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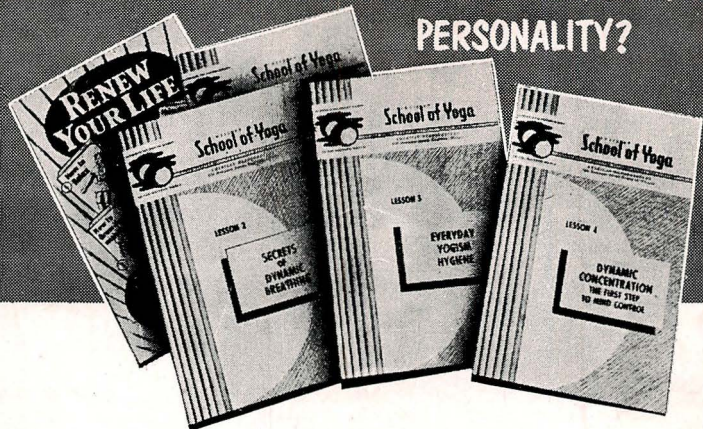
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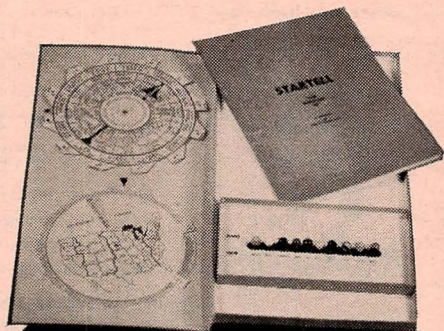
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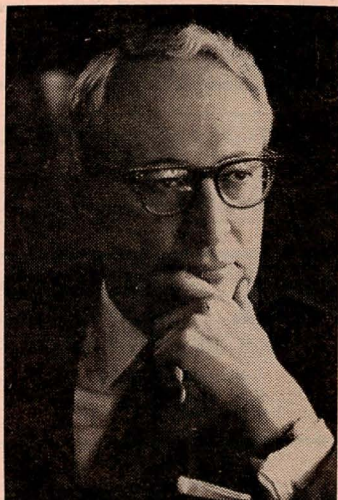
FROM IRELAND, from South Africa, from Germany, from Mexico come reports that witchcraft is booming.

From Dublin via UPI we hear that signs of *pishoguary* — the Irish name for sorcery and witchcraft — are reappearing in the ancient land. The priests have begun to denounce the revival of ancient practices which go back to before St. Patrick.

"The bleeding carcass of a sheep . . . a dozen eggs arranged in a circle . . . a lump of raw bacon . . . and other warped reminders of a pagan past — all show that evil is at work" asserts the UPI story. All these are reinforcements of curses, designed by a farmer's enemies to wither his crops or make his cows turn dry. The Irish are taking them seriously and decent men are worried.

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In Germany, as befitting that methodical country, claims are supported by statistics. And it is claimed that more than 10,000 witch doctors are practicing for fees ranging up to \$200 per treatment. Last year there were



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nearly 100 trials involving witch-hunters and more than half of the cases ended in convictions.

Apparently thousands of Germans fear witches more than they do the H-bomb and near Bamberg, for example, a young man named Johann Vogel was sentenced to three years in prison because he set fire to the house of a woman he believed to be a witch.

All this is a tragedy for the many women who are believed to be witches. Dr. Johann Kruse,



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in a report prepared for the United Nations, calculates there are about 60,000 women in Germany who have been classed as "witches" by their neighbors who believe they possess evil powers. As a result they are "shunned and even assaulted by their neighbors".

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In South Africa, reports the AP, witch doctors are going modern. They have discarded ancient tribal rituals. Today they often arrange private consultations and visit important patients in plush automobiles. They analyze dreams, prepare protective and curative potions — even at times cast deadly spells.

One of South Africa's most successful witches is a fashionable African woman, Sarah Mashelle, who wears imported French clothes and looks like a fashion model. She owns a large farm, two houses and three automobiles.

Tribal masks and animal skin costumes seem to be on their way out, says Dr. Peter Becker, an expert on African tribal folklore. "Most of the modern witch doctors are performing a worthwhile service to the black community," he declares.

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Of all the four reports we have this month, the Mexicans seem



to be taking their witchcraft the most seriously. Recently in Jalapa, villagers claimed that a local sorcerer, Sotero Hernandez, had cursed them because they wouldn't let him dig up the body of a dead villager. As a result of his curse one young man lost his mind; yet Hernandez refused to lift the curse unless allowed to dig up the body. He never did explain what he wanted to do with it. At last report the matter seemed to be a stalemate.



## HEXED?

**I**F THERE IS a thief in St. Louis who wonders what has gone wrong with his life in recent months, we know the answer. If he is suffering a series of accidents, if he thinks he may be haunted, if he is sitting it out in the pokey, he had better take heed. He interfered with a witch.

Early in July he broke into the motel room occupied by Sybil Leek, the self-proclaimed British witch, "high priestess of the New Forest Coven," and stole three magic rings, \$450 and a purse given Dame Sybil by the late Ian Fleming, creator of James Bond.

Sybil gave the poor fellow 25 days to return the loot — or else all hellishness would break loose. "I'm weaving a terrible hex on

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## *Doomed By Your Memory?*

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that man," she proclaimed. "It's been 20 years since I've felt this vicious and the hex I conjured then was so terrible I won't even tell you about it."



### CRISWELL PREDICTS

ONE SYNDICATED columnist who doesn't mind sticking his neck out is Jeron King Criswell. Recently he predicted an invasion by "the elements of Outer Space!" because the protective aura of the earth had been punctured.

This, warned Criswell, "opens the earth itself to the deadly gases and non-oxygen toxics which cling like a gooey mass in the beyond."

When the gases reach us, they will kill us all — plants, animals and men. So says Criswell, quoting an unnamed scientist.

The change is near, says Criswell, but how near his scientist refuses to say.



### ATLANTIS CLUE

WHETHER PLATO was romancing when he described the lost civilization of Atlantis or whether there was truth in the story he related is still, amazingly enough, the subject of archaeological controversy.

Although more than 2,000

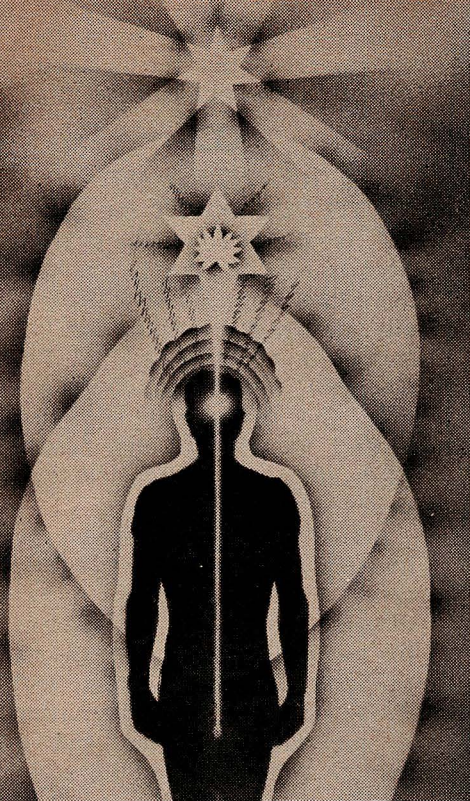
books have been written on Atlantis not one shred of concrete evidence that it existed ever has been offered. Archaeologists generally shrug their shoulders and ignore the controversy. An exception is Prof. Anghelos Galanopoulos, a Greek seismologist, who theorizes that the Atlantis legend grew from the destruction of an ancient city on the volcanic island of Thera in the Aegean Sea. When the volcano exploded about two-thirds of the island was blown up.

Now Professor Galanopoulos announces that a wide moat has been discovered under 1300 feet of water in the submerged part of Thera (which, to make things more confusing, is also known as "Santorini"). The discovery was reportedly made by the American research ship *Chain* under the direction of Dr. James W. Mavor of the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution. Galanopoulos triumphed in *The New York Times*:

"Plato, the ancient philosopher, who gave the fullest description of Atlantis, wrote that the hill that stood in the center of the Metropolis island was surrounded by a moat, which served as a secure harbor. This moat, which encircled the acropolis of the Metropolis, was one of Atlantis' main features. This dis-



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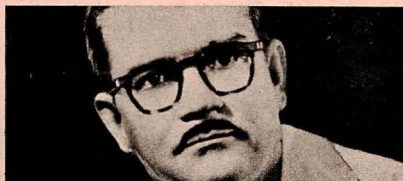
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Actually, Dr. Halasi-Kun is himself a dowser. In addition, using a wishbone-shaped brass dowsing rod, he has located sites for two wells on the university's property at 218th Street and Broadway, New York City, after a government agency and a private well-driller had dug eight wells — all of them dry.

It must be said in behalf of orthodox science that Dr. Halasi-Kun was aided by a hydrogeological survey. Nonetheless, the survey only helped narrow his search to four locations and the brass witching rod located the final two spots. "Dig here," said Dr. Halasi-Kun. One well produced 35 gallons a minute, the other 8 gallons a minute. Together the two wells are pro-





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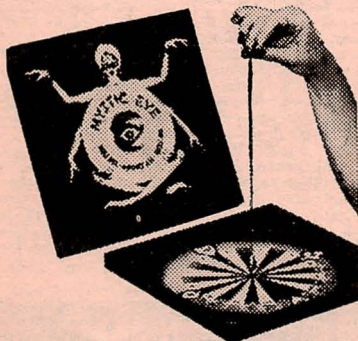
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### DR. HALASI-KUN AT WORK

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"About one in three persons has a body reaction to the friction created by running water under their feet," he told Robinson. "It's much like the ability of some persons subject to rheumatism to predict wet weather."

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When failures occur Dr. Halasi-Kun believes they are the result of insufficient scientific knowledge on the part of the user.



This is all well enough but the facts still seem to be that there is no scientific evidence supporting Dr. Halasi-Kun's explanation. Some dowzers are equally certain that dowsing is a psychic ability. That makes the dowser a medium receiving clairvoyant impressions of his object rather than an amplifier of physical signals.



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**O**PERA SINGER Eileen Farrell has discovered she is a dowser. Some years ago Miss Farrell was having a well dug at her summer home in Greenville, Me. A dowser was on hand and Miss Farrell tried it and it worked.

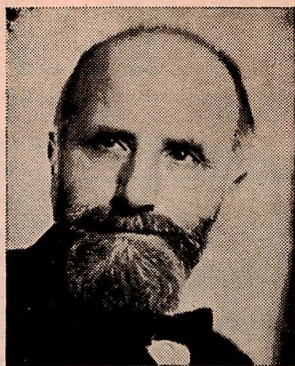
Now call at her home and she can give you a glass of water from a well she dowsed herself. She feels there must be a "biological answer" to dowsing.

"The feeling is almost impossible to explain," she says. "The tug at your hands is very strong where the water is."



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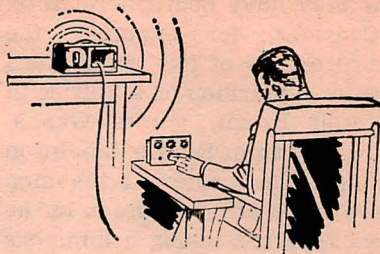
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When the police arrived they found the two dead men lying on their backs, neatly dressed in suits with neckties, their hands at their sides. Crude lead masks two inches by six inches covered their eyes.

There were no signs of violence. Neither man had been bruised or wounded and an autopsy ruled out poison, electrocution, or asphyxiation as a possible cause. At last reading more laboratory tests were being conducted on the stomach contents of the two dead men.

Compounding the mystery were the following items found with the bodies: undecipherable coded messages; electrical charts; simple mathematical formulas; a lady's handkerchief, a raincoat, sunglasses; a toothbrush; two notes, both referring to mysterious "capsules" — but no capsules were found with the bodies. Here is what one of the notes said:

"At 4:30 P.M. we are in the determined place. At 6:30 we will take the capsules with orange. After the effect protect half the face with lead masks. Wait for agreed signal."



#### DR. SMILEY SPEAKS OUT

DR. CHARLES H. Smiley, director of Brown University's Ladd Observatory, recently has done some rather serious UFO research work. He reasoned that if UFO's originate in our solar system they most probably would come from Mars or Venus, the two planets closest to Earth.

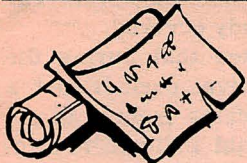
To investigate his hypothesis Dr. Smiley calculated the likeliest times for UFO's to arrive in Earth orbit if they were launched from Mars or Venus at the most favorable times. These times are called "launch windows" and are used by our rocket people to send space vehicles from Earth to the Moon, Mars or Venus. Dr. Smiley figures out what the "launch windows" would be if rockets traveled the other way.

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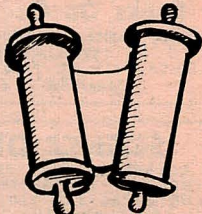


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that fewer UFO's were seen during these favorable times than the average for the seven-year period his study covered.

He concluded that during the projected arrival periods, not a single UFO came from a direction that would indicate it originated on Mars or Venus.

Dr. Smiley urges greater care in recording the direction of travel of UFO's in the future. He now believes if UFO's actually contain intelligent beings from outer space they probably do not come from Mars or Venus.

Dr. Smiley's study is surely worthwhile, but it seems to us that it makes two quite unwarranted assumptions which UFO buffs would immediately reject. The first is that UFO's would be powered in a conventional manner, with the same drastic fuel limitations that restrict our own space probes. The second is that consequently UFO's must fly a rocket-like (and relatively unsteered) trajectory.



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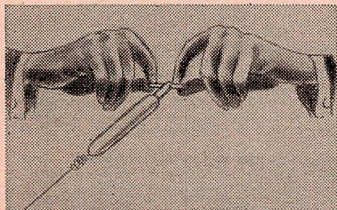
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The odd thing about the explanation is that some of the sightings took place before the rocket was launched. A reader of FATE also asks how such a cloud could be seen from such widespread locations simultaneously.



## THE BIBLICAL UFO'S

THERE'S A pretty large and persistent group of Flying Saucer cultists who are trying to relate them to biblical miracles. Strange things seen in the sky by biblical prophets are interpreted as ancient UFO's, for example. Even messages from angels are seen as coming from spacemen.

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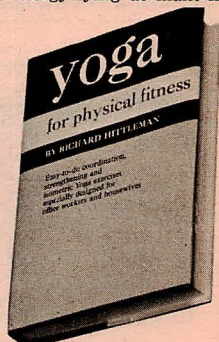
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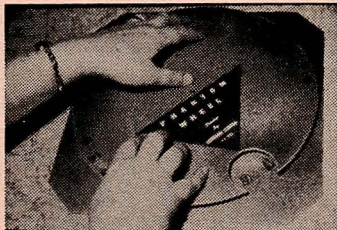
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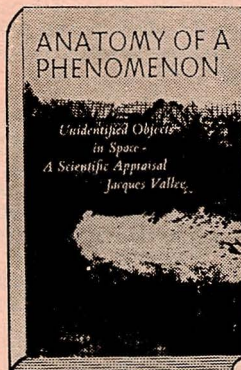
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Doomsday has been forecast for November 13, 2026. On that day the world population will reach 50 billion — too many people for the earth to feed, according to Robert White Stevens, an American scientist. . . .

An unusual number of babies were born in New York City exactly nine months after the power blackout. But alas for theories, an unusual number were also born in Baltimore and Los Angeles, which weren't affected by the blackout. . . .

In Columbus, O., last July 18-year-old Carolyn Horn, who weighs less than 100 pounds, moved a 40-foot long, one-foot thick tree limb a distance of about four feet to rescue a cousin pinned beneath it. . . .

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## THE PALM OF YOUR HAND

WHILE POLICE DEPARTMENTS continue to decry the "age-old seamy practice of palmistry", it seems they are taking those seams (or creases, if you prefer) more and more seriously in medicine.

Recently JAMA (the Journal of the American Medical Association) had two articles discussing this discredited "seamy practice". One by Dr. Milton Alter and Robert Schulenberg of the division of neurology, University of Minnesota, discusses the relationship between infants damaged by German measles and palm prints.

The other article, by two Japanese physicians, provides additional evidence that palm prints can be used to diagnose heart ailments — especially among those with congenital heart disease. The two Japanese found that 65 per cent of 44 patients with congenital heart disease



have palm print abnormalities compared with 17 per cent of 362 patients with acquired heart disease.

From now on, take note, the "age-old seamy practice" will no longer be referred to as palmistry by the medical profession. When the doctors are reading your palm it will be called "palmar dermatoglyphics".



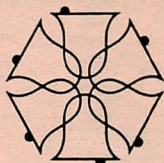
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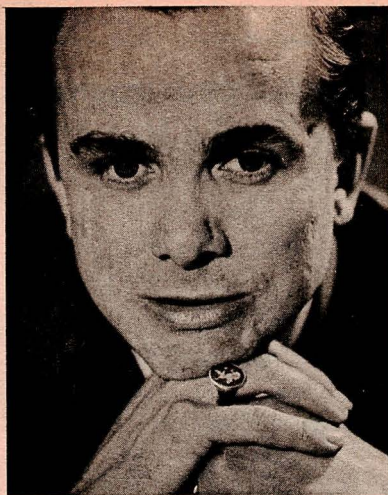
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Their case has attracted the close attention of serious investigators, including the United States government's chief scientific consultant on UFOs, Dr. J. Allen Hynek, head of the astron-

omy department at Northwestern University. And, in fact, the case may have been responsible for an unpublicized visit which Dr. Hynek made to U Thant, secretary-general of the United Nations, to alert him to the global nature of the UFO problem.

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**O**N SEPTEMBER 19, 1961, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill, of Portsmouth, N.J., encountered a



Barney and Betty Hill withstood traumatic damage, finally consulted Dr. Simon who used hypnosis to bring about their total recall of details.



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huge, disk-shaped UFO at close quarters while returning from Montreal on State Route 3 near Franconia Notch, N.H. They were so traumatized by the experience that they had to undergo months of hypnoanalysis at the hands of one of Boston's leading psychiatrists, Dr. Benjamin Simon.

"It had taken us four hours to negotiate a two-hour drive and this began to bother us. It was as if, somewhere along the trip, I had undergone a complete mental blackout," Mr. Hill recalls.

Under separate hypnotic treatment Mr. and Mrs. Hill penetrated this period of total amnesia which apparently lasted the

two hours covering their encounter with the UFO. While hypnotized both told substantially the same story: they had been abducted by the occupants of a UFO.

They said they had been taken aboard the alien craft and subjected to a physical examination by "humanoid" beings, then released unharmed with the suggestion that they would remember nothing of what had transpired.

The Hills' story became known recently when they related it to a meeting of the New England UFO Study Group in Quincy, Mass.

Then in October, 1965, a series



of articles in a Boston newspaper set forth the substance of a tape recording made at that meeting.

Barney Hill told the study group that the "spaceship" was cigar-shaped, appearing as a continuous band of light when moving fast but producing a winking effect when it slowed. Two rows of lighted windows were visible along the front. There was no noise and he and his wife saw no exhaust trail. The object first had appeared as an intense light as they traveled south and it traveled north very fast. But it changed directions abruptly and shortly thereafter was hovering over their auto.

Long-time postal employee Barney Hill said they had not told their story previously because it was too "unbelievable"!

"We stopped the car and got out to look as the object seemed to glide in our direction," he said. "At first I thought it was an airliner but suddenly it made a left turn right at us and that's when I got back inside and drove on. But the object followed us."

Mr. Hill described the object as "about as high as a 10-story building." He said the occupants "were human in form, not at all grotesque, and wearing dark, shiny jackets."

I talked with the psychiatrist who treated Mr. and Mrs. Hill,

Dr. Benjamin Simon, whose professional credentials include the fact that he teaches at Tufts University medical school and is the author of two definitive psychiatric texts. Dr. Simon said that the Hills, under hypnosis, related a story of having been kidnapped by extraterrestrial beings.

"The Hills are above average in intelligence and emotional stability, although Barney is more sensitive than the average person," Dr. Simon said. "Both told under hypnosis what they clearly believe to be the truth. There is no question of their sincerity.

"I don't believe that they cooked up the story. Everything is against that theory. Nor do I believe they had a psychotic episode — so-called *folie de deux* — for various psychiatric reasons."

What, then, does Dr. Simon believe? That the experience actually happened to the Hills?

"The case is very intricate, very complex," he replied. "There is no way of proving they were abducted by a UFO or were not abducted. I don't believe that they were, but the Hills themselves do.

"To account for their strange experience, I have postulated what I call the dream hypothesis. Their experience had the qualities of a dream. From a



psychiatric standpoint, it is very interesting indeed."

Dr. Simon said he believes the couple did see "some object that they took to be an extraterrestrial craft."

"I believe that what they saw probably was some atmospheric disturbance of an electrical nature," said Dr. Simon. "I do not believe in UFOs."

The psychiatrist speculates that somehow seeing this UFO unleashed tremendous anxiety which engulfed both Barney Hill and his wife simultaneously. It caused them to black out for two hours in shock. This period of amnesia was opened up under hypnosis.

"Hypnosis is the road to truth," said Dr. Simon, "but only to the truth as the subject believes it. In most cases this is also the objective truth but not always. Sometimes it is not the same as the impersonal truth, what actually happened."

However he allowed that "there is plenty of room for different interpretations of the Hills' experience." He said that some investigators believe the couple actually were abducted by space men. Dr. Simon cited Walter Webb, a staff member of Boston's Hayden Planetarium, as one investigator who takes the Hills' story very seriously.

At first, Mr. Webb was reluctant to discuss the case when I called him. Under questioning, however, he admitted he had made a thorough investigation of the Hills' story for NICAP.

"There are two parts to the Hills' experience," said Mr. Webb. "The first part is what happened before the period of amnesia. They remember seeing a huge UFO overhead, close enough that Barney could make out figures peering from the craft's windows. What they saw definitely was an unknown object."

