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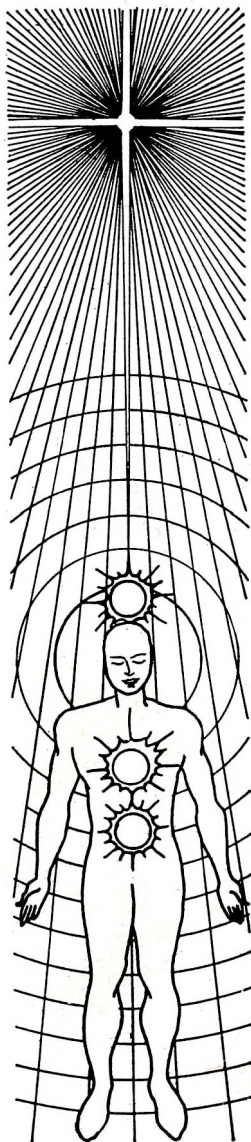
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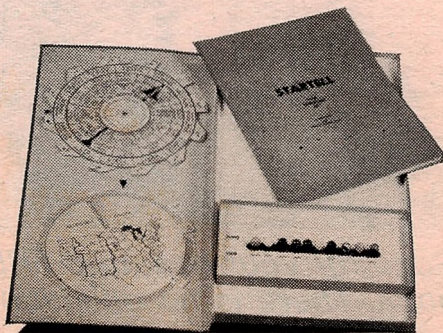


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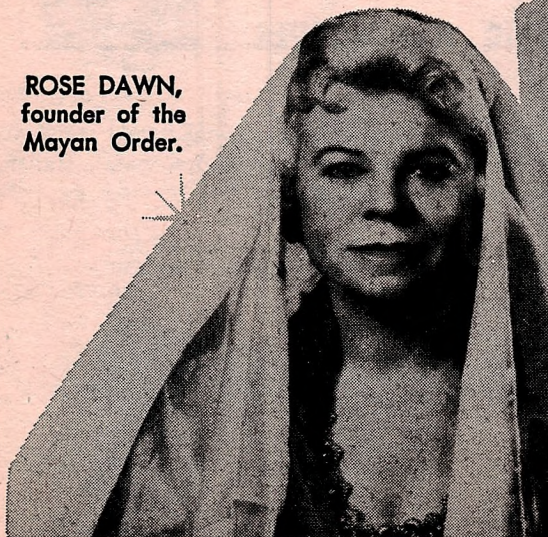
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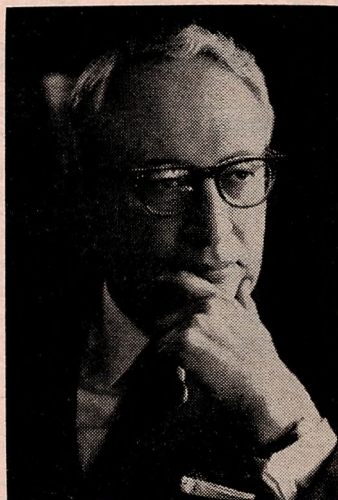
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INCREASING EVIDENCE indicates that for some frequent users of LSD it already may be too late to prevent genetic damage or long-time psychotic episodes.

Item 1. LSD is one of the most powerful drugs known. Only $3\frac{1}{2}$ millionths of an ounce is enough to produce a "trip." Medical researchers grow increasingly concerned lest these trips be one-way.

Item 2. Many persons who have given up LSD find that as long as two years later they are having panic reactions, paranoid feelings and hallucinations without having taken the drug in the interim. These delayed recurrences, according to Dr. Duke Fisher of the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the University of California, Los Angeles, may come not only to formerly habitual users but to persons who have taken LSD only once. And they may take place even when those persons who have



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taken it only once did not have particularly strong reactions at the time.

Item 3. A University of Oregon geneticist, Dr. Jose Egozcue, has found genetic disruptions in six out of eight LSD users studied. His work confirms the reports of Dr. Maimon M. Cohen, geneticist at the New York State University School of Medicine in Buffalo. Dr. Egozcue found such changes in only one of nine persons who never have taken LSD but who once had received extensive X-ray therapy. Dr. Egozcue found that those cells damaged were

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lymphocytes, a kind of white blood cell that plays an important part in combating disease. Such damage could impair the lymphocyte's ability to ward off disease, he suggests.

Item 4. A Canadian study recently tested drugs on spiders because the creatures' nervous reactions are visible in the web. The experimenters found that spiders which normally take 20 minutes to spin a web, when given morphine required three hours for the same work. Given marijuana the spider builds a rectangular web; given LSD it builds an over-sized web.

Item 5. The FDA hastily is investigating bananas to see what ingredient, if any, might be found in their skins that would produce an hallucinogenic trip. As of this writing it appears the effects may be more psychological than psychedelic.



IT'S WITCHERY

CONSIDER THE following story from Altoona, Pa., dated March 7.

Army Private Reuben Rock, 29, died on January 13 of T.B. and was buried three days later. Immediately after the burial Mrs. Rosella Rock, his widow, began to be "tormented by her husband's restless spirit," according to Rosella's father

Arthur Dively. She was unable to eat or sleep and her parents became convinced that Rock had practiced witchcraft "by charming Rosella's picture." The picture was found and destroyed. No help ensued. Dively said Rock's spirit "knocked at the windows and screamed over the top of the house."

Somehow the family decided it had been a mistake to have buried Reuben Rock in his Army uniform which he had left to Rosella. They obtained permission from Bedford County authorities to exhume the body, strip off the uniform and sprinkle salt on the body, then wrap it in a clean white sheet and return it to its resting place. They then burned the uniform.

Since that time, according to Dively, Rosella is able to eat and sleep and is returning to health. The noises and rappings have stopped.



ANOTHER BLOCK OF ICE

WAYNE KNAPPICK, 10 years old, was standing outside Jimmie Mikulenska's service station in Columbus, Tex., on Saturday, March 11, when he heard a noise. Looking up he saw a block of ice falling at what seemed to be an angle and then in a second or two it hit the top of a car parked across the street.

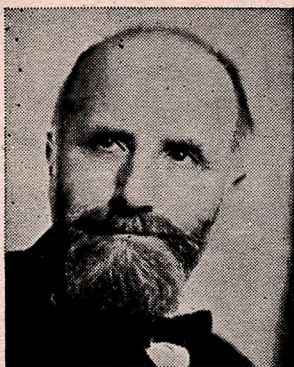
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The automobile, which belongs to Frank Haynes, has quite a dent in its top. Mr. and Mrs. Haynes of Glidden weren't in the car when the ice hit. They were safe inside Mary's and Martha's Cafe having lunch. So was Deputy Sheriff Doc Mueller. They all heard the noise and saw the ice which they estimated weighed 25 to 30 pounds before it broke into pieces and showered over the automobile.

Dr. Cecil Marburger tested the ice to find out if it was radioactive and found it wasn't. Spectators said the ice was frosty but they thought it didn't look like commercial ice.

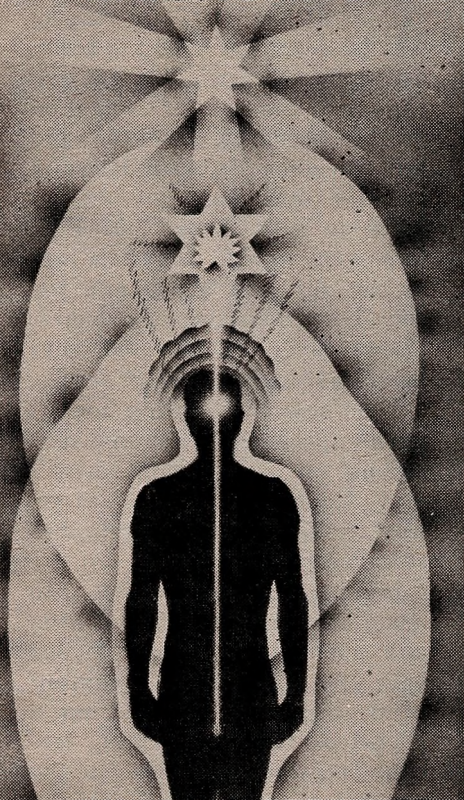
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They saw a "whirling sort of wind" approaching and in a split second "it was hailing corn!" Mrs. Jedneak said. Their driveway, roof, lawn and rosebushes soon were covered.

Investigation revealed no grain storage bins in the area and no railroad cars loaded with corn from which a vagrant wind might have picked up a bushel or two. When Mrs. Jedneak reported the incident to the weather bureau she was told the wind might have carried the corn to Crystal from as far away as Iowa — where tall corn grows and apparently weighty winds develop.

* * *

The weather bureau had some explaining to do in May, 1967, when several Chambersburg, Pa., residents suffered property damage from a rain of stones. On Friday, May 19, small dark

brown stones about one-half inch in diameter, pelted a school and several cars on a road north of the city.

The Rev. A. S. McCanns, whose car was heavily damaged by the "rain," said they came down "like someone was pouring them out of a bucket." He had a layer of stones two inches deep piled up on the hood of his car.

The Pennsylvania State University weather station took samples of the stones for examination and a spokesman surmised they might have been ejected into the air by some manufacturing plant or stone quarry. If caught by strong enough winds the stones could remain aloft for 30 minutes or more, he said.

The United States weather men said surface winds might pick up such stones and carry them several miles before dropping them, but they admitted, "It's not very usual . . ."

We can't blame them for failing to forecast the "rain." It hardly seems to fall into meteorological responsibility.



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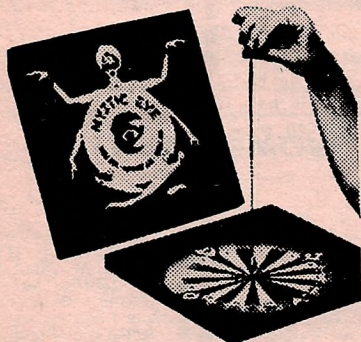
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Chinese archaeologists estimate the discs to be 12,000 years old but cannot explain their purpose nor how they came to be in the caves.

Russian scientists, examining the discs in a Moscow laboratory, say they have made two important discoveries—the discs contain traces of metal, particularly cobalt, and according to Vyacheslav Zaitsev, author of the *Sputnik* report, when the discs are scraped free of rock particles they "vibrate as if they carried an electric charge . . ."

The Russian archaeologists do not rule out the possibility that the discs may have come from outer space. And Zaitsev, who has spent 30 years collecting evidence that beings from outer space have contacted earth, be-

lieves the discs may support the ancient Chinese legends about "small, gaunt, yellow-faced men who came down from the clouds."

Archaelogists and speleologists have found 12,000-year-old graves and skeletons in some of the Bayan-Kara-Ula caves, Zaitsev writes. And Chinese expeditions have reported finding "an extinct species of ape" but "so far as is known apes do not bury each other in graves or write hieroglyphic symbols on stone discs," he adds.



BEEP BEEP

RESIDENTS of Sedro Woolley, Wash., gave themselves fits about the middle of last May chasing a strange noise which seemed to flit through the wooded hills outside of town. The strange "beep beep" started about 9:30 in the evenings and continued until dawn every night for a month — until Norman Scott, who lives near Hoogdal, fired a shotgun blast at a small owl. After that and at last report the "beep beep" was heard no more. One Mount Vernon schoolteacher had claimed all along it was an owl.


Some persons are hard to convince though. After the bird was dead and the noise was discontinued a deputy sheriff remarked,



On his May 13 trip to Fatima, Pope Paul VI encounters Sister Lucia, one of three to whom the Virgin Mary is said to have appeared 50 years ago. Vatican official Amlet Cardinal Ciconani who accompanied the pontiff looks on as she kneels to kiss ring.

"We have a dead bird — but that doesn't tell us much." Obviously mysteries are where you insist on finding them.

And in a way it's too bad the excitement is over. For a month an estimated 400 persons had entertained themselves with the dangerous sport of wandering through the hills at night carrying loaded guns. The source of the sound, even if it wasn't the owl, couldn't be so dangerous as some of those looking for it, Sheriff John Boynton said when he asked people to stay home.



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A STORY IN the newspaper, *The Flint Journal*, of Wednesday, April 19, 1967, says, "Physicists now understand what the Viking kings must have learned by accident." Did the physicists learn it by accident? Is that why they assume the Viking kings learned it by accident?

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Thorkild Ramskou, a curator at Denmark's national museum in Copenhagen, says American scientists rediscovered in 1949 this device which the Vikings used 1,000 years earlier. Studying the ancient sagas and advised by Jorgen Jensen and Gunnar Thygesen of the Scandinavian Airlines system, Ramskou has concluded that the Vikings guided their longboats by polarized light.

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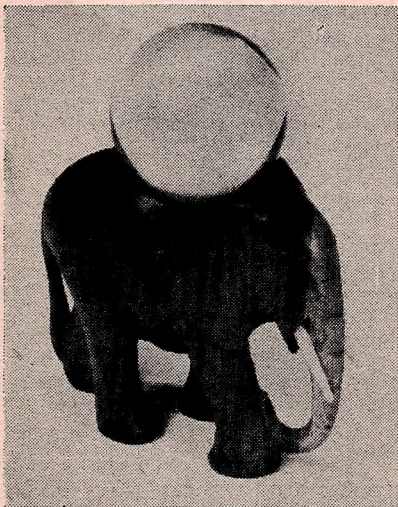
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coast of North America about that time. There is no reliable record that any European possessed a magnetic compass until 250 years later than that. Anyway, a magnetic compass does not function accurately in the high latitudes because the magnetic pole and the geographic pole are too far apart and the compass needle points west instead of north.

An undated saga of the Norsemen tells of the theft of a "sun stone" and another tells that St. Olav, king of Norway from 1015 to 1030, became suspicious of his navigator and personally held the sun stone up to the overcast sky. Ramskou thinks the Vikings' sunstones were crystals of quartz or calcite or other minerals found in the Scandinavian peninsula and Iceland which will do the job. These stones would have told the old Norsemen the direction of the sun and allowed them to find their way over the Arctic seas when neither the sun nor the stars could be seen. Of course in the Arctic summer the sun never sets and is available for navigation. In the winter it never rises but stars can be used for navigation. But in spring and fall there are periods when twilight lasts all day and the sun from below the horizon gives enough light to obscure the stars.

Modern scientists at Johns Hop-

kings University hit on a similar principle when they designed instruments for over-the-pole commercial flights. It's discouraging to have to rediscover (by accident?) what was known 1,000 years before.



PRIMITIVE "PILL"

STUDY AND observation over several years have shown that there are definite birth control practices among the jungle dwellers," says the head of the Indian Protection Services in Para, Brazil, Francisco Meireles.

A paper recently published by Dr. Octavio Rodrigues Lima reports that anthropologists have found evidence the women of the Caiapo and Xavantes tribes use teas made from jungle vines and plants and employ all knowledge at their disposal to prevent conception. These vines and plants which they chew or take in solution are called *Kra Ket Djo*, "that which prevents having children."

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ly," he says, "that our jungle dwellers discovered the effect of the pill many years before the so-called civilized people."

Meireles, who has been working with the Amazon Basin Indians for 30 years, says social custom and fear move the Indian women to practice birth control. They see danger in childbirth because of the high mortality among Indian women at the time of delivery. And the young husbands encourage the women to prevent childbirth because the birth of children "shuts them off from contact with the bachelors and participation in the big parties."

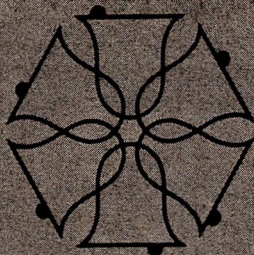
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BECAUSE OF their reputed ability to mimic human speech, because their brains are larger than human brains and equally convoluted, and because they are known to be highly intelligent, porpoises are attracting more and more researchers.

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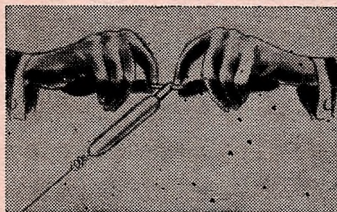
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In Port Elizabeth, South Africa, Colin Taylor, curator of the Port Elizabeth Oceanarium, is training two dolphins (another name for porpoise), Dimple and Haig, to understand English. He reports that Dimple has learned a dozen basic command words and he is now trying to familiarize her with abstract words. Taylor has achieved his results by converting the English words electronically into dolphin-like sounds—after concluding that dolphins mainly hear variations of timing and intensity of sound and that our ordinary speech patterns are gibberish to them.

