Hennepin County Sheriff's office. "Nearly everyone of more than 50 police and sheriff's squad cars on the road between 12:20 and 2:30 A.M. called in to report seeing the objects," the dispatcher told the *Star*.

The policemen were adamant about the uniqueness of the things they saw. One policeman, at Blaine, said the objects he saw were like "white stars with green and red flashing lights". One stopped dead overhead for about 20 minutes, then took off to the northeast, moving at a terrific rate of speed, he said. A Golden Valley policeman told the *Star* he had sighted a bright white object that "dipped through the bucket stars of the Big Dipper" and then zoomed away. A Shorewood officer called in with one of the first sightings at about 12:30 A.M. "I hope you don't think I'm crazy but I just got passed by a star," he informed the dispatcher. A brilliant, white, star-like object had zoomed past his patrol car at low altitude, he said.

Several patrol officers reported "bobbing, hovering, darting" objects out over Lake Minnetonka. One man described them as "spotted green on both sides, with a bright red light on top and a white one on the bottom."

In St. Anthony patrol officers reported three objects hovering silently. They described them as "like earth satellites" but much brighter, lower and faster.

The *Green Bay Press Gazette* for Wednesday, August 4, reported Mrs. John Lackman's observation of a "round, saucer-shaped" object about twice the size of the moon, seen

at 10:40 P.M. Tuesday, August 3. This Green Bay resident described it as having red and green lights and said her neighbor across the street had seen it on both Sunday and Monday nights. Both women told the County Police that the thing made a "weird" sound.

With Mrs. Lackman's report came the information that on Saturday night Robert Worachek, also of Green Bay, had seen "an orange, oblong disc about twice the size of the moon at about 10:30 P.M." Worachek was driving about 15 miles east of Green Bay on Highway 29 when he saw it.

A 23-year-old Sioux City, Iowa, schoolteacher (who remained unidentified at his own insistence) told reporters that he saw a flashing object on Tuesday, August 3. The teacher said he and his wife both saw a bright, yellowish light, zig-zagging slightly, zip over their car. It changed to a red light surrounded by three white lights. The pair got out of their car and turned off the ignition to listen for aircraft engines but couldn't hear any.

Another Tuesday night sighting came from Shelby Crain, of Harrison, Ark., in the Ozark Mountains. He reported seeing a bright object that "moved back and forth from northwest to southeast and was joined by another, dark red object. The two moved together, higher and higher until they disappeared.

The *Journal* of Flint, Mich., carried a startling headline on August 5: AF RADAR TAGS SEVEN OBJECTS OVER SUPERIOR.

This story came out of Houghton, Mich., and was carried by the United Press International (UPI) wire service. On August 4 personnel at the United States Air Force radar base on the Keweenaw Peninsula reported to the press that they had "solid radar contact" with seven to 10 unidentified objects moving in a V formation over Lake Superior. The objects were moving from southwest to northeast at an estimated 9,000 miles per hour, at an estimated 5200 to 17,000 feet altitude. One of the informants at the base said that three other radar stations, one in North Dakota, one in Minnesota, and the Luther Air Station in Canada also reported spotting the objects. He said the Luther Air Station reported electronic jamming of its radar while the objects were in that area. The radar personnel who disclosed this information were all enlisted men and asked that their names not be used. Another man spoke of seven other objects which had been spotted over Duluth and which easily outdistanced the jet interceptors sent after them.

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A THOROUGH STUDY of this early August "western flap"

may result in patterns and conclusions I am unable to present here, but a few things already are self-evident.

- The "formations" of objects seemed to be single objects with lights because the lights did not deviate from one another throughout their witnessed courses.

- Several types of sightings were reported; the brilliant formations which changed colors, the spherical, cold-blue objects which hovered, and the typical discs and cigar-shaped craft.

- A record has been set for the

number of visual and radar-confirmed UFO sightings in such a short period.

- Another record has been set for the number of UFO photographs obtained within such a short time.

- The objects seen and tracked and photographed during the first week of August, 1965, will give UFO researchers food for thought and study for some time to come.

The obvious question, of course, over and above the ever-present WHAT, is WHY so many UFOs in such a short time, over such a limited area?



### FLORENCE STERNFELS DIES

**F**LORENCE Sternfels, known professionally as Madame Florence, died on Sunday, April 18, 1965, at Englewood Hospital in Edgewater, N.J. She was 79.

Madame Florence was widely noted for her ability to give psychometric or clairvoyant readings, based upon some article or object associated with the problems submitted to her. Practically all her readings were found to be concrete and specific, giving details which she could not have known normally. According to her own account, she had been psychic since childhood and before she was 12 had discovered that she could "read" others' thoughts.

For over 40 years her remarkable ability aided the police in locating missing persons and valuables. A report on one of her most recent cases, *The Body in the House Next Door*, appeared in the May, 1965, issue of FATE. The article related how she accurately foretold the fate and location of a missing 10-year-old girl, six weeks before the child's body was found.

Madame Florence Sternfels is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dorothy Bell of Waterbury, Conn.; two sisters, Miss Edith Leight of Staten Island, N.Y., and Mrs. Leila Bishop of Florida; a brother, Nelson Leight; and three grandchildren.

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## *Reports on Two*

# **UFO's**

## **OVER PORTUGAL**

## **OVER the AZORES**

Witnesses at both places reported strange objects—and it seems radios and electric clocks did too.

*By United Press International*

**A** FLYING "Cardinal's hat" finally has put Paico, Portugal, on the map. A middle-aged couple watched the strange UFO for about three minutes as it maneuvered over their tiny hamlet during the early morning hours of July 12.

The couple who saw the "hat" are Manuel Fernandes, 54, a white-collar worker for the Trawler Owners Association at Matosinhos, and his wife Laura de Freitas Machado Fernandes, 47. Until that Monday morning the Fernandes were a couple who never engaged in anything more fantastic than an occasional Saturday trip to nearby Oporto to see a movie.

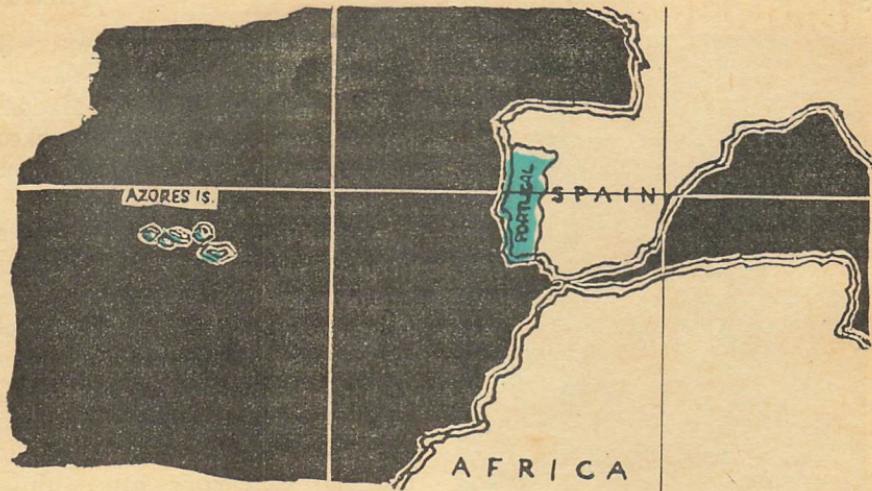
The trawling business is work which usually forces Manuel Fer-

nandes out of bed at an early hour. His job is to keep records of how many tons of fish are unloaded each day when the trawlers return to Matosinhos. Had his job not been an early one the dateline of Paico, Portugal, might never have been known to newspaper readers around the world.

Manuel usually climbs out of bed between 4:30 and 5:00 A.M. Laura rises then too "because he's so noisy I cannot sleep longer and, besides, I have breakfast to prepare."

In the early hours of July 12, shortly after 4:30 Dona Laura ("Dona" means "Mrs." in Portuguese) stepped out of bed while her husband was still yawning.

"It was still dark," she recalls,



Map shows relative positions of Portugal and the Azores, where UFO'S were reported.

"and I decided to wash the floors of our home. I wore an old night-gown, tying it tightly around me because it was chilly. The sun was due to rise in about two hours, and everything was peaceful around our little home. The cornfield behind our vegetable garden was still, almost as if it were frozen in the deep silence.

"I glanced back as I headed toward our well with a bucket in each hand. I am accustomed to taking a quick look at Venus, which we call the "morning star," even if my husband says it is not a star but a planet.

"Well, I saw it as usual. Venus is like a good morning sign for me. If the sky is clouded and I don't see



Mr. and Mrs. Manuel Fernandes, of Paico, Portugal, viewed object like "Cardinal's hat" near their home.



Aristides Arruda, a hotel gardener on Santa Maria Island, points out direction where he saw UFO.

it, I feel sad. We country women can't help being a bit superstitious, even if the parish priest says we shouldn't."

Then Dona Laura's voice dropped almost to a whisper. "It was just then that I saw the thing. It was coming from the ocean, right from that direction at a very high speed," she said pointing to the northeast.

"At first I was not surprised at all, because I am accustomed to seeing planes take off or land all day long at the nearby Pedras Rubras Airport. There was a red glow about it, but since I know that planes have green and red lights on their wingtips, I was not im-

pressed about that. But when it stopped in mid-air—*Valha-me Nossa Senhora!* (May our Madonna help me!) I was really shocked because I know planes do not come to a halt in the sky.

"It was very red. It looked like a Cardinal's hat. I know, because once I saw our Cardinal in a religious ceremony at the Shrine of Fatima. He was not wearing it, but he kept it behind his back, tied with a red cord around his neck. Well, the thing was very similar to Cardinal Cerejeira's hat, with a very large brim. It was still in the air, hovering over the woods we have not too far away from home. I dropped the buckets and rushed back to warn my husband."

The mild-mannered, 200-pound housewife, who runs a kindergarten in the neighborhood, says that her husband did not take the story seriously at first.

"You know," she continued, "my husband is just like every married man. He's an impossible person before he sips his first morning cup of coffee. He glanced at our radio set, which suddenly had started making a very loud noise, and mumbled something about women seeing things. But then he buttoned up the jacket of his pajamas and strode out of the house with me running and gasping behind him."

At this point, Manuel, his eyes half closed in an effort to recap-



Antonio Baptista, owner of movie house on Santa Maria, said object was like nothing he ever had seen.



Antonio da Cunha, taxicab driver, expressed belief that sky object he saw was "something unusual."

ture every detail, took over the story.

"Laura's story was so confused that at first I thought she had found a Cardinal's hat in our courtyard. But high church dignitaries usually do not have the habit of walking in our courtyard and forgetting their hats there.

"I reckon the thing was about 400 meters (one-fourth mile) distant from us. Just as my wife said, it looked like a Cardinal's hat. It had a dark, round brim and a brilliantly-lighted, orange-colored round top, which gave us the impression that it was lighted from the inside.

"At one point on the brim, exactly on the side closer to the airport, there was a red, intensely-flickering light. That "thing", which looked to me more or less like the descriptions of flying saucers we have been reading about in the papers for the past 20 years, appeared to be almost still just above the treetops. It was leaning alternatively on either side, very slightly.

"We stood there, speechless. The only sound we could hear was the noise from our radio in the bedroom. We had left all the doors open. Laura whispered to me, 'It's a *disco voador* (flying saucer) isn't it?'

"I motioned her to keep silent. It was silly, but I couldn't help thinking that 'they' could hear us.

"It's difficult to say how big it was," Manuel continued. "It was still dark, although the night seemed strangely clear. Maybe it was the result of that orange light. I don't know. When I saw the thing it was still just over the treetops and when I stretched my arms out in front of me to get an idea of its size, there was a distance of about 50 centimeters (about 20 inches) between my hands, each of them being pointed at an end of the flying saucer. I imagine that at that distance, about 400 meters, it should have been a rather huge saucer, don't you think?

"There was no smell except the familiar smell of the still wet ground. I had watered my vegetable garden just the evening before. The flying saucer itself did not make any sound, or smell or vibration, only that leaning just a few degrees on one side and then the other, just like a big trawler being rocked by slow, gentle waves. It gave me the impression of a terrific power hidden inside that machine, which could stop in the air with such effortless ease.

"We do not know how long the object stood there. I had left my wristwatch behind in the bedroom and, even if I had taken it with me, I was just too busy looking

at that unbelievable thing. We think it remained over the woods for about three minutes after 4:30. Then it headed north at full speed. What surprised me most was its start, because it went off without any warning. There was no apparent acceleration before it moved northward. I mean it stayed over the treetops and suddenly was moving straight on—just like a bullet from a rifle muzzle.