"As to the second part of their story — well, I've heard all the tapes of the hypnotic sessions. I found no serious inconsistency in the account. There were details which were consistent with an advanced race. The story is not implausible. This case deserves to be taken seriously and should lead us to look more closely at other cases of alleged contacts by UFOs."

Mr. Webb described himself as "a firm believer" in the reality of UFOs. He believes they are extraterrestrial craft. He said he made his first personal sighting of a UFO while employed at the Smithsonian Institute tracking satellites for the United States government. His boss there was Dr. J. Allen Hynek, the govern-



ment's chief UFO consultant.

Mr. Webb said that Dr. Hynek "knows that UFOs are real and he's soon going to take a tougher line on the issue."

What kind of people are Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill?

They are respected in their community. Mr. Hill has been a leader in the New Hampshire National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (he is a Negro, his wife Betty is white). Mrs. Hill is a social worker employed by the State of New Hampshire. The Hills are in their early 40's. They are members of a Unitarian-Universalist church.

"My wife and I now perceive our experience aboard the UFO as memories," Barney Hill told me, "as real as the memories I have of Philadelphia where I lived years ago.

"When we started treatment with Dr. Simon he told us that hypnosis definitely was a way of getting at the truth. Now he tries to tell us that what we remember is fantasy."

Have any government officials shown interest in the Hills' story?

Mr. Hill said that a few days before November 7, 1965, when they spoke about their experience at a widely-announced meeting in the Pearce Memorial

Unitarian-Universalist Church in Dover, N.H., two men in civilian clothes, representing themselves as insurance agents, called on the Hills. Mr. Hill said these men pumped him and his wife about their UFO encounter. Later, they discovered the men were officers from Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, N.H.

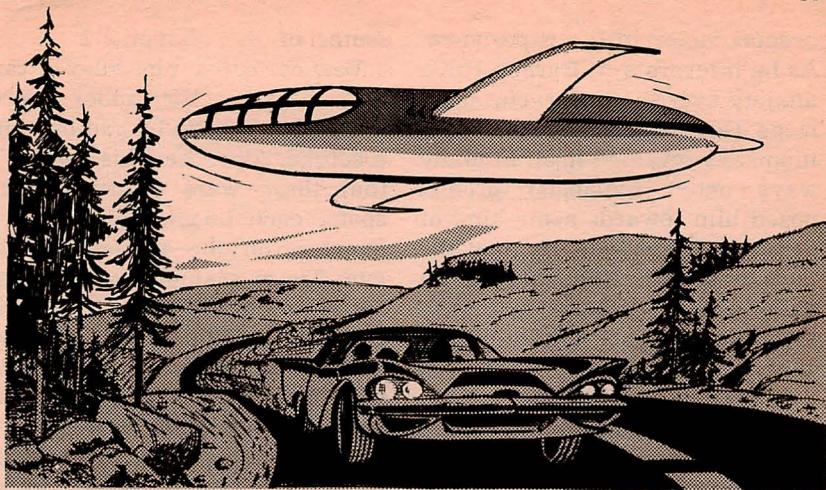
"One man had what I thought was a bulge over his left breast," Mr. Hill said. "I believe that was a strong recording device. I noticed that this man seemed to be maneuvering around the room but whenever he questioned me about the UFO he stood very close to me."

Mr. Hill said he and his wife are not publicity-seekers. They did not speak about their experience, except to friends, for four years. Then when a Boston newspaper ran a series of articles, without their knowledge or approval, distorting the facts of their experience Mr. Hill said he and his wife decided to set the record straight.

What do the Hills "remember" of their strange experience?

They describe the occupants of the UFO as "humanoid" and "oriental-looking". The beings, one of whom spoke English, were kind and assured the Hills they would not be harmed. They said they came from a distant planet.





One showed the Hills a "navigation chart" which Mrs. Hill later reproduced under hypnosis. (Walter Webb said this drawing was meaningless to him.)

The beings took Mr. and Mrs. Hill into separate parts of the craft, removed their clothes and subjected them to a careful physical examination.

Dr. Simon cited certain details of these physical examinations as reasons why he does not accept the Hills' story as literal truth.

"The account is too bizarre," he said. "It contains many absurdities.

"For instance, Mrs. Hill said that the creatures inserted a needle into her navel to determine if she was pregnant. This has obvious sexual overtones in

the case of a woman who has no children. But besides that, the navel is the deadeast part of the human body. Wouldn't beings advanced enough that they can cross space, and humanoid themselves, know enough elementary anatomy to realize this?

"Also, they were surprised that Barney had dentures and seemed not to know what these were. They came rushing in and tried to remove Mrs. Hill's teeth, too. They asked such questions of the Hills as: What is aging? What is time? They seemed to know nothing about these subjects. This is absurd."

Dr. Simon, who is a psychoanalyst as well as a psychiatrist, interprets the Hills' experience in Freudian terms. He believes their interracial marriage was a



crucial factor in the experience. As he interprets it, Barney Hill's anxiety over the interracial marriage (an anxiety which Dr. Simon says revealed itself in many ways under hypnosis) predisposed him towards some kind of emotional upheaval. He said the fact that Mrs. Hill has had no children is significant in understanding her part in the experience.

"Frankly," said Dr. Simon, "the sexual symbolism in Mrs. Hill's account is magnificent. Her story has a terrific sexual content obvious to any person who is psychoanalytically sophisticated."

What about the close harmony which existed between the stories of Mr. Hill and his wife — a harmony which could not be based on collusion since the events were shrouded in amnesia?

"Mrs. Hill had terror dreams after the encounter with the UFO," said Dr. Simon. "This was one of the symptoms that brought the Hills to me. I discovered under hypnosis that she had mentioned details of these dreams to Barney, although she consciously did not remember doing so. These dreams of course dealt with the alleged abduction."

Was there any physical evi-

dence of the abduction?

Barney Hill's binocular strap was broken. His shoes were marked as though he had been in a scuffle. Also, the Hills reported that there were strange silver spots, each about the size of a quarter, on the trunk of their car. These seemed to be radioactive and a physicist friend whom the Hills contacted by phone told them to hold a compass near the spots. When they did the needle went crazy. These spots still were visible when Walter Webb made his investigation but for some reason he did not examine them.

"I just did not think to examine the spots," Mr. Webb said when I asked him about it.

Later, the spots faded.

Dr. Simon told me that Dr. Hynek, the government's UFO expert, believed in the reality of the Hills' experience, so much so that he visited U Thant, secretary-general of the United Nations, to alert him to the importance of UFO sightings.

When I talked to Dr. Hynek I asked him about these claims. He admitted going to see U Thant "on my own initiative". But he denied believing the Hills' story. "I don't believe it," he said, "although I hate to say it that bluntly."

Dr. Hynek said he went to see



U Thant because "UFOs exist as a psychological reality and I wanted to alert him to the global nature of the phenomenon. UFO sightings are of considerable psychological significance. It seems to me that some dictator might be able to manipulate the emotion they arouse for his own ends."

Dr. Hynek said he does not believe that UFOs are extraterrestrial craft.

I asked, "Am I being unduly skeptical if I doubt that you went to all the trouble of seeing U Thant merely to tell him that UFOs are a psychological phenomenon, and nothing more?"

Dr. Hynek replied, "No, you would be properly skeptical. Nevertheless, I did go because I felt it was my scientific responsibility to do so."

I asked Dr. Hynek if it were true that he takes UFOs more seriously in private than his public statements would seem to indicate.

He replied, "I go so far as to say this: Any phenomenon that has been kicking around for 20 years deserves serious scientific attention. When I started investigating UFOs in 1948 I would have bet that by 1952 at the latest the whole thing would be forgotten.

The persistence of the phenomenon requires careful study."

However, Dr. Hynek repeated that he does not accept the theory of extraterrestrial craft. "That's only a theory, and nothing more," he said.

Of the case of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hill, he stated, "Some stimulus must have triggered their experience. But what that stimulus was I don't know. I'm not a psychiatrist."

On the night Barney and Betty Hill reported encountering the UFO, there were reports of other sightings in the same area. One report said the UFO had been picked up on radar as "a shimmering mass".

The United States Air Force says what the Hills saw was a mirage produced by temperature inversion.

Dr. Simon, the psychiatrist, says they had a vivid Freudian dream.

Barney Hill and his wife say they encountered a star ship which had crossed the abyss of space, and they spent two hours on board it.

A detailed account of their strange experience will be published soon in book form by Dial Press — *The Interrupted Journey*, by John G. Fuller.





1 August 1966

The Editors of *Science*  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs:

To the best of my knowledge, the term UFO (Unidentified Flying Object) never has figured in the pages of *Science* (many might say "disfigured" the pages of *Science*). Yet some 20 years after the first public furor over UFO's (called "flying saucers" then), reports of UFO's continue to accumulate at a rate much greater than in the early days of the "craze". Just of late there has been a spate of books and articles on the subject and public interest is again rising. The newspaper and TV coverage of the recent Michigan "swamp gas" cases was widespread (and the cause of no little discomfort to me—I have been told that the press conference was the largest in the history of the Detroit Press Club). This is a disturbing phenomenon to many, yet formal science has taken no note whatever of it.

I have been associated with the UFO phenomenon for many years as scientific consultant to the Air Force. Since the Air Force now has acted on the recommendation of myself and others to give increased scientific attention to the UFO phenomenon, I feel under some obligation to report to my scientific colleagues, who could not be expected to keep up with so seemingly a bizarre field, the gist of my experience in "monitoring the noise level" over the years in my capacity as scientific consultant. In doing so I feel somewhat like a traveler to exotic lands and far away places who discharges his obligation to those who stayed at home by telling them of the strange ways of the natives. To carry the analogy a bit farther, it has come to my attention rather forcibly through correspondence and personal contact, that many of my colleagues in various fields are more than just a little interested in the "natives", although they might well disclaim this interest if challenged. I certainly would not have expressed openly any such interest had I not been asked to do so officially many years ago, first under "Project Sign" and later under "Project Blue Book".

During my long period of association with the reports of strange things in the sky, I expected that each lull in the receipt of reports signalled the end of the episode, only to see the activity renew; in just the past two years it has risen to a new high. Each wave of sightings adds to the accumulation of both the misidentifications of otherwise familiar things (still the great majority) and to the reports which, by present methods of attack, defy analysis. All this has increased my own concern and sense of personal responsibility, and motivated me to urge the initiation of a meaningful scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon by physical and social scientists. I had guardedly raised this suggestion in the past (JOSA, 43, 311, 1953) and at various official hearings, but with little success. UFO was a term that called forth buffoonery and caustic banter; hence no scientist would look at it. It remained a topic for buffoonery and caustic banter precisely because scientists paid no attention to the raw data—the reports themselves.



A powerful reason why scientists have not taken a serious look at the data over the past several years is the prevalence of many misconceptions about the nature of UFO reports and of the people who make them. I speak here only of the puzzling reports; there is little point to concern ourselves with reports that can be easily traced to balloons, satellites, meteors, etc. Neither is there any point to take account of vague, oral or written, reports which contain few information bits. We need only be concerned with "hard data", defined here as reports made by several responsible witnesses, of sightings which lasted a reasonable length of time, and which were reported in a coherent manner.

I have, especially of late, strongly urged the Air Force, in my capacity as scientific consultant, to seek the aid of physical and social scientists of stature in making a respectable, scholarly study of the UFO phenomenon. It is my considered opinion that selected UFO reports deserve at least as much attention as a Brink's robbery, a kidnapping, a counterfeiting ring, or a narcotics case. An investigative process in depth, with follow-through, is necessary here if, after 20 years of confusion, we want some answers.

Now that the first firm steps have been taken toward such a study, I believe I can be of some service to my colleagues in various fields by setting forth something of what I have learned during my "travels", particularly as it relates to frequently made statements about UFO's which may lead to misconceptions they may unwittingly subscribe to. Some of these statements are:

(1) *Only UFO "buffs" report UFO's*: The exact opposite is much nearer the truth. Only a negligible handful of reports submitted to the Air Force, or to any other organization so far as I know, are from the "true believers", the same who attend UFO conventions and who are members of the "gee-whiz" groups. These people, closely akin to cultists, are so certain in their own minds that the earth is being patrolled by outside, higher, and always benign intelligences (who give repeated warnings to homo sapiens—often delivered by mental telepathy—to ban the bomb and in general, to behave) that they have no need for evidence. Why gather data? Who needs evidence? It has been my experience that quite generally the truly puzzling reports come from people who have *not* given much or any thought to UFO's, generally considering them "bunk" until shaken by their own experience.

(2) *UFO's are reported by unreliable, unstable, and uneducated people*: This is, of course, true. But UFO's are reported in even greater numbers by reliable, stable, and educated people. The better, more articulate and coherent reports predicate a fairly high threshold of intelligence; dullards rarely overcome the inertia inherent in getting down to making a written report.

(3) *UFO's are never reported by scientifically trained people*: This is unequivocally false. Some of the very best, most coherent reports have come from scientifically trained people. It is true, however, that scientists are among the most reluctant to make a report, and to have it made public. I have been the recipient of several such reports where the witnesses felt they should report, from a sense of duty, but did not wish to submit a public report. Reports from the scientifically trained are usually accompanied by disclaimers to the effect that they "don't believe in flying saucers" but that nonetheless they have seen something which they cannot decipher. The letters or reports sent to me generally end on a note of plaintive wonderment; they sincerely wish to know what it was they saw. Anonymity is generally requested; the request is honored.

(4) *UFO's never are seen clearly or at close range, but are seen under*



*conditions of great uncertainty and always reported vaguely:* By definition, when we speak of the body of puzzling reports that have accumulated through the years we exclude all those which the above description fits. By this definition, a "puzzling" report is one which leaves only two alternatives: the witness is psychotic or a congenital liar, or the witness clearly saw something that we, at least, cannot readily explain. Good physical explanations may exist — indeed, must exist, in a rational world — and this is precisely the reason I called for scientific attention to the UFO phenomenon. It is such reports, and only such reports, that I have felt deserved the attention of physical and social scientists of stature with a respectable and scholarly study. I have in my files several hundred reports which are real brain teasers and could easily be made the subject of profitable discussion among physical and social scientists alike.

(5) *The Air Force has no evidence that UFO's are extraterrestrial or represent advanced technology of any kind:* This is a true statement, and an honest one, but which is widely interpreted to mean that there is evidence *against* the two hypotheses. The unidentified cases remain unidentified and hence cannot be used in answering this question. The misinterpretations of conventional objects, etc., do not enter here. As long as there are "unidentifieds" the question must obviously remain open. If we knew what they were, they would no longer be UFO's — they would be IFO's, Identified Flying Objects! And then, of course, there would be no point to this letter. If you know the answer beforehand, it isn't research.

No truly scientific investigation of the UFO phenomenon ever has been undertaken, despite the great volume of "hard data". May we not indeed be making the same mistake the French Academy of Sciences made when they dismissed, out of hand, stories of "stones that fell from the sky". (How gullible can people get — a stone falling from the sky, indeed!) Finally, however, meteorites were made respectable in the eyes of science.

(6) *UFO reports are generated by publicity:* Positive feedback is undoubtedly at work when sightings are widely publicized. We shall always have the "me too" contingent with us. On the other hand, some of the sightings that are reported at times of high publicity come from reliable people who request anonymity, and who state that if they had not heard of reports from other ostensibly reliable persons, they would never have mentioned their own experience for fear of ridicule. One cannot deny that there is stimulated emission of UFO reports but it is unwarranted to assert that this is the sole cause of high incidence of UFO reports.

(7) *UFO's have never been sighted on radar or photographed by meteor or satellite tracking cameras:* This statement is not equivalent to saying that radars, meteor cameras, and satellite tracking stations have not picked up "oddities" on their scopes or films that have remained unidentified. It has been lightly assumed that although unidentified, the oddities were not *unidentifiable* as conventional objects. One should consider, however, the existence of such odd photographs as those of a "retrograde satellite", taken in 1958, and the puzzling reports from several Moonwatch teams during the IGY. I have seen photographs taken with the Baker-Nunn tracking cameras that contained unexplained "satellite" trails; at that time optical satellite tracking was my responsibility but there was little that could be done about these oddities. Very possibly they were trails of balloons or unusual aircraft, but they never have been positively identified.

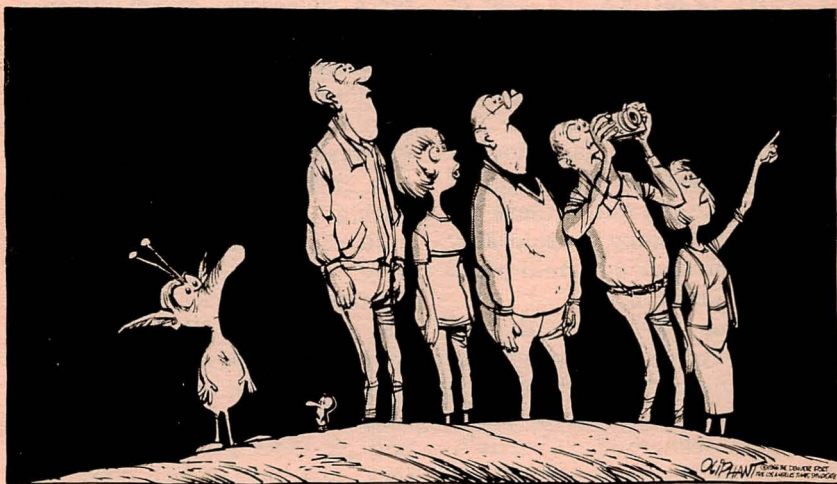


Thus the UFO situation rests. My concern stems not from hearing a few reports selected for their sensational aspects, but from noting a pattern emerge after many years of "monitoring" the phenomenon. This pattern suggests that "something is going on". What pattern? The "hard data" cases contain frequent allusions to recurrent kinematic, geometric, and luminescent characteristics. The combination of "hovering", "wobbling" and "rapid take-off" is an example of the first; the oval shapes in both the "large" and "small" varieties, are an example of the second; and the flashing lights and oftentimes brilliant lights whose glare is uncomfortable, are an example of the third.

I cannot dismiss the UFO phenomenon with a shrug. I have begun to feel that there is a tendency in 20th Century science to forget that there will be a 21st Century science, and indeed, a 30th Century science, from which vantage points our knowledge of the universe may appear quite different than it does to us. We suffer, perhaps, from temporal provincialism, a form of arrogance that has always irritated posterity.

Sincerely yours,  
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While in York Rev. Harrison helped establish and became leader of the York Branch of the Churches' Fellowship for Psychical and Spiritual Studies.

# STUDY OF THREE ENGLISH GHOSTS

Where do you draw the line between  
an English ghost in tweeds and trilby—and a poltergeist?

**The Reverend Frederick Guy Harrison**

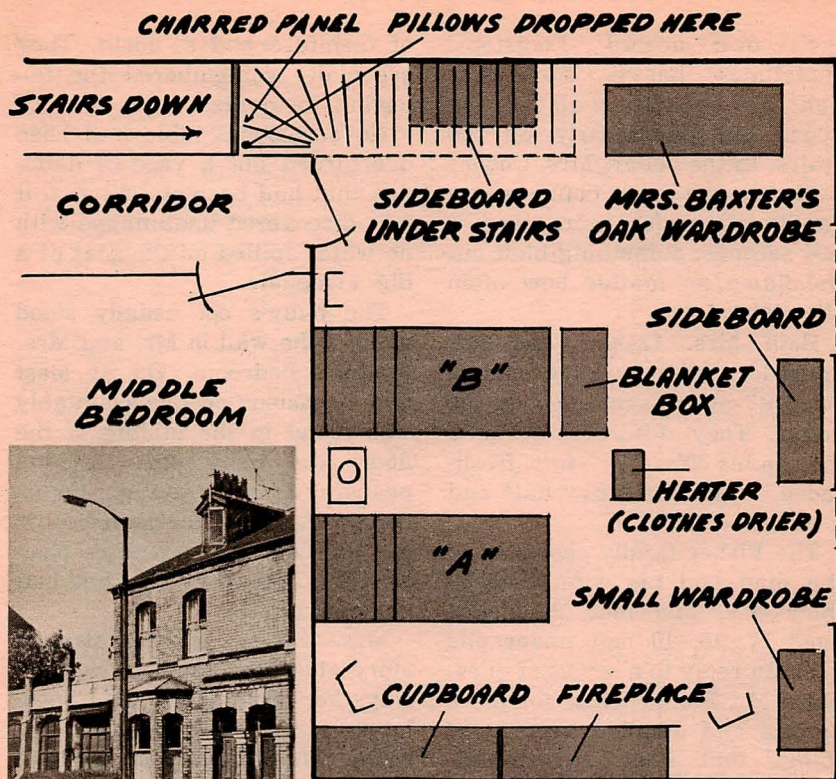
**A**BOUT 15 MILES due west of the ancient city of York slumbers the little township of Boston Spa. The place is noted in Yorkshire and throughout the whole north of England for its medicinal waters. Hundreds of people "take the cure" there every season, thereby considerably swelling the town's normal population of about 2,500.

In March, 1965, the English *Sunday Express* put Boston Spa into the news by publishing a story about a ghost whom someone had nicknamed "Charlie". He had been making life difficult

for a succession of tenants in a Boston Spa house.

Before the fall of 1962 this dwelling had been, for 30 years, continuously occupied by a single family—the Coopers. They left and the Fishers moved in during November. They remained a year but declared as they moved that they were thankful beyond words to be getting away from a long series of frightening experiences. A young couple followed but could not be induced to stay long enough to unpack their gear. The Smiths took over in January, 1965, but





In upstairs bedroom of York home, disconnected clothes drier and wet pillows kindled three fires that blazed inexhaustibly—all on a single April evening.

departed within six weeks. It was then that the *Sunday Express* featured the matter. My own inquiries followed and this account is based on information given me by the three families.