Taylor agrees with John Lilly that dolphins' brains work incredibly fast—perhaps 16 times as fast as a man's brain—but he says they do not retain as much information. He has compiled a "vocabulary" of several hundred sounds that dolphins emit under certain stimuli and controlled circumstances but he has not yet deciphered their meanings. Also, he concludes that the electronic recording

equipment currently available omits certain nuances of sound that dolphins hear but he doesn't, nuances that are not recorded. For example, Dimple and Haig consistently voice the same sound when making a left-hand turn as they circle the pool. Yet they do not respond to his recording of the sound. Taylor believes this is because the sound is not reproduced accurately enough.

Also, Taylor has discovered the fantastic fact that Dimple and Haig speak different dialects of dolphinese—and so have a bit of difficulty communicating with each other!



BIOLOGICAL CLOCKS AND FIRE

MAN MAY HAVE escaped slavery to a 12-hours-on and 12-hours-off routine of existence because the use of fire made it safe and profitable for him to stay awake after dark, scientist Dr. Kurt P. Richter of Johns Hopkins University Medical School told the National Academy of Sciences on October 18.

The change in the life of man brought about by fire has not been solely cultural. Fire has done much more for man than simply warm him, cook his food and start him on the road to civilization, Dr. Richter said. It evidently has brought about a

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Dr. Richter told the meeting at Duke University in Durham, N.C., "The clock must have played an important part in the animals' survival. In monkeys and presumably in all other primates in wild state the clock must serve much the same function as in the rats — to tell them when in the early morning to emerge from their nests or shelters of the night and when in late afternoon to retreat to their shelters . . ."

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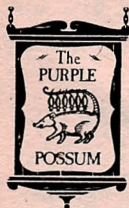
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The Night the Sky Turned On

Perhaps the celestial dynamos that provide
stars for Arkansas and Minnesota simply went berserk
— or were the little green men surveying specific areas?

By John A. Keel

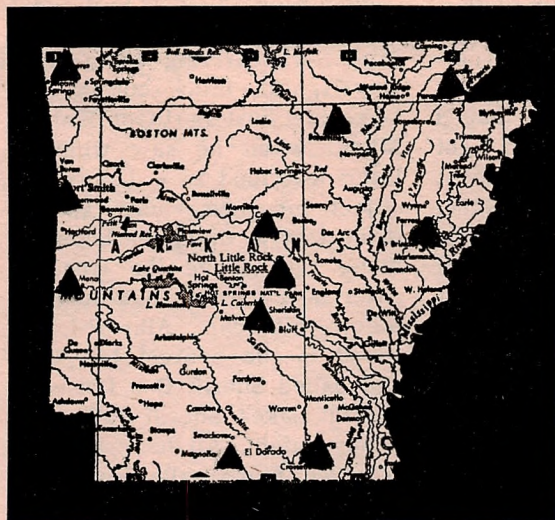
TUESDAY EVENING, August 16, 1966, began with the relaxed tepid stillness of midsummer. Rockers and porch swings quietly squeaked on tree-lined streets in America's midwest as people fanned themselves with the evening papers. There was no moon and only a few filmy clouds glided silently overhead on their way to someplace cooler.

At 9:45 P.M. that night a grandmother named Mrs. Ray Allen was loading her family into a car outside Flandreau, S. Dak. With her was her son Clifford, her daughter Mrs. Darlene Herick and her small grandson David. Just as she climbed behind the wheel of the car Mrs.

Allen noticed a bright light hanging low over a nearby cornfield. "It looked like the moon," she said later, "but we knew it couldn't be."

As she called the others' attention to the light it began to move slowly, seeming to drift across the field toward the car. There was something frightening about this luminous globe of white light. Young David screamed that a "werewolf" was coming to get them. The women leaped out of the car and followed by their children, ran into the house where they alerted Mr. Allen. He stepped outside in time to see a streak of light disappearing in the sky.

This was a small incident per-



In UFO flap of August 16, 1966, many Arkansans saw unusual lights and objects in the sky in each of the areas marked by triangles, totally unaware of simultaneous activity in states near the Canadian border.

haps but before another two hours had passed thousands of people in five states had seen similar lights. Many of them never will forget that night for as long as they live.

Shortly after 10:00 P.M. Harold and Sophie Pikal of Henning, Minn., who were fishing on West Battle Lake, a small body of water almost 200 miles north of Flandreau, S. Dak., saw a large ball of light surrounded by an eerie mist suddenly sail out of the night sky and head toward them. Badly frightened they watched numbly as the light changed from white to red to green and was joined by another light just like it. "There was a

little poof," Mr. Pikal recalled later, "and then both balls grew smaller and smaller and faded away as they hovered above the sandy beach on the northern part of the lake."

Thirty miles farther north and a half hour later, about 10:30 P.M., the two Frenzel brothers of Detroit Lakes, Minn., who also were fishing — on Eagle Lake — spotted an odd light in the sky. It was circular, Lawrence Frenzel said, and colored red, yellow and orange. While they stared in astonishment it vanished, leaving a peculiar "vapor spot" in the sky which continued to glow for half an hour.

Other witnesses in the area

reported seeing the same thing.

At 10:45 P.M., some 60 miles northeast of Eagle Lake, customers at the Erbe Drive-in outside of Cass Lake, Minn., gaped at a pink horseshoe-shaped light which appeared to hang about 200 feet overhead. It turned blue, then white and gradually grew dimmer until only a vertical straight streak of white light remained in the sky. Then it too slowly melted away.

About the same time in Hibbing, Minn., 75 miles due east of Cass Lake, another group of fascinated people were watching a multicolored object the size of the moon.

"It turned darker in the middle," Patrick McKenzie of Hibbing said, "took on a horseshoe shape and then seemed to vaporize."

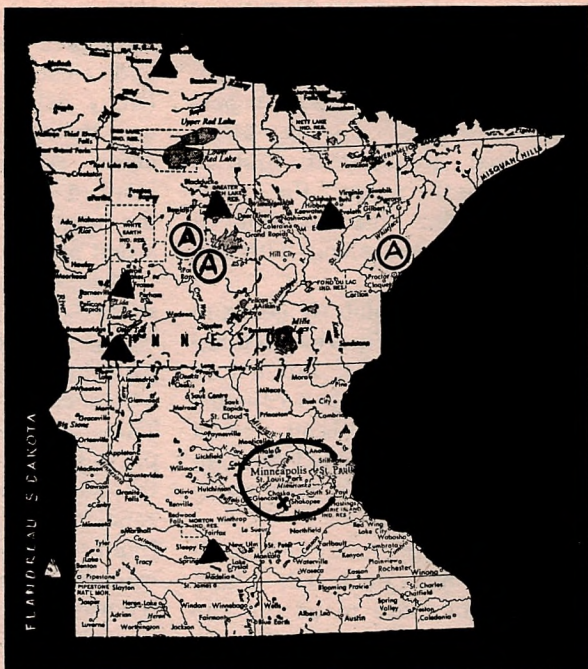
Terry Backstrom, a Hibbing *Tribune* staffer, said, "It remained in one spot for about half an hour."

Along the border of Canada and Minnesota more people stood on their porches looking at the night sky. In the vicinity of Warroad, Minn., they watched a circular shape surrounded by a green haze. The thing turned red, they agreed, then became orange, blue and green as it seemed to shrink. Finally it took on the appearance of a large smoke ring and faded from view.

Meanwhile, at 10:30 P.M., Jack Miller of Big Mantrap Lake, Minn., was driving along Highway 71, a few miles south of Cass Lake and just north of Walker, Minn., when he saw what he later described as a disc-shaped object measuring only two or three feet in diameter bouncing along just above the treetops. After he passed it, it seemed to follow his car. Alarmed, he raced to the nearest telephone and called Sheriff Bob Potter at Detroit Lakes. Sheriff Potter had a busy night. An hour later he received more calls from residents in nearby Ponsford who told him that they were watching a circular object about three feet in diameter as it hovered, discharging a bluish flame, a few hundred feet up in the air.

At the same time a luminous silvery-green object was gliding along just above treetop level on Highway 34, south of Walker, Minn. This was only 20 miles from Miller's position on Highway 71. According to the excited testimony of two 17-year-old boys, Pat Dermody and Bob Carmody, the object seemed to follow them for a short distance and they watched it uneasily for about four minutes before they turned around and sped back to the Twin Pine Resort where they picked up Pat's father, John Dermody. When they returned to

The night the sky turned on in Minnesota, things got complicated. Circled "A's" mark areas of auto pursuits of UFOs and "X" indicates location of Flying Cloud airport where several pilots saw a glowing object actually land on the east-west runway. (Note beginning of Mississippi River as small stream just above Minneapolis-St. Paul area.)



the site the older man said he saw a peculiar vapor and a huge white circle in the sky.

At 11:30 P.M. a group of women traveling the same road reported seeing a large white disc descending below the treetops. County authorities later revealed that several policemen had seen a similar object in that same spot 11 days before on August 5.

Back on the northern border of Minnesota at 11:00 P.M. a large group of baffled adults and teenagers studied a large reddish

object as it wobbled low over the Community Building in Ranier near International Falls. They all claimed it was larger than the local water tank and its red glow faded until there was only a red rim around a dark object. The object itself seemed opaque and "resembled a filmy plastic substance." Several more people phoned the Falls Environmental Services office at 11:15 to report other strange lights flying around the vicinity.

But the most dramatic sighting

took place just outside the city of Duluth, Minn., earlier in the evening when a rotating multi-colored globe terrified four people who were driving along Lakewood Road. "At first it looked like the moon," the driver James Luhm said, "but it seemed to move along with the car."

"I think that 'blob' is going to get us," Luhm remarked jokingly to his passengers. But before his sister Sally and two cousins, Pam and Debby Lind, could laugh the object started to spin, changed colors and moved swiftly toward them.

"It was bigger than a football field," Luhm declared, "and when it got close to us the car windows began to steam up."

Luhm pulled into a driveway, turned around and fled down the road with the "blob" weaving along behind. He stopped at a residence and called the police. The Duluth police already had their hands full. Calls were pouring in from persons reporting smaller objects, green and red, measuring about three feet in diameter, hovering throughout the area.

The same kind of nightmare was taking place across the state border. About 100 miles southeast of Duluth and east of Cameron, Wis., a horrified couple sat and watched a weird oblong

shape plummet from the sky and pass over them. "It came closer and closer," the woman said. (They asked newspapers not to use their names.) "In fact, it came so close my husband stopped the car and turned off the headlights. He broke out in a sweat of fear."

The object first appeared moon-shaped, the woman reported; it changed colors and as it approached they could see that it was a vague cigar-shaped thing. Their windows steamed up as it passed. Fifteen other persons in the same area called police to report seeing the object. Miss Linda Nelson and several other women claimed that the thing frightened them by heading straight for them before veering away.

Still another unidentified object boldly patrolled the streets of Racine, Wis., that night, traveling at an altitude of about 100 feet. It was flat and round according to several witnesses who said they saw it at various times between 8:45 and 11:00 P.M. in different parts of the city. It had a single red light on top and a series of white lights around its perimeter, according to their descriptions.

Wisconsin, however, had only a few isolated cases but Minnesota was blanketed by UFO activity that night. At the Flying

Cloud Airport south of Minneapolis several pilots reported seeing a glowing object actually land briefly on the east-west runway before silently zooming off again.

The men in the control tower at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport reported seeing a strange luminous object pass over the city. Twin Cities radio stations recorded over 75 calls that night from persons reporting sightings.

Southwest of Minneapolis and about 80 miles straight east of Flandreau, S. Dak., where it all seemed to start, the Herb Geiger family of Sleepy Eye, Minn., saw a moon-shaped object descend through the clouds. "It appeared to be at a height of about 8000 to 10,000 feet," Mr. Geiger said, "when suddenly the light disappeared and — poof — there was a cloud of vapor remaining shaped the same as the object. Then it too disappeared. We didn't know what to make of it but we were really stunned for awhile."

Thousands of people in Arkansas, all totally unaware of what was happening in Minnesota, were equally stunned that same night as they watched eerie multicolored lights cavorting above their farms, villages and cities. News commentator John Garner of station KFSA, Fort Smith,

Ark., took his microphone outdoors for an on-the-spot broadcast with the 1500 people who were standing in the streets and fields staring at the dazzling display of lights.

Sgt. J. W. Gilbreth, Jr., of the Fort Smith Police Department studied the sky with binoculars. He said, "Four red lights, immobile but seeming to rotate like a police patrol car warning beacon, were spread out in the sky like the points of the corners of a square. One set of red and green lights appeared traveling in straight lines from one of the four red lights and then on to the others. A blinking white light and later a steady white light proceeded in the same manner."

In Paragould, Ark., Ken Bock of station KDRS also broadcast his eyewitness description of the freakish lights which were rotating in a tight circle over that town. The objects would hover briefly, move up and down, and then zoom away again.

A group of lights in triangle formation and changing from red to green was viewed by many of the citizens of Forrest City, Ark., that night. And in Hiwassee, Ark., the Rev. Paul Seymore, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene, reported seeing a set of triangular red and green lights which were "definitely attached to an object."

A formation of glowing circular objects paid a courtesy call on the air base at Newport, Ark., a number of witnesses revealed. "They were red and green in color," Mrs. Velma Dunavin recalled. "All of a sudden there was a flash of light across the sky and the smaller lights got into a wad and disappeared."

Altogether hundreds of sightings were recorded in 13 widely separated areas of Arkansas that unforgettable evening of August 16. Most of the descriptions were in agreement and some of the bobbing weaving lights remained in view for hours. Many came down fairly close over cities such as Little Rock.

Hundreds of miles from Minnesota and Arkansas a New Jersey couple told of seeing a cigar-shaped object, red and pulsating, hover just above a high tension line outside of Butler, N.J., that night.

Another couple, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Osborn of East Orange, N.J., said they observed two bright lights sweeping across the sky.

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WHAT HAPPENED on August 16, 1966?

Soon after the overwhelming number of UFO reports began to hit the local papers the usual vague explanations appeared. A weather bureau meteorologist in

St. Paul, Minn., sagely announced that everyone had been watching the northern lights. His theory was not very well received by Minnesotans who know the difference between the aurora borealis and funny lights that flit along at treetop level. The Air Force and other authorities in Arkansas were too far south to blame it all on the northern lights so they announced everyone had been seeing meteors. (Meteors that hovered, changed course and color and circled around each other?)

Homer Berry, a retired Air Force major living in Little Rock, Ark., had his own explanation. It was the result of his rainmaking experiments, he announced. Instead of raining water it had rained chemically-inspired UFOs.

August 16, 1966, was not actually unique.

On March 30, 1966, hundreds of UFO sightings were reported in the states of New York, New Jersey, Michigan, Iowa, Ohio, California, South Carolina and Wisconsin. No one yet has determined why so many sightings suddenly took place on a single date in so many widely scattered areas.

On July 13 a sudden outbreak of UFO sightings covered the whole state of Nebraska. The

official explainers said it was a meteor. But the meteor did not appear over any of the adjoining states! There were, however, other important sightings that day in far-off Michigan and Illinois.

On July 27 North Carolina, Idaho, California and Oklahoma enjoyed a misplaced display of northern lights. It's interesting to note that the majority of these "flap dates," as the UFOlogists call them, all happened to be Wednesdays. (August 16, however, was a Tuesday.)

Since most of the Minnesota sightings occurred at approximately the same time and since the Arkansas sightings were occurring simultaneously it would appear that a great number of these unexplained lights and objects were in our atmosphere on August 16.

There have been "flaps" of equal or greater intensity since that memorable date but it takes long months of research and sifting to evaluate the reports and organize them into meaningful form.

Apparently three different kinds of phenomena were in evidence that night. First, there were the small low-flying objects seen by so many. Second, there were the strange balls of color-

changing light seen repeatedly over Minnesota, which simply faded out or vanished with a "poof." Third and last, there were the high-flying formations which playfully traversed the skies of Arkansas. Perhaps all of these were related in some way but the skeptics point to these differences to support theories of "electrical plasma" and other natural explanations.