"There is one thing that I didn't think was very important at the time. When the thing sped off to the north the radio set in our room suddenly stopped making that horrible noise and we could hear the music I had been listening to when Laura got up. I can't help thinking that there may be a relation between the departure of the saucer and the fading away of the interference. It failed to impress me at the time because the saucer was speeding away *before* my eyes and the radio noise was fading away *behind* my back. I went to Oporto last year and saw a motion picture where the sound seemed to reach the audience from all sides of the theater while we watched the picture. Well, it was just like that.

"Scared? Maybe we were a bit at the beginning. Then I felt better and better. After the thing disappeared I patted Laura's shoulder, feeling a sudden tenderness for her.

"She looked excited, but almost

happy. Turning back to the house, she said to me, 'Many strange things happen, dear. Your coffee will be ready in five minutes.'

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THREE DAYS before this another (or the same?) UFO was seen flying in the opposite direction over the island of Santa Maria in the Azores.

The mystery surrounding the cylinder-shaped "thing" that drifted over this peaceful island on July 9 has been heightened by a sudden reluctance on the part of its most knowledgeable witnesses, Santa Maria Airport authorities, to discuss the matter at all.

Shortly after the UFO had disappeared into a cloudy northwest sky, airport employees were as excited as any other resident of this normally relaxed countryside. Explanations and theories were offered freely, many of them built around the belief that the object was indeed some sort of flying saucer.

There has been no formal announcement that airport personnel have been silenced by official order. But they now are as tight-lipped as a Soviet ambassador. They brush off questions with a noncommittal, "Well, it may have been a balloon, after all." And none of them is willing to be quoted by name—a reluctance which hardly could be justified by an airport ob-

server who was describing a weather balloon.

One of the first eye-witnesses who saw the object as it peacefully crossed the island sky and disappeared into a cigar-shaped cloud was Aristides Arruda, 31-year-old gardener of the Terra Nostra Hotel. It was about 4:30 P.M. when Arruda paused in his cultivation of a flower bed, raised his hand to wipe the sweat from his forehead and noticed something in the sky.

"It looked like a balloon to me," Arruda recalls, "or at least that was my first thought because it was moving so slowly that it seemed to be standing still. It followed a straight course from southeast to northwest, which was rather surprising because the wind was blowing in just the opposite direction. I turned around and saw that an American guest of the hotel also was looking at that thing."

One American hotel guest who watched the UFO was Richard Godbold, 28-year-old New Yorker, a civil radio expert working for the U. S. Air Force Base at Lajes, Azores, who is presently assigned to Santa Maria to set up new radio facilities.

"Yes, I saw that thing," Godbold admits, "but since I am a radio expert I cannot give you a qualified opinion. It was certainly something, probably a balloon or even something else. Who knows?"

It was too high to judge it by the naked eye."

One witness who got a better view of the mysterious object was Angelo de Braga Chaves, 35, a whale spotter from Marvao, near Vila do Porto, who used the binoculars so important to his trade.

"Seen through binoculars, it was almost like a cylinder floating vertically, but sometimes it was like a moon," Chaves says. "From the southwestern part of the island I got the impression that it was made of transparent plastic and contained something like two lamps. Anyway, it was shining in the sun. I noticed that it moved against the wind, or at least in a direction which was against the wind blowing at ground level. But that may mean nothing because at that altitude the wind could be blowing in another direction."

Almost all the eye-witnesses agreed that the UFO was moving at an altitude of 20,000 feet or more. It was in sight from Santa Maria Airport for about 45 minutes. Airport personnel at the time said it came from south-east-east and moved north-west-west, or from an angle of 135 degrees to an angle of 315 degrees. None of those who saw it reported hearing any sound, nor did anyone notice any odor.

A twin-engined plane of the S.A. T.A. (Sociedad Acorasna de Transportes Aereos) took off from Santa

Maria Airport while the UFO was in sight.

The plane's pilot, E. Chitas, had been warned that there was "something high up" and says that he tried to keep an eye on it. But the object faded into a white cloud as the plane became airborne and Chitas, on a scheduled flight to the neighboring island of San Miguel, could not stay in the area any longer and flew on to his destination.

Another account of the sighting comes from Antonio Conceicao Lopes Baptista, 42, the owner of a movie house in Vila do Porto.

"I was standing in front of my movie house," he recalls, "when I saw some excitement in the street and people began pointing at something in the sky. I saw the thing by naked eye, and I cannot honestly say whether it was made of plastic, or rubber or something more solid. But it was an object the likes of which I never saw before in my life."

Still another account comes from taxicab driver, Antonio Francisco Pimentel da Cunha, 28, who was waiting at the time for prospective customers at the airport.

"I stepped out of my cab when I heard people calling loudly to one another," he says. "I saw that thing, too. And since then I have listened to dozens of conflicting opinions about it. I have the impression that those who really know

something are tight-lipped for reasons which a taxicab driver like me is certainly not able to guess. It could have been a balloon, or it could have been a flying saucer. But the more I think about it, the more I believe it was something unusual."

One science-fiction aspect of the case was the mystery of the 10 electro-magnetic clocks at Santa Maria Airport which stopped clicking for 10 minutes as the object moved slowly over the airport. Anti-UFO folk shrug the matter off by pointing out that all of the airport's electro-magnetic clocks are connected with one main clock from which electrical impulses are relayed every minute. However, a repairman was summoned as soon as airport officials noticed that all the clocks had stopped. The clocks resumed clicking while the repairman was trying to diagnose the trouble.

Airport officials hinted at the time that it was probably a short circuit that occurred just as the UFO was hovering over the airport.

They noted that it could have resulted from some construction presently going on in the main building. It was a coincidence, they say, but there has been no official explanation of why the clocks ceased clicking for 10 minutes.

Flying saucer or just a weather balloon?

Lajes Airport officials have indicated that no weather balloons were launched from the Air Force base on July 9. Some weather experts pointed out that weather balloons usually blow up and fall to earth after reaching a certain altitude, lest they hover in the airlanes and become a hazard to planes.

There the argument stands. One side insists that the only explanation is that a weather balloon failed to explode on schedule and finally drifted out over the Atlantic. Flying saucer advocates retort that such a balloon could not move against the wind as it apparently did when the object entered a cloud being blown in the opposite direction.



#### FOUR PERFECT HANDS

DURING a bridge game in Linton, Ind., Mrs. Helen Letsinger dealt a slightly used deck, picked up her hand and found she had 13 diamonds. Startled, she opened with a two-diamond bid. Mrs. Mary Cravens, on her left, found she had 13 hearts and bid seven. Mrs. Ellen Mitchell, who found she had 13 clubs, doubled Mrs. Cravens. Then Mrs. Nellie Winters, finding herself with 13 spades, bid seven and won the contract.



## The **GHOST** That Came to Tell

All four children saw the missing fisherman—in the midst of a light that told the story of his fate.

*By Hilda Broughton*

ILWACO IS on a peninsula which contributes 35 miles to Washington's coastline. This little town, a typical fishing village, nestles in a cove against low hills facing Baker's Bay, a body of water separated from the Columbia River by a sand island, which makes a safe harbor for the fishing fleet. From the town's dock one can see the bar where the Columbia River flows in-

to the ocean. Foot trails cut through the woods to the little cove beaches of Beard's Hollow and Dead Man's Hollow, to the fishing rocks near the high cliffs that overlook the bar, and to the long stretch of sand beach along the ocean.

Because Ilwaco was so small at the time I lived there the town's lights were turned off at midnight to save power; the theater was

open only on weekends; the only law officer was a town marshal, and the office of mayor was more or less an honorary position.

J. Walter Seaborg had been mayor of Ilwaco for as long as I could remember. His kindness and generosity were known to everyone. This tall, handsome man was a member of the peninsula's most prominent family. A bachelor, he lived with his widowed mother in a little white house at the foot of our hill.

The mayor was an ardent fisherman. His favorite spot for casting into the ocean was the fishing rocks. He spoke of watching the big waves roll in, wash over the rocks, dash with white fury against the shore's high cliffs, then swirl and divide, south into Beard's Hollow, north to where the big combers flattened out on the long stretch of sand beach. It was a challenge to anyone to fish from these rocks, as it was safe only at ebb tide or at the very beginning of flood tide.

In June, 1919, everything changed in Ilwaco. Our mayor was missing. He had left home very early the previous morning wearing only a light jacket over his blue cotton shirt, gray trousers, tennis shoes and his battered felt hat. Anyone of us could have described his garb without having seen him on this particular day because this was what he always wore when

he went fishing. His mother discovered him missing when he didn't answer her call to breakfast the next morning. She went to his room and found it empty, the bed undisturbed.

Although there were few telephones in our town news travelled fast. From my vantage point at the top of the hill I saw the doctor's Model T Ford park at Seaborg's side gate. People gathered quickly at the house. The town marshal left with a group of men taking the trail toward the fishing rocks. All day friends and relatives went to and from the Seaborg home. Late in the evening we were told his mother could have no more callers because she was in shock.

After an intense, two-week search there still were no clues to our mayor's disappearance. Because nothing more could be done our town settled back into its usual routine. However, the reward money offered by the family for information leading to a solution to the mystery of Walter's disappearance was not withdrawn.

Two of my friends, Ella and Elna, my younger brother, Elmer, and I went to the Saturday night movie. We arrived too late for the cartoon but in time for the start of the main feature. Pearl White's escapades were all the more exciting because the loud accompaniment on the piano emphasized the

highlights of the heroine's endless near-disasters. As usual we sat through to the end and into the preview to see what the next week's "to be continued" installment had in store for us.

We were among the last to leave the theater. The town's lights went off just as the four of us left Main Street's wooden sidewalk. We were in single file in the pitch-black darkness as we started along the familiar path to our homes, a path that led us along the edge of the deep woods, past the foot trail that went to Beard's Hollow.

Suddenly a strange, bluish light appeared about a block away and a little to our right. The light was so bright we could distinguish the leaves on the alder trees and the needles on the evergreens. As the bright light began coming toward us from the direction of Beard's Hollow we saw Walter Seaborg moving in the center of the light. His head and face were blurred but we recognized his familiar fishing togs. We all stopped, at first unafraid, as it didn't occur to us to wonder what caused the strange light. We waited in silence as if we all expected the mayor to join us.

By the time the figure reached two tall spruce trees the light dropped to the figure's knees.

Elna screamed, "It's Walter Seaborg's ghost!"

She and my brother started run-

ning. Ella and I followed close at their heels. But by the time we reached Ella's gate, breathless and shaking, I had recovered myself enough to whisper that we had to go back, to find out if we really had seen a ghost. Ella was the only one brave enough to go with me.

Ella and I walked back slowly. The light was still there but now had dropped to the figure's ankles. We stared as we saw the shoe lace on the left shoe wave gently back and forth. Speechless and shaking, we went back to join the other two.

Through chattering teeth Ella whispered, "It *is* Walter Seaborg's ghost."

Early the next morning we knocked on Mrs. Seaborg's back door. One of her other sons opened it and asked us inside. Without waiting to be asked to state our mission all four of us started talking at once. Mr. Seaborg put his finger to his lips, closed a door behind him and whispered, "My mother is asleep."

I told him his brother's body was at Beard's Hollow because we had seen him the night before. A sister and still another brother had joined us in the room. When they heard the whole story they looked at us in utter disbelief.

The oldest brother said, "You must be wrong. If Walter fell off the fishing rocks his body would float north with the Japanese cur-

rent. We still have men patrolling the beach but we do thank you for trying to help us."

On Saturday, two weeks later, the four of us went clam digging. On the way to the ocean beach we passed the trail to Beard's Hollow. I suggested we go there and look for Walter Seaborg's body but my brother said, "You go. I want razor clams, no more ghosts."

On the way home, as we passed the Beard's Hollow trail, we met a group of men. Each carried a long handled shovel instead of a short handled clam shovel. We asked them where they were going. The man in the lead, who had a little dog at his heels, said, "We're going after Walter Seaborg's body. This dog of mine found him. I walked up the beach to where he was barking and tugging at something and I saw a pair of feet sticking out of the sand. My dog was pulling the shoe lace on the left tennis shoe. I came into Ilwaco for help so now we're going to bring in the body. He's buried pretty deep in the sand."

We hurried home to study the

tide table. Sure enough, we found an answer even as to why the shoe lace in the blue light had tried to signal us! There had been an extra high tide when the mayor disappeared—a tide that must have washed his body high onto the beach and covered it deep with sand. The tide table showed another high tide the night we saw Walter's ghost. This one must have uncovered the tennis shoes.

There may be a scientific explanation for what we saw but we only know Walter Seaborg came back to tell us where his body was.