Mrs. Cooper, a widow for sev-

eral years, said that she and her family had grown quite used to strange happenings during the whole of their long tenancy. In fact, it was they who first had called the ghost "Charlie".

Doors had opened and shut of



their own accord. Footsteps, sometimes heavy, sometimes light, had been heard all over the house but particularly on the stairs. In the cellar, Mrs. Cooper declared, she never could keep a candle alight for more than a few seconds. Something blew out the flame no matter how often she lighted it.

Both Mrs. Cooper and her daughter claim to have seen a "figure" at the same spot in the cellar. They described it as a man in his 30's, "... fair, fresh-faced, wearing a trilby hat\* and a tweed coat."

The Fisher family consisted of the man and his wife, both in their 40's, and four daughters aged 17, 16, 10 and under one year. In reply to a series of questions, Mr. Fisher wrote for me a careful and detailed account of things that they had experienced.

First, I asked whether animals in the house had reacted unusually. The Fishers themselves kept no pets but a friend frequently brought his dog to the house. The animal, Mr. Fisher said, never would enter the front room. His hair would stand on end and he would bare his teeth.

I then asked about the alleged mysterious movement of small articles, ornaments, light pieces

of furniture and so forth. They especially remembered the following incidents:

An occasional table had been overturned but a vase of daffodils that had been standing on it was discovered undamaged with no water spilled on the seat of a big armchair.

The baby's cot usually stood against the wall in Mr. and Mrs. Fisher's bedroom. On at least two occasions it unaccountably was found in the middle of the floor, the baby still sleeping peacefully and quite undisturbed. Each parent denied moving the cot and they were positive the three older girls had had no part in it.

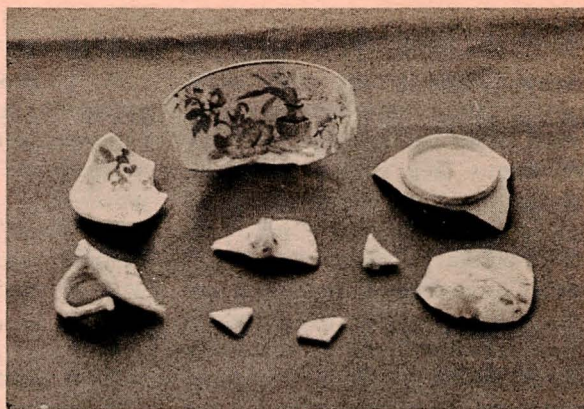
Mrs. Fisher told a strange story about the radio. It was always kept on a large wide absolutely secure shelf in the living room. This radio was working normally one morning when she had gone outside to hang washing. When she returned after only a very few minutes she found the instrument dangling by its cable but playing as loud as ever.

There was also the lampshade affair. Mr. Fisher found it detached from the lamp, twisted and crushed. When he set about straightening it he discovered the job couldn't be done without pliers and even then the wire

\* A soft felt hat with indented crown.



A few of the countless fragments no one could save from unexplainable damage in the Baxter home.



frame was so stiff he had to exert considerable force. He was convinced the damage was beyond the powers of his daughters.

With regard to the footsteps, I cannot do better than quote exactly from Mr. Fisher's written statement which, incidentally, his wife countersigns:

"We were all in the front sitting room round the fire — my family, six of us, my wife's sister's family of four and two friends from York. We had been telling them of the funny occurrences in the house and having a good laugh at the same time. We had given him the name 'Ned'. [Mrs. Cooper called him Charlie.] These heavy footsteps came up three steps to the front door, continued along the passage and stopped outside the sitting room

door. The handle of the door went down and the door was pushed open over the thick carpet. (Wind couldn't have done this as it was too tight.) Then the footsteps carried on into the kitchen. My wife got off the arm of the chair and went into the kitchen calling, 'We are all in here, Aunt Joan.' But no one was there at all. To add to the mystery, both back and front doors were locked at the time. Our two friends from York were most alarmed and made an excuse to leave. They told us afterwards they thought we had been making it all up."

The baby excluded, no less than 11 persons witnessed these events.

Besides all this, the Fishers experienced phenomena involving fire and water. On returning from a day's outing the family



was alarmed to find the house full of smoke. They had not lighted fires before they went out; yet the smoke was there and, even more remarkable, soot lay on every step of the staircase. Naturally, they blamed the fireplace in the adjoining house. A town official agreed that the fault must have rested there and undertook to see that the fireplace was examined and if necessary reset. Although, in fact, nothing more was ever done about it the Fishers never had this particular experience again.

Not long after the smoke incident, while the oldest Fisher girl was having a bath, water was seen to pour from a cupboard at the top of the stairs and run down to the ground floor. Her father checked the plumbing but found no fault with bath, pipes or overflow. Even if the young lady had overfilled her bath the result could not have been an "avalanche" of water from an *unconnected cupboard*.

Concerning the cellars belonging to this house, Mr. Fisher said: "... The cellars were blocked in by a trap door. One evening my eldest daughter and I were alone in the house. We heard two terrific rumbles from the cellar below, as if coal were being delivered. We dashed outside but could find nothing to

have caused it. In fact, the road and the alleys were deserted."

Mr. Fisher also stated the house was always "stuffy", never smelling fresh no matter how much Mrs. Fisher cleaned and polished.

The Smiths who succeeded the Fishers were a young couple with two babies. They took possession in January, 1965, but stayed only two months. In my talks with them they were frank and helpful.

Mrs. Smith once saw a fireside tool set move while she sat reading an evening paper but no furniture was moved or misplaced during their tenancy. However, on two occasions they heard heavy footsteps. Once these seemed to stop just outside the bedroom door and Mr. Smith heard what resembled heavy breathing. He got out of bed, threw open the door, searched the house — and found nothing.

Another time, having heard unaccountable noises, both joined in an investigation of the cellar. They could not keep matches or candles alight although they could not perceive a draft. (Mrs. Cooper had had this same experience.)

One night, some time after both had retired, Mrs. Smith saw a "figure" which was invisible to her husband. She was able to de-



scribe it and to sketch it. She says it was that of a young man, five feet nine inches tall, fair complexioned, aged about 28 and dressed for tennis. His features were indistinguishable and his feet were not visible. She said he passed straight through the closed bedroom door.

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THE SECOND of my three cases comes from Kingskerswell, a township somewhat smaller than Boston Spa. It lies on the main road about halfway between the Devonshire seaside resort Torquay and Newton Abbot.

On November 14, 1963, the *Northern Echo* carried a paragraph to the effect that Dr. Robert Mortimer, the Anglican Bishop of Exeter, had conducted a "service of exorcism" to rid a country house (lately converted into flats) of a "ghostly presence".

Both the Bishop and the local Incumbent were favorably impressed by young Mr. and Mrs. Davison who had experienced the phenomena and sought their help. They believed them to be thoroughly trustworthy and reliable, an opinion with which I concur.

The "country house" has the typical plaster-covered cob walls

and appears to date from Georgian times. It might be as old as 200 years.

Half a century ago a knacker's yard adjoined this property. (A "knacker" deals in worn-out horses. He buys them for slaughter and makes his profit from by-products — not a pleasant occupation. As a sideline he might also deal in "junk" — old farm implements, tools, etc.) Village gossip has it that the firm's last manager, one Victor Judd who lived in the neighboring country house, had been an embezzler. In 1925, rather than face exposure and disgrace, he shot himself in that very yard.

The Davisons gave me the following details:

(1) A heavy oak wardrobe on a solid base moved forward three inches from the wall and then began to shake violently as if "someone was pushing it". They both saw and heard this.

(2) A studio couch was moved about a foot while the Davisons were out; the carpet was ruckled in the process.

(3) Ornaments, crockery and other small objects often were moved though nothing ever was damaged.

(4) Various things disappeared only to reappear in ridiculous places. For instance, kitchen utensils were trans-



ported mysteriously to the inside of the linen basket.

(5) Even in the face of a large fire a marked drop in temperature always occurred before phenomena developed.

(6) Both had seen a "form" which they described as "... Roughly the shape and size of a man floating about a foot from the floor. Around the chest region the 'mist' was denser. No features were defined." The "ghost" could be seen only a few seconds. It glided across the room and vanished.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison believed the exorcism to have been successful. They had not seen the ghost again and its manifestations had ceased.

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**T**HE THIRD AND most remarkable case of all took place in the city of York itself, throughout the whole of 1962.

I first saw Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter on Monday, November 5. By then, for 10 months, she had borne the brunt of what can be described only as a full-scale offensive. She had endured flood and fire, damage to crockery, pictures and furniture on a grand scale. Plumbers, firemen, police — all had been called in to help. Electricians, insurance men, valuers — all had played a part. Still the manifestations

continued. I had been approached in my capacity as Leader of the York Branch of the Churches' Society for Psychical and Spiritual Studies.

My initial tour of the house horrified me. The place was wrecked! I saw damaged furniture, piles of smashed crockery, pathetic attempts to protect this or that by laying it face down on the floor. Clothes had been slashed as they hung in wardrobes and documents had been torn to shreds in the very drawers in which they were locked. Plaster was falling from walls; ceilings bore abundant evidence of water damage.

Mrs. Baxter was 63, sensible, reliable and not given to exaggeration. Her husband had died in 1953 when the two were living in Selby. Three years before his death Miss Geraldine Simpson, Mrs. Baxter's older sister, had joined the household. She was a lady of a somewhat dominant manner and the arrangement had not pleased Mr. Baxter. He was afraid she would over-influence his wife. When her husband died Mrs. Baxter bought the house in York and both women took up residence there in 1955.

In May, 1961, the sisters were joined by a mutual friend, Miss Sally Hutchinson. Miss Sally was about the same age as Miss Ger-



aldine, in her late 60's, and closely attached to her. At this time Mrs. Baxter was working at a local hospital as a night orderly. Very soon she realized that the other two gradually were edging her out of control of her own home. She hesitated to say that this was deliberate. However, to counteract it, Mrs. Baxter invited her nephew, Barrie Simpson, to come and live with them in York. He accepted in November, 1961, when he was between 19 and 20 years old.

Barrie's father had died when Barrie was quite young and the Baxters had undertaken the boy's upbringing, an arrangement which had terminated not long before Mrs. Baxter removed to York. A deep bond of affection existed between Barrie and his aunt. But Miss Simpson and Miss Hutchinson looked upon his coming as an intrusion. They were critical of his friends and difficult about his hobby — the collecting and playing of "pop" records. However, no hostility came into the open.

And then things began to happen.

Through 1962 until the middle of October Mrs. Baxter contended with hazards involving both fire and water. On April 5 three fires broke out in the front bedroom, all on the same day.

Mrs. Baxter, Barrie and another sister of Mrs. Baxter's, Mrs. Vernon, whose home was several miles from York, were watching television after tea. Miss Simpson and Miss Hutchinson were out visiting friends. Before going out these two had switched on an electric clothes drier in their bedroom and foolishly neglected to tell anyone about it. The appliance appears to have overheated — but not until six hours had gone by.

About 6:30 P.M. Barrie went upstairs. He was back in seconds, shouting that he smelled fire. He and Mrs. Baxter rushed into the old ladies' apartment and discovered the clothes around the heater were on fire. Barrie ran down again to turn off the electricity. Mrs. Baxter, with the help of Mrs. Vernon, doused the flames with water from the bathroom.

The heads of twin beds in the room, separated by about a yard, were against the wall opposite the window. The clothes drier had been placed in line with the space between the beds, about a yard distant from their feet, just about in the center of the floor. (See sketch.) At the foot of bed "B", that nearest the door, stood an ottoman-like blanket box. Other furniture included the usual bedside tables, two



sideboards, a wardrobe belonging to Miss Hutchinson, and a large oak wardrobe which was Mrs. Baxter's property.

The mattress and bedding belonging to bed "B" was severely burned. These were carried outside and dumped in the yard. Except for a drenching bed "A" had escaped damage. Nevertheless, the ladies examined the mattress carefully for scorch marks and signs of concealed smouldering. Satisfied that it was safe they propped it against bedstead "B" so that it would dry.

Two pillows from bed "A" were very wet. These they deposited on the lowest two steps of the attic stair. An hour later these pillows were found to be blazing furiously. The staircase panel against which they were resting was deeply charred and permanently disfigured.

About 9:30 P.M. the older ladies returned and were very upset when shown the results of their carelessness. After supper, a little past 10 P.M., Miss Simpson went up to their room. At once she cried out in panic. It was full of smoke.

Mrs. Baxter saw at a glance that this outbreak was more serious. She ran next door to telephone the fire brigade. Her neighbor returned with her and

tried without success to penetrate the apartment. Not until the firemen arrived was the new outbreak controlled.

Several months later I examined the official record of the incident and discussed the affair with the Chief Fire Officer and with the representative of the Electricity Department. The latter emphatically denied this third outbreak could have been caused by an electrical fault. As he pointed out, the heater had been disconnected and removed after the first conflagration. He had found nothing else out of order in any way.

Floodings in this York house ranged from droplets which fell from ceilings to bucketfuls which were flung along passages. More often than not, these things took place in parts of the house remote from plumbing and at levels far above any water pipe. Roof spaces were immediately examined in each instance and invariably found to be bone-dry.

The earliest water phenomena took place on December 30, 1961, and continued for several days. Water appeared at irregular intervals until the middle of October, 1962. Mrs. Baxter called in the plumber on December 30 and again on the first of January. On both occasions he changed the ball tap.



Here is a transcript from my notes relating to his third visit on January 5 and the events following:

"This time the plumbers took no chances. They ripped up floorboards and subjected every pipe to minute examination but found nothing. The tank was functioning normally. In despair, they fitted yet another ball tap, replacing that which the same plumber had put in only 48 hours before. The next day, January 6, the floodings were as severe as ever. The plumbers came back. This time they replaced the half-inch overflow with one of three-quarter-inch size and tried every means in their power to get the system to overflow. It wouldn't. The men departed. In less than five minutes water was cascading down the stairs!"

The most extraordinary of the "water phenomena" occurred on September 30 and lasted for several hours. Mrs. Baxter was on duty at the hospital and Miss Simpson, Miss Hutchinson, Barrie and a friend, Miss Palmer, were in the dining room talking. It was 9:30 P.M. Miss Palmer excused herself to go upstairs. At once she gave the alarm. She found flooding on the lower landing. Water was seeping through into the kitchen. All four "mopped up".

At 10 P.M. Miss Palmer went to the front room for her coat. She found it wet. Water was dripping from the ceiling plate supporting the chandelier and trickling down the chains. Miss Simpson's room was immediately above and Barrie hurried up to investigate. He found the floor awash and water dripping from the ceiling. He rushed to the attic above — and found it perfectly dry.

As he came down again he says he saw "... a bucketful of water falling from the high ceiling above the staircase well and cascading onto the lowest flight."

There is no access from the inside of the house to the space above this high ceiling. The only way to effect an entry would be by climbing the roof and tearing off tiles.

Again the three women cleared up the mess and just as they were finishing and Miss Palmer was about to take her delayed departure a second bucketful drenched Miss Hutchinson as she paused at the foot of the stairs wringing out a cloth.

Miss Palmer finally went; Barrie and the ladies retired to their respective beds. But about an hour after midnight Miss Hutchinson felt uneasy. She roused Miss Simpson who passed along the corridor and woke Barrie.



He says: "There were repeated flushes down the stairs from the same top ceiling. A bucketful shot along the top landing from some point close to the door of the middle bedroom (Mrs. Baxter's). It passed the bathroom and splashed against my back bedroom door."

By 2:00 A.M. all three were sweeping water out both the front and back doors. A further cascade from high level soaked them as they worked. Then came a loud crash — and the demonstrations were over for the night.

Soon after these floodings, during October and November, the movement of small objects, often in full view of witnesses, became commonplace. One evening the four residents were enjoying the comfort of a blazing fire in the front sitting room when, from behind them, the dog's feeding bowl rose from the floor, sailed over their heads and hurled itself into the fireplace. Later a heavy wooden ornament from the middle bedroom pitched down the stairs and smashed on the tiled passage floor. No one was upstairs at the time.

Another time a kettle rolled itself to the kitchen floor, trundled along the passage, turned at a 90 degree angle and came to rest in the sitting room at Barrie's feet. Seconds afterwards its

lid came after it, bowling merrily along on its edge. Mrs. Baxter witnessed the whole weird procession.

Because there had been a lot of damage in the front bedroom Barrie and Mrs. Baxter decided, for safety's sake, to lay the heavy oak wardrobe previously mentioned down on its face. In this way, they figured, its fine full-length mirror would be protected.

Mrs. Baxter said afterwards, "We found the top section impossible to move. Something seemed to hold it down from the inside. Then, as we were struggling with it, the whole wardrobe began to rock violently. Barrie's arm almost was trapped. When he had freed himself, together we dragged a sideboard in front of the wardrobe, thus pinning it to the wall and preventing its falling forward. Twenty-four hours later we found this sideboard pushed to one side but the wardrobe remained upright."

This bedroom was the scene of another remarkable event late on the evening of Friday, November 9 and on the following morning. On the ninth I had been the last person in the apartment before the house was locked for the night. By that time the two old ladies had taken refuge in Mrs. Vernon's country cottage.



Mrs. Baxter and Barrie were going to stay with friends. The house therefore was empty. In answer to an urgent message from Mrs. Baxter I was back by nine o'clock the next morning.

The bedroom door was jammed from the inside. In the presence of Mrs. Baxter and her next-door neighbor I used all my strength to force the door open about six inches. All three of us heard scraping from within as I did so. I wriggled through the gap and discovered the large sideboard had been set against the closed door and two chairs piled on top of it to reinforce the barrier. A cupboard door, which had been wrenched off the sideboard, balanced precariously on top of Mrs. Baxter's wardrobe.

The windows were as I had left them — fastened securely on the inside. The contents of the various drawers and cupboards had been strewn over the floor. Clothes belonging to the occupants of the room had been slashed as they hung in the smaller wardrobe. A bundle of steel knitting needles, which I myself had placed on a chair the evening before, were bent almost at right angles. The bending had been accomplished in a single operation and must have required great strength.

Another incident concerning

the York house is worthy of mention. Three weeks before, on October 18, the three women and Barrie were in their sitting room conversing with a friend. As they watched an electric light fitting in the recess to the right of the fireplace came slowly away from the wall as if dragged by an invisible cable. Barrie, with commendable courage, pressed it back.

Also, for some weeks Mrs. Baxter's dog had shown an increasing dislike for his home. His mistress, whom he adored, was unable to pacify him. So when Miss Hutchinson and Miss Simpson went to Mrs. Vernon's cottage to stay they took him with them. This was in the middle of October, just after the episode of the light fixture.

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**T**HERE ARE IMPORTANT features common to the three cases. One is the involvement of young people. At Boston Spa there were Miss Cooper, the Fisher girls and Mr. and Mrs. Smith. The Davisons at King-skewswell were in their early 20's. Barrie in York was in his 20th year.

This does not reflect on the young people themselves but does support the belief that psychic phenomena are produced more readily in the presence of



youth — more so if, knowingly or not, they are “psychic”. My later experience with Barrie gives me every reason to suppose that he does possess considerable power. However, when all this took place he was completely unaware of this.

The house in Boston Spa was “stuffy” and seemed always to exude a faint mustiness which no amount of airing could remove. A similar “earthy smell” pervaded the York sitting room. Both there and at Kingskerswell palpable currents of cold air made people shiver despite blazing fires.

The fire and water manifestations at Boston Spa and York differ only in degree. No satisfactory explanation has been found for any of them.

The Davisons’ experience with their heavy oak wardrobe is almost identical with that of Mrs. Baxter.

Great care was taken to avoid damaging small articles in the first two cases. This was true in York also, except in the case of Miss Simpson’s and Miss Hutch-

inson’s belongings which were wantonly destroyed. Similar things owned by Mrs. Baxter and Barrie were undamaged and more than once even deliberately protected.

Apart from dress the “figures” seen by the Coopers and the “figure” observed by Mrs. Smith at Boston Spa could be the same. But there is no suggestion as to identify in either case. At Kingskerswell the suicidal knacker is an obvious subject.

Nothing ever was “seen” at York but an experienced seer declared that the manifestations were due in part to efforts by Mrs. Baxter’s deceased husband to rid his wife’s home of the two older women. Certainly the fact remains that once these two left the house, as they eventually did most willingly, the manifestations ceased.

And now, in closing the account, I emphasize: the facts of the cases are as set down but they tell us only *who*, *what*, *where* and *when*. The mysteries of *why* and *how* remain unanswered.







Author's daughter, Jane, born March 23, 1943, in Geneva, O., (now Mrs. James Peal) rears her own family with sure faith in God's protection.

When peculiar series of events conspire to save life, is it coincidence? Or a function of God's universal government?

By Edward S. Beer

## WHEN THE LORD PROVIDED

**Y**EARS AGO WHEN I was a much younger man I was content to drift with the tide, to do only what others expected of me and, to tell the truth, I had no real goals nor much hope for the future. Since that time some of my experiences have led me to believe the journey through life is not so aimless after all.

One of these experiences had its beginning when I was working for the Willard Storage Battery Company in Cleveland, O. Every Friday we cashed our pay checks at the window of an armored car parked outside the main entrance. On one particular Friday I received the cash in the usual small brown envelope with my name, check number

and the amount written on the outside. Noting that the amount was correct, \$93.21, I sealed the envelope and placed it in my wallet.

I was driving a vintage Oldsmobile at the time that I jokingly called my "transportation car". The auto had numerous dents and scratches but it always had carried me to work and home again. However, on this night when I tried to stop for a traffic signal the brakes failed. I slewed through the cross traffic without mishap only to hit a car parked on the far side of the intersection.

The police officer investigating the accident asked to see my driver's license and when I



reached for my wallet apparently the pay envelope dropped unnoticed to the pavement. I didn't discover its loss until later in the evening and although I notified the police and placed an ad in the local paper I never heard anything more about it.