One skeptic who became convinced was Dennis Tyo, 19, of Duluth, Minn. Accompanied by two girls, he was driving along the Rice Lake Road outside of Duluth the following night — August 17 — and was expounding his skepticism of James Luhm's story which had been published in all the papers that day. They were not far from the area where Luhm and three others said they had been chased by a multi-colored flying thing. Suddenly Tyo's girl friend, Bonnie Mattila, 17, gasped and pointed out a huge dark circular object with flashing orange lights. It was moving slowly northeast at a low altitude. The two girls were crying hysterically by the time former skeptic Dennis Tyo called the police at 10:45.

"I was scared stiff," he admitted. "It's one of those things that just don't happen!"

The CURSE of the MUD DOLL



Do you sneer at voodoo curses? Some persons have had to learn at hard cost the long reach of evil.

By Ed Gerdes and Bob Neese

ASK A MAN if he believes in voodoo and chances are he'll laugh — but his laughter may have a hollow ring. There are people who take voodoo as seriously as life, who believe in it so strongly they'll wilt at the drop of a hex. Read this story and see if you can say they are wrong.

Leroy Harbison can prove that a voodoo curse and an ugly little doll smashed the lives of three people. The last scene of his drama was played by a bloody broken corpse, a long-term convict and a tiny baby left parentless.

Harbison, son of a small-town

Mississippi Negro businessman, was given a deck of cards to play with when he was five. He never let callouses grow in his palm and by the time he was 18 his luck at gambling was well-known. He also had won a reputation as a free-spending lover among local females and almost needed a switch to drive off his young admirers. Short, stocky and muscular, masculine as a cigar, he also attracted older women, some of them married, and that fact eventually drove him north.

His powers as a lover and his belief in voodoo started when he

was 15. He was introduced to sex and voodoo rites at the same time by a young very pretty mulatto named Gloria.

Harbison was walking down a dirt lane at the edge of town one evening when the girl approached from the opposite direction. She flashed him a brilliant smile and he stopped to talk. After a little idle chatter she said softly, "Leroy, honey, you come on along with me and I'll show you something like you never seen before."

Leroy reddened and looked slyly at her lush young body. "You might at that," he said, grinning.

She giggled. "I didn't mean just that, silly. I meant . . ." She glanced around fearfully and whispered, "I meant *hoodoo*!"

They walked along through gathering darkness until they reached a weathered shack in a clearing a few hundred yards from the lane. About a dozen people stood quietly on the bare trampled earth before the shack and he noticed a few whites among the Negro people. Back of the shack a few chickens roosted in a wire pen. The air took on a chill and a smell of swamp as the sun dropped out of sight and Harbison shivered even though Gloria snuggled at his side.

Suddenly someone touched a

match to a pile of wood before the cabin and a bonfire shot light into the night. Into this light stepped a tall, thin, wrinkled and old Negress. Red light cut savage grooves through her face, bloodied the white sheet wrapped around her scrawny shoulders and danced weirdly around her as she began a soft chant.

The crowd picked up the chant — low, pulsating, short moans. A drum thudded from somewhere beyond the fire. Cold chills chased down Harbison's spine as the old priestess tied tree branches into crude forms and placed various objects in front of them. Then the drums and the chant caught his pulse, his heartbeat, his breathing and he was swaying and sweating with the rest.

A very young girl, her nude body glistening red in the fire-light, walked from the rear of the cabin. In her arms was a chicken. She slowly walked up to the old priestess and passed the chicken to her. While the drums thudded louder and faster she raised the bird over the now writhing girl.

Harbison was pressed against Gloria now, swaying with her to the rhythm of the drum, the heartbeat. Almost in a trance he saw the priestess whip off her white cloth with one hand, saw

THE FACTS OF THE MATTER

WE HAVE of course used a fictitious name for the man who felt the curse of the mud doll. But the Davenport, Iowa, office of Scott County Sheriff William A. Strout corroborated the facts presented here. On December 6, 1966, a deputy told us he knew that "Harbison," Negro, aged 34, was superstitious from "the rumblings of

the other men in the tank" who rode him "as they will an illiterate man like 'Harbison.'"

The record shows he committed the felony on January 17, 1965, and was taken in January 18. He was sentenced to eight years (when the murder charge was reduced to manslaughter) and imprisoned on April 20, 1965.

the young virgin move against her, saw the bird held aloft.

Suddenly the priestess wrenched off the chicken's head and hot blood spurted over the nude bodies — young and old — beneath it. The virgin writhed and screamed, then dropped to the ground while the priestess danced madly around holding high the headless flopping bird.

Harbison and Gloria sank to the ground with the throbbing pulsing beat still working on their young and eager bodies. Oblivious to other figures on the ground around them they discovered another delightful adventure.

After that night Leroy became a regular caller at the shack of the priestess and attended all the rites with Gloria. He bought "lucky" charms from the old woman and they apparently worked because his gambling luck reached new heights. He bought a new car and tossed

money around as if he had a private mint.

One of his women was a sultry sex-starved brunette named Laura who began openly claiming him as her lover. But Laura was married to an extremely jealous character who owned a revolver. And when he learned Leroy Harbison had been sampling his private stock he loaded that revolver and went hunting.

Harbison was no coward but he wanted neither to kill nor be killed over another man's wife. So he packed his clothing and Gloria into his new car and drove north and for some unknown reason, ended up in Iowa.

"Where there's men, there's money," he told Gloria, now a golden-skinned beautiful young woman. "And where there's money, we'll get a part of it!"

Harbison quickly learned his luck had changed, however. After only a few weeks in Davenport, Iowa, he told Gloria they

were broke. "I can't seem to do anything right, baby," he said, "and the way my luck's been running it looks like you'll have to go to work."

She stared at him through startled dark eyes. "But I don't know anything about working. Who would want to hire me?"

Harbison sneered, "Almost any man, I guess. All you got to do is lay in bed once in a while and I'll get the customers."

Her jaw dropped, then tightened. "No! I'm not that way!"

Harbison stepped forward and slapped her hard across the mouth, splitting her lips. Then he walked toward the door of the apartment. "Then I'm walking out, baby."

Gloria moaned and rushed after him. "Don't go!" she sobbed. "I wouldn't know what to do. Don't leave me." And she pressed her bleeding lips against his.

Two days later he had enough money to start gambling again but this time he was playing it safe. He sent a letter to the old Negress and enclosed a \$20 bill Gloria had earned. Less than a week later he broke the stud game in which he was playing.

"See, baby," he chortled the next day, "we're on the way again."

She sobbed with relief. "Then I can quit?"

He laughed. "Hell, no! We got a good thing going. We won't stop now."

Several weeks later Gloria asked him to stay with her at home one evening. "You've been out all night every night for weeks," she pleaded.

"What's the matter, baby," he leered, "Don't all those other guys take care of you?"

She stamped her foot. "They don't even matter! They can all go to hell! I didn't want them. I want you. I want us to get married, honey, and live like regular people do."

Harbison very nearly signed his death warrant when he stared at her coolly and replied, "You're a whore, baby. No one marries your kind. I take care of you and find trade for you and that's all there is to it."

Her face went yellow-white, ugly with rage and strain. "You made me! You!"

Harbison left and she never had a chance to tell him she was more than a month pregnant. Instead she went for a bottle of whiskey.

Later he found her packing and cracked two of her ribs convincing her to stay. He warned her that if she left before he told her she could, he'd kill her. So Gloria stayed and took another beating when Leroy learned she was pregnant. She was drunk

when an ambulance took her to the hospital months later and she got drunk again as soon as she brought the tiny baby boy home.

Abruptly in midwinter of 1965 she changed. She became quiet, calm, seemingly resigned to her role. She also became very solicitous for Harbison's health, so concerned in fact he began to worry too. He noticed his heart seemed to labor more than usual after the three-flight climb to the apartment, that he developed headaches after the all-night sessions under the shaded lights.

And to top it off he began to lose steadily at gambling. They moved into a cheaper apartment in a low-rent neighborhood and there were only two flights of stairs to climb, for which he was grateful.

One bitterly cold morning in January he climbed those stairs slowly. It had been a long and losing night despite the additional money he had sent south. He moved slowly, quietly, conscious of his thudding heart, into the apartment. He stopped just inside the door hearing a murmur in the bedroom.

Deciding it was the voice of an all-night customer, he started to move past. But something in the sound stopped him. He placed an ear against the panel. There was only one voice and it was Gloria's. It sounded strange.

He eased the door open a crack and peered through with one eye. He saw the woman making strange motions with her hands over an open dresser drawer. He opened the door and moved silently across the room.

Gloria wheeled toward him, shoving the drawer shut with a thrust of her rear. He pushed her aside roughly and jerked open the drawer.

"It's just a good luck charm for you, Honey," she whimpered. "I sent old Luba \$50 for it. It's to bring you good luck."

But Harbison stood frozen, staring at the cloth doll in the drawer, an ugly little splash of color lying on a wool sweater. It was crude. The features were painted on a piece of wood but glued to the wood were bits of hair he recognized as his.

Slowly he reached into the dresser and lifted the doll. Its rank odor wrinkling his nose he removed the cloth that bound the body. Inside was a mud-like substance encasing a tooth he'd lost a few months earlier plus other tiny personal items of his.

He turned then, clenching the doll tightly. His free hand swung in a flashing arc, his knuckles slashed into Gloria's face driving her backward onto the bed. He lashed at her twice more, breaking her nose and bloodying her face. Then he stalked out with

the doll and burned it in the incinerator.

When he returned to the apartment Gloria was in the kitchen washing the blood from her face. When he came into the room, she backed away, water and blood dripping from her chin. Her eyes, huge and white in her battered face, darted wildly from side to side.

"It was for luck!" she cried.

"You wanted to kill me," he said grimly. At the same time there was some wonder in his voice. "After all I've done for you—brought you out of the sticks, got you decent clothes and took you out of a shack—and you wanted to kill me."

He moved slowly toward her, his hands raised. She darted along the wall, pleading silently with her eyes. She reached the kitchen door and rushed through. He followed, all the way to the stairs.

As she started running down, Gloria glanced back. She missed a step. A scream floated over the thudding sounds of her fall and then—silence.

Then Harbison made a mistake. He picked her up and carried her up the stairs and into the apartment. He saw that

blood was pouring from her nose and mouth and ears. Maybe the doll had numbed his senses; maybe the priestess was working long-distance magic; but he simply sat and stared at her for nearly 10 minutes.

"I thought the bleeding might stop," he said later. "And after while it did. When she was dead."

Neighbors who had heard the screams called police and for half an hour Harbison tried to convince them Gloria had tumbled down the stairs. But the cops noticed his skinned knuckles and her badly beaten face and the great quantities of blood around her body. They checked the stairs and strangely, there wasn't a drop of blood on them anywhere. So they decided Harbison had beaten Gloria to death and they charged him with murder.

They took the baby to a city home.

Yes, Leroy Harbison is one of those people who know voodoo curses can work. He sits and stares through the bars of his prison cell, the cell where he will spend a lot of dreary lonely years. He never laughs about voodoo and ugly little dolls.



The LATEST on FINGERTIP VISION



By Walter J. McGraw

Ongoing experiments in new "respectable" branch of ESP set agog orthodox physical scientists here and abroad.

CHANCES ARE that 90 percent (perhaps even 100 percent) of you readers of this report have what has been called variously "fingertip vision," "eyeless vision," "extra-ocular vision (EOV)," "paroptic vision" and "aphotic digital color sensing." All these terms simply mean you have the ability to discriminate between unseen colors by means of your fingertips alone. This may be an ability we all have in greater or lesser degree.

Under stringent test conditions, to prevent peeking, this reporter, whose fingertips have all the delicate sensitivity of a baby bulldozer, was 100 percent correct. This, as we shall see, does not mean that my abilities are in any way remarkable. It does, however, indicate that

America's best-known researcher in this area may be close enough to an explanation of this strange ability to enable him to broaden his tests to the extent that even my minuscule abilities are detectable.

In case you tuned in late and missed the first "Interim Report" (FATE, January, 1965) suffice it to say that in 1963 reports filtered into this country concerning one Rosa Kuleshova, a Russian girl, who it was alleged could read and discriminate colors with her fingertips while blindfolded. Then came reports of other Russians who could do even more remarkable things along this line and American regard for Russian scientists reached a low point as these reports appeared in serious Russian scientific journals. But our

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laughter was spoiled by a Flint, Mich., housewife, Mrs. Pat Stanley, who was found by American scientists to be able to do the same thing. Finally matters were made worse by the discovery that about 10 percent of 133 Barnard College students tested had the same ability to a lesser extent.

Both the Stanley and the Barnard experiments were conducted by Dr. Richard P. Youtz of Columbia University's Barnard College, Department of Psychology. For a radio report for the Group W stations of the Westinghouse Broadcasting Company I interviewed both Youtz and Stanley and sought out a Radio Moscow report on the Russian activities. While Radio Moscow's report outlined possible explanations for this ability Dr. Youtz

felt it was caused by "some variation in the heat sense."

For a new Group W series I again talked with Dr. Youtz about his latest work which he is reporting in an article for *Psychology Today*. It was at this time Dr. Youtz tested me for any ability I might have along this line. In the two years since I last had seen him not much had appeared in the popular press but several papers on the subject had been read to learned societies and work had been done at Barnard and at other universities around the country. Research also had determined that this was by no means a new phenomenon.

In 1898 a Russian physician, Dr. A. I. Khovrin, had reported on a woman named Sophia who he said had "hyperaesthesia of the higher sense organs." She could do what Rosa Kulshova did and, more important, described the sensations she experienced as she did it in exactly the same terms as her successor described them 64 years later.

More recently Prof. A. N. Leontiev, following the pathways first mapped by Pavlov, tried the use of pain in teaching color discrimination by touch. He would beam a hidden light (green or red) on a subject's hand. Immediately afterwards he would give the subject a small but unpleasant

ant electrical shock. This shock, however, could be avoided if the subject took his cue from "feeling" the light from which all the heat had been filtered. If he recognized that the light was being beamed on his hand he could lift a key that would turn off the electricity.

Leontiev found that subjects did learn by touch alone to know when the light was being beamed on their palms. As the next step he beamed, in random order, two lights so the subject had to make a decision in order to avoid the shock. The subjects then learned to discriminate, by feel alone, between red and green.

In France the writer, Jules Romains, had reported success with women who could read while blindfolded with what he called "paroptic vision." In a special Radio Czechoslovakia report parapsychologist Dr. Milan Ryzl stated he was most impressed with some tests carried out recently with hypnotized pupils of "a Prague institute for the blind."

Here in the States Dr. Wallace Minto, who claims among his other credits a period of work on the Manhattan Project, also has done a considerable amount of work with the blind under hypnosis. Minto said, "The important thing with the senses is to

believe that you can do something even before you attempt to do it. Now the same thing applied in these experiments I conducted with the blind. I secured several completely blind persons as subjects and we first tested them 'cold' by giving them pieces of construction paper and asking them if they could discern the colors. Now, of course, these are people who have been blind always, so that they didn't know what a color was. And they merely gave a chance reaction. If you gave them a piece of red paper naturally, they knew the names of colors although they had no notion of what the colors were, they would then say: 'This is purple, green, or blue.' It meant nothing because, say for example we tried with seven different colors, the results were exactly what would be expected by chance — one out of seven hits.

"Then I started a course of training under hypnosis. I hypnotized these persons and picked out some good hypnotic subjects initially and then said, 'Now, here is a piece of red paper. This is red. Feel it. You can feel red. This is what red feels like. On the other hand, this is a piece of blue paper and so on.' After an hour or so of training, under hypnosis, the totally blind person could discern colors once he'd

been trained as to what the colors felt like."

Dr. Vichit Sukhakarn, a Thai physician, has been reported to have established a training center for blind children where, based on experiments begun in 1954, he teaches them to "see" under hypnosis with "a light sensitive spot" on the left cheek. *The Arizona Republic* reported that a senior at Catalina High School in Tucson, Pamela Hardy, 18, taught 47 students at the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind to distinguish colors without the use of hypnotism. Incidentally, she negated the possibility of even her totally blind subjects "peeking" by slipping a box over their heads before testing them because critics of this sort of experiment always point out that only a small percentage of our "blind" are totally blind and charge that people so trained are consciously or unconsciously cheating.