*Editor's note: The Oregonian carried the story of the finding of Walter Seaborg's body in the July 20, 1919, issue. Mrs. Broughton, the author, looked up this item in the Portland public library after we requested information on newspaper stories of Mr. Seaborg's death. In our files we have photostats of this item, together with affidavits signed before a notary public by Hilda Broughton and her brother, Elmer.*

*It is unusual for four persons to see the same ghost at the same time.*



#### DOUBLE SECURITY

AS HE helped his 17-year-old brother, Eugene, with his income tax return, Leo Miljares, 24, of Pittsburg, Calif., discovered that both held Social Security cards with the number 562-50-7686. Leo had had that number for 10 years, while Eugene had had it for three.

# NORMAL SPEECH through HYPNOTHERAPY

The secret of the young woman's speech handicap was locked away in her mind. Could hypnosis open the doors?

*By Thomas F. Blondell*

ONE NIGHT IN September, 1964, I went to a party given by friends of mine on Chicago's south side. I soon was introduced to Mrs. Geraldine Nielsen, a woman in her late 30's, who seemed to be the life of the party. She was attractive, in a lovely black gown with hat, shoes, and gloves to match, as well as what at first I thought was a decorative necklace. Soon, however, I realized it was a pipe inserted in an opening in her throat which enabled her to breathe and speak.

During the course of the evening, the talk turned to hypnosis and I casually suggested to Mrs. Nielsen that this might help her regain normal use of her respiratory passages and speech. Her attitude was un receptive and I did not pursue

the subject.

Before I left that evening, my host, an ardent student of hypnosis, invited me to return the following weekend to give a demonstration.

During the ensuing week, I pondered Mrs. Nielsen's affliction. From the little she had told me, I felt certain hers was a psychological problem that hypnosis could correct.

When I arrived once more at my host's home I was pleasantly surprised to see several guests I had met at our previous gathering, among them Mrs. Nielsen.

My host's particular interest that evening was hypnotic age regression, the ability of the hypnotist to take a subject backward in time and enable him to relive all that had happened during any given time.

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I deliberately chose my host's wife as the subject, for she and Mrs. Nielsen had been life-long friends. A regression into her childhood should involve Mrs. Nielsen, I thought.

As the demonstration progressed, I was pleased to note Mrs. Nielsen's avid interest.

Afterwards, I joined the ladies in the kitchen while they prepared refreshments. Again I broached the subject of Mrs. Nielsen's disability. This time she was more responsive. Later she invited me to have dinner with her family on October 1st.

On that evening Mrs. Nielsen asked what made me think hypnosis could help her. I told her a story from my past experience, one that had changed the direction of my

life from an interest in stage hypnosis to hypno-therapy.

In 1955 I operated the Blondell Hospitality House in Juno, Fla. There I performed nightly, using hypnosis to amaze and entertain my patrons. One night a large group of sailors from a destroyer participating in Florida maneuvers attended the show. The officer in charge was interested and later invited me to his table. He asked me bluntly if I could hypnotize his crew to make them work in perfect unison in a competitive target shoot he wanted his ship to win the next day. I assured him that hypnosis could increase the concentration of those members of the crew who were good subjects and during the evening I managed to hypnotize 60 out of the 80 sailors.

The following evening the officer returned beaming. His ship had won the shoot. The coordination displayed by his crew had been phenomenal, he said. He told me that as soon as he got back to New Jersey he was going to tell all his friends the "wonders" he had seen.

I was flattered but soon forgot the incident.

In 1959 I was sitting in the dining room when a gentleman in his late 30's approached, saying he had something urgent to ask me.

I invited him to have coffee and he told me he was so impressed by what he had heard about me in New Jersey that he had made a special trip to see me. He hoped I could help his daughter. The child had been born with part of the socket of her left hip missing. By the time she was 11 she had undergone eight operations. After the last one doctors had pronounced her completely cured but, despite this favorable prognosis, she was still in a wheel chair, unable to walk.

The father pleaded with me to try hypnosis to restore the use of her limb. He said he had no other hope. I was reluctant, for I had had no experience with hypno-therapy; however, the father persisted with such emotion that I finally agreed to try. He left with a smile and shortly returned with his wife and two daughters, the younger one in a wheel chair.

I asked the little girl if she would mind if I put her to sleep. I told her that while she was asleep I was going to make her leg well. If she was good, I went on, she'd be able to dance around the jukebox with her sister. And, of course, she would feel no pain, I said. A lovely, well-behaved child, she readily agreed and soon was in a state of hypnosis.

I then told the girl that her leg was very healthy, that she could use it to dance and play as her sister did. While she was still under hypnosis I asked her to stand and show me how well she could use her left leg.

Slowly she rose, moved the leg she never before had walked on, bent her knee, bent her hip joint and then sat down.

Elated by my success, I told her that as soon as she awoke she would have strength and control of her left leg. But then I looked at the leg! It was less than half the diameter of her right leg and I was afraid I had been hasty. It never would support her weight, I thought, so I stood ready to catch her.

Fearfully now, I woke her, telling her that she now could use her leg without pain. To my surprise, she jumped up like a jack-in-the-box and ran merrily to dance with her sister.

The child's mother wept for joy.

Although I haven't seen that child since, I often have thought of her. I believe the child was so afraid of pain that even after successful surgery her subconscious mind had disconnected the nerves of her bad leg from her central nervous system, thus sacrificing her ability to walk to save her from the agonizing pain which in reality she would not have felt. Without hypnosis, the girl would have gone through life a hopeless cripple.

And so I began my career as a hypno-therapist.

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I EXPLAINED to Mrs. Nielsen, after telling her this story, that man's subconscious mind is like a tape recorder which never stops running and never runs out of tape. The conscious mind is a little less perfect. Unable to handle the muddle of information received constantly and simultaneously from those busy reporters sight, hearing, smell, taste and touch, it is rather selective about what it considers the important news of the day. Then, of course, when it is tired it simply pulls out the plug and goes to sleep.

But the subconscious is on duty constantly, filing away for future use every bit of information it receives.

Man's ability to think and evaluate distinguishes him from all other

animals. Often, however, on the way from the senses to the subconscious the signals get crossed and the information is wrongly evaluated. The subconscious is too busy to check the "facts." It simply records, accepting everything at face value. Then, when memory calls, it may unknowingly transmit errors. And memory doesn't know better either and thus gives us the wrong set of facts on which to base our conduct.

If it is only a minor error, only a minor problem will result. But when the information is so erroneous as to cause a major psychological and/or physical disability there is chaos—frustration and confusion.

The situation is easy to correct—in the proper hands. All one need do is search through the "tapes" of the subconscious and discover the error, then re-record the corrected information. We call this process *hypno-therapy*; hypnosis locates the mistake and post-hypnotic suggestion corrects it.

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MRS. NIELSEN was visibly moved. With a note of hope in her voice she asked me to try to help her.

Of course, I needed the co-operation of her physician and when she called him he readily consented.

As a first step in the therapy, I asked Mrs. Nielsen to tell me her complete history, omitting nothing.

She told me that at the age of 34 she had begun to feel an abnormal pressure in her throat which made it difficult for her to breathe. Her physician diagnosed it as an inward goiter and prescribed medication. As the years passed the growth enlarged and restricted her respiratory passages to a point where she could hardly breathe.

On June 16, 1958, her doctor told her he would have to operate. Before the operation, Mrs. Nielsen remembered thinking of her mother constantly because her mother also had undergone a throat operation and afterwards had been unable to speak for several months.

Later, when the doctors pronounced her operation a complete success, Mrs. Nielsen still found it extremely difficult to breathe and the vocal chords failed to respond in the expected manner. The doctors were confounded, but after the usual convalescence, they allowed her to go home. Succeeding months failed to improve her condition.

Suddenly one night in 1960 her breathing almost stopped. She was rushed to the hospital and there received an emergency tracheotomy (an operation where an incision is made in the neck and wind-pipe to permit the insertion of two silver or stainless steel tubes, enabling the patient to breath without the use of the normal respiratory passages). From now on, the doctors told her,

she would have to breathe and speak artificially.

I thought I now understood her problem and began the next step of our therapy, hypnosis. As soon as Mrs. Nielsen was in a deep trance, I suggested that her air passages would become operative. A change was apparent immediately.

However, her physical handicap was only a symptom of something much deeper and I was determined to get at the root of the problem.

I decided to use regression and asked her to go back to the time just prior to her original surgery. What were the fears going through her subconscious? I asked. She readily told me that she was not particularly afraid of the operation, but somehow she couldn't get her mother's experience out of her mind.

Understanding the bad effects this irrational association had had, I suggested that her mother's condition had nothing to do with her operation and in fact involved surgery of an entirely different nature.

It seemed this might be half the problem.

As I was wondering whether there was more to it, I remembered an article by Dr. David Bradley Cheek I had read in the September 25, 1964, issue of *Medical World News*. Entitled "Listening With the Inner Ear," the article warned that anesthetized patients often hear

conversations held in the operating room. One paragraph in particular stood out in my mind: "What makes the situation particularly critical is that the understanding of the unconscious mind is child-like and literal. Statements that would be ignored by the patient when awake may become terrifying when he is anesthetized."

I wondered whether this had happened in Mrs. Nielsen's case.

I asked her to tell me what she had overheard in the operating room. She replied that the doctors had mentioned that, because of the size and position of the tumor, her wind-pipe might be permanently damaged. What's more, when they had inspected the vocal chords which looked like dried leather, they said, they conjectured that effective speech control might prove difficult for her. Further, as Mrs. Nielsen was being wheeled out of the operation room, she had overheard another fearful conversation. The surgeon had asked what was next on the schedule and the nurse had replied that a patient was scheduled for a complete removal of the voice box.

My hunch was right. Mrs. Nielsen's subconscious mind, "child-like and literal," had accepted all the talk as pertaining to her. It had "tape-recorded" information which the conscious mind, had it been functioning, would have rejected



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without a second thought.

Without hesitation I told the hypnotized woman that some of the words she had overheard were only a matter of supposition and that the most frightening words did not apply to her at all. In reality, I told her, she had completely recovered after the operation, her present difficulty was entirely psychological, for her subconscious was reacting to the difficulties suffered by her mother as well as to the conversations overheard in the operating room.

Knowing our goal was in sight, I told Mrs. Nielsen she was perfectly capable of breathing and speaking normally without the tubes.

When I woke her, I asked her to remove the tube from her throat at once and to hold a sterile dressing over the opening to keep any air from entering. To her amazement she began to speak and breathe normally. Everything was working properly.

Mrs. Nielsen was so excited that I had to calm her down before I could resume therapy. Finally I asked her if she noticed any other changes. She said she thought she might try breathing though her nose, for since she was a child she never had had more than partial use of her nasal passages. She held her hand over her mouth, breathed through her nose, and exclaimed happily that not only was it possible, it was comfortable!

Only one hour had passed since we had begun our session.

Mrs. Nielsen ran to the phone and called her physician to tell him that this time she was speaking without the aid of the pipe and was breathing normally. He expressed surprise and asked her to keep him informed of her progress.

During succeeding days Mrs. Nielsen and I worked together to correct other maladjustments af-

fecting her breathing and speech. On December 15 she visited her throat specialist who told her she might as well leave the pipes with him. His examination had revealed only one thing wrong. The windpipe seemed somewhat smaller in size than it should be.

That afternoon Mrs. Nielsen and I had one more session. In order to correct the condition of the windpipe I suggested she breathe deeply while sleeping and thus stretch the windpipe and vocal chords. The next week the throat specialist was astounded to find that the windpipe was normal in size.

At this writing, six months have passed and Mrs. Nielsen is well on her way to complete recovery.

As evidenced by these dramatic case histories, I firmly believe that hypnosis, under a doctor's guidance, can be an aid in medical practice. The ability of a competent hypnotist combined with the skill and knowledge of men of all phases of medicine will be a *must* in medical treatment in the future. Today, too many persons are suffering the "tortures of hell" from psychological and physical disabilities created through suggestion.



# Paranormal Foundations

of

# Christianity



By Marcus Bach

Dr. Bach suggests that we reexamine Christianity for the real, but often denied, source of its strength.

WITHOUT ITS aspects of psychism, Christianity as we know it today would not exist. "The Greatest Story Ever Told" unfolds step by step on the basis of incredible spiritualistic events and the stream of the Christian faith runs through a series of striking paranormal channels, ending where it began — in the sea of the supernatural.

How many of today's 900,000,000 Christians actually believe it is anyone's guess, but the story stands and dramatically the stream flows on. Neither ecumenical councils nor theological dialogues have dislodged the strange and the unusual from the heart of the mightiest religious movement in the world.