This lost pay check was long forgotten when, two years later, my six-month-old daughter lay seriously ill with spinal meningitis in the East Cleveland Clinic. The clinic's doctors had done all they could for her. My wife had spent days at our daughter's bedside holding cold cloths to her brow but the baby's temperature hovered at 105 degrees then suddenly soared. The doctors feared she could not live through the night.

My brother-in-law was determined something could be done. The son of a prominent specialist in polio and meningitis was a classmate of his at Western Reserve University and Walter telephoned and asked if his father would look after the child. He was telephoning when the door bell rang. I opened the door and a Western Union boy handed me a telegram. I signed for the wire, slipped it into an inside coat pocket and hurried back inside. Walter was speaking with the doctor who told us to rush Jane to the Children's Hospital

without delay. He said he would be there when the ambulance arrived.

At Children's Hospital we were told Jane could not be admitted until an admittance fee of \$100 was paid. The doctor had not come yet, the receptionist had not been informed of our arrival and she could not break the hospital's policy.

A hurried search through my pockets uncovered seven dollars and some small change. My brother-in-law had spent his last \$10 for the ambulance. At a loss, I nervously toyed with and then tore open the telegram that I still carried in my coat pocket. I stared at the yellow sheet of paper for some moments before the words took shape. In my hand I held a check for \$93.21. With it was a brief explanation.

My long-lost pay envelope had been found in the pocket of an old coat donated to one of the popular charities. The finder saw my name on the envelope, contacted Willard for verification and was returning the money in the form of a Western Union check.

As I handed the check to the receptionist I felt a wave of confusion and then of tremendous relief. The miraculous "finding" of this check at this precise moment plus the special-



ist's skill saved my daughter's life. Today she is a fine young woman with a family of her own. May the good Father be as kind and gracious to her in her later life as he was in her early years!

Were the events that conspired to save her young life merely coincidences?

I don't think so. I have come to believe the universe is governed by a pattern, by a set of rules. I am thankful for the experiences of my life, both good and bad, which have made me aware that each life and each personality evolves according to this universal plan.



### PALMISTRY AIDS MEDICAL RESEARCH

A NEW development in the ancient and arcane art of palm reading has come with the discovery that strange palm print patterns are found on babies born to mothers who had German measles (rubella) early in their pregnancy. This finding, considered the latest advance in the growing science of "dermatoglyphics," was reported recently by Dr. Ruth Achs and Dr. Rita Harper in the *New England Journal of Medicine*.

The foundations of dermatoglyphics were laid by Sir Francis Galton, who linked finger and palm prints with genetics. Some 30 years ago Dr. Harold Cummins of Tulane University noted a distinctive pattern in the palm prints of victims of mongolism and offered the first suggestion that this pattern might be linked with disease. Subsequently a Tulane team led

by Dr. Alfred R. Hale gathered evidence showing palm-ridge abnormalities in many patients with inborn heart defects, while those with heart disorders acquired after birth usually had normal prints. By the end of 1965 medical researchers had associated abnormal palm prints with a total of 19 physical disorders.

With their finding, Dr. Achs and Dr. Harper have run the list up to 20. For clues to disease "medical palmists" now look for half a dozen common abnormalities in palm prints. The more outstanding clues are a single deep crease called a "simian line," an unusual radial loop pattern in the ridges of any finger other than the index, and an abnormally high "triradius" palm pattern, formed by the junction of three lines and resembling a wide-open letter Y.





# SCIENCE

## *Measures* PSYCHIC HEALER'S *Force*

Japanese psychologist takes up challenge of testing  
"Dr. Tony" Agpaoa's spiritual power.

By Elizabeth Read

**A**TTEMPTS TO MEASURE psychic power have ranged from tests designed to compare it with radio waves to temperature readings during a seance where thermometer fluctuations were interpreted as indicating a transfer of heat energy.

Now comes a report from Japan — possibly one of the most significant parapsychological events of recent times — that appears to show that the force involved in psychic or spiritual healing can be measured — or more exactly, its effects can be measured.

It is too early to say whether this a major scientific breakthrough in the field of parapsychology but certainly the testing methods and the first results point the way toward an important new line of inquiry.

The experimenter, noted Japanese psychologist Dr. Hiroshi Motoyama, using sensitive lab-

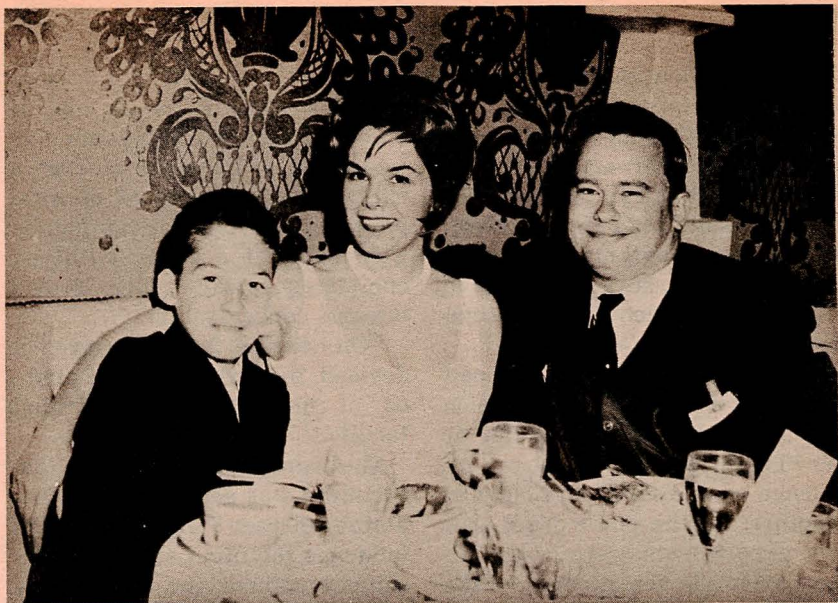
oratory apparatus, has made a preliminary finding that a psychic healer's mysterious "non-physical" power can be transmitted to another person on command and the second person's body will reflect measurable physical and mental changes.

Dr. Motoyama's dramatic experiment took place in a laboratory in his Institute of Religious Psychology in Tokyo. There he tested Tony Agpaoa of the Philippines. "Dr. Tony", the psychic surgeon who reportedly performs operations with his bare hands, was taken to Tokyo by William Henry Belk of the Belk Psychic Research Foundation, which financed the project.

In an informal introduction to his report (which contains charts and laboratory data too extensive to include here) Dr. Motoyama states:

"From January 13 to 27 (1966) I observed the miraculous opera-





Author-medical researcher Elizabeth Read, pictured here with husband and son, is well-equipped by education and experience to report Dr. Motoyama's tests.

tions conducted by Mr. Antonio Agpaoa, a 27-year-old spiritual person of Quezon City, Philippines. Giving the patient no preliminary suggestion, hypnotism or drugs and only 'purifying' with alcohol or pure water the skin at the upper part of the operating field, Dr. Tony inserts his bare hands into the diseased part (for example, into the abdomen) and takes out the offending growth (cancer, tumor, etc.). When he withdraws his hands, no scar remains on the patient's skin.

"The patient feels almost no

pain or none at all during the operation. Dr. Tony finishes such an operation in three to 10 minutes, even if it is ventrotomy (surgery within the abdomen) or ovariectomy (surgical removal of an ovary). Within minutes the subject is convalescing satisfactorily and shows almost perfect recovery. What is more surprising most of the patients are able to walk alone right after their operations."

Dr. Motoyama has made it clear that in the above introductory remarks he was speaking as an individual observer rather



than as a scientist. His scientific conclusions are based on the studies he conducted with Tony in Tokyo in February, 1966. In a letter to Belk, he emphasized:

"As a scientist I do not claim to endorse anything regarding Tony's psychic surgery as I have not made a scientific investigation of it."

He said he would hold himself responsible for the investigation he did conduct as to whether or not Tony's power has direct influence on the mind and body of another, but he pointed out that his experiments were not a direct scientific investigation of the psychic surgery itself.

Basing his remarks on what he had been told in the Philippines, Dr. Motoyama includes in the introduction to his report:

"Mr. Agpaoa led a secluded life on a mountain when he was nine years old and practiced austerities while fasting and offering prayers to God. He pursued this religious exercise several times every year from the age of nine to 16. And he was quite vegetarian until the age of 21. It is said that his longest fast in those days continued for 45 days. His spiritual faculty thus was raised higher and higher and I am told he has been performing his miraculous operations since he was nine years old."

Both as a scientist and as a religious scholar (he is also a Shinto priest) Dr. Motoyama was interested in accounts of Tony's early manifestations of unusual psychic powers. For example, he was told that a flower withered completely away under Tony's intense concentration.

"On hearing this," he says, "I devised the experimental method of measuring his spiritual faculty."

The beautifully contrived experiment was set up "... to examine whether Tony's power can influence the mind and body of a subject without the use of any physical means or sensory clue."

Two subjects (called "percipients" in the report) were a young boy, Miyoko Tojo, and Dr. Motoyama's mother, Kinue Motoyama, both of whom are considered psychically sensitive. They acted as receivers during the tests to determine whether or not Tony's power could be measurably transmitted from himself to another person.

The setting for the experiment consisted of two rooms separated by a concrete wall with communication only by intercom during the test "runs". One room was the "machine room" containing the test apparatus and Tony and one of the "percipients" were located in the other. In the latter,



the "laboratory room", a wooden screen separated two beds. Tony lay on one, the receiver or percipient lay on the other. Duplicate electrodes were attached to each person, connecting them to the test machines in the other room.

The experiment depended on four types of measuring devices: the electroencephalograph (EEG), which measures brain waves by means of electrodes placed on the scalp; the pneumatograph, which records respiration by means of a belt around the chest; the plethysmograph, which records the widening or narrowing of blood vessels in the finger; and the GSR device designed to measure "galvanic skin response" or changes in the electrical conductivity of the skin due to variations in perspiration and other factors. A drop in the conductivity indicates the subject is becoming nervous and anxious. The three latter instruments comprise the essential elements of a polygraph, popularly known as the "lie detector".

While the apparatus connections were duplicated so as to facilitate simultaneous recordings of both Tony's and the percipient's reactions, one additional electrode was attached to Tony. This one would provide a

slight electric shock to tell him when to begin and end his concentrations.

The concentration periods of three minutes each were alternated with "control" periods of relaxation, also three minutes in duration. The three-minute "concentration" intervals then were divided into three again — one minute of quiet, one minute of actual concentration and one remaining minute for cessation of concentration.

One control period followed by the three-minute concentration interval — with actual concentration for only one minute — constituted one "run". Five runs were planned and carried out each day for five days. Before analyzing the records made by the machines, the purpose of the tests was exactly specified: What changes occurred during concentration?

Tests did not start until both Tony and the percipient were quiet, this being reflected on an oscillograph in the machine room. Then measurements of Tony's and the percipient's responses during the control or quiet period and the following concentration interval were begun.

Dr. Motoyama used these methods of measurement:

(1) Electroencephalograph: am-



plitude and frequency of wave patterns were measured before, during and after each test period.

(2) Plethysmograph: amplitude and pulse frequency were measured. A standard of absolute value, from which increases were regarded as change, had to be calculated by a scientifically acceptable procedure.

(3) Pneumatograph: respiration frequency was measured and changes were regarded as significant on the basis of a standard calculated in the same way as for the plethysmograph, except that fluctuations in any direction from the calculated basal line were regarded as change.

(4) GSR: Galvanic skin response was measured according to the frequency of change appearing in one minute before or during the test. To arrive at a GSR standard the average of the balance was calculated in the same way as the change of pulse frequency. Then the frequency of the GSR before the test was subtracted from that during and after the test, and these calculations indicated the rates of change, if change existed.

Changes shown on Tony's records were compared with those made simultaneously on the percipient's records. Dr. Motoyama emphasized that he considered

as changes in bodily responses only those cases in which the graphs showed simultaneous variations in two or more of the four charts. Change in only one category might have occurred by chance but two or more simultaneous changes he considered most unlikely. In fact, the odds against this happening he conservatively calculated at 20 to one.

The results of this experiment may constitute an important landmark in the annals of parapsychology. Although Dr. Motoyama himself is cautious in stating the value of his single experiment and urges that many more similar tests be made, he nevertheless found direct evidence of Tony's ability to transmit a force of some kind (his healing power?) to another person isolated from him. For instance, in one day's series of runs, Dr. Motoyama reported that his statistical calculations clearly showed changes in the percipient's mind and body. A comparison of the control graphs with the records of the concentration periods validated the statistics obtained, indicating that the agent's (Tony's) nonphysical power influenced the percipient.

On February 8 a correlation appeared when Tony was agent and M. Tojo was percipient. Ac-



cording to the data both became quiet. On the contrary, data of February 9 show that both of them became active and excited in mind and body during the test periods.

According to the data of February 10 when Tony was agent and K. Motoyama was percipient the agent became quiet. The percipient showed a decline in conscious activity but became mentally and physically excited. On February 12 a correlation existed between the agent's changes and the percipient's changes: for the 15 minutes of the control runs in that day's session both of them showed a decline in conscious activity. However, for the 15 minutes of the concentration runs both of them became active in consciousness and excited in their minds and bodies.

In analyzing the runs, Dr. Motoyama says, "We can say that when the agent concentrates his power on the percipient, changes occur in the agent as well as in the receiver. From this we may infer that the concentration of the agent's power on the percipient has influenced the percipient's mind and body."

Reviewing the entire data obtained on February 8, 9 and 10 Dr. Motoyama found that simultaneous changes occurred as of-

ten as four in four times, four in five times and five in five times. As if to hammer home his findings Dr. Motoyama concludes:

"The following points, I think, were made clear:

"(1) When the agent concentrates his nonphysical power on the percipient changes occur in the percipient's mind and body as well as in the agent's.

"(2) We can find a fixed direction (becoming quiet or active) in the changes caused by the concentration in the percipient or in the agent.

"(3) Between the changes caused by the concentration in the agent and the same in the percipient, we often can find a (correlation) regarding the direction of the changes."

He ended his report with these cautioning words:

"My three conclusions should be reexamined through further experiments and I think this investigation is worth continuing because we could obtain statistically significant results. This investigation is a pilot test and quantitatively its data are not enough. But further serious studies definitely are indicated."

In comparison with the usual tests of extrasensory perception—usually mainly concerned with designated ideas, emotions or mental images—these tests



are unique in that they apparently demonstrate the physical transmission and reception of a "nonphysical" power. The implications are both awesome and

obvious. If science ever is able to understand this aspect of the phenomena enough to amplify it or duplicate it with apparatus the possibilities are endless.



## SAVED BY A DOG'S SIXTH SENSE

*By Alan Bonham*

**A**T PORT FAIRY, Victoria, Australia, John Olsen, a local fisherman, set out in the morning of November 12, 1965, to check his lobster pots without notifying anyone of his intentions. Heavy seas were running at the time and none of the other fishermen put out to sea that day.

Three hours later a man noticed that Olsen's dog, a mongrel named Paddy, was barking madly at the end of the wharf. Investigating, the man discovered that Olsen's boat was missing and he concluded that the latter was in some kind of danger. With three other men he set out to look for the missing fisherman.

They spotted Olsen's boat a mile or so down the coast. It had

been overturned by the waves. Of the owner they saw no sign and they naturally assumed that Olsen had drowned.

Back on the wharf Paddy continued to bark frantically. It was as if he was trying to tell the fishermen something. The police finally took over the search. They battled with mountainous seas for more than two hours and finally were compelled to return to Port Fairy.

Paddy, however, refused to leave the wharf. His barking became even more insistent and so the searchers set out once more. Soon afterwards one of the men in the boat spotted a piece of drifting timber—and, clinging to it, almost dead from cold and barely conscious, was the missing Olsen.



## HOT AND COLD THEOLOGY

**O**NE SUNDAY in July, 1966, the signboard in front of the National City Christian Church in Washington, D.C., displayed the title of the day's sermon: "Is There A Place Called Hell?" Below this the sign announced: "Church Air-Conditioned."



RECENT ARTICLES and other publicity about "psychic surgery" in the Philippine Islands and Brazil have aroused considerable interest and hope of healing in many American persons. For this reason some cautionary remarks may be helpful. Several medical doctors and other persons have observed at first hand much of the "psychic surgery" and also the behavior of many patients, both American and Filipino, who are seeking healing in the Philippines. Their remarks at this juncture are in no sense scientific reports and should be regarded as preliminary and tentative. Nevertheless, we feel the readers of FATE are entitled to hear them at this time solely in the hope of reducing disappointment, anger and further illness on the part of Americans seeking health.

Let us say in the first place that as of now these observers think that some genuine paranormal phenomena are occurring among the "psychic surgeons" of the Philippines. Beyond this statement they cannot go since they have been unable to make any observations under conditions that would permit firm conclusions. At the same time they all are quite certain that fraudulent "operations" are taking place under the heading of "psychic surgery". Some "operations" are rather obvious and ludicrous frauds. One American trained chest surgeon (who considers all the "psychic surgery" fraudulent) told of a patient who brought to a hospital a "stone" which allegedly had been removed from her abdomen by a "psychic surgeon". Analysis of the stone proved it to be a granite pebble — not at all the sort of stone one would find in a human patient.

Even some of the persons active in the leadership of the Spiritist group in the Philippines admit there is much fraud among the "psychic surgeons" and one went so far as to state that all the genuine mediums, when the occasion warrants, supplement their paranormal powers with fraud. It is well-known that some Western mediums having definite



paranormal powers nevertheless may cheat when called upon to perform before an expectant clientele at a time when their genuine powers are weak.

It seems probable that money beginning to flow towards some of the psychic surgeons of the Philippines (who, according to the canons of the Spiritists' Union, should accept no fee) has tempted some to resort to fraud. Where fraud and genuine powers are mixed the untrained observer, especially if he is an eager patient seeking health, is hardly in a position to evaluate what goes on.

Also, there is a big difference between "surgery" or "treatment" and healing. A considerable number of patients have been impressed by what they saw during the "operations" but almost none have been able to say they were healed. One doctor reports that the "operations" he witnessed make no sense at all from the point of view of Western medicine. That is, the operative maneuver does not seem relevant to the patient's complaints.

For example, a woman with an abdominal tumor (it was not learned exactly what kind) underwent two operations by two different "psychic surgeons". The material which apparently was removed from her abdomen was brought to the United States and analyzed. One specimen consisted of fatty tissue (not very much) and the other of a blood clot. Even assuming there was no conjuring, certainly no tumor was removed and any tumor present probably would not have been affected by the removal of these substances.

There is a very large gap between the treatments given by the "psychic surgeons" and the evidence of actual healing taking place in the treated. It well may be that healing can be earned but not bought. Actual healing may occur only when there is some inner change in the feelings and attitude of the patient. It is possible also that the expectations of the patient contribute as much to healing as do the treatments given. This is true of many Western remedies and even, some think, of Western surgery also. So the mere report of feeling better, especially after some dramatic "operation" does not mean that the patient is healed or that, if he is healed, the operation as such produced the healing.



Many Americans are going to the Philippines with almost no information about what the "psychic surgeons" can do. These persons go expecting the most astonishing miracles. The following three examples have come to our attention:

A young American housewife whose husband was in Vietnam hoped that her advanced kidney disease might be cured in the Philippines. She and her mother spent their savings, borrowed additional money and flew out to Manila. The fatigues and worries of the long journey made this patient's condition worse. In Manila she was treated by a "psychic surgeon" without benefit, had to be admitted to a hospital in Manila and died of uremia (kidney poisoning) a few days after arriving there.

Another American with diabetes mellitus had a healing by a "psychic surgeon" and stopped taking her insulin. Her diabetes promptly worsened so that she quickly had to resume her injections.

A third American woman read the account of the young girl who had pellets or globules of some kind removed from her eyes followed by an improvement in her vision. On the basis of this account the woman decided that the "psychic surgeon" who had treated the child could remove a cataract from her eye — although there was no evidence whatever that the material removed from the child's eye was a cataract and a good deal of evidence that it was not.

After spending a lot of money in reaching the Philippines some American patients naturally become almost desperate to be healed. They then may run from one healer to another in a frantic quest for the man who will heal them. One American woman was observed to have three abdominal "operations" in two days! And even then there was no evidence that a large tumor which she had come to have removed had been removed in any of these operations. Another American had an inguinal hernia treated by four "surgeons" and healers. If either of these patients improved it would be impossible to say which particular healer had helped them.

Some Americans and Filipinos are trying to exploit the psychic surgeons in a scandalous way for their own benefit.



We understand that two Americans have been selling operations by a Filipino "psychic surgeon" for \$150 — paid in advance in the United States. Such activities eventually will be checked either by legal actions for fraud or by a natural decline as the gap between "surgery" and healing becomes better known.

One Filipino is preying on Americans in Manila by offering "to find" an elusive "psychic surgeon" whose whereabouts he claims to know. This man takes substantial tips from anyone credulous enough to give. Other Filipinos are trying to cut themselves in on the fees or other benefits which a few of the "psychic surgeons" will accept.

In closing this statement we wish to emphasize that it is our impression that the majority of the "psychic surgeons" and their associates are honest and sincere. We continue to hold the tentative conviction that some important genuine paranormal phenomena are occurring among these people. It will, however, take years of careful, patient study by qualified investigators before the genuine can be separated from the fraudulent and additional time to assess the possible contribution of the genuine phenomena to medicine and healing. In the meantime those who try to find health in the Philippines may find only disappointment. — *The Editors.*



## THE CAT SENSED DANGER

*By Alan Bonham*

**A**NIMALS frequently give evidence of possessing a sixth sense which enables them to "see" things hidden from human beings. A classic example of this mysterious ability was reported recently from Liskeard, Cornwall, England. Here, Annie Tre-lawney quarreled with her fiancé, Jim Wright, the captain of a small fishing boat.