Dr. Youtz too has worked with the blind.

"I went down to the Light House, which is the New York Association for the blind," he said. "Through their cooperation I was able to test about 80 blind students. Some of them were totally blind; some just industrially blind. But I asked them all to wear blindfolds. They laughed quite a bit when I had them put

on a blindfold but they did it. Then I made them use a bib-screen. Still I found that about 10 percent of them could discriminate between white and blue, white and red, and even between blue and red."

Dr. Youtz uses a bib-screen which is attached to the back of the testing box. As the name implies a broad black bib is tied around your neck; there is a space for your hands to go into the box under the bib and above the table top. To see even the space through which to slide your hands you have to twist your body down almost parallel with the table top. The experimenter, not the subject, would have to be totally (not just industrially) blind not to notice this gross body movement needed for peeking.

Well inside the box the subject feels three plastic covered cards: two of one color and one of another. He then is told to designate which is which. The plastic, of course, is to prevent the subject from discriminating by texture. Dr. Youtz has found a good subject also can name the colors when the cards are under glass three one-thousandths of an inch thick but cannot if the glass is one-sixteenth of an inch thick.

Two years ago, under these conditions, I attempted to discriminate between blues and

reds. My results were chance.

This subject of Dr. Youtz' test conditions and precautions against peeking is one about which he is supersensitive. In the respected publication of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, *Science* (February 11, 1966) Martin Gardner, the fun and games editor of *Scientific American* wrote an article, "Derma-optical Perception: A Peek Down the Nose," in which he "revealed" what previously had been published in the autumn, 1965, issue of the *International Journal of Parapsychology*, (although he did not credit the *Journal*), namely that one of the Russian girls had been caught cheating — under test conditions different from those used by Youtz.

Gardner calls Ninel Kulagina "Rosa (Kuleshova)'s chief rival" although Radio Moscow's report to me did not even mention her. He then tells how she was caught and rather implies that this proves not only that all the Russians cheated but so must all of Youtz's subjects, including Mrs. Stanley. Gardner goes on to misrepresent Youtz's test conditions in broad, cheerful terms.

In the May 20, 1966, issue of *Science* Youtz took Gardner to task for making "comments . . . on an *a priori* basis, since he has never seen my apparatus or wit-

nessed my procedure, although his article conveys the impression that he has."

This is not the only area where Gardner failed to do his homework. Perhaps for the first time in *Science*, FATE not only was mentioned in the body of an article but was cited twice in the "References and Notes." Gardner points out that when Mrs. Stanley's results were above chance "These results were widely reported . . . by such magazines of the occult as FATE" but that when her results declined nobody but the *New York Times* reported it. This is untrue. "Such magazines of the occult as FATE" spent eight and one-half pages reporting and analyzing it, which is more than did the good grey *Times*, whose reporter also would have failed to get an "A" for his homework.

The importance of Mrs. Stanley's failing *under the same test controls against peeking that had been used when she succeeded* lay not in concluding that she never had had the ability but rather in finding out why sometimes the ability worked and why sometimes it did not.

Youtz said, "If her finger temperature was down around 70 to 75 degrees her judgments were entirely chance. If her finger temperature was a little over 90 degrees and if the cards were at

room temperature she could discriminate.

"I came back to Barnard College and tested some 133 students and my conclusion then was: it probably was a matter of temperature discrimination because more than half the students who could discriminate, when I asked them on a questionnaire after the study, said they felt they were doing it mostly on the basis of temperature.

"With the blind, then, I did an experiment in which some of the cards used were exposed to light four and one-half inches away for 30 seconds, some to light 14 inches away for 30 seconds, and some had no light exposure. I found that the blind students could discriminate better with those cards which had been exposed to light four and one-half inches away, which made me fairly confident that at least one explanation was that the cards were of different temperature. This becomes important when you remember that dark colors absorb more heat than light colors.

"You know, Benjamin Franklin demonstrated this fact back in the 18th Century. He had a very clever little experiment. It was a winter day with sunlight and he put a square of white cloth on the snow and a square of black cloth on the snow where

the sun would shine on them and he went away for two hours. When he came back the black cloth had sunk farther into the snow than the white cloth because the black cloth was absorbing heat and the white cloth was mostly reflecting it. When the black cloth absorbed the heat it melted the snow and sank down."

Youtz pointed out we really are talking about the electromagnetic spectrum which runs from X-rays and ultraviolet rays through the visible wavelengths (light we can see), through infrared (heat waves) into radio waves. The average human eye is sensitive to a very small part of this spectrum only, to wavelengths that are between about four-tenths and eight-tenths microns in length. However an average is not a rule. Just as some people can hear more frequencies of sound than others can hear, it is known that some eyes are sensitive to a broader band of the spectrum than are others. Some eyes still see at nine-tenths microns or above, or at three-tenths microns or below which, because it is not usually seen, is called "black light." As reported in the first "Interim Report" Youtz wondered if what is true of the eyes might also be true of the fingertips. Could it be that while the fingertips of most of us are

not sensitive to heat below two or three microns some 10 percent are sensitive down to one micron or even eight-tenths or four-tenths of a micron? Because the differences in these wavelengths are so small it seems possible.

However, there is an alternative toward which Youtz now leans. It still involves a rare supersensitivity and temperature, but from a different angle. Another human variable has to do with sensitivity to temperature change — some persons are aware of even small changes in temperature. A paper read to the Eastern Psychological Association by Dr. Walter L. Makous, then of IBM, reported on tests dealing with "emissivity sensitivity."

Youtz explains, "He had done an analysis of the situation which I had been testing in and demonstrated, on a physical basis, that the skin was sensitive to different amounts of heat reflected from stimulus objects. For instance, if one holds one's hand near a black object, then the object absorbs heat from the hand; if one holds one's hand near a white object, it reflects the heat rather than absorbs it."

This is the same principle as demonstrated by Ben Franklin's experiment except that the source of heat is a hand rather than the sun. Because a dark

object takes heat from the hand, the hand feels cooler; a light object reflects heat back to the hand, so the hand feels warmer. If you were to try Franklin's snow experiment in total darkness, with one hand on the black cloth and one on the white, the snow under the black cloth still would melt faster and the hand on the black cloth would be colder than the hand on the white cloth.

In the May 20, 1966, issue of *Science* Makous also took Gardner to task and stated that, with an hour or two of work anyone could learn to discriminate between a black and an unpolished metal surface by means of sensation alone, without touching the object.

"After applying flat black paint to half a square plate of polished metal," he wrote, "he can discriminate the painted . . . side from the unpainted . . . side merely by holding his hand half an inch from the surface and attending to thermal (heat) sensations."

Youtz has gone one step further. Remembering that the greater the difference between the temperature of her hand and the temperature of the object the better Mrs. Stanley did, Youtz is doing the black and unpainted aluminum square test after lowering the temperature of the

plate to some 40 or 50 degrees below the temperature of the normal hand. It was this test, where the effects experienced are grossly exaggerated, at which I succeeded.

The test conditions are the same as before: box, bib-screen, blindfold, etc., but the object is different. The aluminum square, half of it polished and half of it painted black, is brought from a freezing unit and, in my case, was 50 degrees colder than my hand's 92°F. After I was tied up in the bib so I could see nothing that happened in the box the plate was slipped into a wooden frame under a screen of threads that prevented me from getting my fingertips closer than a quarter of an inch to it. I not only did not touch the plate, after a while I did not even touch the strings because they annoyed me. My score in distinguishing the black from the unpainted side of the plate was 100 percent right. Indeed, I wondered how one could make a mistake, the difference one feels is so great. When your hand goes from the reflecting (unpainted) half to the absorbing (painted) half there is a definite feeling of draft on your fingers. This goes away as soon as you move your hand to the other half of the plate.

I took the test twice — once before starting to interview Dr.

Youtz and again during my interview with him. Afterward I expressed surprise that I had been less sure of my answers the second time, although I had maintained my 100 percent score.

Youtz explained that this, too, could be related to Mrs. Stanley and her failures. She had failed when she was tired or distracted.

When I first took the test I had concentrated on what I was doing. The second time I had a microphone in my left hand; I was trying to carry on a running conversation; I was checking on my tape recorder and I was trying to discriminate with my right hand.

"I was surprised you did not make a mistake the second time," said Youtz. "We have found that fatigue and distractions lower the subject's sensitivity even on this broad a test.

"So far," he went on, "everybody we've tried has been able to do it. I wouldn't venture to say 100 percent of the people can do it but I would think it would be more than 90 percent. What I am looking for is a clear demonstration of the temperature hypothesis which is what I call the 'wavelength temperature hypothesis' so that we can see clearly that the discrimination is made on the basis of the heat

drained from the hands by dark materials and the heat reflected back by light materials."

He hopes, when he has sufficient data on this, to go on to different colors that are not so radically different in their absorbing and reflecting characteristics. However, he will maintain the 40 to 50 degree difference in the temperatures of the plates and the hands. He anticipates that, perhaps, as the colors come closer together in their ability to absorb or reflect heat, fewer and fewer persons will succeed in distinguishing them. But he hopes to find persons who, with a 50 degree difference between their hands and the colored objects involved, can do what Mrs. Stanley can do with only a 20 degree difference.

"Perhaps we may find," he concluded, "that 90 percent of the people can do it if the temperature difference is exaggerated enough. Who knows?"

Youtz has been rather disappointed in one area. He had hoped to find a means of helping all the blind. Now he feels this can help only the 10 percent who, like Mrs. Stanley, have the ability to distinguish the colors at room temperature. Color discrimination, he feels, cannot be learned. What learning there has been, he says, has been done by those who had the sensitivity in

the first place. They have learned to associate the different thermal reactions they always had with certain colors. But no one without the natural ability can learn to do this.

"You either have it or you don't," he said. "If there are no positive results (at room temperature) in the first 20 tries, then give it up."

One area where Youtz has had no change of mind concerns ESP. In my first interview with him he stated he felt it could not be *psi* at work although the Russian report concerned, among others, a girl who was presented with "a heap of colored papers."

The report stated: "To the amazement of all present she unfailingly named the color of every sheet by barely touching the topmost with her fingers. She also named the color and subject of pictures concealed under several thick volumes."

Despite the obvious similarity between this test and many of the classic tests for clairvoyance, Youtz held that "fingertip vision" would eventually be subject to a physical explanation and therefore could not have anything to do with ESP which, by definition (Dr. J. B. Rhine's at any rate), must be nonphysical.

Now that Youtz seems even closer to a physical explanation

for "aphotic digital color sensing" he dismisses the possibility of its having any connection with ESP in much the same terms and for many of the same reasons (and with as little evidence of "homework") as Martin Gardner dismissed "dermo-optical perception."

But, if I may quote myself from the first "Interim Report," "There are many who will argue with Dr. J. B. Rhine's dictum

that ESP must be nonphysical in nature, and these people welcome the study of extra-ocular vision by out-and-out sceptics of ESP. . . . There may be some basis for believing that the physical scientists are studying ESP (as) . . . 'EOV.'"

But, as we have a habit of saying in radio, more about that in the next of these reports in the forthcoming October, 1967, issue of FATE.



THE DAY IT RAINED STARS

THE MORNING of May 19, 1780, dawned cloudless and calm over Prince Edward Island, then sparsely settled by fishermen and a few farmers. But by noon a heavy storm was brewing. At one o'clock candles had to be lighted, the sun was hidden and all work was put aside. As the wind rose the settlers grew uneasy. Nothing like this ever had happened before.

The storm soon broke, bringing rain in torrents, earsplitting thunder and awesome lightning. The people gathered in little groups seeking comfort against their common fear that something dreadful was about to happen.

When about six o'clock patches of blue appeared in the sky the moon broke through a cloud bank. It was a blood-red disk which added to the terror of the frightened people.

Then the stars began to fall — some to the land, others into the

sea, in a great display of celestial fireworks. The dogs set up a mournful baying and mothers could not calm their sobbing children. Many persons thought the Day of Judgment was at hand and fell to their knees in prayer.

They could not know that the phenomenon was observed throughout the Maritime Provinces of Canada and most of the New England states. The star-fall continued most of the night but when the wind died away it stopped and a full moon lighted a cloudless sky.

While we have no ultimate explanation for this phenomenon of 1780 astronomers now are able to chart a 33-year periodicity for such spectacular heavenly displays. Another such meteor shower — if we speculate this is in fact what occurred in 1780 — awed the southwest portion of the United States last November, 1966.

By Tina Campomor

On a torrid day in the depths of the dark continent, a swim seemed the obvious and best way to cool off — or was it?

AS THE DAUGHTER of an expert on African affairs I have lived all over Africa for long and short periods of time. I have been exposed to the whole gamut of superstitions, sorceries and beliefs our sophisticated culture considers irrational.

I was 14 years old when I first discovered how dangerous some of these beliefs can seem to be, for I was ensnared in a terrifying experience when my father, Carlos de Almeida Pereira, was on an inspection trip in Angola, Portuguese West Africa, and Mother and I went with him. The trip lasted two months and our last stop was a sugar plantation in Luacho.

In this community a dozen whites lived and worked among thousands of primitive natives of the Chimbundo (or Quimbundo) tribe, hundreds of whom worked for the plantation.

Luacho was approximately 75 kilometers (more than 46 miles) from the nearest point of civilization, the town of Benguela, which could be reached only by litter — by being carried on the

QUIRULO Commanded the Crocodiles

shoulders of native bearers trotting some 16 hours through the jungle.

Soon after we arrived in Luacho a native girl about my age, Missanga, and I became constant companions. She spoke a smattering of Portuguese and I spoke Chimbundo.

Rank is of the utmost importance among primitive peoples and our friendship delighted the tribe. I was the daughter of the number one white man and Missanga was the daughter of Quirulo, a powerful chieftain. Had my father been a *cahany* (laborer) I would have been spared a traumatic experience



About the time author Tina Campomor tangled with the crocodiles the natives were teaching her their dances. Born in Portugal, she is widely-traveled, knows Africa intimately.



for Missanga never would have associated with me. Thus our two worlds would not have trapped me in the middle.

Missanga was not at ease in the confinement of a home as we understood it so I went frequently to the main hut of Quirulo's *sanzala* (compound), always escorted by two faithful bodyguards, Jambo and Piru, who would sacrifice their lives to save mine if it ever were necessary. Going by pony cart or by automobile, depending on whether the weather was hot, hotter or hottest, I would don a sunsuit; Jambo and Piree would flank me and we would go the three kilo-

meters (almost two miles) north to the *sanzala*.

Not more than 300 meters (less than 1000 feet) north of the *sanzala* there was a small river infested with crocodiles. I couldn't have enjoyed going to Missanga's *palhota* (hut) if we had had to pass that river to reach it or even if we had had to pass close enough to glimpse the crocodiles. Once, on my first visit, I had seen those ferocious reptiles

when Quirulo gave me the VIP tour of his domain and that had been enough.

It was Quirulo's expressed conviction — and dogma among his subjects — that he ruled over the crocodiles too. He told me, "For my friends I command the crocodiles to be peaceful but my enemies . . . beware!"

Fate, that inescapable intangible, conspired to combine Missanga's *macunga* (debut) with a temperature of 130 degrees and with humidity to match and of course I had to be at the *sanzala* on that torrid day.

I went in the morning to congratulate her and offer my gifts but even as early as it was after a couple of hours in that suffocating atmosphere I was limp. I could think only of a dip in the shaded pool at the plantation. I mentioned this to Missanga, inviting her to come with me and saying I would send her back in the car whenever she wanted to return to her guests who were expected in droves later in the day. She thought a swim was a wonderful idea but she asked, "Why go so far when we have the river right here?"

With those words Missanga unwittingly turned the morning into a nightmare for me. She refused to listen to my protests and ran toward the river. I followed, trying to explain that I was afraid

of the crocodiles and never would go near them.

"What are you scared of? Are you nervous because of the man the crocodiles killed yesterday? Don't be silly! He tried to cheat my father so naturally he wasn't protected but this is different. For us my father won't let them move a muscle," Missanga said.