Consider Christmas. During the

advent season and on December 25 particularly a psychic spell runs through the high-powered commercialism and pagan fanfare of these crowded days. A mood of fantasy is woven with the first echoing strains of a Christmas carol or the first sight of a lighted tree. A childlike faith is suddenly induced, gift-wrapped in man's wish-to-believe. During this period even a contemporary Scrooge has been known to have experienced a change of heart. Modern, militant Martin Luthers have put aside their swords of righteousness and picked up pens to write, "Away in a manger no crib for His bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down His sweet head." Fighting on Christian battlefields is strangely hushed. The gates in the impenetrable

“Wall” are opened. The barbed barricades of the Maendelbaum gate are lowered for free access to pilgrims following the legend of the Star.

The Star itself is believed to have been of supernatural origin and no astrological theory or astronomic explanation has yet unseated the believer’s contention that this luminous messenger was deliberately hung in the heavens by the hand of God. Christian youngsters are taught that Persian seers followed the Star until it stood over the spot in Bethlehem where a newborn Infant lay in a manger, an Infant conceived by the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary who herself had been immaculately conceived. Here are all the elements of supernaturalism and the great unknown!

Joseph, who was betrothed to Mary, was assured by an angel that the Child had indeed been divinely conceived. The Wise Men of the East were warned in a dream that they should return to Persia via another route because of King Herod’s disfavor. An angel directed Joseph to take the young Child and Mary and flee into Egypt. These and other psychic links form a parapsychological chain around the Christian world. Break any one of these links and you will have to replace it with something more substantial and tell another story, so

closely do miraculous events chronicle the Christian narrative.

John the Baptist, the forerunner of Jesus, also fits perfectly into the supernormal sequence. He might never have been born had not his father Zacharias been visited by an angelic messenger while doing his priestly duties in the temple of the Lord. It was here, according to Scripture, that he was assured that his wife Elisabeth though “stricken with years and barren” would give birth to a son whose name by divine direction should be John, sign of God’s grace. “I am Gabriel,” reported the angel, “and I am sent to bring thee these glad tidings.”

So John was born and when he baptized Jesus in the river Jordan, a voice spoke “out of heaven” saying of Jesus, “This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased.”

These accounts, together with a documentary of antecedent utterances by prophets of the Old Testament, thrill the Christian world at Christmas. Time, as measured by the commerce of the season, literally stops on Christmas Eve and makes way for a solemn nearness to things unseen.

Consider, too, that information about the historical Jesus is so scanty that some critics affirm He never lived at all. Remember that knowledge of Him comes mostly from the gospels and that since

Dr. Bach's thesis is that the major religions of mankind rose from a "psychic stream". He means they were inspired by forces and powers beyond the realm of commonly known physical, intellectual or logical processes. He believes that this origin represents the common ground or true ecumenicity of all faiths. In this article, the first of a series on the great religions of the world, he discusses this thesis in the light of the Christian faith.

there were no tape recorders in those days, no speed writers, no shorthand experts, it must be assumed that the eye witnesses had phenomenal memories or were "divinely inspired" to report the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth.

Historical methodology seeks to erase the supranormal romance from the Jesus story. It presents Him simply as a good man, born as naturally as other men, and driven by a passion for the Kingdom of God. Some say he had a Messianic complex while others insist he was simply a revolutionist, a teacher who suffered the fate of any reformer who opposes the political powers of his time. But the Christian church believes differently or at least professes to believe differently. With the exception of certain ultra-liberal, humanistic, anti-theistic groups, the deep-down conviction persists that Christianity rides the wings of the supernatural and miraculous. Deep in the soul of the true Christian is a lingering, jealously guarded persuasion that Jesus is the Christ and that the

Christ is Jesus. If this is the incarnation or even a reincarnation, the believer is determined to make the most of it.

And if the spell is felt at Christmas, it is even keener and more apparent at the Eastertide. Here is a day named after the Teutonic goddess of spring, shaped by the coming of the spring equinox, and replete with "pagan" practices such as the exchange of Easter eggs and the use of lilies and palms. Yet in every crook and cranny of the Christian world the day is psychically documented and gilded with alleged phenomena. Here is evidence of telekinesis: a stone is rolled away without human aid. Here is materialization: the crucified Jesus appears to Mary in the garden.

These and other psychic happenings have been glorified in ritual and song ever since the days of the early church. They are dramatized and sung about as if they were infallible truth, and to every evangelizing missionary who ever invested his life in the "cause of Christ" the events constitute the very heart of the gospel. Easter is Christianity's

greatest festival and many ministers believe this is so because of the pull of immortality. Something within man tells him that what he feels to be a fact has been confirmed as a truth by what happened in a Palestinian garden. He goes to church at Easter to reaffirm his conviction that there is no death, reviewing in his mind the details of the resurrection story. How can he believe it without believing in psychical phenomena? Knowledge according to known laws, and reason according to the rational mind cannot explain these mysteries. The centrality of the Christian faith—the resurrection—demands believability until science has proved empirically the psychic theories.

The need for believability is tremendous. The Christian is asked to accept the fact that the resurrected Christ walked with two of His disciples and then vanished from their sight, that He joined a fishing party at the Sea of Tiberias, that He entered a room through closed doors, challenged a disciple to place a finger into the nail prints in His hands and, finally, after numerous appearances to multitudes of people, ascended bodily into heaven in full view of a group of followers. Which is why we rightly may say that without its aspects of psychism, Christianity as we know it today would not exist.

But the narrative by no means

ends with the ascension. In a very real way, as far as the Christian church is concerned, this is but the beginning. A most momentous event occurred 50 days after Easter during Pentecost, the Jewish Feast of Weeks. The story, recorded in Acts II, is so well known that nowadays whenever Pentecost is mentioned it is the Christian Pentecost that comes to mind, and it was an out-and-out psychic session.

Here is what happened. A group of disciples and devotees of the Nazarene were assembled in an "upper room" in Jerusalem. They were engaged in prayer and in a discussion of the incomprehensibility of having been left unequipped and leaderless to propagate the faith and teaching of their Master. Suddenly there came the sound as of "the rushing of a mighty wind". Then "tongues as of fire sat on them", and they began to speak in "other tongues". Endowed with this charismatic gift they went into the streets and testified in many languages to many people that God's power had been revealed to man in a special way.

Modern church leaders may seek to explain away the psychic phenomenon inherent in this epochal event but they cannot deny that *something* happened to give birth to the Christian church and instant courage to these early Christian advocates. Believers call it the "bap-

tism of the Holy Spirit," a paranormal, personalized spiritual experience. There is no way of explaining this on purely rational grounds and scarcely no hope of interpreting it psychologically. The Biblical record has its own cryptic way of explaining it, "This is that which was spoken of by the prophet Joel when he said that God would pour out his Spirit on all flesh."

The church at large has been quite content to let the matter stand at that. Currently there is a revival in "tongue-speaking" and a renewed emphasis on the baptism of the Holy Spirit. Pentecost is being revived with all its implications and its so-called gifts of the spirit, gifts of a mystical nature: glossolalia, visions, prophecy, the power to heal and the power to preach.

You can no more separate Christianity from its belief in psychism than you can separate it from its cardinal festive days: Christmas, Easter, Pentecost. This triad of the Christian liturgical year is founded on the paranormal. The history of the Christian faith is founded on it. From the psychic experience of a Saul of Tarsus who beheld the vision of the Christ on the Damascus road, to Constantine the Great who on his way to Rome saw a sword poised against the sky encased by the words, "*In hoc signo vinces*" (By this sign thou

shalt conquer), to an Oral Roberts who claims he saw Christ and heard him say, "Be my healing hands!" Christianity is the religion of the supernatural.

"We believe," said a Lutheran Council recently, "in the inerrancy of the Scriptures. We believe that Jonah was swallowed by a real whale and that the miracles recorded in the Bible are true miracles."

"We believe," says Roman Catholicism, "that the Blessed Virgin Mary entered into heaven, body and soul by the power of God. The Lord had the most holy body of the Virgin reunited to her soul where it now enjoys with the elect happiness without end."

Slowly contemporary Catholicism is modifying some of its established views in regard to its relationship with the parapsychological field. Once it said that it is superstitious to be guided by our dreams, but now it is investigating the field in the light of Freudian psychoanalysis. A decade ago the church forbade Catholics to have anything to do with "spiritism" and condemned psychic phenomena as "superstition, destructive alike of morals and religion." Today Catholic researchers are sharing in the exploration of the fundamental basis of spiritualistic manifestations and a book by Fr. Thurston, *The Phenomena of Mysticism*, carries the imprimatur of the church and is

freely read by the Catholic laity.

The Roman Catholic view is fundamentally the view of Christianity at large when it says that, "Belief in mysteries is the very essence of religion. A divine revelation which would only tell us what we already know or what we could readily discover for ourselves would be utterly useless and unmeaning."

How can it be otherwise when the very basis of the Christian faith is steeped in psychism? Almost every known phenomenon is recorded somewhere in the stirring stories of the Old and New Testaments. Psychometry, levitation, telekinesis, bilocation, materialization, astral flights, telepathy, clairvoyance, clairaudience, divination, precognition, transfiguration, mediumship, spiritual healing, together with a wide range of ESP, all are there for all to read, and if some psychic devotees wish to characterize the Galilean as a great psychic their enthusiasm is understandable.

Those who read the Bible with psychism in mind always have found new meaning and fresh insight in the metaphysical and hidden strata of this inspired Book, much of which was written "automatically." And if legends have grown up around the saints, this, too, is understandable, for Christians cannot believe in the miracles of Christmas, Easter, and Pentecost without attempting to relate

the miraculous to those who, through the long reach of the years, have had a special vocation for the faith they love. Christians fully expect the miraculous and the supernatural to be reproduced, for without them the Christian religion is but a philosophical form and a code of conduct for modern man.

Now at last we can understand the reason for the rise of so many groups within the parent body of the Christian church: people ever have sought to realize the unseen and whenever a denomination closed its doors to the mystical and the extra-sensory, new movements arose to reinvestigate and reaffirm.

From the Amana colonies who trusted in divine revelation through inspired instruments to the Zionists (Dowe-ites) who believed in divine guidance, the huge and burgeoning Christian family always has sought and no doubt always will seek the paranormal potentials in their religion. Whether it is a mystic like an Emmanuel Swedenborg or a realistic space physicist like a Werner von Braun, faith is still the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen.

Whether it is Christmas, Easter, or Pentecost, the light of the supernatural guides the Christian pilgrim in his quest for God and truth. Without its aspects of psychism, Christianity as we know it today would not exist.

# True Mystic Experiences

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## THE BECKONING LIGHT

By Genevieve McGarigle

DUNNE'S *Experiment in Time* has prompted me to reveal the greatest emotional experience I've ever had, an experience in astral projection which happened, in Dunne's words, "one and all, to myself."

One night in 1949 I lay in bed on the verge of sleep. All was quiet and I experienced a sense of complete relaxation and peace. Just before losing consciousness, I began to feel a tingling in my toes which gathered momentum as it surged through my body. As it reached the top of my head, I felt a violent pull upwards, not unlike the sensation I always feel before the climax to Wagner's opera *Tristan and Isolde*.

Suddenly, like the bursting of a taut elastic band, I was released. I was floating, a free agent capable of traveling with indescribable speed. I looked down and saw my body lying open-eyed on the bed, but I couldn't bother with what I

had left behind on the bed.

I sped into space, turned somersaults in the air and marveled at how close I was to the stars. Never before have I seen such radiant colors.

Without willing where I was going, I had passed through the closed door of my bedroom and just as suddenly rushed out through the walls.



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Again I was pulled far up into the heavens. In the distance I saw a white light which became more and more dazzling as I approached. The whiteness was so blinding it compared to nothing I ever had seen.

Afraid to face that light although it beckoned me to come, I turned back. I felt then as though I was in a vacuum. Gone was the speed. All was deathly quiet, yet I heard a far off echo "speaking unspeakable words," as St. Paul said.

The most beautiful voice I've ever heard said, "Love the Lord thy God—*first*." The last word was forceful and final.

Then I was back in bed, tingling from head to toe. I often have asked myself what would have happened had I walked into that light. I suppose I just wasn't a big enough person to accept that beckoning. I hope I'll be given the chance again.

—*San Diego, Calif.*

#### CHANGE IN THE LIST

By Mrs. Robert Hinman

I NEVER MADE A study of mental telepathy, but I used to think everyone had the gift the same as I. Most people, however, don't have enough faith.

When we were first married, my husband and I lived on the outskirts of St. Joseph, Mo. Since we had no telephone and there was no neighborhood shopping center,

my husband would take my grocery list every morning when he left for work.