On March 7, 1965, a violent storm blew up. When Jim's boat

failed to return to port, Annie sat up until the early hours of the morning "waiting for a sign," as she put it.

Suddenly her cat seemed to go mad. It clawed at Annie's dress, pulling and pushing her toward the door.

The cat led her down to the beach where the waves deposited a body at their feet. It was Jim. As luck would have it, he was alive — but just barely.



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## "... CLEAR CALL FOR ME"

By Lela E. Chance

**M**Y PARENTS WERE plain country people. At the turn of the century our family consisted of my father and mother, Elisha and Alice Elliott, my younger brother Errol and myself.

Father was a jolly fun-loving person and at the same time quite mystical. He often surprised us by asking if certain things had happened in his brief absences from home — things that *had* happened! His unusual gift was beyond our understanding but we all sensed it.

When I was six years old we were living about a mile from the tiny village of Alba, Mo., and one day I was taken violently ill. Father was away but Mother's niece, a girl in her 20's, happened to be spending the day with us.

They thought I was dying and they were terrified. They could not reach Father nor call a doc-

tor. It was a mile to the nearest neighbor and neither woman wanted to be left alone with a sick child. All they could do was wait and pray.

My pain and nausea gradually subsided and by the time Father came home in the evening I was much better. His first words were, "Alice, was there anything wrong here today? Did you need me? I felt so uneasy at noon I almost quit work to come home."



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Mother replied, "Yes, Lela was so terribly sick for a while I thought we were going to lose her." Then she wept as he cradled her in his arms.

A few years later my little brother Errol was taken with a "wry neck", as the doctor later called it. At this time we were living 18 miles northwest of Pratt, Kans., and some distance away from the nearest neighbor. Errol was only six years old and he was frightened as well as suffering. He came running into the house screaming and seemed to be going into convulsions.

Father was plowing in a field on the far side of the farm, but he had told Mother that if she ever needed him when he was too far away to hear her, she should wave something white and big enough for him to see.

Mother grabbed a white tablecloth to signal him. She waved frantically but Father was nearing a part of the field where he would soon be out of sight behind a hill. While she waved and called hopelessly across the distance, she saw him follow the team and plow out of sight.

Weak with fear and anxiety, she stood for a moment looking toward the spot where he had disappeared — and suddenly he came back into her vision, leaving the team and plow and look-

ing toward the house. Now he saw her signal, quickly unhitched the horses and rode one in. With his calm comforting hands, he located his little boy's pain and helped to quiet him.

Later Mother asked, "Dear, how did you happen to walk back and look at the house?"

He answered, "I really don't know. It suddenly occurred to me to come back and check. I guess I *felt* your call."

One spring day two years later, Father was setting out trees for a new orchard and Mother went out to watch him work, just to be with him. He said to her, "Allie, I'm doing this for you. I'm not sure I'll ever see these trees bear fruit."

A few days later he spoke to her of me. I was 14 and had gone 20 miles away to attend an academy, there being no high schools near us in that day. Father said, "I want Lela to quit school at the beginning of the spring term and come home. She's young and has plenty of time to finish her education. I want her here."

I had been at home six weeks when my father — who had never been ill in his 39 years — took pneumonia and died within 10 days. Once again Father had *felt* that clear call. — Wichita, Kans.



## THE CLOSED COFFIN

By Jingo Vachon

LIKE EVERYONE ELSE I have had funny dreams, senseless dreams and a few bad dreams but I never have been troubled by nightmares — except once. And it was no ordinary experience. It was half-dream, half-vision — a horrible half-awake nightmare.

It happened in April, 1955, on an ordinary normal night when I had gone to bed unaware of any tension or worry. In the wee hours of the morning I awakened, consumed by a terrible feeling of dread. The sense of impending disaster mounted until I thought I would shriek in terror — yet I seemed frozen, as if held in a giant vise. Suddenly the figure of a man materialized at the foot of my bed. As I tried to make out the features in the deep shadow, the head exploded and blood gushed from the mangled stub of neck. Then the vision disappeared.

Now wide-awake and nauseated, I knew I would not sleep again that night. I waited impatiently for my husband to awaken and after I had told him about my nightmare, his reassurances made me feel better. By the time he left for work I was myself again.

Later in the day when the



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phone rang I was totally unprepared to hear the voice of my brother-in-law, Reino Taavola, calling from Toivola, Mich., 300 miles away. He was calling to tell me that during the night my brother Larry Viitala had shot himself in the head with a 30-30 rifle. He had been despondent over his poor health and chose suicide as a way out.

The coffin was closed at the funeral. — *St. Ignace, Mich.*

## THE CALL

By Ellen Eaton

As told to Clay Whiting

I WAS BUSY with my housework about 10 o'clock one morning in November, 1929, when the call came.

"Ellen, go to the hospital." I stopped and listened. It came again, clearly and urgently, "Go to the hospital!"

Without stopping to think I



went to the telephone and called the neighbor who sometimes took care of my children. When kind Mrs. Barton asked me who was sick, I replied, "A friend from home."

I then called the General Hospital and asked if a patient from Gilmer County had been admitted.

"Yes, Mr. Hummel from Larch Run, W.Va., is here, Mrs. Eaton. Do you know him? Come soon if you can. He's very sick."

When I walked into his room Mr. Hummel said, "Oh, Ellen, I knew you'd come!"

"Why didn't you have the nurse call me, Mr. Hummel?"

"I couldn't think of your last name and the nurses didn't have time to look up all the Bobs and Ellens in the telephone book!"

We had befriended Mr. Hummel five years before when he had spent the summer in a cottage near ours in Gilmer County. We had not seen him since that time. His white face and sunken eyes only faintly recalled the ruddy-faced man who had walked and fished and shared picnic meals with us that summer.

I sat down and held his thin hand in mine while he told me that he knew he must die soon. He was afraid to go alone and wanted me to pray for him.

When I spoke of calling my minister he said, "Don't leave me. Just pray and help me to feel God's presence and His mercy."

After a period of prayer Mr. Hummel's hand relaxed and a smile lighted his face.

"Thank you, Ellen. I'm at peace now. Thank God for sending you to me."

He closed his eyes and slept. I called the nurse who said, "That's good. Let him sleep. He's been so restless. I'll stay with him now. It won't be long."

I returned to my home and when my husband came in he telephoned the hospital to see if either of us was needed. He learned that Mr. Hummel had died in his sleep without waking again.

How did his call come to me? Did his distraught mind find the way or did some messenger come to his aid? — *Glenville, W. Va.*

### PENNIES FROM HEAVEN?

By Marianna Wade

I HAD ALWAYS been skeptical about Ouija board messages until last year. Then I had a change of heart.

Often my daughter Kay and I used to sit down and ask questions of the Ouija board just for the fun of it. On the evening of



May 27, 1965, about 9:00 P.M. I made a pot of coffee and brought out some cookies and Kay and I sat down at our old solid oak table in the kitchen for some fun with the board.

The planchette moved around the board and then began to spell out, "Marianna, you will soon have money roll in from everywhere. We will start you with a blessed coin."

As the word "coin" was completed, a penny dropped to the board, from the bottom of the planchette. Now, before we started asking questions of the board, I had polished it with a soft cloth and also had wiped the feet of the planchette to get rid of any dust and to make it move more easily. If a penny had been stuck in some way to the bottom of the planchette, a most unlikely possibility, I surely would have seen it or dislodged it in preparing for our evening's fun.

Thus, when the penny dropped to the board, Kay and I looked at each other in startled amazement. We were even more baffled when the planchette went on to spell out, "Big oaks from little acorns grow," a phrase I often repeat to myself when I drop pennies into a jar in which I save them. The planchette continued to spell: "We love you. The coin will draw money to you



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like a magnet. Have faith in it."

I always have liked lilacs and since it was lilac-time, I jokingly said, "If you can fetch a coin, why not a lilac for me?"

The planchette spelled, "What more do you want, you of little faith?"

At that instant a nickel dropped onto the floor beneath the kitchen window on the far side of the room. Then to our astonishment a strong floral scent wafted up from the table. It kept getting stronger until I was compelled to ask what it was.

The Ouija then spelled out that the table had been magnetized and then, instead of the customary movement of the planchette, the whole board started twirling and twisting beneath our hands.

Kay jumped up and said, "Let's stop this and get out of this kitchen!"



We don't know to this day what was happening but we agreed to stay away from the Ouija board — at least until our curiosity once more gets the better of us. — *Bellflower, Calif.*

### THAT OLD FEELING . . .

By Jennifer Lee

**T**HE TINY CLOCK on my bedside table told me it was 2:03 A.M. when I awakened with the old familiar feeling of impending danger. I tossed and turned and tried to rid myself of the feeling but it would not go.

It was February, 1956, and at that time I managed the Cadillac Apartments, a large housing development in the Fleetwood section of Mount Vernon, N.Y. It was not unusual for me to awaken in the middle of the night with the notion — or fear — that something was wrong in one of the 365 apartments for which perhaps I felt overly responsible.

At any rate, on this February night I got out of bed at 2:33 A.M., dressed, put on coat and boots and went out into the sub-zero cold.

"O. K., I give up. What next?" I said aloud to the empty night.

Unerringly my feet carried me

to the top floor of the building neighboring my own. My footsteps sounded loud even on the carpet as I walked down the hall to Apartment 6F. I rang the bell. There was no answer. I rang again. Still there was no answer. I turned to leave but something held me back. I put my master key in the lock and opened the apartment door. There lying face down on the floor was my tenant, William Pompa.

Almost in panic I raced back down the hall to Apartment 6B where Dr. Leonard Wax lived. I pounded on his door and when Dr. Wax appeared I dragged him to my unconscious tenant. In a few minutes the doctor brought him to consciousness and gave him emergency treatment.

"How did you come to find him at this time of night?" the doctor asked.

I was almost afraid to answer his question. I don't believe in anything I can't touch or see and I had been frightened by the "something" that often rouses me. I still don't understand what awakens me in the night — but having helped Mr. Pompa makes me feel better about it. — *Venice, Calif.*







## What Can We Expect of “CIVILIZATION” in Outer Space?

Some of nation's leading scientists present thought-provoking  
views on how we shall face extraterrestrial life.

By James Crenshaw

**W**HAT WILL HAPPEN when and if earth's scientists put us in contact with an outer-space civilization superior, inferior or equivalent to ours?

This science fiction-sounding question would not have been asked seriously a few years ago but today it is the subject of intensive study and planning by

men of science who no longer discount the possibility, or even the probability, of extraterrestrial life.

At the 1966 meeting of the American Astronautical Society at the Disneyland Hotel in Anaheim, Calif., some of the nation's leading scientists presented research reports, as well



as educated speculations, on "The Search for Extraterrestrial Life". The three-day program under that general title was co-sponsored by the American Institute of Biological Science and the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

Dr. F. D. Drake, of the Center for Radio Physics and Space Research, at Cornell University, speaking on the "Prospects in the Search for Extraterrestrial Civilizations", told the conference there probably are an enormous number of life-bearing planets in the universe and most of them probably have evolved an intelligent, technical species.

He calculated that in searching for an outer-space civilization, at least one could be expected to be within 1000 light years of earth. This implies that a minimum of one in 10 million stars possesses detectable civilization. Because there are many millions of stars in our galaxy, however, even at this rather low estimate of one to 10 million, we could expect to find thousands of such civilizations.

Regardless of the odds, many scientists believe the search is important and should be commenced on a comprehensive scale. Dr. Drake declared this to be the opinion of a number of leading space experts and other

scientists in this country and abroad.

"In the Soviet Union," he said, "a group of the most prominent Soviet scientists has taken the position that the detection of extraterrestrial civilizations would be of such profound significance that the expensive search should be undertaken even though success cannot be guaranteed."

Since the exploration of outer space in mechanical vehicles, manned and unmanned, has great limitations Drake proposed that radio exploration offers the best method of making contact with intelligent beings on another planet, perhaps in a solar system far removed from ours. He gave the conference a rough estimate of the cost of such a radio search which would involve the building of radio telescopes at least 100 meters across, with accompanying receiving systems and a large computer. The cost of the apparatus would be about \$25 million and operating expenses during the 30 years which he believes should be allotted for a thorough search would run around \$60 million.

Whether the government would want to spend this much on a project without more definite promise of a positive reward is questionable but in compari-



son to huge allotments for other space explorations the outlay would be miniscule. However, Dr. Drake believes such an extensive search would have a high probability of success, despite the obvious fact that its success never could be guaranteed regardless of the funds available.

Use of electromagnetic waves (radio signals) for the proposed search is urged as the most likely means of interstellar communication and for detecting other possible civilizations in space. Any conceivable system of rocketry would be "fantastically more expensive" than the relatively cheap electromagnetic radiation, Drake pointed out.

The search for intelligent outer-space signals should be conducted on numerous frequencies, thus lengthening the time of the exploration and the expense, he noted. This thorough search for communications identifiable as beyond the usual types of reception encountered with radio telescopes assumes that other civilizations have discovered the same electromagnetic principles which are now so much a part of communication systems on earth.

"A serious search must consider the possibility that, although civilizations may exist, they may not be intentionally sending us

messages for our consumption," Dr. Drake said at the conference. "In this case, we must attempt to detect those messages a civilization uses for its own purposes. This possibility requires that the range of frequencies to be sampled be extended even further and enhances even more the length and expense of a successful search."

While Dr. Drake indicated that a full-scale exploration should cover a broad spectrum of radio frequencies, mostly in the higher range, from a practical and technical standpoint it is believed that communications from interstellar space civilizations most likely would fall into the range of wave lengths from three to 10 centimeters. In these bands the atmosphere is more "transparent" to electromagnetic radiation. At these very short wave lengths and high frequencies—in terms of radio—the efficiency of the search would be increased and so, consequently, the economic factor would be somewhat reduced.

Prof. E. R. Mustel, President of the Astronomical Council of the U.S.S.R. Academy of Sciences, agrees that this band would be most worthy of exploration. In 1956 he proposed that an international cooperative radio search be made for communica-



tions from outer-space civilizations. Soviet Union scientists have suggested that other planetary civilizations may exist and have technical capabilities and available power far beyond our own, both at present and in the foreseeable future.

"In fact, the Soviet scientists conceive of civilizations which may capture the entire energy output of a star and reradiate it as radio emission or even capture the entire stellar radiated energy output of a complete galaxy and reradiate this as radio emission," reported Dr. Drake.

"Such civilizations, if they exist, would indeed be detectable anywhere in the universe."

The "far-out" ideas of modern scientific space explorers seem limited only by the limitations of their imaginations.

However, Dr. Drake noted that "the climate surrounding such proposed searches in the United States appears considerably more restrained" because there is no present scientific basis for believing extraterrestrial civilizations actually exist and because the imaginative scientists have not yet made a strong enough case for the likelihood of success for such a search.

"Specifically," he told the meeting, "present theories

strongly suggest that perhaps half the visible stars possess planetary systems. The clear detection of another planetary system in the near vicinity of the sun would give strong observational support for these beliefs which are presently and unfortunately, without any direct experimental verification.

"The detection of even one other planetary system in the near vicinity of the sun would be convincing proof of the supposed abundance of planetary systems. It appears that such a discovery can only be made from telescopes above the atmosphere and so this would seem to be an important project for the orbiting astronomical observatories and manned orbital laboratories.

"The most promising methods for success with an orbiting telescope are 'direct photography', perhaps photoelectrically, of the planetary companion of a nearby star or the detection of gravitational perturbations of the motion of nearby stars caused by planetary companions."

Much theorizing and data, including laboratory evidence, indicate life will arise wherever conditions are — not "salubrious" (healthy) — only better than "extremely hostile", Dr. Drake said. The "ubiquity" (general distribution) of life in



space is a definite possibility, he believes.

In his concluding remarks Dr. Drake said, "It would appear that a serious and effectual search for extraterrestrial civilizations will await other important milestones already established as goals in our space program. Thus it can and should become but one step, albeit manifestly significant, in the orderly progress of space research."

The proposed radio search would be for signal characteristics such as time variability within the small size of the radio emitting region which would permit observers to distinguish these sources from natural sources of radio emission already widely recorded by radio telescopes.

Dr. Bernard Oliver, Vice-President for Research and Development at Hewlett-Packard Company, who also addressed the conference, agreed that the best method of making contact with intelligent life in space would be through radio and he proposed a gigantic antenna and receiving system, covering 100 square miles and costing from \$3 to \$5 million. The system would probe the skies, looking for non-natural signals which could be recognized as intelligible communications.

**T**HERE IS SOME direct evidence of life on other worlds although the form of life may not be high. Carbonaceous material found in meteorites which fell to earth in the 19th and 20th Centuries give scientists an important clue to the possible "ubiquity" or general distribution of lower forms of life throughout the universe.

Carbonaceous meteorites constitute a small group of stony meteorites (20 out of 932 known stones) which have been found on earth, according to Dr. Bartholomew Nagy of the University of California at San Diego, another speaker at the conference. They contain as much as 20 per cent water, seven per cent organic matter, together with clay minerals, some carbonate minerals, oxides of iron, elementary sulphur, magnesium sulphate, gypsum and other materials. These carbonaceous meteorites do not show any heat damage beneath their thin crusts which were fused by the high temperatures during their fall. Apparently a kind of "heat shield" is formed, thus protecting the inner material in much the same way as a thin coating of egg white prevents the melting of a core of ice cream in the cooking of the dessert known as Baked Alaska.

The first known carbonaceous



meteorite fell in France in 1806 — the Alais stone. Three French chemists later analyzed material from this and two other carbonaceous stones (the Kaba and Orgeuil stones) in the 19th Century and found approximately seven per cent organic matter, clay-type minerals and a substantial amount of water. The organic content has been corroborated by more recent analyses.

In examining substances from the Alais and the Kaba stones, at least three leading chemists in the last century agreed that "the organic matter might represent a type of 'humic substance' from other celestial bodies," Dr. Nagy reported. "Humic substances" generally are thought to be the debris of decayed biological matter and soils.

Dr. Nagy himself, along with co-workers, has confirmed a finding by an 1868 chemical analysis of meteorite material, showing hydrocarbon molecular chains consistent with those found in living substances on earth.

However, he cautions, "It should be noted that the chemical analyses that were performed in the 19th Century could not adequately differentiate between biological (life-like) or abiological (non-life-like) compounds. This also applies to most of the more recent analyses."

Dr. Nagy said that in view of the unusual chemical composition of these objects, questions would arise as to how anyone could be certain that the carbonaceous rocks are not mere earth stones somehow mistaken for meteorites.

His answer is, "There are several lines of evidence pointing out that this is not the case. 1. All carbonaceous meteorites are witnessed falls. 2. They had to be collected within hours after their fall because in rain or dew they disintegrate into a fine dust because of the dissolution of their  $MgSO_4$  (magnesium sulfate) content. 3. They contain a thin fused crust. 4. Isotope dates show that their mineral content is approximately 4.5 billion years old. And 5. Their elementary composition is markedly similar to that of other stony meteorites."

He also raised the obvious and important question of whether the meteorites with compounds that could have been derived from life sources may have become contaminated after reaching earth.

"After all, these objects fell on soil and were not kept under sterile conditions during museum storage," he observed.

But in all cases the analyses show an absence of free amino



acids and chlorophylls without which life as we know it on earth cannot exist and which *would* be found in humic substances of this planet.

"How," asks Professor Nagy, "can one account for the organic substances by contamination when such key biochemicals are absent?"

If these same compounds were observed in earth rocks they would be regarded as "indisputably biological" — tracing their origin from living substances — "Yet," said Dr. Nagy, "because they are not terrestrial but rather extraterrestrial rocks one must be particularly careful to avoid speculation. Meanwhile, it seems desirable to continue their study at the highest possible level of analytical performance and in a quiet, systematic manner, preferably in the absence of unnecessary debate."

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**H**AROLD D. LASSWELL, professor of law and political science at Yale University, speculated on what will happen if, in man's future travel through space, he meets a civilization that is technologically and scientifically superior.

Professor Lasswell predicts, "We would be in the same relationship to another planet that folk societies have often occu-

pled in reference to an industrialized nation of western Europe or an empire of advanced weaponry.

"Man's religions, sciences and arts would suffer by comparison with whatever doctrines and formulas are imputed to the ruling group."

The dominant new culture might choose the brightest, healthiest earth children, detach them from their families and rear them in their own higher intellectual environment, thus assimilating them. Revolts and conspiracies would be put down and profound changes would be expected to take place in man's image of himself.

The most hopeful possibility Professor Lasswell anticipates from such a confrontation is that earthmen may abandon aggressive pursuits such as war and devote their lives to esthetic activities.

"It is conceivable," he told the conference, "that man's civilization will intensify the predisposition already visible toward creating a culture of frantic fun whose chief thrust will be toward intense participation in the immediate — in music and dance, in affection and drama, in gambling and sports.

"Besides frantic fun there may be a strand of emphasis on



serene repose, on meditation and withdrawal from immediate participation with others. And in the long run — who can say? — our mode of life may become steadily more internalized until we join the quiet congregation along the path to Nirvana."

In the face of such changes he foresees the possibility that nostalgic old-timers might form cults to preserve man's distinctive culture of the past.

Contemplating possible forms a higher civilization might take Professor Lasswell said, "There are no persuasive grounds for asserting that a higher form of civilization . . . will have greater esthetic sensibilities in art creation or criticism than we have, or a keener sense of responsibility for giving deference to the thoughts and feelings of others.

"It is not necessary either that love occupy a significant place in the lives of the new society."

Professor Lasswell contends that if men from earth should meet in space a civilization roughly comparable to their own in terms of scientific and technological achievement, "We would find ourselves in the midst of a greatly expanded, though familiar situation."

This could mean an escalation of the cold — or even a hot war — to include the new civilization.

"If the planet is unified and strong the earth will be at a disadvantage," he predicted.