I hadn't even heard before about the man who had been killed by the crocodiles. Now I was just plain petrified and I was going home, right now . . . or I *thought* I was going home.

"Good-bye, Missanga, I won't take another step. I can see the crocodiles! Their mouths are open!" I said and turning to Piru I told him to get the car.

In a matter-of-fact voice Piru said, "The crocodiles are yawning, *Menina* (Miss). It is hot and they are uncomfortable too." He didn't move.

Jambo's expression wasn't encouraging either; he seemed embarrassed, maybe resentful, because I was putting them in the difficult position of feeling a divided loyalty. They were Chimbundos; they considered Quirulo omnipotent; my fears were unreasonable so far as they were concerned and my behavior was insulting.

I screamed, "You are supposed to help me, to save me! I don't want to hear another word

about this nonsense of Quirulo dictating to the crocodiles."

This statement was a stupid mistake and I should have known better but fear mixed with youth doesn't make a brilliant combination.

I hadn't noticed Quirulo's approach. As I moved toward Piru there he was. He said, "Children are the reflection of their parents. Does this mean that Excellency Carlos, your father, mistrusts me? It can't be! We are friends! His daughter is as safe with me as my own. Go and swim with Missanga. I'll order the crocodiles to sleep."

Taking my hand he walked me to the edge of the river. There they were! Seven or eight muddy, scaly, huge crocodiles lay closely bunched together; one was halfway out of the water, moving its tail back and forth. The sight paralyzed me. I knew the tail of a crocodile is as lethal as its mouth. A crocodile kills very efficiently by slashing at its victim.

Missanga was still laughing at my terror; Quirulo was smiling as he talked; all I could do was shake. I shook even more when I became afraid of Quirulo, too, when his attitude suddenly changed and he said haughtily and sternly, "You can't be afraid with me right here."

This had become agonizing,

this problem I didn't have the presence of mind to handle. I really didn't want presence of mind, I wanted absence of body but it was obvious even to me that Jambo and Piru wouldn't dare take me home and be a part of Quirulo's loss of face and thus incur his wrath. After all, I would be leaving Luacho soon . . . they would stay . . . with the crocodiles . . . It was obvious Quirulo himself wouldn't yield to my fears. I was facing possible death or brutal mutilation and nobody believed there was any danger in this situation!

At this moment I heard Missanga say, "Come on; your sunsuit will dry out in a minute and then you can go home." Quirulo gave me a gentle push and I was in the water with her. She splashed around in complete unconcern.

Immediately the crocodiles swam towards us. They came fast, in a direct line, unequivocally toward us. I would have run back out of the river but I was frozen as I watched them coming closer. Then I heard Quirulo yell something I couldn't understand. The crocodiles slowed their swimming, suddenly swerving from their course. Then they made a perfect U-turn and swam back to the exact places they had left when they started for us. Once

they arrived at those spots they instantly fell asleep, sprawled among the boulders, their bodies part in and part out of the water. Just as Missanga had promised "they never moved a muscle" from then on for all the time we were in the water. We probably played in the river for 15 or 20 minutes while Quirulo stood watching.

The ugly man-eating beasts were harmless to the world's most terrified friend. . . .

I knew my parents would receive an account of the happening from Quirulo, Jambo, Piru or all three and I thought it best to tell them myself as soon as I

returned home. Their respective reactions were typical. They have always been the same whenever I became involved in what they call my "incident-proneness." Mother kept silent for a long while, then uttered her usual phrase, "Thank God, you are safe!" in the suffering voice she reserved for such occasions. Father, also true to form, lost his temper, then eventually realizing the futility of it all said in frustration, "I'll never be able to find explanations for the things that happen to you!"

I have no explanation for this one either. I only relate the events as they occurred.



THE MAN WHO GREW YOUNG

By Howard Church

SOMETHING ABOUT Baba Narain Singh set him apart from ordinary men. In Pathankot, the village of northern India where he lived until his death March 31, 1956, Baba was known for his abstemious way of life and his devotion to God. But this was not what set him apart; in India, holy men are a common sight.

No, something more material, though mysterious, caused Baba's neighbors to regard him with awe. It was his extreme age coupled with the contradiction of his youthful appearance.

Baba Narain Singh walked

with the sprightly gait of a young man. His remarkable hair which had once been snow-white had turned jet-black again.

Although it never has been known to happen one feels such a miracle of rejuvenation just possibly might occur in a man of 60 or 70 years. But Baba Narain Singh was much older than that.

On the day of his death it was announced in New Delhi that "the oldest man in the world" had succumbed peacefully in his sleep. All available evidence indicated that Baba Narain Singh had lived to the age of 176!

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THE THREE-LEGGED TABLE

By Manuel F. Varona

WHEN MY FATHER Fidel Varona Perez was a boy of 10 he lived with his family in the city of Ciego de Avila in the province of Camaguey, Cuba, in the late 19th Century. At that time the chief forms of entertainment were comedy and drama played in the town theater or evening parties and reunions among friends and relatives.

At the get-togethers the main topics of conversation were the liberation of Cuba in the year 1869, the masterpieces of literature and music and sometimes the verses of a patriotic poet who wrote under the pseudonym, "The Cucalambe."

One evening my father's uncle, Thomas Varona, told the family that he had invited a gentleman from another city to give a demonstration with a little table. He was said to have the ability to receive messages through raps made by the little three-legged

table. The code was: one rap for the letter "A," two for "B" and so on.

The family agreed to have him and that very night he came. Everyone present formed a circle and in the center sat the man. He put his hands on the table, closed his eyes and seemed to go into a trance. He asked, "Does anyone have a question?"

One of my aunts answered, "Yes, we would like to know if our brother Paul who died not long ago made a will?"



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The little table moved and with its little raps gave this message: "Yes, he did."

No one in the family believed this as my uncle had died suddenly of a heart attack.

My aunt spoke up, "We know that it was impossible for him to make a will and we want to know who his heirs are as we want to distribute honestly his properties."

The little table started its movement again and gave this answer:

"His only son is right here in front of this table. He is the only heir and his father some time before his death made a will which you may find in the office of the notary, Dr. Perez Vizcaino, in the city of Puerto Principe (today Camaguey City). Look in Volume 24 at Folio 17. There you will find the will of Paul Varona naming as his only heir his son Paul."

Out of curiosity Thomas Varona (who had brought to our home the man and his strange table) invited two of his friends to accompany him to look for the will. In the city of Puerto Principe in the notary's office they found the will of Paul Varona in Volume 24, Folio 17, and it stated he had only one son and that he was his only heir. — *Redwood City, Calif.*

DEATH'S BLACK HARBINGER

By Clara McCue

TWICE IN MY life the death of someone I dearly loved has been preceded by a visit of what I have come to call the black bird of death.

The first time, I was a child of 12 living with my mother in Claymont, Del. I had no brothers or sisters but I never was lonely, for Mother spent long hours reading to me and talking about my father who died in my infancy. When she spoke of my father her far-off look frightened me. I felt she wished to go to him. Often at such times she would take to her bed and become so ill that a nurse had to come in to care for her.

During one of her illnesses in the summer of 1950 I first saw the ominous bird. The nurse told me Mother was too ill to see me and I could find nothing to do but go to bed at dusk. I quickly fell asleep and darkness had not yet come when a shrill cry awakened me. From my bed, I saw a great black bird perched atop my dresser, its silky feathers shining in the fading glow of twilight. The high-held head was large and round and above a narrow beak two emerald eyes glared down at me.

Suddenly its wings spread and flapped violently; fierce cries came from its throat. I lay terri-

fied, unable to understand this monstrosity. Finally sheer horror impelled me to jump from bed and lift the window screen so the bird could get out. I don't know how it entered; all the windows in the house were screened.

I ran to tell the nurse of my frightening experience and met her coming from my mother's room. She told me my mother had just died — and the strange bird suddenly lost its importance.

I mourned my mother and missed her terribly, but I believed she had gone to my father as she had longed to do. I was taken in by Aunt Sarah, my mother's younger sister, who lived in nearby Wilmington. Aunt Sarah, married but childless, was like my mother in many ways — a warm gentle lovely woman — but she was strong and healthy, as my mother never had been. Aunt Sarah's seaman husband seldom was at home and she spent most of her time with me as my mother had done. In the next five years I grew to love her dearly.

Then in January, 1955, when I was 17, again I found the black bird in my bedroom. This time I couldn't see it clearly, for it was midnight and very dark. Its emerald eyes penetrated the darkness, glaring into mine, and its shrill cries chilled me to the

marrow. Again it left when I opened the window.

In the morning I found my Aunt Sarah dead. — *Chester, Pa.*

A BAD INVESTMENT

By Phillip Lamont Council

ABOUT FOUR YEARS ago my father bought an old house on Stonewall Avenue in Richmond, Va. He planned to refurbish it and rent it out. It was a two-story frame structure built about the turn of the century and it showed its age. It needed a lot of work so in my spare time I helped my father with the repairs.

During the last two weeks we were there in May, 1963, a series of events occurred which could have been only the work of supernatural forces.

One Saturday morning we were wallpapering the kitchen when I heard someone going up the steps to the second floor. I



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went into the hall and tiptoed quietly after the intruder. After a cautious search of all the rooms I was sure no one was there. How the mysterious visitor escaped perplexed me. The stairway was the only entrance to the upper rooms and all the windows were locked.

The next strange occurrence came Monday the following week. I was helping my father sweep the basement when all of a sudden I turned to see him gasping for air. He seemed to be struggling with an unseen assailant. I ran to help him but before I reached him a smashing blow on my right jaw sent me reeling against the wall. The assault ceased right then but Father and I decided we had had enough excitement for that day. We suspected a poltergeist but fearing ridicule, we told no one and reluctantly returned the following day to complete the work.

For the rest of the week we faced many violent and disgusting problems. Tools lifted up and flew around the rooms. Other objects spun into the air and smashed windows.

Always hoping our tormentor would leave we finished the repairs and hastened to acquire a tenant—but unfortunately we never found one who would stay very long. Some were so frightened they vacated the house the

same day they moved in. Others complained that something beat against the wall until the plaster cracked.

My father had to admit the house was a bad investment and he sold it—at a substantial loss. Recently I learned that the old house was among many others that had been torn down to make way for a new road. This, I hope, ended the activity of our poltergeist. — *Chester, Va.*

MY SOUL IN FLIGHT

By Milton C. Watson

ON SEPTEMBER 5, 1917, I was called to serve in the army in World War I. Like thousands of other young men of that day I never had been away from home for more than a night or two.

I traveled from my home in Bonaire, Ga., to the induction center, Camp Gordon, Ga., with some of my old buddies but immediately we all were assigned to different companies and I was lonesome. Despite the fact that I was in a machine gun company with 172 men I was so homesick I could hardly carry out the simple duties assigned me.

While I was stationed in the camp near home and could hear from my folks every week I held up pretty well. But on April 13, 1918, we boarded the train for Camp Upton, N. Y., and pre-

pared to sail overseas. I sent home my new address but before a reply to my letter came we were crossing the Atlantic Ocean in a convoy of 13 ships.

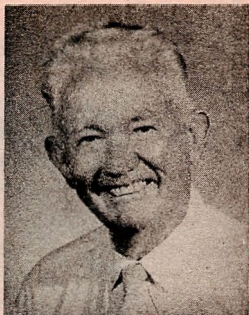
We were on the water 13 days and after landing in Liverpool we were sent to Romsey, England. We stayed there 13 days and still I had not received any mail from home. By this time my homesickness had reached fever pitch.

Before we were transferred to Southampton to sail for France I had the most peculiar dream of my life. I dreamed I left the tent where I was quartered, went to Romsey and caught a train for Liverpool where I boarded a ship and sailed home. The dream was so clear that I still can see myself, a stowaway, hiding behind some large trunks. After the ship landed in New York I caught a train at the Pennsylvania Station and went straight home.

The train stopped at the small Bonaire station but no one was there to meet me. I walked the quarter-mile down the dirt road that led directly to our front gate in the picket fence which surrounded our land. In my dream I lifted the noisy latch just as I had done in reality hundreds of times before.

I closed the gate, walked up on the front porch and opened the door. It seemed I looked around

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and saw everything as I had left it. Then I turned around and made the trip back to England, waking up just as the bugle sounded, "You better get up. . . ."

Later I wrote to my sister Willa and described the dream and the time of its occurrence. To my amazement in her reply she said that my brother Perry and my nephew Charles Evans, sleeping in my old bedroom, both had hopped out of bed the night of my dream, rushed into the front room and told the family I was home. They said they had heard me open the gate and enter the house. The folks had a hard time convincing them I was not there.

After this experience I stopped worrying about my family and my homesickness wore off. Finally I reconciled myself to staying away for the duration of the war. This flight of my soul gave me a new confidence. I was one of the few men who came out of the Argonne without a scratch. — *Miami, Fla.*

Jacqueline Eastlund



SEERESS on TV

Untold thousands watched routine TV interview take strange turn — and inadvertently violate broadcasting rules.

By **James Crenshaw**
Photographs by Joe Flowers

JACQUELINE EASTLUND is the kind of psychic who is willing to hang herself right out on the end of an ESP limb and let a well-known television personality try to saw it off.

Try as he might, Louis Lomax — whose show appears on Channel 11 in Los Angeles — seemed unable to chop her down. As her personal predictions for him one by one became

reality in the weeks following her initial appearance on his show he had to admit defeat. Practically all of her specific personal prophecies (made in inadvertent violation of broadcasting rules) turned out to be correct.

On a later show he brought her back to pay tribute to her accuracy. He felt honor-bound to tell his viewers, estimated to number in the hundreds of thousands,

that so far as he was concerned she had survived his limb-sawing with honor.

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ON JUNE 5, 1966, while being interviewed on the Lomax

only. She hesitated but accepted the challenge with a laconic "all right." She paused as if in silent prayer, then added, "without God's help I can't do anything. If he chooses to give me a blank



Louis Lomax, internationally-known for civil rights and peace work, found in this interview what he called "a prophetess with honor."



Attractive housewife and mother in her 30's, Jacquie made two appearances on Lomax show, provided exciting television fare.

show, Jacquie Eastlund, an attractive housewife and mother in her 30's, was describing her psychic gifts — a type of clairvoyance she called it.

Lomax suddenly turned to her, just before a break for a commercial, and said, "Just look at me and when I come back tell me what you see for me."

Jacquie was taken by surprise since she had understood her appearance was to be an interview

right now you and I both are going to be in a mess."

After the commercial she told Lomax what she "saw" for him. One of the things she sensed in his future she described this way: "I feel very strongly impressed that there will be an honor bestowed on you before three months have elapsed and this honor is one you are not expecting. I don't know the source of it; I only know it is an

honor. It's in the form of a plaque and it will be presented to you. You will mention this on television yourself."

We saw Louis Lomax on Sunday, September 25, 1966. He told us he had learned two weeks before that on the following Tuesday, September 27, a national fraternity was presenting him with a plaque. The fraternity officers were naming him "man of the year." He hadn't expected it and he had not known about the honor until approximately five days after the three-month period which Jacquie had mentioned. He gave her a 99 percent score on that one.

Lomax is the Negro author, lecturer and civil rights leader who received international attention when he succeeded in obtaining permission from the North Viet Nam government and the United States State Department to make a trip to Hanoi for the purpose of interviewing General Ho Chi Minh and others. What Jacquie had to say about that, well before Lomax even dreamed of such a trip, is a documented part of her unusual prediction story — perhaps one of the most definitive cases of verified precognition on record.

From a transcript of Mrs. Eastlund's dialogue with Lomax on the air and from his later verifications we have pieced together

a complete record of this impromptu ESP demonstration.

After the station break on that telecast of June 5, Lomax urged his guest, "Let's hurry up and get tuned in. Go right ahead. Tell me what you see."

Said Jacquie, "I want to go back about 12 years in life. I feel that about 12 years ago there was a troubled area for you. I feel that there was a time during this 12-year period — I feel like I'm moving — I'm changing states, not just changing states of being. I want to change mental states — and moving.

"I feel also this was a trial and error period for you — also a period of growth and development."

Jacquie later explained that she often identifies with the person she is "reading" and uses the first person "I" when referring to activities of the subject.