It was not unusual for me to wish I'd ordered chops instead of steak or want something that was not on the list at all. When this happened, I simply would concentrate so that my husband would get my message and make the changes—which he did without fail.

I often asked him, "Why did you get chops instead of steak?" or "What made you remember the ribbon for the baby's new dress?"

His answer was always the same, "I don't know."

I never told him I was sending him mental messages.

One day in 1923 our baby boy came down with a cold and I remembered how my mother had fed me honey for colds when I was a child. I immediately concentrated on my husband bringing home some honey.

That night my hands trembled as I emptied the bag of groceries. For the first time, I was afraid. My baby's cold was worse. What if there was no honey in the bag?

And there wasn't! I was heartsick. Of course, my husband would drive back into town if I asked him, but that would take another hour.

Then he took off his coat and I noticed a bulky package in one pocket.

"What's that?" I asked.

"Oh," he said, pulling the sack out of his pocket with a little difficulty, "Some fellow at a stand was selling honeycombs, so I bought one."

My faith was restored.—*Barksdale AFB, La.*

### TOGETHER AGAIN

By Albert Keltner

A SERIOUS catastrophe caused me the loss of my girl friend, Myrtle Thayer, on March 17, 1959. I did not see her again for many years. Today, through the use of E.S.P., we are back together.

The morning after her disappearance I went about doing things as usual, but in a robotized consciousness. It seemed I was being guided by an irresistible, gentle voice, sometimes audible and clear, sometimes merely a murmur. I would pick up a paper, a book, or my Bible and open it at random. When I glanced at a page, certain words or phrases became three-dimensional.

Sometimes I would sit, staring at nothing, and a mist-like form would appear. It always took the form of a woman in a white dress, about five feet seven inches tall, the exact shape of my friend Myrtle. At first the figure was headless, stood motionless for a few seconds, then disappeared.

After several appearances, I spoke to the misty form in a pleasant

voice: "Hello, friend."

This time it stayed a little longer. As we became better acquainted it began to extend its visits. I would say, "Hello, dear," speaking always in a soothing voice, "You are a woman, aren't you?" The head would nod slowly. It never spoke audibly, only by signs or movements.

Sometimes the form would point to a certain book in my bookcase. I would take out the book indicated, open it, and find a phrase which answered my question or directed me to do something.

On one of these appearances, I was directed to open a small magazine relating stories on extrasensory perception. I understood from this that I could talk with my protoplastic friend without verbal conversation.

I thought, "Do you know where my sweetheart is?"

Immediately the form answered, "Yes, I am she. I was in a car accident the evening I left you. I'm in a hospital, alive but unconscious. Stay where you are, I'll find you. Wait! I can't remember clearly; my body must be healed again. It will take awhile; I don't know how long, for my neck is broken."

I asked my transparent friend, "Is there any way I can help you? I have already contacted the missing persons bureau with no results."

The misty white form replied,

"Not just now! I will come to you again when I'm feeling better."

I waited another week, a month, a year, two years. My misty maiden came no more. I tried to forget her, but I remained single.

On the morning of July 3, 1964, as I sat in a chair quietly relaxing, my long lost, misty friend suddenly reappeared.

I greeted her with surprise: "Hello! I thought something awful had happened to you."

I received her reply through thought transference: "No, nothing bad has happened. It will take only a short while now, for my body is almost healed. If you will go to the local laundromat on August 2nd, there will be a bigger surprise for you."

On the designated day I gathered up my soiled laundry and went to the laundromat. I selected a machine and started to put my clothes into it.

Suddenly I heard a familiar voice "Well! Look who's here!"

I turned in amazement to see my sweetheart whom I hadn't seen in the physical body for so many years.

Lost in astonishment at this miraculous meeting, we stood speechless.

Finally, Myrtle explained her disappearance. "The day I left you there was a five-car collision caused by a loaded gravel truck that went

out of control wrecking four cars. It tipped over on mine, demolishing it. The rescue squad had to pry the doors open to get me out. My neck was broken and my memory impaired. I've tried to remember your last name and address, but just couldn't somehow. I thought of going to the dance where we first met, hoping to find you there.

"Darling," she said, "thank God, here we are together after all these years."—*Bloomington, Calif.*

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#### DESTINATION KNOWN

By John Miecznikowski

**I**N SEPTEMBER, 1950, while in the Armed Forces, I received a letter from my sister, Stell, telling me that the ship I was on would dock in Japan but would sail for Korea within a week. Knowing that we were to stay in Japan at least a month, I ignored her letter. Besides, civilians as well as servicemen have their rumor-mongers.

As soon as we landed in Japan we were told that in three days we would embark for Korea.

When I returned home I asked Stell where she had gotten her information. She told me that one evening in late August she and my other sister, Flo, had decided to have a hypnotic session. Flo, more receptive to the power of suggestion, was the subject.

When preliminary tests were over, Stell told her to go after me and

see how I was doing. Just as Stell was about to ask her if she could see anything, Flo began to scream hysterically, "No! No!"

Stell quickly awakened her subject and asked her what had happened. Flo told her that she had been on a ship. She had walked into a room where she saw an officer reading the orders to go to Korea.—*Chicago, Ill.*

#### MY JOURNEY ON A STRING

By Lillian Deel

**I**N DECEMBER, 1963, my father passed away and one month later, in January, 1964, some of my brothers and sisters moved my mother, Annie Pickle, to the nearby town of Tyler, Tex., 50 miles away. They asked me not to see my mother because of some trouble between us.

I tried very hard not to see her, but we were always very close and I was unhappy. So on July 19, 1964, I wrote to my mother's angel asking that everything be made right between us so I might see my mother.

The very next day as I was resting and relaxing at 2:00 P.M. I seemed to walk on a string the 50 miles to the house where my mother now lived. Still connected to this string I went into the house and entered Mama's room. She was sitting on her bed eating crackers. She was always eating. Very ap-



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parently she saw me because she clapped her hands and said, "I never was so glad to see anyone in my life."

I asked her if she still believed the stories my sister-in-law had told her.

She lowered her head and said, "No, not now."

I was not asleep when I went to visit my mother, and she was not asleep when she saw me enter her bedroom, although later she referred to the experience as a "dream".

That very afternoon when my sister came home from work at 4:00 o'clock Mama told her she had dreamed about me and she had to see me. Mama told her she had this dream about 2:00 P.M. So you see something actually did happen and at the same time. Mama remembered the time and I did too.

Mama came to see me three days

later and everything is O.K. now. She is 82 years old and again lives in the same town I do. I see her often these days.—*Palestine, Tex.*

### MOTHER CALLED ME

By Pearl Danniei

**I**N 1917 MY HUSBAND, two daughters, and I were living in a basement apartment in Butte, Mont. My husband worked the night shift in the mines.

At 2:00 A.M. on May 25 I was awakened from a deep sleep by the voice of my mother, Elizabeth Sparks, who lived in Illinois. I jumped out of bed and went to the door. No one was there. I thought she must be up on the street, but it was deserted. Disappointed, I thought I must have been dreaming, so I went back to bed.

Mother's voice came again, loud and clear, "Pearl! Oh, Pearl!"

It seemed so near. Again I

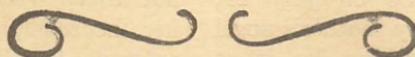
climbed the steps onto the street, looked up and down, walked a block, but could not find her.

My husband came home an hour later, at 3:00, wondering what I was doing up. I told him I had heard my mother call me.

"Nonsense," he said and began to take off his shoes. "You must have imagined it."

Just then there was a knock at the door. My husband opened it and saw a messenger standing there with a telegram. It was a message from my grandmother, "If you want to see your mother alive come at once. She is very sick."

Mother was dead when I got there. She had died about the time I had heard her call. I had a crippled brother and a sister almost 20 years younger than I. Mother had called to me from some dim borderland to help them.—*Fairview, Mont.*



### DESTINY'S LIVE WIRE

**A**FTER playing in a game in Logan, Utah, Wayne Estes, Utah State University basketball star, drove home with several friends. On the way they saw a car which had been wrecked in an accident and stopped to investigate. Estes was electrocuted when he walked into a high voltage wire which had been knocked loose in the accident. A short time before he had bought an insurance policy containing a triple indemnity clause in case of accidental death by electrocution. He had explained that he had a deep fear of electricity, having narrowly escaped electrocution several times as a boy.



# TV CAMERAS PROBE SOPHIA WILLIAMS' MEDIUMSHIP

Cameras loaded with infra-red film captured amazing scenes when the great spirit medium demonstrated for television.

A world-famed spirit medium, Mrs. Williams is also the author of the top-selling book, "You Are Psychic."

*By Danton Walker*

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PAUL COATES, Los Angeles newspaper columnist who also conducted a highly successful filmed television series called "Confidential File," told me that he was, and still is, frankly skeptical about most psychic phenomena, but admits that in his one attempt to expose a medium's efforts as phony he came off second-best.

"It is a matter of record that every year in the United States millions of dollars are extracted from people who can't afford it by phony



spirit mediums. I'm afraid that we in Los Angeles pick up a good deal more than our share of this tab.

"The fortuneteller racket got so bad here, in fact, that we had to pass a law forcing them out of the city. Many of them moved to the country, just outside the city limits. Many others blossomed out as pious — and prosperous — 'churchmen,' preaching some sort of doctrine of Spiritualism, which is protected under our Constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. If these so-

called preachers also carry on with their old practice of holding private séances, there isn't much the authorities can do about it, since it comes under the head of 'religious counsel' and is paid for by 'love offerings.'

"It was sometime in April of 1954 that 'Confidential File' began an investigation on the subject of spirit mediums, and the first thing we decided to expose, if it should turn out to be phony, was the practice of 'table tipping,' by which some mediums are presumed to get messages from the astral world, to questions popped by their clients.

"We discovered incidentally (and you may take this as a parenthetical aside) that the knowledge that many spiritualists and mediums are fakes doesn't explain away certain mysterious phenomena, nor the limited, but wholehearted beliefs, in certain aspects of the supernatural or supernormal by such an eminent man as the late Aldous Huxley.

"Anyway, we contacted a Mrs. Sophia Williams, who was at that time living in the home of Aldous Huxley. Mrs. Williams is a well-known spirit medium, acknowledged to be one of the best in the country, as a matter of fact, and she agreed to demonstrate 'table-tipping.'

"The test was to be made at the home of people selected by ourselves.

"Present at the first demonstration were the producer of 'Confidential File,' meaning myself, a dentist who practices in this community, the dentist's wife and Mrs. Williams. We all co-operated in the experiment — all putting our hands on the table, that is — which was conducted in a dimly-lit room. After about 20 minutes, the table began to tip and we got answers to questions, by the rapping method.

"We still couldn't determine if there had been any trickery, so we asked Mrs. Williams if she would agree to another demonstration, during which we would *photograph* the entire séance, using infra-red film. Mrs. Williams told us that we stood a chance of raising the table *completely off the floor* if we would work in absolute darkness. So we had some infra-red film flown from New York for our second experiment — so far as I know, the first of its kind attempted.

"We held our second séance about a week after the first, and this time in complete darkness, as agreed. This time there were present myself as the producer of 'Confidential File', Mrs. Coates, the above-mentioned dentist and his wife, three or four other persons whose names and identities escape me at the moment, and the entire shooting crew of our filmed television show.

"For this experiment, we used a

heavy oak dining table. One of our cameras, with infra-red film, was located *under* the table. Two others were located *above* the table, on opposite sides. In other words, we had the table completely 'covered.' And the room was actually in total darkness.

"We were successful in getting this table to move rather dramatically. We also experienced considerable rapping and message answers. The test began at 1:00 P.M. and lasted until 4:40 that afternoon. I might add that before the tests began, we had carefully inspected the table for any possible fraud.

"When the film was developed, we were unable to find any indication of trickery, or traces of any artificial devices that might have been used by the medium.

"This put us in the embarrassing position of having to present a program that set out to debunk Spiritualism and hadn't succeeded! Since I personally have very strong reservations about spiritualism — meaning that I am inclined to disbelieve in it thoroughly — I didn't feel inclined to present this program on television without offering some possible answer to the phenomena we had experienced. We therefore contacted Mrs. Williams again and asked if she would agree to take a lie-detector test. She said that she would.

"The test was to be conducted by

Mr. Chris Gugas, polygraph director for a private detective agency in the city of Los Angeles, who is also on the staff of 'Confidential File.' Gugas is frequently employed for criminal cases by police departments in this area and is recognized as one of the leading polygraph experts in the entire nation. He has worked with practically every large law enforcement agency in the United States and has also been a police consultant to several foreign governments.