Should the elite of such a planetary empire look upon earth as an actual or potential enemy several strategies are imaginable — the extraterrestrial foreigners might attempt to destroy or subjugate the earth; they might involve themselves in earth politics and thus take over; or they might offer parity to all earth coalitions within a new and all-inclusive system of public order whose police forces would be under joint control.

In the case that the interspace confrontation was with a civilization inferior to that of earth then earth leaders would have to cope with problems of colonialization and/or the movement of populations.

Professor Lasswell, who served as president of the Political Science Association in 1955-56, predicted just about anything from unification of earth to interstellar war. He encouraged the political scientists to start thinking about the problems of a future involving nuclear weapons, underdeveloped cultures and space travel. And in the case of space travel we who "failed to anticipate the atom bomb and the significant problems of policy that came with it" should be



better prepared for contacts with beings from outer space.

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**A**S PART OF THE symposium on The Search for Extraterrestrial Life The Rev. J. Joseph Lynch, S.J., of Fordham University, considered the religious and theological implications of a confrontation of civilizations in space.

He said, "It is quite possible God may have peopled some galaxies with inhabitants in a natural state, as opposed to a supernatural state. Such beings would not necessarily be given any test but would be given an eternal natural happiness compatible with their state.

"He might also have peopled some planet with a race in a supernatural state who may or may not have survived their test but who in either event were not destined to be endowed with any preternatural gifts, such as freedom from pain, sickness or death.

"These are some of the other possible races God may have created, but they are not the only possibilities.

"Confining ourselves to what we might expect from an examination of intellectual life on our own planet, we can presume that some extraterrestrial neighbors would be given a similar test.

"Some of the angels survived the test — others, we are told, failed and became devils. It seems reasonable to suppose that some of our extraterrestrial neighbors would survive the test and some like ourselves fail, as we did in the person of our first parents. We could expect, therefore, at least two broad classes of extraterrestrial neighbors: those who survived the test to acknowledge God's supremacy and those who failed."

Father Lynch envisaged a society of those who had passed the "test" as being one in which the individuals would be enjoying a far happier existence than our own.

"If they were endowed with the preternatural gifts that it is generally believed we would have received they would be free from sickness, free from lust and not subject to death," he said. "There would be no murders or muggings, to mention but a few of their advantages.

"There would be marriages but no passions — love could be turned on or off at will, always under perfect control. There would be no wars and no armies. There would be no doctors since there would be no sickness and no undertakers since there would be no death.

"Their knowledge would have



made far greater inroads into scientific discovery than we have — for several reasons. Their intellect was undamaged and hence a better faculty than our damaged one — they would acquire much greater knowledge . . . Above all, they would be our friends.”

Extraterrestrial neighbors who, like earthlings, had “fallen” would be much like ourselves, Father Lynch surmised.

“We may reasonably presume that after their fall they too would have been redeemed but not necessarily in the same way. That speculation can safely be left to theologians. Their intellect would have been damaged like our own. Their passions and hates would lead to war and crime. Their Huntley-Brinkley reports would sound much like our own — if we were able to understand them. There would be the usual bulletins of war, crime and disaster.”

He concluded, “It is reasonable to suppose from a study of our own existence that there may very well be extraterrestrial neighbors. These might be of different classes.

“An unfallen race endowed with preternatural gifts would be very superior to ours.

“An unfallen race not endowed with preternatural gifts would be

still farther superior to us.

“A fallen race, but redeemed like ourselves, would be very much like ourselves.

“A fallen race but not redeemed — a possibility I do not care to entertain — would be far inferior to us.

“A race endowed with only natural gifts and never destined for a supernatural existence would be inferior to us. The natural envy aroused in such a race on meeting us, however, would seem to preclude the likelihood of such a meeting!”

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ALL OF THE scientific, political and religious speculations and reports presented at the meeting add up to one thing: the possibility of encountering life — probably highly intelligent life — in outer space is no mere pipe dream of science fiction addicts. The members of the American Astronautical Society consider it may be an imminent reality.

The scholars and scientists who attended the convention take the possibilities and probabilities of encounters with other-world civilizations so seriously that they wish to prepare for the momentous events both physically and philosophically. They also wish to undertake the search which would help to bring about



these very encounters.

The astronautical society members and their associates pro-

pose that we shall prepare ourselves for an interplanetary and interstellar age.



### IS A U.S.A. "GHOST BOOM" COMING?

**A** RESURGENCE of ghosts in America may occur soon, the Rev. Terence M. Petry, a Jesuit scholar, stated in the Catholic magazine, *America*.

In the article Father Petry, an Englishman and editor of *The Catholic Standard* in British Guiana, expressed his belief that ghosts and poltergeists are actualities. "A mountain of evidence supports the existence of preternatural beings that go under this name," he wrote.

The reason why the U.S.A. seems to have fewer ghosts than older European cultures, he suggested, may be that ghosts prefer old houses, while Americans have a custom of demolishing houses as soon as they are 40 years old. But in his view the

U.S.A. soon may witness an outbreak of ghost reports, "since most historical figures seem to start making their midnight appearances about 200 years after death." He pointed out that the U.S.A., as a nation, is approaching this age and, as a former colony, has reached it. Noted figures in a country's history, he explained, seem to be most common in reports of supernatural visitations.

Father Petry offered the theory that "just as we see stars that may long ago have ceased to exist, so a ghostly apparition may be coming from a human entity once endowed with unusual radioactivity which left vibrations on the ether that persons living now can somehow sense."



### WITCHCRAFT WAS ILLEGAL

**F**OUND GUILTY in a court trial, the European manager of a saw-mill near Bulawayo, Rhodesia, was fined \$70 or three weeks in jail for having hired an African witch doctor to help catch a thief. The manager, Stephanus Herbst, was convicted under the Suppression of Witchcraft Act—the first time, according to court officials, that the law had applied to a white man. Whether the witch doctor caught the thief was not disclosed in testimony.



NORWAY REALLY is a small country. It gains its look of vastness from a topography created on a grand scale. The distance between habitations, the wide panoramas of sky and sea, above all the fantastic heights of the looming Lyngen Alps — these give northern Norway its atmosphere of spaciousness and mystery.

In the summer of 1960 I visited Berg, the ancestral home where my mother was born. The huge old timber house has been the setting for many strange tales. The family records in the parish church in Lyngen village go back to 1600. But untold ages before that our hardy forebears organized their Viking raids and from this home site on Lyngen Fjord set sail for such far-off places as Iceland and China.

The *gaard* (the family's land holdings) is called simply *Berg* (which means mountain in Norwegian as it does in German) and this also is the family surname. Wide meadows, two lakes, a swift-flowing river with waterfalls, a private burial ground, — all eternally brooded over by the snowcapped Lyngen Alps — conspire to make Berg an enchanted place.

In 1943 at the base of these mountains an event took place that never will be forgotten in

## PART I

# A RECURRING NORWEGIAN TRAGEDY

By Miriam Walker

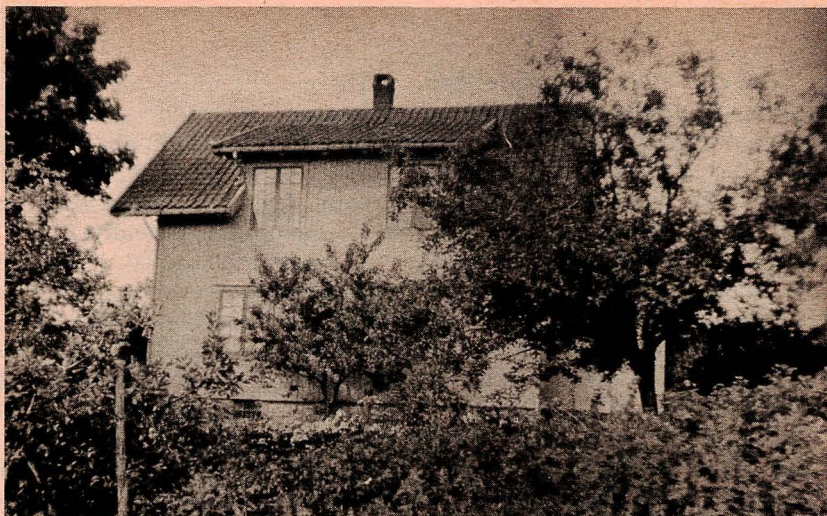
Tekla's tragic story supports nomadic Lapps' belief that if remains are not given decent burial, the spirit cannot rest.

north Norway. And 17 years later it resulted in a harrowing experience for me.

As everyone knows the darkness of night does not come to Norway all summer long. The nighttime hours differ from day in that the birds do not sing but softly twitter and hover close to their nests. The fish in the fjords do not so frequently break the surface. Although it is light all living things follow the natural rhythm that demands sleep and rest for part of each day.

That summer of 1960 my cousin Andrea was expecting her first baby. This would have been a completely joyful circum-





Andrea's modern home was author's destination the evening she saw Tekla.

stance except for the absence of her husband, a First Officer on a merchant ship then plying English waters. So Andrea was alone in their pretty modern house nestled in a birch grove overlooking Lyngen Fjord.

About nine o'clock one June evening our telephone at Berg gave a loud peal. I answered it to hear Olaf, Andrea's husband, calling from London. He had tried to call Andrea and was disturbed when her phone was reported out of order. His ship was sailing for Italy the next day and he wanted to hear his bride's voice before leaving England. He proposed that we

fetch Andrea to Berg so he could talk with her. We arranged that he would call back the next morning at 10 o'clock and I told him I myself would walk the mile to Andrea's and bring her back in time for his call.

Since it was a warm bright evening and all the children were in bed I volunteered to walk to Andrea's immediately. Aunt Dagmar tried to dissuade me. She said she feared I might get lost. But I was bored and a little homesick and a walk over the meadows seemed inviting.

"I'll keep on the path, Auntie," I insisted. "What is there to be afraid of?"



"You remember of course that a tribe of Lapps are camped in the east meadow," she said.

"Well, heavens," I exclaimed, "have you forgotten that I've been there? I went along when you brought them milk and eggs last week. I bought some silver trinkets and ivory carvings from them. They know who I am. I think they are more likely to protect me than to harm me."

"All right," said Aunt Dagmar, "but at least spend the night at Andrea's and return with her in the morning."

"Don't worry about me, Auntie." I threw a light scarf over my head and set out.

A feeling of peace pervaded the land. Marveling at the bright night I stooped to gather bluebells and buttercups along the path. An occasional breeze blew in from the fjord carrying the salty tang of the sea and riffing the lush green grass. The sky was cloudless and serene.

I skirted the pond called *Troll Vande* (troll water) since ancient pagan days. The path now led into a grassy upland stretch where large outcroppings of granite loomed. Humming an old Norwegian love song I was picking a brilliant wild rose when my eye caught something moving in the foreground ahead. I straightened and stood still.

The moving object now clearly appeared: a slender young girl, poised as if for flight and looking around as if seeking a way of escape. Then she started running . . . running frantically.

A nameless terror held me motionless but every sense was heightened and intensely alive. From some racial depth the knowledge struck that what I saw was undeniably real—but also supernatural.

Now the lithe figure darted along a zigzag course, unmistakably trying to evade pursuers. I saw her plainly. A delicate-looking Lapp girl, she wore a short embroidered wool skirt and jacket and deerskin boots reaching to her knees.

I watched as if hypnotized as the silent drama continued. Somehow I realized that men were trying to capture the fleeing girl. Then I saw her body lifted into the air by her invisible captors and held so that her feet and head were horizontal. She was carried, struggling and resisting; her head twisted back and forth; her arms broke loose and flailed the air. How many men? I could not conjecture, for they remained invisible. I could see only the agonized girl. What terrible tragedy was this, enacted before my horrified eyes? The procession rounded a large





In 1960, fields of Berg, Miriam's ancestral home, were site of Lapp encampment.

boulder and disappeared from sight.

Instinct urged me to shriek and run but voice and strength failed me. Stumbling and crawling I made my way along the stony path. Deluged in icy sweat, my stomach—a hollow pit, I finally reached Andrea's house. Without knocking I pushed open the door.

Andrea looked up in surprise, her expression quickly changing to concern.

"Oh, you've seen her then," she said, pushing a chair toward me.

Gratefully I sank into it while she brought me a glass of water.

"I guess I have," I said between gulps. "I think I'm going to faint! Who is *she*?"

Andrea put her hands firmly on my shoulders.

"Control yourself," she said. "You have a heritage to be proud of. You have the gift of *clear sight!*"

"Who needs it?" I cried incoherently. "I never asked for it. Why should this happen to me?"

Andrea laughed gently. "Why, you may live the rest of your days without ever again seeing anything from 'the other side'. Many of us here have seen Tekla from time to time. She's asking for help."

"Is this why Aunt Dagmar didn't want me to walk over here alone? Please tell me what it's all about. What about Tekla?"

Andrea brought out the coffee mill, the usual gesture of Norwegian hospitality. Her matter-of-fact attitude restored my equanimity at least to the degree that I could deliver Olaf's mes-



sage. But eagerly I awaited the explanation of the mystery so distressing to me but so calmly accepted by my cousin.

"Yes, it's Tekla you saw," said Andrea, over the whirl of the coffee mill. "She was a Lapp girl, as you saw for yourself. She was a good girl, exceptionally intelligent and pretty. When the Nazis invaded Norway she was barely 18 years old but she worked in the resistance movement. At that time many Englishmen worked in the Norwegian underground. They were shot on sight if the Nazis caught them. Norwegians at least were given a mock trial."

Here in the bright kitchen with the aroma of fresh coffee to soothe my nerves my terror was giving way to compassion for this young girl of long ago. Had she been a prey of the Nazis?

"You must realize that the Nazis swarmed all over Norway then. There was no place to hide. They were merciless, cruel beyond words. But Tekla had ways of her own. When they intercepted her a few times she acted like a silly Lapp girl and even flirted with them. She spoke Norwegian well but of course they didn't know that. She managed to get Lapp disguises for many an Englishman and Norwegian too and to guide them over the

mountains to Sweden where they could join in the defense of our country.

"She knew hidden routes over the mountains that even the Norwegian men never dreamed of," continued Andrea. "She smuggled medicines and clothes, food and tobacco, even guns, to the underground forces. Nobody thought of a Lapp risking life and safety for Norway. You know the Lapps have no country of their own. They roam from Norway to Sweden to Finland, following their reindeer herds wherever there is grass. Why should they care who rules the lands where the poor Lapps are only strangers and outcasts?"

"But the Norwegian government has set aside good grasslands for their use," I said. "They even camp on the meadows of Berg."

"That's true now but it wasn't always so. Lapp children now are urged to attend Norwegian schools, as Tekla did of her own volition. That is why she wanted to help Norway."

Pouring the coffee Andrea added, "No one can estimate how many lives she saved."

Again I visualized Tekla's tortured efforts to escape. I knew now that the Nazis had captured her. But why was this capture reenacted before my eyes?



"The Nazis caught her?" I asked.

"Yes, as you saw. Disguised as Englishmen they tricked her into showing them an escape route. If you had followed them around the boulder you would have seen her . . . hanging there."

"They hanged her!" I cried in horror.

"Remember — it was 1943. For more than two years she had outwitted the Nazis. They couldn't forgive that. They hanged her and set a guard to prevent us Norwegians from cutting her down for burial. Perhaps you don't know that most Lapps believe that the soul wanders after death until the body is decently buried."

"But Norwegians don't believe that, surely."

"We neither believe nor disbelieve. We know only that Tekla's body was seen hanging behind that boulder under guard and that later it disappeared. After the war the old tree that stood there was chopped down but Tekla's spirit — or some part of her — still hangs there as it did at her last breath. If only someone could find her body and bury it she could stop wandering."

*The conclusion of this unusual story will appear in next month's issue of FATE. Its denouement pays tribute to all unsung heroes — and heroines — of world conflict. — The Editors.*



### OLDEST ANIMAL FOSSILS?

AT A RECENT meeting of the Geological Society of America, Prof. Andrew H. McNair of the Dartmouth College geology department reported his discovery of the oldest animal remains ever found. The fossils, unearthed during a study of rock formations on Victoria Island in the Canadian Arctic, are of small, clam-like creatures called brachiopods. They are believed to be at least 720 million years old — pushing back the date for the appearance of animal life by at least 120 million years.





Most fire pearls are size appropriate for jewelry, weigh only a few grams. Shapes include discs, crescents, free forms.

## MYSTERY OF THE

# FIRE PEARLS



Whether from hidden past, unknown space or the emu's gizzard, jewel-like tektites continue to baffle science.

By Gaston Burrige

Photos courtesy Dr. H. H. Nininger, Sedona, Ariz.

**A**MONG THE MANY wedding presents given Queen Elizabeth in 1947 was a jet-black fire pearl. The strange stone was a gift from the Baron Richard de Touche-Skadding who had a personal reason for selecting this "common-looking" stone as his gift to the Queen. His own experience had taught him, unforgettably, the value of fire pearls.

While walking near the docks

of Bombay, India, one morning during World War II this noted world explorer heard and felt a tremendous explosion. Jumping into his auto he drove toward the point where a huge column of smoke billowed into the sky. "Something flashed in my eyes," the baron recalls. "It was a ray of bright light reflected from the waxy fire pearl in my finger ring." Interpreting this other-



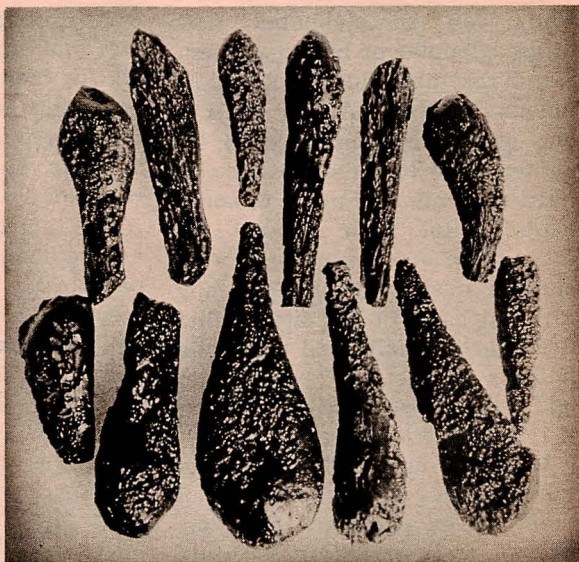
wise inexplicable flash as an omen of danger, Touche-Skadding turned the auto around and drove rapidly in the other direction. Moments later a second explosion rocked the waterfront. The section of roadway where the light ray from the fire pearl had warned him was now a churning ruin. A mysterious flash and a split-second decision had saved the baron's life. Touche-Skadding believes the fire pearl saved his life.

The baron is not alone in his belief in fire pearls. Countless collectors are confident that

these strange objects protect them from bodily harm. In Australia the stone-like objects are dubbed "australites" and elsewhere *Agni-Mani* — god-of-fire-stones.

The Austrian geologist F. E. Suess had in mind the Greek word *thktos* — which roughly translated means "melted" — when he coined for these glassy objects the technical name "tektites". Called by many names the mysterious stones have been carried for centuries in the rings, pendants, crowns and pockets of those believing in their powers.

Elongated "teardrop" shape is not unusual. Others take globular form while some are like miniature dumbbells. Texture, gloss suggest exotic metal.





The uninitiated never would guess from the appearance of these stones that they are more costly than diamonds. Fire pearls lack the brilliance, sparkle and hardness of diamonds and, seen from a distance, are quite common looking. Occasionally a transparent fire pearl of pale amber or green is discovered but usually the stones are opaque and colored a cloudy, dark green, brown or black.

It is the shape and texture of these small objects that is most intriguing. The majority of them are "jewelry" size and weigh little more than a few grams. They can be elongated tear drops, globular or button-shaped. Some resemble dumbbells, half-moons or discs. A few remind one of two buttons pressed together, face to face. Glossy and hard-clicking as if made of some exotic metal, their smooth surfaces often are "engraved" with curious designs. Although they may appear to be of little value fire pearls usually end up in the finder's pocket or purse — an odd stone whose uniqueness made it impossible to pass it by.

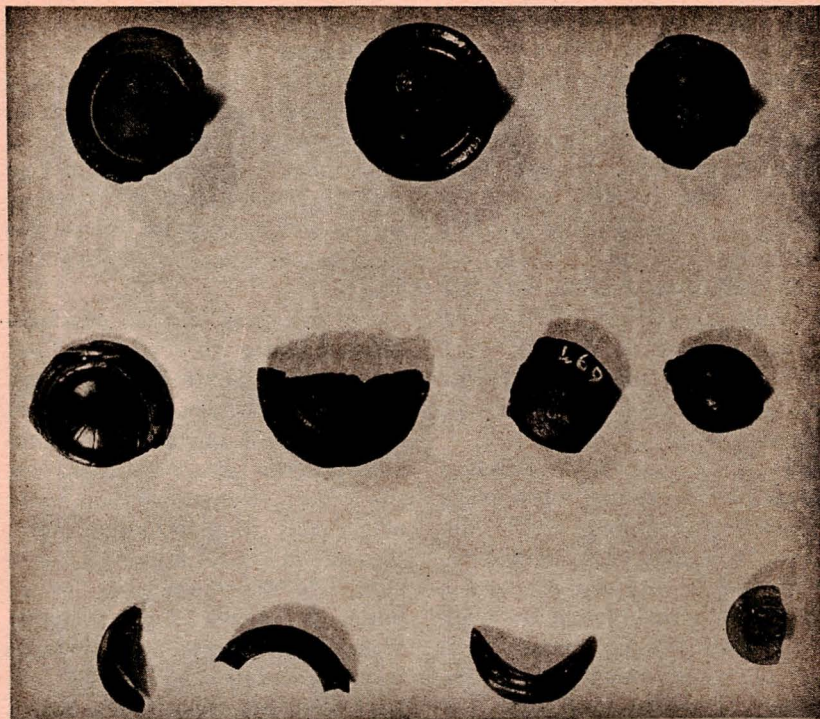
Mankind has been collecting tektites since he first considered them an excellent material for arrow- and spearheads. Prime Lord Krishna who ruled India 3,000 years ago was an enthusias-

tic tektite collector. In his day they literally were worth their weight in gold.