On the show she continued, "I feel you signed legal papers during this time also. There was an opening of some door that was rather elusive at this time for you, which you came through, and it made itself more known later toward the end of the year.

"As I come back to eight years ago, I feel again there was a major change in your life. I feel that at this time you were beginning to be on your own, so to speak. You were beginning to

When Lomax needed her, determined to test her psychic powers, Jacquie replied that her gifts come from God and without His help "you and I both are in trouble."



feel more self-assured. You still had your own personal problems but so far as your work and your health were concerned there was a change around you at this time. I feel that you were well-adjusted and that you were growing yourself into spiritual development.

"I feel also that you were on the brink."

Lomax, an experienced reporter, made unobtrusive notes as Jacquie, looking into space, went along. At the conclusion of her remarks he commented, "Of course, I am one of the confirmed skeptics but I am simply going to react to what you said." So he made these comments on her statements.

"There are two periods you spoke about in my life, which meant I would have been 30 and 36 respectively. It is true I did sign a major legal document and my life was in turmoil at 30.

"It is also true that at 36 everything did turn around and in fact that's the year I got my job in the newspaper business and I wrote Mike Wallace and got my first television experience."

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PARAPSYCHOLOGICAL (ESP) researchers have found that the precise words used in some types of experiments are all-important. Therefore, we are giving Jacquie Eastlund's own words on the show and where possible those of Lomax, either

from the show itself or from notes taken during our interview with him later.

Here are other unedited quotations from the transcript and quoted or summarized verifications from Lomax:

Jacque: "I see a lot of flags, by the way, waving around you. Flags. I feel that you are going east and that you are going to go to the capital."

Verification: At the end of the show Lomax remarked, you said something about my going away. Well, while I was talking to the audience earlier in the show I deliberately told them to take you away, to take you out the back door. Did they?"

Jacque nodded.

"You did not hear what I said to the audience?"

Jacque said, "No, would you tell me now?"

Lomax explained, "In 45 minutes from now I catch a plane and fly to Washington, D.C., to participate in a White House conference on civil rights."

There was applause from the studio audience, who had heard this news before, and Jacque put her hands to her face, exclaiming, "Oh, my gosh!"

But the blockbuster was still to come.

Jacque: "I see lots of flags. I don't recognize all these flags. It's like a League of Nations. It's

like you're going to do something—like a League of Nations. It's like you are going to do something like an emissary or an ambassador. . . something like a spokesman."

Verification: On September 25 Lomax told us confidentially that three weeks after the television show he had been notified that he was to fly to Geneva for a meeting. He had known nothing of this at the time the show was taped. The meeting took place in the old League of Nations palace where the many flags of the various countries were displayed. There he made the preliminary arrangements for the proposed trip to North Viet Nam. Said Lomax, "I looked up at those flags and wham! It hit me. This was what Jacque Eastlund meant."

Jacque: "I would like to tell you too that when you speak, where you are going, when you are speaking, to listen to the others. Listen to the music (meaning) behind the words. When you speak, speak clearly. Don't be frightened and don't be worried. You have the knowledge and you have the information and you'll put across whatever ideas that you are going. . ." She interrupted herself, "I don't know what you are going to do there. You are going and you will accomplish what you want."

Verification: Did this refer to Lomax's trip to Geneva or Viet Nam or both? In any event Lomax was impressed.

Jacque: "I feel that you're going to — that you are not only going to do this — but you're going to sign some kind of papers within a three-month. . . Oh! The reason I said 'oh!' is because this is in a sense a prediction." (It suddenly had dawned on her that she might be violating the city's fortune-telling law, but Lomax urged her, "Go ahead; go ahead.") ". . . within a three-month period and these papers are extremely important and beneficial to you."

Verification: Lomax said this was fulfilled as predicted. A government contract for the "Cool It" anti-poverty program for children in underprivileged areas, a project in which Lomax was directly concerned, was renewed shortly after the broadcast.

Jacque: "I feel that there is a book around you. I see some kind of book around you. I feel it is not something written about you but something that you are doing — some writing yourself. I feel that I want to go within a five-year period and I feel that your name will not be on just one book but many books."

Verification: On the show Lomax said he was the author of three books and was to do three

more during the following year. Mrs. Eastlund said she knew nothing of his writings.

Jacque: "I also feel a change of shoes and to me a change of shoes means a change of feet" (scene).

Verification: This turned out to be literally as well as figuratively true. On September 25 Lomax revealed that he had developed a bone spur on one foot within the previous three weeks and had to wear sandals. An operation was required to correct the foot condition.

Jacque: "In time you will be commuting from the west coast to the east coast, back and forth. In other words, your work will involve going back and forth."

Verification: The Washington trip previously mentioned by both Jacque and Lomax concerned a television deal whereby Lomax would appear personally on a once-a-month show in the capital but would continue his twice-a-week Los Angeles appearances as well.

Jacque: "I feel also an adoption around you. This tells me that you were either adopted or that there is an adoption in the family. I also feel that there is an adoption of new ideas around you."

Verification: Lomax told the studio audience later, "There is a lady sitting up there in a blue

dress who happens to be my wife and she will testify that for the past five months I have been saying to her, 'Let's adopt a baby.' So maybe that's where you got the vibrations."

Jacque: "I feel strongly impressed with your future. The next five years are extremely important to you. I would suggest that you check this area right in through here (indicating the abdomen). I feel nothing upsetting but that it is not necessary to have this tension through here. I see that your aura has not only the color of the intellect and mental but also the psychic itself. You have developed it, I feel, more than the average person."

Verification: Lomax said that of all the predictions these were the "least fulfilled." He knew nothing of the physical condition and the others were too general to evaluate at this point.

Jacque: "I feel something about the movies around you. You either have been or will be in a production of some kind other than TV."

Verification: Lomax told the audience, "I have three new books (coming out) this year. One of them has already been taken on as a movie. So you were right about the movie. It makes sense." He also told us this was not publicly known.

Jacque: "I also want to go to New York as well as to Washington with you."

Verification: Release of the Lomax show (syndication) on a New York station then was being considered, and the show already was syndicated in Washington.

Jacque: "I feel a Chicago area around you."

Lomax asked: "In the past or in the future?" "In the past and future both," she replied.

Verification: Lomax confirmed this in these words, "You said that Chicago would figure in my life past and present. I lived in Chicago 15 years. I was in Chicago last week and I am scheduled to go back in three weeks."

Jacque: "I feel that there has been . . . that there will be a change of plans, one that you are not expecting, very, very soon. This change of plans will be almost within a 24- to a 36-hour period. But this change of plans is for the better."

Verification: In connection with his Washington trip, he had planned within 18 hours to meet his former wife and to bring back her teen-aged son by a prior marriage to live with him and his wife in Los Angeles. Due to unexpected complications he had to make an on-the-spot decision not to return with the boy. "This was a major change of

plans. It happened within the period of time stated and it was for the better," Lomax said.

Jacque: "I feel many people around you and like I said before, I see many flags and I see many types of dress — garb. I feel that this is important to you but this is only a stepping stone, a gateway. I feel that in a sense you will be a spokesman for many things after this."

Verification: Did the word "gateway" refer to the trip to Geneva where Lomax saw many persons wearing "many types of dress" or the gateway to Viet Nam?

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MRS. EASTLUND HAD predicted his influence "would grow much greater than the race issue." The announcement of his planned trip to North Viet Nam came December 23, 1966, when newspaper stories related that he was being briefed by the State Department in Washington in preparation for the mission. The dispatches stated that North Vietnamese officials had sent Lomax a telegram approving the visit and the United States had approved his interviewing President Ho Chi Minh and other leaders in Hanoi. Lomax declared he was going only as a reporter, having been invited by the North Vietnamese Journalistic Association but it was clear that he also

was working closely with the American government. Ambassador? Emissary? Spokesman?

When Jacque was in the television studio for her second appearance on the show, approximately a month before he left, Lomax told her privately of his tentative plans for the Viet Nam trip. Nothing was certain at that time.

"You'll go before Christmas," Jacque assured him.

He got just under her wire, leaving on Christmas Eve, but did not go all the way. Lomax cooled his heels in Cambodia while trying to unravel red tape and eventually had to return to the States without seeing Ho Chi Minh. That does not alter the accuracy of Jacque's predictions.

The June interview with Mrs. Eastlund had been scheduled but the demonstration was entirely impromptu. As a matter of fact Lomax later acknowledged that such a demonstration could not be repeated because of broadcasting rules. Previously unaware of the restrictions, Lomax had the predictions on record — taped, in other words — and he freely made the verifications.

In the interview part of the program Jacque told Lomax and the video audience that she had "read" privately for many professional people, including

scientists, sociologists, medical men and others. She said she deliberately did not read newspapers or watch television except on rare occasions.

"I hate to admit my ignorance but it is because I do not wish to be influenced," she said.

Jacquie is of French and Cherokee Indian ancestry. She was educated in a Catholic convent and planned to be a nun but decided the "outside world" was better for her. She still spends two hours or more a day in prayer and meditation.

She informed Lomax that she did not particularly like being called a "psychic" but had to accept the label. She is also known as a "sensitive," a term she prefers. She defined a sensitive as "a person who is aware of all the five senses plus the sixth."

Lomax asked her how she does what she does.

"I don't know how," she replied. "I only know I know. This is a gift I was born with. Everyone has it in varying degrees. I feel, I hear, I see, I sense and I know but I really don't know how I know."

She does not pretend to know everything, however, and what she expresses can be both spectacularly accurate or abysmally inaccurate, as the thousands of television viewers were to realize

later in contemplating one of her nonpersonal predictions.

She is often called on to locate missing persons, particularly children, and she told TV viewers of two instances.

In connection with the first instance involving the location of a lost child, she related an unusual psychic experience which she said illustrated a strange rapport between herself and her husband.

She was in a field trying to pick up psychic clues to the child's movements. Her husband, Karl Eastlund, who knew where she was going and how primitive the landscape was in that area, had told her, "Don't worry. I'll be so close you'll feel my hand on your shoulder."

While she was in the field, she related on the television show, "Something grabbed me and I went backward two or three feet." She said she looked down to find a rattlesnake just ahead of her.

"I was absolutely petrified," she continued. "Every instinct I had said to move cautiously back and then run like mad."

When she had reached safety she said she became violently ill.

Lomax asked her: "Do you believe that was your husband's hand?"

"I happened to look at my watch," she said, "and when my

husband came home that night, he asked me what happened at 3:30. I asked him, 'Why?' and he explained that he became violently ill at that time. He knew it was I and I knew it was his hand pulling me back."

The second instance concerned a missing teen-ager, a girl from Palo Alto, Calif. The child's distraught parents telephoned Mrs. Eastlund at about 11:00 P.M. one night in 1966 to ask for help.

To test herself — "to see if I was tuned in to the right people" — she gave them certain information about the family, such as that the father was in government work. When these points were corroborated, Jacquie knew she was in the "right vibration."

"You were able to give them information without their giving it to you?" Lomax inquired.

"Yes, of course," said Jacquie. "I told them the child was either in Los Angeles or en route and would be home within three weeks, if not sooner, and that 18:30 meant something very significant to them but that they would have news of her very shortly . . . that she was all right.

"The next morning the father called and said police had phoned him at 6:30 that she was in juvenile hall in Los Angeles."

Jacquie later learned that 18:30 was equivalent to 6:30 P.M. on a 24-hour clock. As a government

employee, the father of the girl used that kind of time measurement.

Lomax admitted it was all exceptionally impressive, both at the time and on a later show. To round out the program he asked her a few questions about world and national affairs. She said this was not her specialty but she would try to answer.

"There will be a time of peace," she said, "but there is a crisis coming up very shortly. To all appearances it will look very, very bad, but it will not be so. There will be a time of peace later."

Then Lomax asked the final question, which many later considered a kind of *coup de grace*. What he wanted to know was: who will be the next governor of California? But he worded the question peculiarly and ambiguously, some apologists claim.

"If you can project your mind to Sacramento, whom do you see sitting in the governor's chair after the election?"

Jacquie hardly waited for him to finish speaking. She gave her psychically inspired reply without hesitation. "Governor Brown," she said.

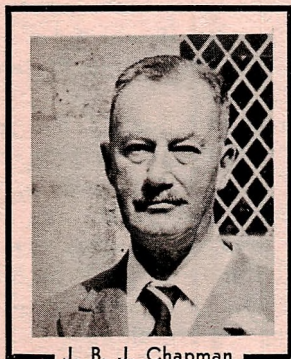
Well, she was right — literally. After the November election in California Governor Brown continued to sit in the governor's chair until Ronald Reagan's in-

auguration as the new governor in January. Any computer expert can tell you — and of course psychics as well — you can't expect to get a proper answer unless you ask a proper question.

In Jacquie's favor, she told Lomax she was not in the habit of

making political predictions and never had before in fact.

But she herself made no apologies. The day after the election in which Reagan overwhelmed Brown she simply commented, "To err is human; to be right is divine."



J. P. J. Chapman

J. P. J. CHAPMAN DIES

It is with sorrow in our hearts that we tell you we have lost yet another of our long-time friends. J. P. J. Chapman died suddenly on the afternoon of Wednesday, April 26, this year.

Mr. Chapman became a FATE contributor with the May, 1954, issue and has given us a story every year thereafter. We have in inventory four more of his unusual tales and when these have been published, over the next year, Mr. Chapman's voice will be silent to us.

J. P. J. Chapman lived in England, having been born in Somerset. He was a radio engineer and had received high honors for his work in motion picture color film. He had traveled widely over Europe, Egypt and the West Indies. He served in the Armed Forces in both World Wars. Later in his life he was a writer and lecturer. All of these experiences plus his hobby of occultism and magic, in which he had done extensive research, made him a valuable friend and critic of FATE Magazine.

You the readers and we the editors have lost a dear friend.





Wheel of Fortune

By Paul Steiner

In Cedar Rapids, Iowa, a policeman arrested at gunpoint a man who was trying to steal a safe from an office. But he wished someone else had made the arrest because the robber had twice saved his life by rescuing him from the Cedar River when they were teen-agers.

Jacqueline Coulier, 14, was playing near the Bourgogne Canal in Dijon, France, when she heard cries for help from a swimmer. Without a second thought Jacqueline dived into the water and rescued drowning Michele Robaldo, 17. Later Jacqueline said, "It's amazing. I've never swum before in my life."

Mrs. Pauline Ellison crashed into a truck while she was driving down an icy highway in Richmond, Ind. She was thrown from her car and skidded 200

feet on her briefcase. She was not hurt.

Warner Bros., filming *Chubasco* (a Portugese word for tropical storm) off the coast of Baja, Calif., was forced to abandon location filming and head back to San Diego by a widespread storm — chubasco?

Joy Adamson, author of the best-selling *Born Free*, tells of a case where the carcass of an elephant that had been shot in an African game warden's garden was moved by truck to a spot a mile away where it would be stripped overnight by hyenas and vultures. The next evening the rest of the elephant herd returned and carried the shoulder blade of their dead comrade back to the exact spot where he had died in the game warden's garden.

First Satanic Church of the United States stands in ordinary middle-class San Francisco neighborhood, remarkable only for its color—black. Its 13 rooms are home as well as church for satanic priest.

Speak of the Devil



By Paul R. Jeschke

Photographs by Paul Gorman
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... in the right place at the right
time and this high priest may materialize before your very eyes!

ANTON SZANDOR LaVey never really made it big as a lion trainer, police photographer, magician, exorciser of haunts or musician. He applied his musical talents in oddly-assorted places — as a pianist in a burlesque house, at a calliope keyboard and in the oboe section of a symphony orchestra.

But he has a perverse showmanship which will not be stifled.

Currently it appears LaVey has found a metier that bodes success. Impersonating the devil, he presides as high mucky-muck in the "First Satanic Church of the United States," founded less than a year ago and already a diabolical success. It is not clear whether he has been influenced by Aleister Crowley whose truck with the devil preceded LaVey's in time and whose stature as a satanic go-

Six-foot LaVey calls his magic circle a "pentagram" but he reserves right to interpret its power for his flock — said to number 2500.



between is not likely to be surpassed.

To the door of LaVey's eerie home in an ordinary middle-class neighborhood in San Francisco, Calif., come all sorts of people — except those without money — to attend "services." He claims 2,500 members support the church by leaving donations after private consultations. Each potential follower is subjected to LaVey's own financial

analysis. The less affluent, he told me, "simply are asked not to return."