"Mr. Gugas' test lasted three and a half hours, and the final series of questions was conducted on the program itself. At the conclusion of this final series, we asked Gugas to tell us what he had concluded from the test. His answer was that Mrs. Williams was *not telling the truth*. He also explained, technically, how the polygraph test indicated this (the details of which, unfortunately, I cannot supply).

"Mr. Gugas' announcement of his conclusions was made on the air, and in the presence of Mrs. Williams. She was, naturally, embarrassed and disturbed.

"The reaction to this particular program was immediate and violent. There were hundreds — perhaps thousands — of letters from viewers who strenuously objected to our method of trying to debunk Mrs. Williams' spiritualistic séances. In justification of it, I had to explain

that it was the *only way we could attempt to offset what our film had shown*, namely, that no trickery had been involved.

"The average person always suspects that there is some trick device used in table tipping. But if there had been such trickery during our tests with Mrs. Williams, the

cameras would have revealed it. The film which proves this is still in 'Confidential File's' possession.

"I'm afraid that our experiment concluded rather unsatisfactorily — for us, that is. And, I might add, it also concluded our friendship with Mrs. Williams. She isn't 'in' now, when we call."



### TEACHING WITCHCRAFT AT MOSCOW U.

TRAINING in the arts of witchcraft was given to 200 African students at the University of Moscow in the winter of 1960, according to testimony furnished to the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, headed by Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D., Conn.). That training, the Senate investigators claim, may explain some of the shocking stories of murder and torture reported from the Congo in recent years.

Anthony G. Okotcha, one of the Moscow-trained African students, told the subcommittee that while studying in London he had been recruited by an official of the Russian Embassy, who promised him an education in international law which would qualify him for the foreign service in Nigeria, his country. In Moscow, however, he related, he and 200 other recruits were instructed in Marxism, sabotage and guerilla

methods, and finally in "occult science" techniques.

The classes, Okotcha said, were conducted by a Russia professor who told the students that their mission was "the eventual liquidation of American and British influence in Africa," by playing on the superstitions of the people in underdeveloped parts of the country. The professor, Okotcha said, showed students how to produce voices from a skull or skeleton by hidden radio microphones, how to produce spirit rappings and how to cause a phantom to appear in a cloud of smoke.

Upon "graduation," Okotcha related, he was sent to Nigeria to organize two secret Communist movements and to train selected Africans in witch doctor techniques. Realizing, however, that he was helping to lead his country into a "blood bath," he fled the Communist movement.

# *Fingers of Fate*

By Harold Helfer

While fishing in a lake near Verona, N.J., Jim Degnan hooked a wallet he had lost the year before while fishing. The wallet still contained a soggy one-dollar bill and identification cards.

Robert Penrod, Independence, Kans., hotel manager, gave a salesman a check for a supply of meat. The salesman returned a short time later bemoaning the fact he'd dropped the check and it had blown away. Mr. Penrod went with the salesman and dropped a blank check in the place where the man said the other check had been lost. A gust of wind blew the blank check a block away and behind a building. Nearby was the original check.

Firemen at Kajang, Malaysia, decided to test-run their new truck and equipment. When they returned an hour later they learned that 24 houses had burned down while they were gone.

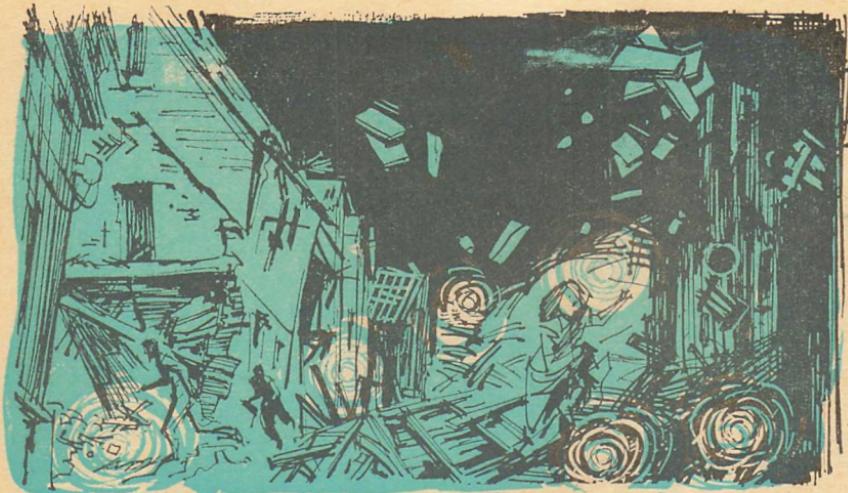
At Mortar, Italy, a dog shot and killed its master. Stefan Maestrilli

was hunting when his dog fell into a ditch. Mr. Maestrilli held out the loaded gun to help the animal and it pulled the trigger.

Police arrested two men for swearing and shoving each other on a Chicago subway train. Both men have records as pickpockets and apparently had tried to rob each other.

A slamming automobile door may not be a heavenly sound to many but Rubyanne Doll, of Lansing, Mich., thinks it is. Deaf for almost 15 years, the slam restored her hearing. Doctors said the percussion apparently dislodged scar tissue in Miss Doll's ears.

L.G. Druschel and Eugene A. Ratcliffe were happy about the whole thing when their cars collided on a bridge near Pauls Valley, Okla. They're both originally from Omaha and are old friends. They and their families had luncheon together and happily talked over old times.



# *The Luminous Portents of Earthquakes*

Do quakes produce mysterious lights?

Amazing eyewitness reports from Japan may prove they do.

*By Frank J. Reid*

ON THE MORNING of November 25, 1930, Mr. Mukuhira of Tango, Japan, observed a strange, unseasonal "rainbow" in the clear winter sky. An amateur "earthquake predictor," he was moved to send a telegram to the director of the College of Science at the Imperial Kyoto University, warning that a

quake would shake Idu at 4:00 o'clock the next morning.

At precisely three minutes after 4:00 on the morning of November 26, an earthquake hit the Idu Peninsula.<sup>1</sup> Mr. Mukuhira had predicted it almost to the minute!

Ten minutes after the first shock a fireman on a Tokyo watch-

tower was puzzled by a flash of light from the direction of Idu.<sup>2</sup> Most observers in Tokyo were awakened by the quake and saw the luminous phenomena when they ran into the streets or noticed the glow through their windows.

Witnesses reported bluish flashes, one coming immediately after the first shock and followed by three or four others at irregular intervals. Professor T. Ito of the College of Science, Tokyo University, reported seeing a flash emerge from the horizon, leaving behind it an afterglow like an aurora he had seen in Norway.

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**EARTHQUAKES**, like babies, often arrive at night. Ten years after Idu, at 3:39 A.M., November 10, 1940, a great quake shook Rumania, killing more than 1000 people.

Said *The New York Times* on November 11, 1940: "Persons who were up at the time said the first sign of the disaster was a blinding flash of blue light. Then three minutes of violent shocks followed, accompanied by the ripping, crashing

noises of tumbling buildings."

In the same issue of *The Times*, the "blinding flashes of blue light" were described by the Rev. Joseph J. Lynch, Fordham University's seismographer, as having resulted from the first wave of the earthquake as it reached the ground surface.

However, L. Don Leet, seismologist in charge of Harvard's Seismograph Station, registered strong disagreement with the Fortean or luminosity theory. Writing eight years later, he declared:<sup>3</sup> "For centuries, claims of fire flashes seen at the time of earthquakes have appeared from place to place. This is a gross libel on earthquake waves. Without exception, the only claims subject to any kind of investigation have been found to be due to indirect effects such as electrical short circuits, or completely independent phenomena such as lightning or meteors. Earthquake waves themselves are in no way connected with light."

Was Mr. Leet's flat dictum to be the entombment of the luminosity theory—the final disposal of a science that almost was?

Historically, the reality of luminous phenomena accompany earthquakes occurred to scientists late in the 19th Century. Charles Fort

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1. Musya, Kinkita. "On the Luminous Phenomenon That Attended the Idu Earthquake, November 26th, 1930," *Bulletin of the Earthquake Research Institute*, IX, 1931, pp. 214-215 (English Abstract).

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pioneered in presenting pertinent materials, and various seismologists began serious work on the problem. In 1910 Italy's Professor I. Galli published a *Catalogue* of all the instances he could discover and attempted a classification. Several German seismographers were convinced that a quake produced the phenomenon by some obscure mechanism. In 1921, August Sieberg, the great German seismologist, suggested such possible explanations as meteors, lightning, shorted electrical circuits, vulcanism, and piezo-electricity. He concluded:<sup>4</sup> "Nevertheless, there still remain some cases in regard to which the aforementioned ways of explanation fail . . . All in all, it cannot be denied that the light-phenomena form, indeed, one of the darkest chapters in seismology."

And "dark" it might have remained had it not been for a Japanese scientist, Kinkita Musya, and his fellow seismologist, Torahiko Terada, both of the Earthquake Research Institute. They had been studying quake data covering the thousand-year span from 869 A.D. to 1928 A. D. Admittedly, their findings were uneven; but, nonetheless, in nearly every instance of a studied quake, one thing stood out: *witnesses invariably reported*

*seeing the same type of luminous phenomenon.*<sup>5</sup>

Then, suddenly, there occurred the earthquake of November 26, 1930 — the one so accurately predicted by Mr. Mukuhira. Within a year's time, it was followed by four others; together they provided Professors Musya and Terada with *conclusive proof* of the physical reality of the luminosity phenomenon, proof beyond suspicion.<sup>6</sup>

On the night of the Idu quake, Musya himself saw the radiate "aurora-shaped" lights and lost no time in sending an inquiring circular to more than 150 schools within the area. He and Terada immediately began collecting eye-witness reports, newspaper accounts, meteorological records, and statements from other scientists. The Central Fire Brigade Station of Tokyo gave Terada numerous reports from firemen stationed on watchtowers. In all, there were about 1500 reports.

Nearer the quake's epicenter, most witnesses reported phenomena of *specific* luminosities: light beams, moving columns, fireballs, and funnel-shaped lights. On Tokyo Bay, observers noted rays like auroral streamers. A fire-column was seen in Odawara. A girl in Siduoka

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watched a fireball rise in the sky and disappear. Off Idu's coast, a fisherman watched a larger fireball move south. Three blinding flashes of light lit up Hongo. Objects 250 feet away could easily be discerned. Dr. S. Nasu, of the Earthquake Research Institute, who was in Ito that night, noted that immediately after the strongest shock there was a dark red glow above the mountain ridges for several minutes.

Ten miles north of Idu, on the shore of Lake Asi, a Mr. Isiuti reported flashing lights visible on the northeast side of the lake. The flashes would appear now in one spot, now in another. Clouds and trees showed up sharply in the brilliance. *There were no electric transmission lines passing on that side.*

"When the quake was at its height," another witness attested, "a straight row of round masses of light was seen toward Manpukuzi Temple. Each of these luminous bodies was seen to be revolving in motion. The brightness was considerable."

From a boat off Hasima Island, fishermen saw fiery displays on land, at three places. They supposed these to be volcanic eruptions, but on landing were told there had been no eruptions of any kind.

In the ensuing seven months of investigation, Terada and Musya carefully checked this wealth of

specific and verified data for fortuitous or "plausible" explanations of the luminous phenomena. Only two fires had been reported in all of Idu that night. One had been extinguished before the quake began and the other had been started by the shocks. Ordinary lightning likewise was ruled an impossibility: the weather was wrong; meteorological observatories could trace no thunderstorms within possible sight range. To produce the kind of flash attested to, a short circuit would have had to occur in at least a 30,000 kilowatt main; and a large area would have been blacked out. Detailed inquiries at the Department of Communication turned up no such incident.

Terada and Musya now were convinced that the phenomenon of luminosity is a concommittant of earthquakes. But how could a quake cause the phenomenon?

One answer occurring to Terada was "triboluminescence." An example is the blue flash occurring when a sugar cube is broken apart in the darkness. Surfaces violently separated can have unequal electrical charges, thus producing a discharge through the air. Landslides can produce such luminosity — but not nearly enough to explain the intense glow in Tokyo, at least 100 kilometers from the nearest slide in Idu.

Terada's own theory was that the

earth shocks caused a rushing of water in the earth's crust through capillary pores which, in turn, generated powerful electrical currents. Induction effects, he reasoned, could cause an electrical potential to build up in the atmosphere or could trigger an existing potential. The result would be a kind of pseudo-aurora.

Although his laboratory experiments indicated that this was possible, Terada cautiously regarded his theory as only tentative, saying, "The question as to the true cause of the phenomenon is not yet settled. The ultimate solution must be reserved for a future when more sufficient, reliable materials will have been accumulated." And he called upon scientists to maintain an open mind for such data.