Like most natural objects fire pearls have existed far longer than their collectors. Analysis of tektites found in Indonesia, Australia and the Philippine Islands indicates these objects are about 500,000 years old. Much older tektites, some estimated to be 14 million years old, have been discovered in Czechoslovakia; and tektites found in the United States have ticked off 35 million years. Though their age varies a great deal tektites are found "on top" of the earth's surface in what miners call "float". Collectors pick up tektites rather than dig for them. They can be found in widely scattered beds lying between 40 degrees south and 50 degrees north latitude around the globe.

The fact that many fire pearls are radioactive may account in part for the traditional belief that the objects possess supernatural healing powers. But whatever powers these strange objects possess, according to chemical analysis they are composed, not of unknown substances, but of a compound of silicon, iron, nickel, gold, silver and lead. If tektites come from the moon's surface they should be a valuable clue to lunar composition.





Called "australites" by Australians, these examples show another characteristic: "button" shape. Due to fire pearls' rarity, collectors value even the broken ones.

Differences of opinion over the origin of tektites have divided scientists and laymen since the objects first were gathered from the ground. Among innumerable theories suggested through the years is the poetic interpretation from Australia which states that the stones are voided from the gizzards of large ostrich-like birds, the emus.

Gregory in his book, *Making of*

*the Earth*, suggests fire pearls are formed from a cloud of dust struck by lightning.

Spence wrote in the scientific journal, *Nature*, as late as 1933 that tektites are "colloidal bodies formed by the action of humic acid on underlying rocks in certain climates". Another early theory explains the objects "come from the melting of terrestrial formations from fires



long known to have existed in certain coal deposits”.

Today there are two schools of thought on the matter. One maintains tektites are formed on earth from local matter. The second states tektites are space debris “captured” by earth’s gravitational field. Millions of tons of micro-meteorites and other extraterrestrial matter are drawn to earth’s surface each year, this second school points out, and tektites well may be among them.

Dr. H. H. Nininger believes tektites were created when large meteorites collided with the moon. He suggests that since the moon has no atmosphere and a light gravitational field fragments from a large meteor-moon collision could “bounce” off the moon’s surface and out into earth’s gravitational field. Once these fragments were pulled within the earth’s atmosphere, friction would heat and melt their surfaces forming the odd shapes and markings unique to tektites.

Dr. Ralph Stair, of the United States Bureau of Standards, suggests tektites are the remains of two or more cosmic bodies which collided and smashed to tektite-pieces.

Dr. Harold C. Urey, of the Uni-

versity of California, suggests the objects were formed from the tremendous heat and pressure caused by huge meteorites striking the earth’s surface. Such intense heat and pressure would be sufficient, he believes, to transform, even transmute, earth materials into these glass-like objects.

The origin of tektites must remain a matter of speculation for the present. Some scientists anticipate, however, that future “showers” of tektites may substantiate the theory that they are the result of meteor-moon collisions. According to astronomers, the moon is bombarded with some 70,000 meteorites every hour. A larger such collision once again might have enough force to create and bounce tektites from the moon to the earth. All conditions being favorable it would not take long for a shower of moon-made tektites to arrive on earth. Traveling at an estimated speed of three and one-half miles per second the tektites would reach earth within 18 to 20 hours.

In the meantime the first man to land on the moon may carry a fire pearl with him for good luck. And he may bring back a pocketful and be rich.







## THE PHANTOM FIGHTERS

Three persons have handled tangible evidence of  
an ectoplasmic street altercation which seems to have no end.

By Francis J. Sibolski

ONE SUNDAY IN April, 1966, for the 13th time in about 20 years, I stood at my front windows and watched a vintage 1937 Plymouth taxicab stop in front of my home. Two men in their middle 20's emerged, apparently drunk, and began shouting and punching each other. The scuffle lasted two or three minutes. Then the cab made a U-turn and

the smaller of the two fighters jumped into it — while the other man took the last cigarette from a package which he then crumpled and flung to the ground. Now quite steady on his feet, he disgustedly walked away. Before the cab had reached the corner and before the man had taken more than 10 or 12 steps both had faded away, first to transparency



and then to total oblivion.

I went out into the full sunshine of the afternoon and gazed down at the empty Lucky Strike package bearing its red circle on a green background, a design that has not been in use since World War II when "Lucky Strike green went to war" and never returned. I picked it up as I had many times before. I sniffed the fresh tobacco scent and tore the paper away to read the manufacturer's number on the inside — R 11 series 1398. The number always was the same on all the packages that had been crumpled and dropped by the disappearing fighter. I put it in my pocket, well knowing that within a day it would disappear, as it always has. The persons to whom I have shown the package and described its origin respond with varying degrees of tongue-in-cheek interest or straightforward though polite disbelief.

Nevertheless the old-style packets have existed and have been seen by persons other than my wife and me. For so long as a packet lasts — from an hour to a day — it proves the reality of my vision of the phantom fighters.

Since I was nine years old I have seen "visions". The first experience — fiery circles before my eyes — rendered me uncon-

scious several times over a period of a few days. I can't explain this psychic ability — or curse — but rarely do I hear words or sounds. During the episode of the taxicab which continues to occur I hear the noise of the argument but no word of it can be understood.

This vision of the phantom fighters which has unfolded before me so many times is among the first that my wife has shared. In fact she called me to the window one Sunday afternoon about a year ago when the fighters appeared to her first. I believe that the closeness of our 21 years of marriage and her participation in my psychic research activities somehow have helped to open psychic channels in her.

In her own words, "For a long time my husband would drag me to the front windows or out on the front lawn, telling me to look at the fighters and the taxicab, but all I could see was the street on a pleasant Sunday afternoon. The story of what he saw frightened me a little.

"Then in May, 1965, and April, 1966, I envisioned with him the lavender-colored old cab and the two young men who emerged from it fighting. I could see them plainly from where I stood. In a short while one walked away and the other reentered the cab and



then the cab drove into nothingness — like a quick blur that all at once is gone. The other man lighted a cigarette, threw away the empty packet (and I have held this in my hands) and walked into nothingness.

"My sister says, 'You've hung around your husband too long.' Perhaps that is just the reason I'm finally attuning to these things."

The recurrence of the vision of the phantom fighters led me to investigate the episode as thoroughly as I could. The facts I've obtained really prove nothing beyond the fact that the cab, its driver and the two drunken fighters once did exist. Why the episode repeats itself in front of my home, always on a Sunday, always in mild sunny weather, remains open to speculation.

It is conceivable that the camaraderie of the two men (evidenced by their drinking together) contrasted with their hostility (disagreement to the point of physical assault) left such a deep impression on the mind of one of them that it became the dominant memory of his life. Possibly something about his sensitivity gave the memory enough strength to project itself ectoplasmically on days that fit the original incident, to be witnessed by certain

psychically receptive persons. For what I see from my windows actually is a reenactment of a fight that took place a long time ago.

Florian Harubin, the bartender at the Crossroads Cafe (one block down my street in Pittsfield, Mass.), remembered the incident as occurring on a Sunday early in May, 1938. The two men were steady customers and began drinking whiskey and beer as soon as the bar opened that day — 1:00 P.M. The smaller of the two, redheaded and about 26 years old, was "Red" Daley. He lived with his mother and worked irregularly at a variety of unskilled jobs. Because he didn't seem to care for women, his gentle manners and overly neat mode of dress inevitably led people to regard him as effeminate. I believe that he was the "sensitive". He was killed just before Pearl Harbor in a car accident in Troy, N.Y., and I think his psyche started and continues to perform the tableau that I see.

With Daley at the bar was John Serowic, a hearty Slavic-American bruiser who had worked in the General Electric Company's tank shop from the age of 18. Now at 30 he was a man of strong appetites. After a few years of a rough and exper-



imental marriage he and his wife separated and John had to be content to visit his one son once a week and pay stiff alimony. He ate enormously and his capacity for drink was about as great—and he was proud of both. But while food made him solidly content liquor made him surly and argumentative. He got into a lot of trouble, then tried to correct it by apology when he was sober.

According to Florian, Serowic was a good steady worker and a dedicated fisherman and hunter. When the hunt was over, the fish in the creel and his overalls on their hook in the locker room, Serowic always celebrated—with shots and beers and roaring arguments. He continued all three until his money ran out, the place closed or he got thrown out.

On that quiet sunny Sunday in the late 'Thirties, Florian recalls, John and Red entered the bar together, a little hung over but sober, and started buying alternate rounds. John felt the liquor first and began his tirade—this time against his casual but long-time friend, Red Daley. Florian couldn't remember all the details of John's harangue, but he said that for the most part Red kept quiet, smiling and agreeing with his noisy

friend while he continued to drink and smoke. Finally, for Daley's benefit, John belittled the Irish:

"I'll tell you what the Irish were good for!" he roared. "They invented the wheelbarrow and the damn fools to push 'em! Yessir, Ireland must be Heaven since all the bastards came over here!"

"You'll never see me pushing a 'barrow!" said Red, getting a little hot under his tidy white collar.

"Yeah!" John retorted, letting his raised wrist fall limp in the classic gesture of effeminacy, "I guess you're a different type of Irishman."

Red stood up, flushed and angry as Florian seldom had seen him, and threw a punch at John. It was a stout blow according to Florian but it barely rocked John—who now rose and grabbed Red by his coat collar. He proceeded to shake him fiercely, the way a hunting dog shakes a rat or a woodchuck.

After loud objections from Florian and an attempt at restraint from a few patrons, John Serowic laughed and gently but firmly put Daley into an empty booth. Then he brought him a conciliatory glass of whiskey and a bottle of beer. Daley accepted these, but disliking violence of



voice as much as violence of hand, he obviously wanted to leave. Serowic, slightly sobered by the lively though short encounter, as usual was all apologies. He made Daley shake hands with him several times and finally they agreed to leave together. Neither owned a car so they called a cab. (The Crossroads Cafe, still operating today though under different management, is about 20 blocks from the main part of town where most of the barrooms are located.) Until the cab arrived both men drank, smoked and talked in a friendlier vein.

The rest of the story came from Frank Sweeney, the cab driver. Today he is an old man and a resident of the Pender Nursing Home in Dalton, Mass., but he remembers the incident. "It was just another fare until the fight busted out," he told me. "I stopped to let them get it over with outside. Then as I turned the cab around and started to take off, Red Daley jumped back in. I drove him to the block on North Street where he lived alone with his mother. He paid the whole fare."

Sweeney attaches no psychic significance to the taxi ride and considers my point of view humbug. He didn't hear any of the conversation up to the point of

the fight, "... just a lot of loud mumbling until I stopped and let 'em out. Then they started swingin' and swearin'."

John Serowic died a terrible death a few years after World War II. One winter night after 15 or 20 drinks he staggered up Pontoosuc Avenue to his stove-heated single room. His room was deathly cold so John clumsily built a wood and coal fire. He sat in front of the stove, opened the oven door and put his cold legs inside. Then he fell into a drunken stupor. When he came to the next morning his legs were twisted and as burned as a forgotten beef roast. Both legs had to be amputated above the knees. A spreading infection developed in the stumps and after a few torturous weeks it claimed the rest of his body.

I first observed the reenacted fight about 1946. Red Daley died in 1941 and John Serowic in 1949, so I had viewed the happening while Serowic still was alive. According to my reasoning it must have been the sensitive Red Daley who caused and continues to cause the happening.

While no one but my wife and I have seen the phantom fighters, Alexander Barber, a retired businessman who lives across the street, one day in 1961 showed me the Lucky Strike



package, fresh and new-looking. He had found it on the side of the road near his lawn. "By gosh, you don't see many of these anymore. I'm going to keep this," he said. When I told him my story of the tableau he chuckled. But before the day was over the package was gone. He couldn't keep it any more than I can.

The tableau does not stop traffic but for some reason the cars never pass through the cab or the combatants. One time two or three years ago I tried to approach them and become part of the scene. When I came within six or seven feet of the fighters, my nostrils and throat suddenly became congested with a taste and smell that recalled my childhood colds. While I was capable of moving I had no desire to. I retreated to the bottom of my porch steps watching the act finish off, feeling very odd — as if I were looking at old, old clothing in a forgotten attic.

I could see the men's solid-colored, button-down shirts, their

heavy blunt-toed shoes, the pleated coat backs in fashion in the middle 'Thirties and their heavy tweed caps — as different from today's styles as the taxi with its high running boards is from a 1966 model.

The scene concluded and I picked up the red-and-green cigarette package as John Serowic disappeared and the taxi faded away. Immediately I went to the backyard with my wife's Kodak thinking I'd get a picture of the empty packet. I set the camera, then reached for the package — only to find my pocket empty.

Some years I haven't seen the phantom fighters at all and my wife only has started to see them. Other years they've come twice. For three or four years at a stretch I have been away or occupied in another part of the house when the time arrived. Although I have no warning of its approach I have caught the scene many times . . . and I hope to again.



### DEATH AT THE GRAVE

AS TWO gravediggers lowered a coffin into a grave in a cemetery near The Hague, Holland, United Press International reported recently, one suffered a heart attack. He died and his partner then had a heart attack from the shock.





# Wheel of Fortune

By Paul Steiner

Fukukichi Ikeda, a convicted thief, was captured in Tokyo after evading police for nine years, 346 days and 12 hours. He had jumped bail after being sentenced to three years in prison. Had Ikeda evaded capture for just 12 more hours he would have been immune to re-arrest under the terms of the statute of limitations.

Steve Weiss was sworn in as a Culver City, Calif., police officer and his first assignment was to find a stolen car—his own. His auto was missing when he was about to leave home for the ceremony.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Geske, of Gloversville, N.Y., each died on the other's birthday, within two months of each other.

Fred Bynum of Spokane, Wash., found a ruby ring in a crack in the stone bottom of Diamond Lake last summer. The ring was engraved "To William Whetsler From His Parents."

Whetsler, located through a telephone book in nearby Priest River, Idaho, was pleased to get the ring back. His parents had given it to him on his 18th birthday and he had lost it while swimming in the lake 42 years ago.

William E. Lynch, of Havana, Ill., and William E. Lynch, of Peoria, Ill., found themselves in the same hospital room, recovering from same type of surgery, performed by the same doctor. The men, who are not related and never met before, both are 81.



# *Under Psychic Attack— My Heart Stopped*

Recorded by electrical wizardry and untouched by human hands  
evidence of psychic experience can't be laughed off.

By Charles W. Ryan

A PROBLEM THAT often defeats the documentation of paranormal and psychic phenomena is the lack of unassailable witnesses. Thus the skeptics may explain away a phenomenon as hallucination, dream or hypnagogic illusion. But suppose there is a witness — one which is not subject to hypnosis or hallucination? An electrocardiograph, for example, or an electroencephalograph — or both?

While I was a student at the University of Chicago I volunteered as a subject for the dream experiments that have been conducted there for several years. Excellent reports of some phases of the experiments have appeared in *Scientific American*, *Life* and other periodicals. But this is the first report of my own inexplicable experience.

The series in which I participated lasted from January 10

through February 24, 1960. The experiments in this series attempted to determine whether sleeping pills had any significant effect on dream activity.

So far as I know all subjects for all groups of experiments were volunteers and the great majority were students. I am not familiar with all the experiments but I know that in some the subject was hypnotized and then permitted to fall into a normal sleep. In others no use was made of drugs or hypnosis. Several attempts were made to use me in the hypnosis experiments but although I was consciously willing I seemed to resist hypnosis. Thus it happened that I took part in the sleeping pill series.

For the standard \$5.00 a night I slept in the special room assigned to me in the psychology laboratory. Sleeping pills were given me on alternate nights but



otherwise the nightly routine did not vary. Contacts leading to an electroencephalograph (EEG) were attached with acetone-soluble cement to about seven points on my head, temples and earlobes. Three other contacts attached to my body led to the electrocardiograph (ECG) which monitors the heart rate.

The brain waves traced on the EEG indicate whether the subject is awake or asleep since the wave patterns differ sharply in the two states. In addition the EEG records dream activity, for when one is dreaming his eyes move exactly as if he were experiencing real rather than dream events. The characteristic traces — eyes right, eyes left and so forth — are called “rapid eye movements” and always are associated with dream activity.

On both machines the pen-and-ink tracings appear on moving bands of paper which are keyed to time.

When all the connections had been made my psychomotor performance — the ability of my body to respond to various stimuli — was checked by a series of tests which lasted about five minutes. Since two of the EEG contacts were attached to my temples I was cautioned against clenching my teeth, because the tracings would change for the

length of time my teeth were clenched. This would have no effect on the heart rate, of course, and would show up only on the EEG.

The experiments proceeded uneventfully — from my point of view, at any rate — until the night of February 19, toward the end of my participation. That night a frightening dream awakened me. Remembering my instructions I tried to say, “I am awake,” into the microphone — and I discovered that *I couldn’t move a muscle!* I was completely paralyzed and unable to speak or move, no matter how hard I tried.

As I became aware of my total paralysis I was terrified. I struggled to move. But I could not — not my arms, my legs nor any part of my body. Then, after what seemed like one or two minutes the paralysis suddenly left and I was free to move. Immediately I called for the psychology major but he didn’t answer. I concluded that he was either out of the room or asleep. *Then I sensed the presence!*

What it was I cannot say. I knew only that a personality was near my bed, that it was invisible in the room’s dim light and that it was a threat to me. But in a short time the sensation left me and I felt that I was all alone



in the room once more.

Now quite desperate to get the attendant's attention, I called him again. When I got no response I hit upon a way to mark the time on the EEG. I clenched my teeth in a pattern of dashes and dots to spell the word "time" in Morse code. Ultimately I fell asleep, only to dream of the experience.

When I arose in the morning I told the psychology major about my experience. He laughed and told me it was only a dream. He took the whole matter so lightly that I insisted that he check the EEG record to find the point where I had spelled "time" with my clenching teeth. While I had no idea what time the experience had occurred, the EEG record showed my spelling of the word at exactly 2:43 A.M. Dream activity for a space of several minutes had preceded this, ending at 2:41 when I awakened. Shortly after the Morse code the trace showed the characteristic brain wave indicating sleep and a few minutes later more dream activity.

The graduate student shrugged. What if I had made some note of time on the record? It hardly proved that anything unusual had happened.

"All right," I said, "let's check the ECG. I was terrified; there

must have been some change in my heart rate."

We looked at the ECG tracing, and there it was — at 2:41 A.M. *For 10 seconds the trace showed no heart rate at all.* According to the record my heart had stopped for 10 seconds!

"Well, maybe the stylus clogged and just wasn't getting ink during that time," the attendant suggested.

"That won't do," I pointed out. "Look at the trace." It was unbroken, showing normal heart activity except that for 10 seconds the line ran straight and smooth at the bottom of the graph. The conclusion was inescapable.

Later I reported my experience to Dr. Joe Kamiya, the psychologist in charge of the dream experiments. He could offer no explanation.

It is still in the record — in the files of the Psychology Department of the University of Chicago. What happened that night? All I know is some intelligent presence, intending me no good, stood for a short time at my bedside and an unassailable witness, an electrocardiograph, recorded that my heart stopped for 10 seconds. And it was no dream. An equally objective witness, the electroencephalograph, testified to that.



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## AMONG THE DEAD

By Laurette B. King

**I**N JULY, 1965, I spent two weeks in the psychiatric ward of a hospital in North Vancouver, British Columbia. A hard life and a difficult menopause had led to my complete nervous breakdown.

Electric shock treatments and medication can cause one to forget temporarily those experiences which caused the collapse and emotional unbalance. Afterwards the memory returns completely but the return is gradual, giving the individual opportunity for emotional rest and the nerves time to regain strength. Psychological help is given also over a long period of time to help in rehabilitation. It was in this manner that I received help.

Before each shock treatment I was given a hypodermic and by the time I was wheeled into the treatment room I was only dimly conscious of a white masked figure prodding the inner side of my arm with a needle.

Then came a terrible roaring inside my head. The roaring increased; then, suddenly, my skull seemed to explode into a thousand tiny pieces.

On one occasion when I became fully conscious again it was dark, the deepest, softest darkness I have ever known. There was complete silence and no movement of any kind. I wondered where I was but it was so peaceful, so wonderful I decided to rest awhile.

Just when I became aware that I was without my body I am not sure, but it was a shock. "Dear Lord, I'm dead," I thought. "I must be dead if I haven't a body." Yet a great tide of happiness flooded over me. I was not



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afraid. I could think; I could feel; I was completely normal only I didn't have a body!

There are no words in the human vocabulary to describe the rest, the peace, the exquisite joy I experienced. I became conscious of "knowing". I still was quite alone but Someone was communicating with me, instructing me in the understanding of creation. I can remember only some of the things I learned.

Then all became blank.

When I was conscious again my family was standing around my hospital bed. I felt dazed and stupid. My tongue was chewed and bleeding. I was stiff and sore. I managed to ask my husband the time.

"It's evening, dear. You have slept all day. How do you feel?" he answered. I noticed he looked strained and pale.

I didn't tell anyone at the hospital of my experience. I confided it only to my family. But it remained a bright, vivid oasis in my memory. In some strange way it helped me recover from the complete nervous breakdown much more rapidly than was expected. At the end of two weeks I was back home with my loved ones.

I visited my psychiatrist every two weeks for some time and on one such visit, about three months after my hospital stay, I asked him if he had been present during my shock treatments — a total of three. He assured me he had.

"Something went wrong during one of them," I said. "I will tell you what happened on the inside if you will tell me what happened outside."

He agreed and then wrote down on my case records the same story I have told here.