"It's going over very well, thank you," he says.

Billing himself "high priest of the devil, Satan, Lucifer, Beelzebub or any other evil name you can think of," the six-foot, 36-year-old LaVey sports a shaven head, neatly trimmed Ming beard and red velvet robes which add strikingly to the illu-

sion that he is in fact the devil. He concedes his ears "aren't quite pointed enough," but he says, "I've considered plastic surgery."

LaVey's 13-room house, painted black of course, doubles as his church. Its history is appropriately wicked for the venture.

basement. Sharing this inspiring atmosphere with LaVey are his bewitching wife, Diane, and two daughters, Karla, 14, and Zeena, three.

"We're a happy family," said sorcerer LaVey.

The self-styled devil's advocate recently performed his first



With "Satania" as mantel decor, LaVey conducts some kind of devilish service for "Hellas" and "Elysia." The latter, at right, is Mrs. LaVey who claims a "happy family."

What would the devil's hideaway be without a magic panel? In this case revolving fireplace gives access to hellish chamber in the basement.

It formerly served as a brothel, an astrologer's headquarters and once was a speakeasy.

On the inside objets d'art include a stuffed werewolf(?), a skeleton in a showcase, human skulls to serve as candle-holders, a library of treatises on the black arts, an operating table used for a bar and a fireplace which revolves to reveal the entrance to a secret chamber in the

marriage. The bride was Judith Case, 26, daughter of a prominent New York Republican, who married unemployed writer John Raymond. During the macabre ceremony in LaVey's living room a voluptuous nude woman graced the altar and when the knot had been tied the 100 or so guests threw black rice.

The happy couple told newsmen their marriage was "con-



ceived not in Heaven, but in hell."

LaVey sees a bright future for Satan's church, for it represents a "great breakthrough in the gray area between religion and psychiatry." But he does not proselytize.

"If you're living a satisfactory life why change? Go back to your own church and enjoy it," he says, adding that Satan has kept conventional religion going for thousands of years. "It's time he got credit," claims LaVey.

The creed of the First Satanic Church urges full indulgence in the Seven Deadly Sins.

"Pride? If we didn't have pride we wouldn't have self-respect.

"Sloth? Who wants to get out of bed in the morning? Everyone wants to be lazy.

"Anger? If people exploded, they would be less prone to have ulcers and heart attacks.

"The Seven Deadly Sins actually are virtues. They all lead to physical or mental gratification. How can one be kind and good to anyone else if he doesn't even know how to be good to himself?"

Anton Szandor LaVey may have a point there.

The controlling factor may be
faith: faith in life after death, faith
in familial love and its power.

GUARDIAN ANGELS are where YOU find them

By W. H. Ziegler

IN AUGUST, 1945, while serving in the armed forces on Iwo Jima, I had my first experience with the "unknown." We had landed on the island under heavy fire, into the middle kettle of hell you might say. Our command was to dig in fast and we didn't need any urging. I dug like crazy, then dove into what little protection I had. I heard the screams of one of our men who had stepped on a mine; the whole lower part of his legs was blown off. Man, at a time like that you really pray!

Things kept getting worse out there and I thought it was the end of the line for us all. Then suddenly someone was there in the hole with me, someone had come to protect me. This invisible guardian angel stayed with me all through that long and terrible night. Once when things were quiet out there for a minute I decided to look out but an unseen force shoved me down just

as a bullet whizzed by my head.

A few years later when I was home again and while I was on vacation I spent a long lovely afternoon with my grandmother. This good woman was more like a mother to me for she had raised me. My mother died when I was five and the only thing for my three-year-old little sister and me to do was live with Grandma. I thank God for the kind of woman she was, always kind and good to us.

Now as we talked Grandma said, "Jim, I have a note I'd like to give you. I found it on the desk upstairs a few days after your mother passed away. Your mother must have had a premonition that she was going to die."

She handed me a slip of paper that was yellow with age. On it Mother simply stated that she felt her time here was short. She wanted Grandma to raise us and even though her frail body would

be separated from us her spirit would stay close to guide and protect us.

"When little Ann was nine she almost died from a ruptured appendix. Your mother stood at the head of Ann's bed all through one bad night," Grandma said. "She didn't leave until we knew Ann was out of danger. I've felt the presence of her spirit many times."

Grandma sat rocking there on the porch with a faraway look in her eyes, then she said, "Once I had a very real and disturbing experience with the unknown. Pa and I were living on a ranch out in Wyoming about 1910. I had been desperately ill; I was several months pregnant, then all at once in the middle of the night my child was born dead. Doctors were so few in that area; the nearest one was at Afton 20 miles away. There were no telephones anywhere near. I had a high fever; peritonitis had set in and I was dehydrating. Pa knew he had to get a doctor fast. It was early spring, we had two feet of new snow and he would have to go on snowshoes. But the hardest part of it all, he would have to leave me alone while he went. After banking the fire and making me as comfortable as possible he leaned over to kiss me good-bye. Tears were streaming down his face as he asked God to

protect and give me strength while he was away.

"I must have gone to sleep and when I woke up," — here she paused and looked me in the eye. "Jim," she said, "I'm sure I was awake! There was an old man sitting by my bed. He had long white hair and the kindest, most beautiful face I have ever seen. He had on sort of a loose robe and his feet were bare. I felt no fear, just a wonderful feeling of relief that I was no longer alone. He got up, came over and put his hands on my head. He told me I must have courage, my life would be spared and I would bear other children. . . . The most wonderful feeling came over me. My body felt warm and weightless, the dreadful pain left and I drifted off to sleep. It didn't seem like any time at all until Pa and Doctor Proctor were in the room.

"The first thing Pa said was, 'Mary, has someone been here?'"

"'Yes,' I said, 'a kind old man came and sat at the side of my bed while you were gone.'"

"Pa just wiped his eyes and couldn't say a word but the doctor told me they had seen an old man going down the dry creek bed as they came through the field. The thing that puzzled them was there were no tracks in the snow anywhere."

In the fall of 1959 we got word

to come home at once; Grandma was not expected to live. She was past 80 and quite feeble but her mind was exceptionally sharp and active.

Her youngest son Fred had been killed in a car accident that June. The decision of the family had been not to tell her about this tragedy. Fred had been far-away for a long time and there really was nothing she could do about his death but grieve. So she wasn't told of his death. Then soon after, like a bolt from the blue, Aunt Louise died of a heart attack. Again the family decided they just would not tell Grandma about her daughter's death. Consequently Grandma did not know about either Fred's or Louise's death.

While my wife and I sat at her bedside during her final hours she rambled some, talking in delirium. She was in her own room at home. Because Grandma was a Christian Scientist a hospital was out of the question. Grandpa had died in this same room nine years before.

Suddenly Grandma sat straight up in bed, her eyes bright. She looked at me and said, "Jim, get my dress quick; Pa is coming to take me with him. Hurry, Jim, hurry."

I just took her frail old hand in mine and said, "Yes, Grandma."

Then she leaned forward to peer out the window. The curtain was blowing in the soft autumn breeze. "He's here," she said. "Father is here."

I looked out the window but of course I saw no one. Nevertheless, I felt my scalp tighten as she said, "Bless my soul! Fred and Louise are with him and there's Mary Ann!" (Mary Ann was my mother.)

A few minutes later the doctor signed the death certificate. I stood looking down at her. She wore a half-smile and a look of utter content on her face. Somehow since then I don't dread death as I used to.

There have been other times when I've felt the power of the unknown. An incident that happened a few months ago prompted me to write this article.

Our children have a small electric heater upstairs. They use it during the summer months while the gas furnace is turned off because sometimes our nights get pretty cold. I usually check this heater the last thing before I go to bed just to make sure all is well. But, on this particular night I was dog-tired and I had no idea the kids would turn the heater on anyway because we were having a warm spell. In the middle of the night Grandma called me. Her voice was loud and clear and I recognized it immediately.

"Check upstairs! Your children are in danger," she called.

I leaped out of bed and ran upstairs. The heater was on full blast and Ted had left his clothes so close to it they were scorching. I pulled the plug, removed the scorched clothes and went back to bed. My wife asked sleepily, "Is something wrong?"

"Hell," I said, "if Grandma hadn't called me we might all have burned up."

She raised up on an elbow, looked at me sort of funny and asked, "Grandma called you?"

Not till she repeated this question did I realize Grandma doesn't live here anymore. But she did call me!



TWO DREAMS OF A MISSING HUNTER

ON OCTOBER 26, 1966, Alfred G. Evenson, 75, went hunting alone in the area between Goddard and Elk City Creeks near Lewiston, Idaho, where he lived. When he failed to return home, he became the object of a seven-day search by as many as 70 persons.

The search parties combed the area of the creeks without finding any trace of Evenson. Due to a heavy rain the night he was found to be missing, an attempt to track him with a bloodhound proved futile. After the search was officially abandoned, two of Evenson's sisters, Mrs. Leo Baldwin and Mrs. Lynn Catherman, both of Lewiston, made trips into the area several times a week for the next two weeks but also found nothing.

Then two old friends of Evenson visited the sisters and related they had dreamed of seeing Evenson lying dead in the vicinity of Goddard Creek. Their dreams, according to a report in

the *Idaho County Free Press* of November 24, 1966, were identical. One of the men, named Matheny, had prospected in the area where Evenson had vanished but the other man never had been there.

One of the two friends, not identified in the report, drew a map . . . and were led directly to Evenson's body. Considering the dreams as their only remaining hope, the sisters followed the map . . . and were led directly to their brother's remains.

They reported their discovery to Sheriff Gene Fuzzell, who went to the scene with Deputy Charles Houger and five men from Fenn Ranger District. They found Evenson's body seated before a small lean-to that he evidently had built the night he became lost. Fuzzell theorized that Evenson had slept in the lean-to and in the morning, after seating himself in the sun to get warm, had died of natural causes.

Shankar Bannerjee, an Indian student from Calcutta, begins by hypnotizing his friend and countryman, Ashis Sen, an electronics student. Both young men seemed nervous but confident.



The MAN who Lost his TONGUE

... and not to the cat — although it might have been a tasty morsel under quite different circumstances.

By John Dunning

ARE YOU PREPARED to accept a camera operated by a professional photographer as an accurate instrument of observation? If your answer is yes, then the experiment which took place in Wickrath, West Germany, on December 27, 1966, must be regarded as reasonable and believable. And if we have no explanation for what the camera shows us, then at least we are in good company, for science does not yet explain nuclear reaction or laser beams either.

On an evening last year a group of some 30 students from a dozen or more countries gathered in the university *Studentenwohnheim* in Wickrath to witness an event which, to the best of their knowledge, never before had taken place in Europe. Shankar Bannerjee, an Indian student from Calcutta, West Bengal, India, enrolled in the State Engineering School of Textile Manufacturing, had said he was going to cut off a man's tongue and then replace it with



Satisfied that Sen was in deep hypnosis Bannerjee worked quickly, for he could not take more than six minutes. Top photo shows scissors starting to sever tip of tongue and below, cut has been made.

no injury to the subject.

None of the witnesses* were connected with Mr. Bannerjee in any way, nor did they believe that the experiment would be a success — or undertaken at all for that matter. Some were convinced the evening would end with Mr. Bannerjee's arrest by the German police on a charge of having done grievous bodily

*Rudolf Winkler, of the *Bild Zeitung*, Juergen Boettler of *European Life*, Erenfried Schrey, reporter and photographer from *Presse Buero West*, Egon Brandtner, private photographer, Paul Schwuchow, Mehdi Naway, Mostafa Rezwany, Mostafa Goreichi, Huschang Mochrezadh, Abedini Khoramy, Mostaba Adily, Hormos Ain, Rajat Kumar Guha, Gulam Ahmed Kahn, Bernd Schmitt, Regine Fischer, Tarun Kumar Arora, Moloy Choudhury, Drathi Sen, Mrs. Sen, Dr. Jacob, Jakub Lala, Tanha Mohhsen, Rias Mizagian, Monilal Biswas, Erika Schmitt, Ahmed Jawarj, Ardeschi Torkzadeh, Jakub Eltimini and Paul Herrmann.



harm to his subject should he actually sever his tongue. Others were confident they were to be shown a clever trick or become the subjects of an experiment in mass hypnosis. The photographers alone were unconcerned — cameras are not subject to hypnosis.

Shankar Bannerjee's subject was his friend and countryman, Ashis Sen, a student of electronics at the Technical and Scientific Institute in Krefeld, a town nearby. Both young men seemed extremely nervous. Bannerjee was perspiring heavily and Sen chain-smoked cigarette after cigarette. He stated that he had the utmost confidence in his friend but of course having one's tongue cut off is not an experience to be undertaken lightly.

"I shall place Mr. Sen in a state of deep hypnosis," stated Shankar Bannerjee, a Yoga adept. "Then I shall cut off the tip of his tongue. There must be no blood. If blood appears the experiment is a failure and the results can be very dangerous to Mr. Sen. The entire experiment cannot last more than six minutes."

The witnesses now became tense and silent. No one believed any longer that he was to see no more than a clever parlor trick. Sen finished his sixth cigarette and took his place in the chair,

announcing that he was ready.

Paul Schwuchow, housemaster of the student hostel and thus a German government employee, took up a post at Ashis Sen's side. With his right hand clasped around the subject's wrist he nodded to indicate he had found the pulse beating regular and strong.

The photographers moved closer, adjusting the focus of their cameras.

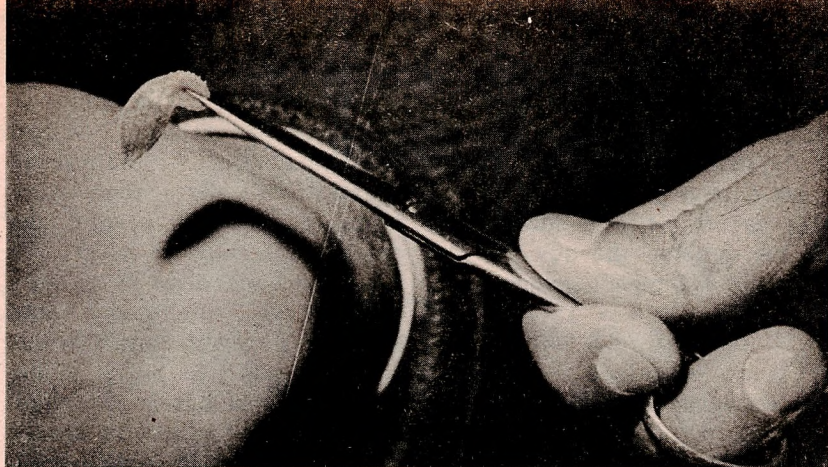
On Sen's left, a small table held sterilized surgical scissors and forceps on a sterile napkin.

Shankar Bannerjee extended his fingertips over Sen's temples. Ashis Sen's features relaxed; his eyelids drooped, opened, drooped again, then closed completely. His breathing became slow, deep and regular. He was asleep.

"Pulse slowing," said Paul Schwuchow in a low precise voice. "Still slower; it's gone. No. There it is again. Now it's gone completely. No pulse at all!"

The moment had arrived!

Sweat poured down Shankar Bannerjee's face as he quickly took up the sterilized instruments, the scissors in his right hand, the forceps in his left. In obedience to Bannerjee's command Ashis Sen opened his mouth and stuck out his tongue. Gripping the end of Sen's tongue



Camera closes in, sharply focused on severed flesh displayed in sterile forceps.

with the forceps Bannerjee working rapidly and deliberately severed it about one-half inch back from the tip with the scissors.

The breathless silence in the room was punctuated only by the clicking of the cameras. Bannerjee displayed the severed piece of tongue immediately before the faces of the shaken students. There was no trace of blood but the piece of tongue looked very much alive. Behind him Ashis Sen continued to sit in profound sleep, the stump of his severed tongue protruding from his open mouth. There was no blood.

But time was running short. Shankar Bannerjee turned swiftly to the subject and with one deft movement, replaced the tongue exactly as it has been. The two pieces of flesh now gave no indication they ever had been

separated. The unbelievable had occurred!