Some have. Some have not.

The great English seismologist, Sir Charles Davison, has declared: <sup>7</sup> "We can no longer feel much doubt

as to the reality of the phenomena and of their connection with the shock" and praised Terada and Musya for having "added a new chapter, no longer the darkest, to the science of seismology."

However, in technical books published since World War II, seismologists tend to ignore the subject or brush it aside. For example, Elliott Roberts, of the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey, who in 1963 authored *Our Quaking Earth*,<sup>8</sup> discusses and dismisses luminosity phenomena within a single chapter entitled "Earthquakes, Superstition, and Fear."

Should this, we wonder, be taken as an epitaph to a Science That Almost Was—or should it be taken as a challenge to a Science Yet To Be?

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#### SPEAK OF THE DEVIL

**I**N BEIRUT, Lebanon, Salma Fakhoury, 45, was bathing one of her eight children outside her hut when she grew annoyed at the child's fidgeting and cursed the devil. She was overheard by a passing man, Garabed Mardikian, 63, who pulled out a pistol and shot her to death. Police said Mardikian apparently was a member of the devil-worshipping Yazidi sect, members of which must obey a rule that if they hear the devil cursed in their presence, they must either kill the person who utters the curse or commit suicide.

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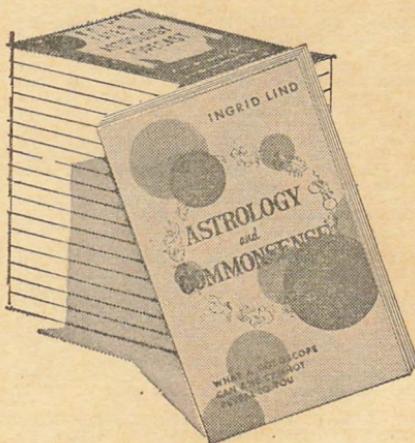
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## DEAD MEN RETURN

By Alexander I. Warrington

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His son, I was told, had gone to the kitchen for some cold water just before midnight and then decided to have a look at the living room. There he had found his father on the floor, apparently the victim of a heart attack.

That same afternoon I was invited to visit the funeral home where the deceased now rested and I offered to use my car. My car was parked out on the regular office parking lot and the large doors and windows of the lobby give a clear view of the entire parking lot. The first floor of my office building is fully a whole story above the

ground and parking area and it is necessary, therefore, to drive up on an incline to take on or discharge passengers.

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I stopped the car and looked again. I saw Herbert Simpson just as plainly as I saw the other three gentlemen who were waiting for me. This troubled me greatly since it was plain that Herbert Simpson could not be dead and resting in a funeral home if he was standing there in the building lobby—as I saw he most certainly was.

"Is it possible," I asked myself, "that I can be so completely confused as to think I have heard that Herbert Simpson died last night when he is standing right there?" I thought further, "Well, if he is standing there, as he certainly is, who are we going to visit at the funeral home?"

I then noticed that the others appeared concerned about my having stopped the car at the foot of the ramp so I proceeded. I turned onto the ramp and thus momentarily lost sight of my friends. When I stopped the car and opened the door Herbert Simpson was no longer present.

I started to ask questions, then decided against it. I now became preoccupied with the thought that the call at the funeral home would be a strange experience.

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The next day I was chatting with the other roomers and I mentioned that I hadn't heard Paul get up. Since he always left the house early, I decided to check on him. When I opened his door I saw him lying across his bed apparently resting.

I thought to myself, "Poor guy's tired. I'll let him rest." I left the room, closing the door gently behind me.

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The apparition vanished. I was not afraid; I just felt depressed, with a sense of loss.

I ran to Paul's room and found him lying on the bed exactly as I'd seen him the morning before. He had been dead since Saturday night. If he hadn't managed to tell me it might have been days before I discovered he had died.—Villa Park, Ill.

## THE BABY WHO CRIED

By Grace Staggs

I WAS ABOUT eight years old so it must have been in 1914 that we homesteaded in central Montana, 15 miles north of Pompey's Pillar in the Bull Mountains. Our ranch was in a valley with high, rocky, pine-covered hills on both sides. My grandmother, Martha Davis, took up a claim beside ours so our cabins might be close together.

Grandmother was a staunch Methodist but no minister was available. Nearly every day she walked many miles to visit some neighbor, to invite the family to attend the Sunday School that she held each week in our two-room house. Only a few ever came, but she persevered.

One day she took me with her to visit a family three miles west of us, two skinny girls, a shabby father and a mother who was expecting another child. After the long walk I hoped they would invite us to stay for dinner, but when they

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did Grandmother said we must be home in time for milking.

On the weary walk home over the rocky hills she explained that she feared they had no food to spare for visitors.

"That poor mother looks in bad shape," she commented.

The children attended Sunday School only once. About a month later the father appeared, more lank and worn-looking than ever and riding a horse as gaunt as himself. The baby had been born three weeks before, he explained, too quickly for him to get a neighbor woman to help. Alone, he had delivered it. Perhaps, he said dejectedly, he had done something wrong; perhaps the mother hadn't had the proper food or care to make a healthy baby. At any rate, the baby had lived only until that morning.

There was no money to bury the tiny body in a city graveyard and no money for a pretty casket. He said he had made a box which his wife would line with a sheet and he had come to ask Grandmother to say a prayer before they lowered the little body into the ground.

Grandmother declined his offer of the horse to ride, saying she would walk across the hills. Hurriedly she gathered into a flour sack a pillow in a clean slip to soften the last bed of the little baby, one of my own baby dresses for it to wear, a bag of cookies for the other children. Then taking her Bible in her hand, she struck off alone.

That evening she came back across the hills and lowered herself tiredly into a chair.

"Did you have a funeral, Grand-

ma?" I asked curiously.

She sighed. "They had the hole dug, up on the side hill above the house by the pine trees. The father put the little box into it while the rest of us stood by. I said the things I hoped would comfort them and we sang a couple of hymns, and I prayed. Neither of the parents knew how to pray but I think they felt better that I asked God to take care of the baby."

She added, "They're going to relinquish the claim and move back to town."

After they left Grandmother made several trips across the hills to the west. Once she carried a bouquet of zinnias and marigolds.

"For the little baby," she said to me. "It must be very lonely lying there under the pine trees. I sit by the grave and I seem to hear it crying all around me."

My mother commented, "It must be the pine trees; you know they're never quiet."

Grandmother did not answer.

A few days later a friend told us he had been to town and heard that the baby's mother had died too. We asked about the father and the other children but he knew nothing more.

Again my grandmother started off across the dry hills. When she returned her face was peaceful. She sat beside my mother, darning long black stockings in the living room.

I climbed the rough stairs to the loft, lay flat on the floor and put my eye to a knothole.

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... She stopped.

My mother interposed, "You said the sighing of the pine trees sounded like the crying of a baby."

"Well, today . . ." Grandma seemed to be arranging her thoughts, "it was worse than ever. I thought I couldn't stand it, hearing that baby cry, not like it hurt but like it was grieving . . ." She stopped again.

"And then I saw it, far back in the pines—it couldn't have walked, it was too little to walk—it was floating, I guess, but it was shadowy and blurry. I'm not sure . . ."

"You must have fallen asleep," Mother interrupted. She was a forthright woman.

"I wasn't asleep," Grandma said. "I knelt down and prayed. I asked God to give that little baby comfort. Then I felt better and I couldn't hear the baby crying any more. I got up, and farther back in the trees I saw a woman—for a moment I thought it was you. Then I saw that she wasn't walking either, but she was moving closer. She came to the baby, lifted it into her arms and they faded off into the shadows."

"You know it couldn't have happened," said my mother.

"It did."

Weeks later I asked my grandmother if she wasn't going to visit the baby's grave again soon.

"The baby is at rest now. There is no need to go," she said. And Grandmother never went back.—Everett, Wash.

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Irene and I finally fell asleep.

Much later I awoke, feeling a peculiar grogginess. I blinked my eyes and, as through a mist, saw a soldier open the door, skirt my bed, walk around Irene's bed and bend over her.

"I must be dreaming," I thought, never having believed in ghosts.

I dimly saw the soldier repass my bed, but I couldn't utter a sound. I couldn't even think clearly.

Irene suddenly gasped, "Felipa! Felipa! Did you see someone?"

I wanted to be sure that we weren't imagining things, so I didn't admit I had seen Joe.

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"I know I closed the door. We've never had trouble with the door," she said excitedly.

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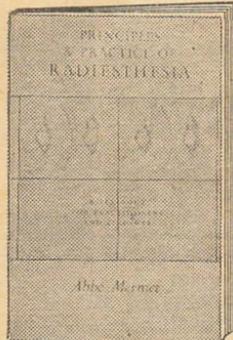
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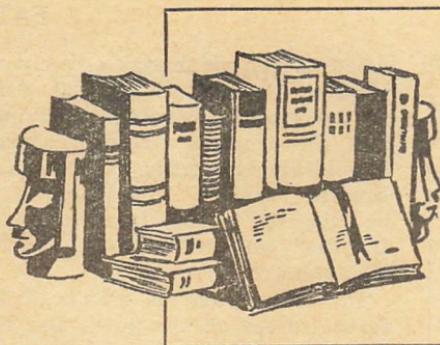
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THE HUMAN AURA, by Walter Kilner. University Books, New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1965. 307 pages, \$7.50.

Dr. Walter J. Kilner, a London physician, was a pioneer in the field of electrotherapy. He was from what the preface to this edition of his book calls a "conventional medical family" (his father and brother also were physicians), and there was "nothing in the least cranky or irregular" in his background.

His interest in the human aura probably was stimulated, first, by a widespread interest during the late 19th Century in "animal magnetism," which was being respectfully transmuted into useful hypnotism.

About this time, too, Hertz was experimenting with strange electromagnetic radiations (we now call them radio waves), and Crookes was perfecting his new cathode ray tube (we now use an adaptation of it to produce television pictures).

In 1895, Roentgen discovered a new band of the electromagnetic spectrum, and his "X-rays" were first given a practical demonstration at St. Thomas's Hospital in London, where Dr. Kilner was a valued staff member.

Other developments around this time also inspired the doctor finally to experiment with a method which would enable the average person to view the aura. Using a coal-tar dye, dicyanin, and a box of slides of different colors, he was able in 1902 to develop a device which he believed enabled one to view the aura.

There were, of course, doubters. Some said Dr. Kilner himself was a sensitive clairvoyant. Others simply closed their eyes—literally and figuratively—and said it wasn't so. They were supported by the old scientific bugaboo of repeatability. Many persons, it was claimed, saw nothing unusual with the device, no matter how they tried.

Nevertheless, Dr. Kilner went about his experiments systematically, preparing drawings and charts, all indicating that the aura not only existed as a fact but varied according to one's physical and mental condition.

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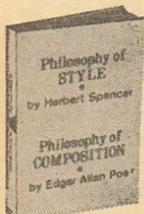
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*Atmosphere*, which was entirely revised and published in 1920. Some of the chapter headings will indicate the progress Dr. Kilner made in achieving his goal: "The Aura of Healthy Persons," "The Outer Aura in Disease," "The Inner Aura in Disease" and "The Aura During Pregnancy."

In a section on the effects of different forces on the aura, Dr. Kilner wrote: "The most probable interpretation of the aura that can at present be given, is that it is the outcome of force emanation from the body, which like all forces is invisible, but becomes perceptible through its action . . ."

If this sounds naive in our day of electronic sophistication and space flight, it may be because Dr. Kilner's pioneering work still has not been properly utilized or recognized.

There no longer can be any argument about the positive answer to the question: Is there such a thing as an aura? Simply because the term has been associated with mysticism and the occult does not alter the fact that what Dr. Kilner was talking about is dealt with now every day, but with different name tags.

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The preface to this new edition of Dr. Kilner's book, incidentally, contains a fine resume of later investigations in the field.—James Crenshaw.

THE MYSTIC MIND, by Kenneth Walker, F.R.C.P. Emerson Books, Inc., New York, 1965. 176 pages, with bibliography and index, \$3.95.

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Dr. Walker is a surgeon, the author of a number of books for the public, and something of a mystic himself. That is, he qualifies as a nature mystic, having had an experience, described in the book, wherein he felt for some minutes a oneness with the whole of nature. He is sure that his experience fell far short of the "awareness" of great mystics, but it gave a personal insight obviously valuable to one writing on the subject.

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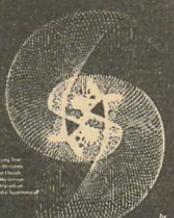
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RELIGIONS, VALUES, AND PEAK-EXPERIENCES, by Abraham A. Maslow. Ohio State University Press, Columbus, 1964. 123 pages, \$2.50.