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## OVER THE HILL

As told to Tommy W. Black

ON A JULY afternoon in 1916 during World War I my father, Lt. Orris Edgar Clyde Black, led a platoon of Canadian troops near La Boissette, France, deep behind the Kaiser's lines. The battle-weary, footsore men trudged like robots, under an overcast sky, toward a long steep hill which stretched ahead of them.

"Over this hill, Bob," my father told the sergeant as they began to climb, "there's a village. Before we enter it we'll pass a small church and an old graveyard. A short way beyond there's a nice grassy spot sheltered by apple trees where we'll halt and give the lads a rest."

Tired, the sergeant said nothing but as they crested the hill he gazed with disbelief upon the scene my father had described so clearly. Having served my father for many years the sergeant knew Dad never had been here before. The platoon never before had penetrated this deep into France and until the war my father never had been outside Canada.

As the troops unslung their packs and rifles Lt. Orris Black left the sergeant to his ponderings and, as if compelled by an inner force, walked over the graveyard. Far back in the oldest section of the burial ground he paused. Clearing away grass and vines from an ancient



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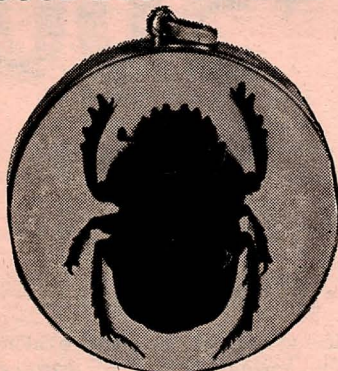
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## LAST VISIT

By Diane Marley

**J**ANUARY 1, 1965, the first evening of the new year began the same as any other. Our two children were sleeping comfortably in the next room and while waiting for my husband to return from his night job I tuned the television to the 11 o'clock news.

As the commentator began to speak I heard someone rapping gently on the window across the room. Rather than ring the doorbell and disturb the children when visiting at night my brother John often announced himself this way. Glancing up I saw it was John.

As always I went to open the door for him. But he wasn't there! I stepped outside and looked around the yard; I even walked out to the sidewalk and glanced up and down the street. Then I noticed that John's car was not parked out front.

Deciding he had remembered he needed a pack of cigarettes or something I went back into the house and put on a pot of coffee so it would be ready when he returned.

The coffee was percolating when



the phone rang. It was my brother's wife calling to tell me John had died of a heart attack at 10:55 P.M. — five minutes before he "visited" me. — Chester, Pa.

### KING OSWALD'S GREY

By James Schofield

As told to Mary Crewe

**O**N CHRISTMAS EVE, 1959, I drove along the old Roman Road between Greenhead and Newcastle-upon-Tyne. The night was wet but I was anxious to reach home and help the children decorate the Christmas tree and so I pushed my Ford A.40. at a fast clip.

Suddenly my mother put her hand on my shoulder and said, "Steady, Son, there is danger ahead."

Puzzled and excited at seeing her again — for Sarah Ann Schofield, my mother, had been dead for some years — I turned to speak to her. She had disappeared.

I shrugged off the incident as being an hallucination brought on by fatigue and continued on. I was still musing over the incident when my headlights illuminated a group of horses trotting across the road. I hit the brakes but because of my speed was sure I couldn't avoid all of them. My auto slid toward them and *right on through* the last of the horses.

When the car came to a stop I climbed out and walked to the side of the road to see where the horses had gone. To my astonishment there was no sign of them and no marks or break in the hedge which lined both sides of the road.

I returned to the auto and getting back into the car glanced up the road to see a huge log stretched across it. It was a large piece of tree trunk, newly felled, about four feet long. With considerable difficulty I rolled it into the hedge. I surmise it had fallen off a logger's lorry.

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Had I continued into the log at the speed I was traveling, I never would have been home for Christmas.

After the holidays I told a friend, Professor D. Russel, a lecturer in psychology at Newcastle University, about my Christmas Eve experiences.

When I described the place where I had seen the horses he told me that King Oswald of Northumbria had fought a battle at that spot in 600 A.D. There is a cross by the roadside commemorating this event but I had not known about it.



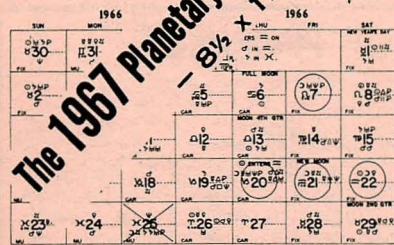
Our conversation cleared up a small mystery in connection with the horses. One horse, a grey, had had a leather piece over its back. This was not like a modern saddle but was just a leather piece thrown over the horse's back, with loops for stirrups. The design and markings on it had been quite clear and distinct, with the colors blue, red and green. Professor Russel explained that the design and colored markings as I described them were of a saddle worn more than 2000 years ago — when King Oswald was riding into battle. — Bristol, England.

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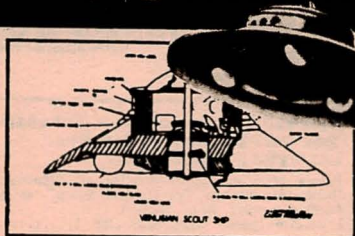


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This book was not put together by Dr. Halsey. It is a collection of tape transcripts of his more successful lectures published by his widow as a permanent record of his work. Dr. Halsey disappeared mysteriously in 1963 on a plane flight from Logan, Utah, to Sunset Beach, Calif. No trace of the plane nor the bodies of the pilot and of Dr. Halsey ever has been found.

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New Age students will be baffled by this chapter. While all other subjects are handled with reason, continuity and progressive understanding, this purported prophecy kicks one all the way back to the primitive concept of an angry and vengeful God who plots Hell's eternal torments for all who stray from His edicts — even edicts which they never heard. Let us take the generous view that this last chapter may not have been intended for general publication by the good Dr. Halsey.

— Tom C. Lyle.

**FLYING SAUCERS—SERIOUS BUSINESS,**  
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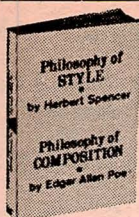
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While Mr. Edwards' book will serve to better educate a recently aroused public, it cannot be said to contribute in any way to a scientific interpretation of the subject, as Jacques Vallee's *Anatomy of a Phenomenon* (revised edition recently published by Ace Paperback) has done. *Flying Saucers — Serious Business* simply is a reporter's survey of UFOs and should be read with this in mind. — D. B. Hanlon.

THE SUPERNATURAL, by Douglas Hill and Pat Williams, Hawthorn Books, New York, N.Y., 1966. 341 pages, \$12.50.

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**THE LSD STORY**, by John Cashman. Fawcett Publications, Greenwich, Conn., 1966. 128 pages (paperback), 50c.

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calculated to cash in on the current controversy over LSD. The impression is supported by the journalistic slang used for chapter headings. (The table of contents on the back cover, oddly, lists more sedate titles.)

When one begins reading, however, he quickly finds that Cashman has produced a highly useful study. This book contains perhaps the most objective statement of both sides of the debate over regulation of psychedelic drugs that can be found in print. Cashman's fairness is all the more surprising inasmuch as there is no evidence in the book that he ever has taken LSD himself. Apparently his information has been derived in typical reporter fashion, by interviewing and by selected reading.

Cashman treats in turn the widespread use of natural hallucinogens throughout history, the discovery by Hofmann of LSD itself, the serious research done by the medical profession (to the limited extent that the vast amount of research done in Europe has been reported in the United States) and the furor caused by Leary's espousal of LSD as the key to self-understanding. There is considerable discussion of the campus "kicks" crowd and the genuine menace of the widespread amphetamine-barbiturate addiction that precipitated stringent legislation

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**STRANGE LIVES**, by Bernhard J. Hurwood. Popular Library, N.Y., 1966. 125 pages, 50c.

Here is yet another in the seemingly endless stream of popular paperback collections of brief stories concerning the "astounding, the curious, the bizarre — every word true!" (to quote the cover blurb). This is my first acquaintance with the unidentified Mr. Hurwood who has made a real effort to round up fresh material. Most of the 48 items deal with colorful although obscure personalities of past centuries; only eight of the group having much to do with paranormal phenomena. The treatment is entertaining and well-written if not as thoroughly documented as one would choose. No doubt we shall be treated to a further Hurwood collection since the cover illustrates two stories not present inside. Let us hope the editor is not so careless next time! — *David Techter.*

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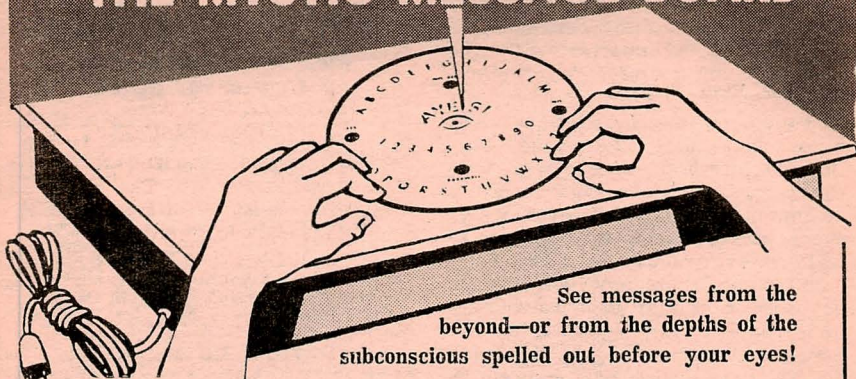


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If any FATE readers know of the whereabouts of such photos, drawings or slides, I am most anxious to purchase or borrow them at a price set by the owners. — Ronald Calais, Lafayette, La.

## UFO PHOTO FLAP

The September, 1966, FATE contains a letter from Mr. Ralph Rankow, NICAP advisor, who is skeptical of the (purported) UFO picture accompanying Mr. Strauch's article, "I Photographed A UFO", in the June, 1966, issue of FATE.

I don't know how FATE got the pictures to illustrate Mr. Strauch's article but I do know there exist some very legitimate pictures in the November-December, 1965, issue of the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization's Bulletin (APRO, Tucson, Ariz.) resembling his description of the UFO.

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In the account in the August, 1966, FATE of the UFO witnessed by Rex Heflin I believe enough data is made available for a fair estimate of the saucer's size:

(1) Mr. Heflin puts the saucer's height at 150 feet aboveground.

(2) My check with a photographer sets the angle of vision for a 114mm. lens used in taking the picture at approximately 62 degrees.

(3) I estimate the angle made with the ground by a line from the UFO to the camera at 28 degrees.

(4) The UFO's width in the photo is 1/11th of the picture's width.

(5) The camera was about 5½ feet aboveground in the truck cab when the photo was taken.

Thus by simple use of trigonometry and by calculating the space the UFO would occupy on the 62-degree arc of a circle with a 300-foot radius, one arrives at a diameter for the UFO of about 30 feet.

Flying saucers are serious business. I believe that when eventually the truth is divulged, probably within the next 10 years, it will prove the most startling discovery of this century.

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*Flying Saucers, A Modern Myth of Things Seen in the Sky* (Harcourt, 1959).

Each of these theories is fantastic but is offered to explain a phenomenon which is no less fantastic.

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The vast distance (15 light years) to the nearest star discredits the second theory unless, as may be the case with apports, an object can be disintegrated at one point and reintegrated at another without its parts traversing the intervening distance. This possibility is not so preposterous as it first sounds to those uninitiated in psychic research. How else to account for well-authenticated cases of solid matter passing through solid matter?

I have been unable to obtain Jung's book and I strongly suggest that you review it in an upcoming issue of **FATE** to give readers a further insight into my final alternative.

I submit, too, that **NORAD** is underestimating the stolidity of *homo Americanus* if it is indeed true that it withholds information from the public for fear of causing panic. From what I have observed, 15 minutes after the second coming of Jesus, my fellow man would be back watching his favorite TV program, watering the lawn, repairing the lawn mower, or engaged in some pettifogging discussion of what "I sez to him" and "He sez to me!" — **Roland Switzer, West Caldwell, N.J.**



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I was startled to see the letter from Erna Lang of South Chicago Heights, Ill. (August, 1966, FATE) in which she tells how she felt compelled to write some strange signs somewhat like shorthand. The reason for my amazement: on September 22, 1962, I was sitting at my desk writing. Suddenly my pen sprang into a life of its own. Without meaning to I was rapidly jotting down strange symbols. I do not know shorthand and I haven't the slightest idea why I wrote such odd figures as these. I puzzled over the experience for a while, then placed the sheet of paper in a cubbyhole in my desk hoping sometime to find an answer to the riddle.

When I saw Erna Lang's "short-hand" I thought it looked familiar and hastened to find my almost forgotten piece of automatic writing. Not only do my strange figures resemble hers, but some are identical!

Therefore I too am very interested in any explanations that may be forthcoming from FATE readers.—  
*Vivian M. Meyer, Dover, N.J.*

### GLASS BREAKING OUTWARDS?

In a recent issue of FATE I noted with interest an item in "I See by the Papers" questioning whether glass breaks outward.

On the night of January 15, 1887, the schooner *Parallel* was attempting to get through the Golden Gate on a voyage from San Francisco into the Columbia River with general cargo which included 40 tons of explosives (about two-thirds Giant powder and the rest common black powder). She was becalmed and drifted on to the rocks just north of the famous Cliff House. The crew immediately abandoned her and at approximately 12:34 A.M. on January 16 she blew



up causing extensive damage to the Cliff House, to the nearby mansion of Adolph Sutro and to other buildings. A contemporary newspaper (I believe it was the *Chronicle*) commented on the odd fact that most of the Cliff House doors blew outward.

I also recollect reading many years ago in the old *St. Nicholas Magazine* an article about a powder works somewhere in the east which blew up. In this case too the phenomenon of doors blowing outward was noted. The article as I recall it was one of a series called "Careers of Danger and Daring" by Cleveland Moffet, later printed in book form by Century. — *Jerry MacMullen, San Diego, Calif.*

#### LITHUANIA'S GHOST FLAMES

I can easily believe the story in the September, 1966, *FATE* entitled "Ghost Flame Locates Mexican Treasure".

When I was a boy in Lithuania I heard our neighbors talk about having seen such flames. They would say, "The money is burning!" and they would tell about fierce dogs standing in those flames, so that people were afraid to go near.

This legend had to do with a Polish invasion of Lithuania but I am not sure in what century it occurred. However, the people used to talk about the terrible Polish year. The similarities with the Mexican legend seem too startling to be coincidence. — *John M. Wilunas, Visalia, Calif.*

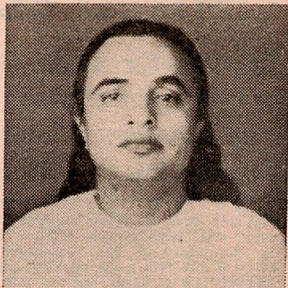
#### PSYCHO-COSMIC ORGANS

Raymond Bayless' article, "The Great Catapult Mystery", in the September, 1966, *FATE* leads me to predict that scientists one day will acknowledge the existence of *psycho-cosmic organs* which play a role both in the behavior of the poltergeist and in precognition.

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The poltergeist phenomena, which include both sounds and displacement of objects, seem to involve a sub-anatomy and -physiology. Normally this nether functional level is excluded from the waking state and consequently we are unaware of its existence. During a state of dissociation of the subject the sub-anatomy asserts itself in startling ways. More often than not the subject (the poltergeist focus or generator) is unaware of the fact that he is in a state of dissociation. He honestly may deny that he is responsible for the phenomena occurring around him.

All the behaviors of the poltergeist are to be considered analagous. They have a common origin and may be thought of as indigenous to a common level. Therefore, to hear raps and thumps (in the presence of the poltergeist focus or victim) is to know that the manifesting intelligence can also perform telekinetic displacement of objects, whether it be the moving of furniture or the throwing of stones. These phenomena may be attended by feats of telepathy and other forms of paracognition.

Many investigators are inclined to seek "natural" or "familiar" causes for the sounds and abnormal movements attributed to the poltergeist. That is to say, they are prone to search for mundane causes. But the behavior of the poltergeist is governed by causes that may be described as intercosmic or meta-cosmic. The causation thus is to be found on a sub-anatomical and sub-physiological level. The abnormal trajectory of objects acted on by the poltergeist is due to modalities of this inner anatomy and physiology. The inner and sub-level mechanics are activated by energies that have been driven inward as the result of



repression on the part of the poltergeist-generator. — *James Baker, Jr., Lakewood, Ohio.*

#### A CAT STORY

The following item is taken from the April 6, 1966, issue of *The Territorial Enterprise and Virginia City News*. It appeared under "Pages from the Past, 90 Years Ago, April 8, 1876".

"Previous to the big fire which occurred in this city on October 26 last, (1875) when half the city was laid in ashes, there was a cat in the family of Judge Rising that attached itself to one of his little girls. The cat followed the child everywhere and never failed to be on hand when the family were taking their meals when it always took its place on the child's lap.

"After the fire when the residence of the Judge and all the buildings in that part of town were destroyed, the Judge sent his family to California where they remained all winter.

"About a week ago the family returned and took a house on the same street where they formerly resided. Much to the surprise of all as they collected for their first meal, the cat, which they had last seen some months before at the time of the big fire, came into the house and jumped into the lap of the little girl that had been its friend, the same as though there had been no interruption in the friendship between the two.

"It seemed to be well understood between the child and cat, but the Judge says the little scene caused the hair to stand erect on his head."

One could say there was a telepathic rapport between the cat and the child but it seems to me the element of reincarnation comes into play. These two instinctively "recognized" each other and were not to be



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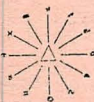
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parted in this incarnation. I believe the cat had perished in the great fire and it was its ghost that came and again sat in the little girl's lap.—  
*Loretta Van Dam, Carmel, Calif.*

### SMOKE RINGS

"The Disk with the Domed Top" in the August, 1966, FATE was very interesting and the photographic documentation gave it even more impact.

The part most interesting to me was the photograph of the smoke ring produced by the UFO. In November, 1963, I saw a somewhat similar phenomenon but could not explain it. I was standing at the back of Building 4481 of Redstone Arsenal in midafternoon when I noticed the smoke. The unusual thing about the ring was its size. I estimated it to be several hundred feet in diameter.

The ring contained a great quantity of smoke and it kept rolling inward all along the circle. At the same time its diameter continued to expand and after about 15 or 20 minutes it must have been a mile across.

I have seen smoke rings from smokestacks but nothing approaching this size. Also missiles are often fired here and I have seen others fired in Florida and at White Sands but never have I seen this kind of ring.—*Ernest H. Wells, Huntsville, Ala.*

### GRAVITY — ATTRACTION OR REPULSION?

In regard to Frank Hudson's letter in the September, 1966, FATE commenting on my article on gravity in the April issue, the theory developed is quite consistent with local variations in the gravitational potential of large masses. The theory postulates that matter emits waves called (for lack of a better name) "gravitons".



It requires that these travel at a large multiple of the speed of light. An object in space thus is struck on all sides by gravitons emitted by the matter in the rest of the universe. Matter also partially absorbs the gravitons. Now, if a second object is brought near the first, the first object will move toward it, as the symmetrical radiation pressure which causes it to be in equilibrium is disturbed. Obviously, small variations in the homogeneity of a mass will affect the absorption of gravitons and this may be detected by an instrument. The point is that mass (at least in quantities we are familiar with) does not extinguish the gravitons but is partly transparent to them. If this were not the case all objects would have the same gravitational potential and one would not have to introduce local subsurface variations in density to disprove the theory. It is impossible by any experiment I can think of with masses to discover if gravity is an attraction or repulsion phenomenon. All such evidence conspires to yield opposite interpretations. For example, a mass can be thought of as attracting another mass or as screening radiation pressure from other masses and thus only seeming to attract it.

Experiments such as that reported by E. J. Saxl to the American Geophysical Union in May, 1964, cast light on the question. Saxl found that the gravitational constant varies in the presence of an electrostatic field. We know that other forms of radiation, such as solar particles, are deflected by electrostatic and electromagnetic fields. Hence, it may be possible to argue by analogy that radiation of some as yet undetected form accounts for gravity. Further, since the electrostatic or magnetic fields have no mass, we may discover the direction in which gravity

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I must add that the theory described here and in my article is not all new with me. It is a recurrent one in the history of physics but lately has not been given enough serious thought. I do believe that the suggestion that the expansion of the universe can be explained by the radiation pressure model of gravitation is new. The older advocates of the thesis did not know of the red shift, although they could have inferred it. — Gordon H. Evans, Hudson, N.Y.

#### ST. ANTHONY AGAIN!

In the October, 1966, FATE ("Report from the Readers") you bring us a story of the power of St. Anthony told by Mrs. Earl Olson, Ojai, Calif. I also had such an experience and I have told it many times to my family and friends.

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## PERFECTLY NATURAL SIGNALS

I read with interest the letter on page 133 of the May, 1966, *FATE* ("Radio to Other Worlds", Lawrence W. Justus, Los Angeles, Calif.) in which my name was mentioned. I presume that this referred to material in my book *Ionospheric Radio Propagation* published by the Government Printing Office and also Dover Publications.

I should like to point out that we do indeed receive radio signals from outer space but believe that these signals originate in oscillating electric charges which are a perfectly natural phenomenon. — *Kenneth Davies, Chief, Radio Phase Studies, Space Disturbances Laboratory, Environmental Science Services Administration, Boulder, Colo.*

## RECONSTITUTE MOZART?

In the August, 1966, *FATE* a short item in "I See by the Papers" titled "Modern Reincarnation" deals with some startling statements by Prof. Elof Carlson of U.C.L.A. and at its conclusion you say you find the whole idea horrifying.

Relax. I don't believe the good professor is serious. The reasoning is old but fallacious. If you can make a record of Enrico Caruso's voice and listen to it today many years after his death, why not go a step further and remake the whole man? According to Carlson all that is needed is a little more skill, a little better technique. The professor himself says the duplicated genetic codes when brought to life in human form will not possess their predecessor's memories or emotions. Why stop there? Has no one ever mentioned "spirit" to him?

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