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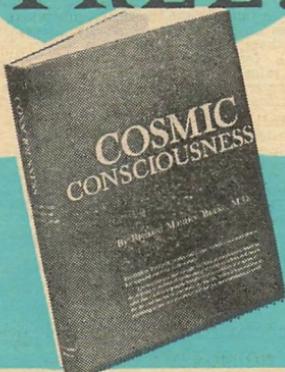
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**AN INTRODUCTION TO PARAPSYCHOLOGY**, by Samuel Kahn, M.D., Ph.D. Vantage Press, New York, N.Y., 1965. 321 pages, \$5.00.

Obviously intended for the general reader, *An Introduction to Parapsychology* is in large part a rather abstract survey of the field. Dr. Kahn, a noted psychiatrist, ranges over phenomena, personalities, experiments and theories which will be familiar to those who have done fairly extensive reading in psychical research. His expository treatment, furthermore, may prove slow reading for those accustomed to explore parapsychology through actual cases or happenings.

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# Report FROM THE Readers

## THE GHOST WORE BLACK?

As a matter of "life and death" I take violent exception to the article which appears on page 35 of the August issue, "The Ghost Wore Red." Some time ago a mystery program involving a murder trial was heard over the radio. The defendant had to make clear to the prosecution that he saw a *red* handkerchief in the moonlight.

It was instantly disclosed that all red hues are *indistinguishable* by moonlight and in fact appear to be nothing other than black.

To use the colloquial expression employed in the aforementioned article, the truth of this argument remains the "gospel" as far as the courts are concerned. Thus, by alluding to the sight of a ghost wearing red in the moonlight, the story is partially in error.

For the readers willing to indulge the spare time, a casual experiment will prove a point in favor of the truth.—*Raymond W. Hill, Tulsa, Okla.*

*It is possible that there were extenuating circumstances, as explained in Report From The Readers for October.—Editor.*

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### ONE AND THE SAME

I have enjoyed your magazine for some time, although I have been ridiculed by my husband Jim and one of our best friends, Ray Hall, a minister. When my husband started having psychic experiences he and Pastor Hall spoke of the power of the Lord as an explanation. I agree, but I insist they are psychic experiences as well.

One Wednesday morning my husband told me at breakfast that he had dreamed the night before that his father was in danger. He appeared so upset that I asked him if I should call long distance and see if he was all right.

Jim said, "No, they will call me."

His mood continued and when I questioned him again he said, "Dad won't die, but I know he is going through a crisis." This type of behavior on Jim's part was totally alien to his personality.

The following Saturday Jim hadn't been home five minutes when a neighbor knocked on the door. Jim got up saying, "The phone call's come."

The call was from Jim's mother who said Dad had taken sick Tuesday night. She asked us to come, for he was in a coma and not expected to live.

Jim said, "I know, but don't worry; he is in the hands of God. He'll be all right. Pray!"

When we got to the hospital nearly 200 miles away, the doctor let us in to take a "last look" at Dad who was unconscious. Jim's manner changed completely. By the time we reached his sister's where the family had gathered, Jim was filled with a kind of dynamic force-

fullness and assurance.

He waited until his mother had gone to bed and then asked the rest of the family to join hands and pray with him. The family eyed him rather strangely, since this was a radical departure from his normal behavior. I'm sure some of them complied just to humor him.

In his prayer, Jim quoted the Scripture: "Where two or three of mine are gathered in my name I will be among them." At that moment it was honestly as if He were present and Jim were talking to our Lord directly.

Then Jim said, "You have promised if we all agree our prayer will be answered. Lord, I claim your promise! Heal Dad, that you may be glorified! Thank you, Lord."

Believe me, I was as amazed as anyone at his remarkable assurance. We were even more amazed when the next morning we stopped at the hospital, and there sat Dad, wide awake, and demanding his glasses so he could read the paper.

Jim wasn't surprised. He just said again, "Thank you, Lord."

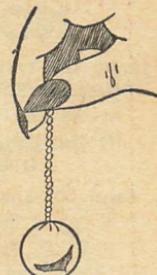
Two years passed and although Dad was in and out of hospitals a good part of the time, Jim's faith never wavered. He said he would know when the time came, and that Dad would not die until the rest of the prayer had been fulfilled.

When the time came for Dad to go home to the Lord, Jim knew. We arrived at the hospital in time to read the 23rd Psalm as Dad lay dying. Dad squeezed my hand when we read, "Yea, although I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Dad knew, and was not afraid.

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ing the past two years he has had several more dreams which have guided him unerringly. Can't the power of our Lord in instances such as these be called psychic?—Mrs. James W. Adams, Myrtle Creek, Ore.

## MANY THANKS

Thank you for publishing my letter, "Needed—A Cure," in the August edition of FATE. I have received many letters, suggestions and good advice.

It is impossible to answer all the kind letters but I thank all who wrote, for they strengthen my faith. People are kind and want to help.

I believe I have found what I sought.—Myrtle Myers, Meadow Vista, Calif.

## BUNK IN KENNEBUNK?

I just finished reading the July issue and was very interested in Jane Morgan's haunted house. I've passed it many times and a Mrs. Leathers, a friend of the Curriers, has told me of the phenomena witnessed there.

If some of the "dead" return, why don't all of them return? "Love pulled them back." *Love!* If that's the cause, this town would look like the World's Fair at mid-day.

There are several so-called "haunted houses" here. One is the Kingsbury House (the present Mrs. K. says it's all "hog-wash"). When I was a boy (I'm nearly 64 now) every youngster passing that house did so at a dead run. Because they saw something? Of course not! That would bring bad luck. Those ghost authors thought of everything!

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Ghosts! Witches! One of my grandmothers always hung a horseshoe over the kitchen door. No witch would dare enter a door under a horseshoe.

From what I hear Janie's ancestral home from Revolutionary War days was owned by an oldster named Wells. His son just recently passed away at 80 years. I knew him and never heard of any nocturnal laughter, wails or flitting from room to room while he lived there. Maybe old man Wells wasn't sensitive.

Ghosts! The Bible say the dead "know not anything," but ghost people would have us believe the dead are more alive than the so-called living.

I've witnessed phenomena I can't explain. I don't pretend to know it all. There is a "great mystery." But this "haunted house" next door to the Kennebunk Port Playhouse—sounds very much like press agentry to me: "Tis a curious thing d'ye see!"

But 'tis well known that niver a leprechaun was iver seen in auld Ireland 'til the viry year Potheen was diskivered. Now isn't that a curious phenomenon?

Don't mind me. I wish FATE came weekly instead of monthly. But ghosts? Nope! Never did see one, did you?—*Bertram W. Hanscom, Kennebunk, Me.*

#### BETTER NOT TO KNOW

M. K. Yeary's *Faces in Your Future* in the August issue was a fascinating article. My family knew this procedure, although they used to set the lamp on a new grave on a night of the new moon. When the moon was new again they began the ritual.

My grandmother, Olive Schoulsch Gandee, and several of her friends once went to a deserted house with their grave-lamp, water and Bible to try to see their future husbands. They had good success—rather too good, it proved.

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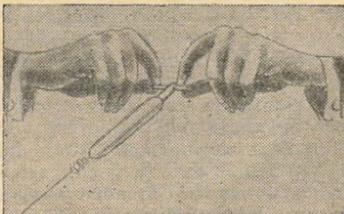
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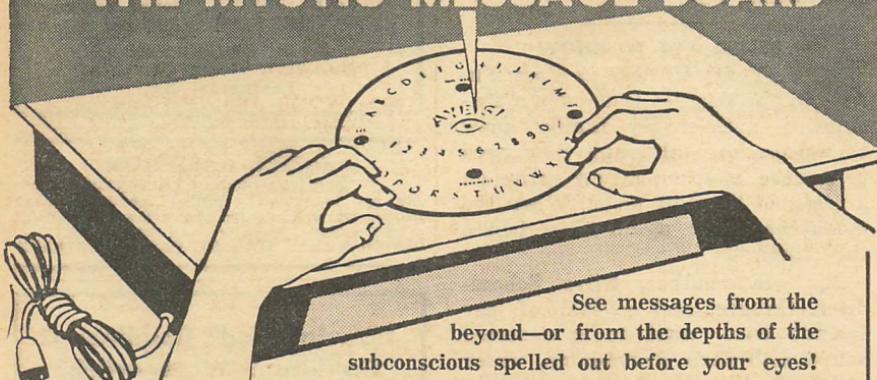
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### CALL FOR HELP

Can any of FATE's readers tell me of someone who can help people who are sick from the "evil eye"?

I am referring to my mother who has lost over 60 pounds, can eat very little food (only cooked) and has become ill and weak. Doctors cannot find anything wrong and hospital tests cannot locate any cause.

If you know of anyone who can eliminate the "evil eye" and its effects, please write me in care of FATE.—Joseph Talerico, Long Branch, N.J.

### DEJA VU

*A Little Journey into the Past* by Barry Bingham (August), was very interesting and informative. I particularly enjoyed the poem by Rossetti.

I have, however, my own theories on the subject of *deja vu*.

I think the subconscious mind, in its own intricate manner, contains an inborn knowledge of the future. We know that our subconscious mind records, much like a moving film, every event witnessed by the conscious mind. We know, too, that

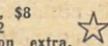


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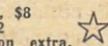


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This also could explain prophetic dreams: the release of subconscious knowledge into the conscious mind.

Furthermore, a person with a sharp sense of extrasensory perception might be more attuned with his subconscious mind than the average person, explaining his ability to foresee certain events.

Perhaps during some long ago period man used his full brain faculties. Perhaps as some persons contend, most of the brain faculties were damaged at some time. Finally, perhaps man is beginning to regain portions of his brain faculties as he progresses into the wonders of the modern world.—*Sandra Lee Smith, Burbank, Calif.*

**GEMINI**

The following are facts which I, as an amateur astrologer, find most interesting and I wonder if anyone else has given them any consideration:

On Thursday, June 3, 1965, the American astronauts McDivitt and White began their four-day space flight. Officially designated *Gemini 4*, this flight was made while the sun was transiting through the *air*—the sign of Gemini. Also, the birthday of Astronaut McDivitt is June 10, placing him in the birth sign of Gemini. I do not know

White's birthday, but it very possible that he has several important planets placed in Gemini or that his Ascendant is Gemini.

It is a further fact known among astrologers that the air rules flying and communication and is also the sign of the pioneer. Many of the great aviators of the past were born under this dual sign, just as many of the great admirals and seamen of history (such as Farragut and John Paul Jones) were born under the water sign of Cancer.

As I put these pieces together in my mind it seemed very much like a strange coincidence, but is it merely coincidence? I cannot help feeling that it is important in some way.—Elizabeth M. Flora, Jacksonville, Fla.

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his present life? This could account for familiar faces from this life in dreams of another life.

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### TALL STORY?

The photograph of the Japanese Convair (August, p. 34) said to have been pursued by a luminous UFO reminds me of the man who said he shot a bear near a tree.

When his listeners said they did not believe him, he said, "Come on out and I'll show you the tree." —*J. Wilkins, Los Angeles, Calif.*

### THEN WHERE?

I read Kenneth S. Leach's *Demons Possession* in the August issue and I was captivated by it. It also brought a question to my mind.

What happened to the demon after it was "cast out"? Where did it go? Did it return to the dark regions or did it simply start looking for another victim?

If any of FATE's readers could give me information on the whereabouts of demons, I would be deeply indebted.—*Alvin Lewis, Baxley, Ga.*

### DEAD LETTERS

Recently I had occasion to write to two of my 500 college classmates, both in their prime, for information concerning their respective businesses. Some time passed with no answers.

Not until I received the quarterly campus magazine did I discover that both my friends died during the same week I wrote them. I was disturbed by this outcome.—*Howard Crane, Danbury, Conn.*

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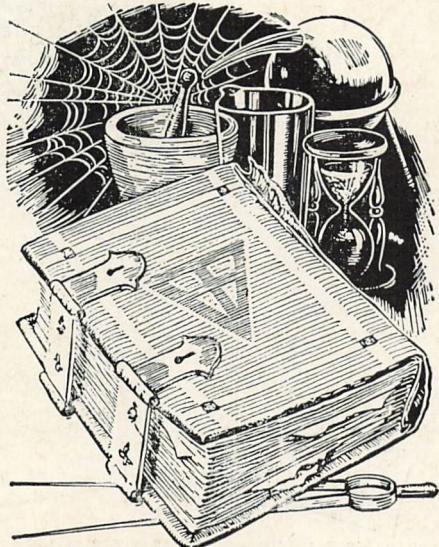
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