Shankar Bannerjee wiped the perspiration from his forehead and recalled the subject to consciousness. Ashis Sen opened his eyes and asked for a drink of water. He seemed none the worse for the experience.

"His pulse is stronger now than it was before the experiment," Paul Schwuchow said. He had remained at Sen's side with his fingers on his pulse throughout the experiment.

The students now crowded curiously around Shankar Bannerjee and Ashis Sen. "Mass hypnotism," said one voice dubiously.

If there were others who suspected mass hypnotism or some other trick they were disillusioned the following day when the photographs made during the

experiment were published. These photographs showed precisely and in detail the exact event they had witnessed. Cameras cannot be hypnotized and no one doubted the sincere detachment of the photographers.

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WE HAVE HERE then a reliably witnessed well-documented account of an inexplicable event. On the evening of December 27, 1966, in the student hostel at Wickrath, West Germany, Shankar Bannerjee cut off the tip of Ashis Sen's tongue and two or three minutes later successfully replaced it.

How did he do it?

On this point Shankar Bannerjee was not very informative. He had, he said, studied Yoga under a great master in India and this was something he had learned.

Yoga is for Shankar Bannerjee only an avocation. He is more interested in completing his studies in the textile field. His father, Prof. Prafulla Ch. Bannerjee is the director of a school in India and a philologist of considerable standing and his son was to have followed in his footsteps. However, Shankar found textile manufacturing far more interesting than philology and came to Germany some five and a half years ago to pursue his studies in it.

"Why did you want to perform the experiment?" we asked.

"Because this art is practically unknown in Europe," replied Mr. Bannerjee. "I wished to demonstrate that there are forms of thought beyond the purely materialistic which are not to be understood by persons of average intelligence and training. Experimentation in this field has only just begun in the Western world but in my country, India, one comes in almost daily contact with such inexplicable phenomena. Present-day life, particularly in the West, has become so hectic that the individual scarcely has time to think; his nerves are in a constant state of laceration. The materialistic attitudes of such persons do not permit them to believe anything which they do not understand or have not personally witnessed.

"It is a combination of faith and mastery of the techniques of Yoga which lead to success in such experiments. Unfortunately this form of hypnosis is very little known and is virtually on the point of dying out. I sincerely regret this development for much could be done in the field of medicine to help people physically, spiritually and psychologically by means of it."

Some days later when we met Mr. Bannerjee again he told us, "Since performing my experiment I have received many letters and inquiries from persons

who are in need of help of one kind or another. I would be more than happy to help them but this would be possible only when I have completed my studies in textile engineering.

"I believe if I were able to perform this experiment before a greater audience, such as a television audience in the United

States, this might lead to serious consideration and eventual utilization of this practice."

Certainly it would seem a good idea to have the phenomenon done under scientifically controlled conditions.

In the minds of the persons present during the experiment there seems to be no question as to the authenticity of the performance. The pictures speak for themselves.

If we are truly scientifically minded, if knowledge without preconception is our goal, the Wickrath experiment will be studied and evaluated in some laboratory. And if we can trust what we see and cameras do not lie, then the experiment may make an important contribution to the knowledge of man — of his surroundings and himself.



Experiment has ended. Roused from hypnotic sleep, Sen shows he can drink from glass. Right, Paul Schwuchow, German government employee, closely examines Sen's now fully-restored tongue.



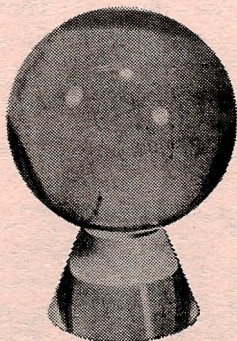
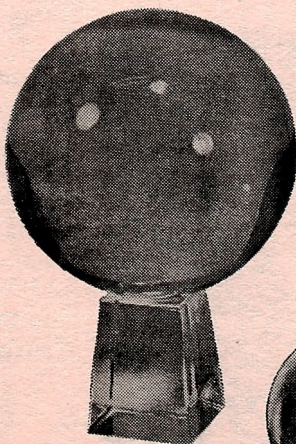
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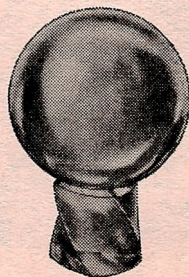
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By Ruth Brehm

FROM THE MOMENT OF my first meeting with her my Aunt Fanny tried to give me faith. I was eight years old when she arrived in our California city in the 'Thirties. My parents' religion Fanny Calvert considered "heathen" and within a few days she had selected me as the child worth saving.

In Depression days she found that the gift of Sunday clothes was a powerful proselytizer and soon I was a regular churchgoer. My brothers and sisters, of stronger faith than I, refused the bribe.

For 30 years thereafter she tried to instill in me a strong belief in the hereafter — sometimes under downright amusing circumstances, for she herself frequently changed churches.

However, when she died on January 2, 1960, she quickly accomplished her goal. Not only did she convert me within minutes of her death, she also sent me a frantic message which averted a fire. Two days later she spoke to me again, this time directly, and again to prevent disaster.

I am a newspaper reporter and as skeptical as anyone can be. Fact and

fantasy are incompatible in my mind — but these facts are fantastic.

Aunt Fanny's home in Ventura and mine in Oak View were about 10 miles apart. She spent the 1959 Christmas holidays with me and had become ill, complaining of chest and back pains. But she refused medical attention. I sat up with her every night and by the third night of hand-holding I was exhausted. I called a doctor who advised me to give her aspirin and bring her to see him the next day.

Over her objections I drove her into town. The doctor treated her symptoms rather lightly, saying,



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"Sounds like a gallbladder attack to me." He scheduled X-rays for later in the week. She insisted on remaining alone in her home and two days later her mood was cheerful when I drove her to the doctor.

On the way home she said, "Ruth, I'm not long for this world. I pray I don't have a long illness." To my embarrassment she insisted on showing me where she kept her will and other important papers. I should never have found them as they were cached in a cardboard box of old hosiery which she saved for crocheting rugs. Then she surprised me by insisting that she wanted to be cremated. This was not in accordance with her current religion.

"I don't like dirt in my face," she said.

She seemed her normal healthy self and I still remember my irritation that she had ruined my Christmas holiday with her "dramatics" about the will. The doctor predicted no early demise for her.

My husband too was irritated. He loved Aunt Fanny but found her talk of the glorious hereafter a little tiresome, to say the least. That Saturday, the day after New Year's Day, as my husband and I were preparing to do our weekly shopping I suggested that we stop and see Aunt Fanny first. He hit the ceiling. "We'll be stuck there half the day. You can visit her tomorrow by yourself. I want to go and get back!"

I had no choice but to agree but as we prepared to go out the kitchen door I saw my aunt's box of tea sitting on my cupboard. She always brought her own tea when she came and she had left it the week before.

"I have to take Aunt Fanny her tea," I said firmly.

"She has more at home or she would have asked for it by now," argued my husband.

"No, I have to take it to her," I said without logic.

We had a terrible row. I was desperate and illogical, I knew. My husband did not speak during the 10-mile trip to Aunt Fanny's house and I sat gripping the box of tea in tense hands.

Her car was parked at the curb. Her screen doors were hooked on the inside but she didn't answer the bell. I knew her extra front door key was in the garage. I began to get gooseflesh as I set down the box of tea and ran for the garage. My husband was jimmying the screen door.

"Aunt Fanny will have a fit about this," I thought. "She probably took a sleeping pill."

But we found her dead in her kitchen clad only in her nightgown. Her body was still warm. The coroner fixed her time of death at a half hour before we found her.

A strange smell filled the kitchen. I turned and saw a glowing red-hot pot on the stove. Minutes after her death she surely had "told" me of the still-lit burner and the pot that might have burned down the house had we not found it so soon.

Two days later at the request of the funeral director my husband and I made another trip to Aunt Fanny's house to get clothing for her. I carefully listed the items he wanted for I had no wish to stay but a moment in the little house which held so many memories. I gathered the items quickly and as we prepared to leave the bedroom, I heard my aunt's voice clearly saying, "Ruth! For goodness' sake, the bed!"

The bedding was disarrayed as she had left it the morning she died. Aunt Fanny could not abide an unmade bed. When she visited me she "snooped" in my bedrooms and if she found an unmade bed she made it, much to my exasperation.

"What are you stopping for?" my husband asked.

I put down the bundle of clothing and said, "I have to make the bed."

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By J. M. Swan

WHEN I WAS A child my grandfather John Collson lived with us in our home in Erin, N.Y. He was bedridden and finally died in the spring of 1949. During his lengthy illness he used to holler "hello!" whenever he wanted anything. As he became worse the frequency of his calls increased and whoever was nearby would try to tend his needs.

After he died we continued to hear his voice, his familiar call, "hello!" Everyone in the house, my mother and father and we children, heard it. We searched the house many times to find any unusual sound that might be misinterpreted as his voice — but we found nothing. My mother insisted that it was a trick of memory but we children were convinced it was Grandfather's ghost.

The climax came Christmas Eve, 1949, when the adults all were out of the house. My cousin, my brother and sister, our dog and I were home alone. Our German shepherd was a

bit too friendly to excel as a watchdog but nevertheless she always raised an alarm if strangers were near the house at night.

We all heard the first noise from Grandfather's room. The dog bristled, then whined as she took refuge behind the davenport. Her unusual behavior scared us more than the original noise. It sounded as if someone were searching frantically through the room. Drawers banged and the closet door slammed — then silence. The dog crawled from her hiding place and four terrified youngsters began to relax and search for an explanation. We checked the room and found nothing out of place. The only window was closed and locked from the inside.

That was the last manifestation of any kind from Grandfather's room. Never again did we hear his voice.

We don't know what caused the disturbance but the four of us like to

believe that Grandfather found what he was looking for and now has no more reason to return. — *Pine Valley, N.Y.*

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By Anna Irvine

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One afternoon when I returned after an absence of about two hours he greeted me excitedly, "Guess who came to visit while you were gone! Lou Gunn!"

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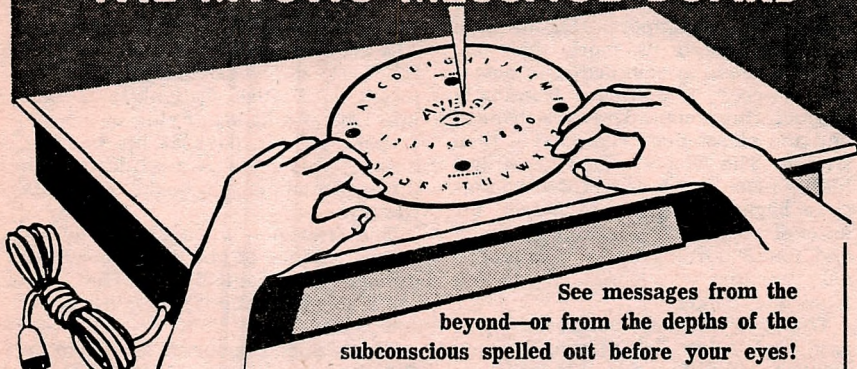
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we had lived in Edmonton.

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I looked closely to see if my husband had been influenced by some drug. His eyes looked perfectly normal and clear.

"Lou had a very serious heart attack," my husband continued. "On November 2 out of the blue he was stricken with a coronary thrombosis."

November 2! This was November 28. If Lou had sustained a serious coronary only 26 days ago he could not possibly have traveled the distance to Kelowna.

"Are you sure Lou was here? Maybe you went to sleep and dreamed while I was gone."

My husband, now indignant, replied, "I haven't slept one minute. Lou was here and he talked to me. Why don't you ask the nurse? She'll know."

All visitors had to have the nurse's permission to enter my husband's room. I went to the desk and asked if he had had any visitors. The answer was no. Had he been given any medication? Nothing whatsoever for the past three days.

Back in his room I told him that he had dreamed Lou's visit. He became quite angry and insisted it was not a dream.

Four weeks later I received a letter from Lou's wife telling me that his heart attack on November 2, 1965, had been fatal. He died within an hour of the attack. But my husband insisted he saw Lou 26 days later. — *Kelowna, B.C., Canada.*





New Books

I CAN HEAL MYSELF AND I WILL, by Cushing Smith, Ms. D. Frederick Fell, Inc., New York, N.Y. 1966. 315 pages, \$4.95.

This new edition of a 1962 release has gained acceptance as a "new classic" reference in the field of metaphysical healing. Dr. Smith is quoted extensively in current metaphysical journals, with footnotes citing this work as source for metaphysical causes of illnesses and pathological conditions, and suggesting affirmations and techniques for their relief.

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SEEING INTO THE FUTURE, by Harvey Day. Thorsons Publishers Ltd., London, 1966. 192 pages, indexed, 20s. net, or \$3.00, not including postage.

No novice at writing, Harvey Day has a way with words. Indeed, he wrote a previous book entitled *You, Too, Can Write For Money*. Couple writing ability with fascinating subject matter, namely numerous predictions of the future that came true, and you are bound to have an interesting book. *Seeing Into the Future* holds the attention and leaves one speculating on the mystery of the occult. Interest mounts as one reads along.

There is, however, need of an open mind on the part of readers who do not believe in astrology and palmistry. Mr. Day, who believes in both and has practiced both in an amateur way, makes their validity the theme of this book. By their fruits, in the hands of able practitioners, he endeavors to show that they work.

This reviewer, not believing in astrology and only in a token way in palmistry (after all, one's hand, like one's face, must show something), wondered, as he read, when Mr. Day would acknowledge that psychic ability must play a part. This did not develop until the middle of the book when the Gypsies were brought into the picture. Gypsy palmistry, it seems, isn't scientific enough to ac-

count for some of the amazing gypsy successes at fortune-telling. So in their case Mr. Day invokes the psychic also, and once having opened the door brings it in repeatedly, off and on, throughout the rest of the book.

A final section, of considerable length, deals only with *dreams* that foretold the future. This part is very interesting, but its connection with astrology and palmistry is not apparent. It seems to have been inserted simply—and entertainingly—to round out the volume to sufficient length; the brief concluding section of the book, which follows hard upon it, reverts to astrology and palmistry as though the section on dreams simply had slipped in.

Incidents involving well-known astrologers and palmists and, especially, famous people add to the interest and feeling of confidence in what is reported. Those of this generation to whom Cheiro (pronounced *ki-ro*, by the way) is little more than a name can learn a lot about him from this book. In his case, too, Mr. Day admits that the palmistry was larded with psychic ability.

Mir Bashir, to whom Curtis Fuller devoted a complimentary paragraph in the August, 1966, issue of *FATE*, is another who receives a good share of attention.

Mr. Day admits that astrologers and palmists do not see everything with oracular clarity and so have to be good diagnosticians—just like medical doctors. To explain why these occultists are not always right he draws an analogy with the frailties of doctors. This discussion, which extends to some length, will delight those who feel disillusioned with the medical men.

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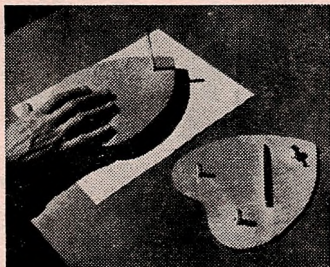
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ESP AND YOU, by Frances Hall. Avant Publications, Boulder, Colo., 1966. 167 pages, \$2.25.

This proved to be a difficult book to review. It is somewhat unprofessionally written and produced and at first glance one is inclined to conclude that the book hardly merits attention. But *ESP and You* does have something to offer the "beginner" in occultism; and if you are a beginner who is sufficiently interested in occultism to spend \$2.25 for a paperback book put together so ineptly that it falls apart as you read it, then it will introduce you to the subject in an easy-to-read format. Only one or two other books do this, for most data about occultism is hidden in deeper and less comprehensive tomes.

The excellent title *ESP and You* obviously was chosen because ESP is "in" right now and might sell the book, while a title involving yoga or occultism might not. But ESP is a scientific term coined by parapsychologists and little or nothing about this book is scientific. It does give the occult viewpoint about extrasensory perception and tells how the great teachers of the East understand and handle it. Since parapsychologists have been heard from about their subject *ad infinitum* and since they have not yet gotten to the roots of what ESP is or how to invoke it to the best advantage, perhaps it is time for the occultists to have their say.

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The great teachers of the East, to whom Frances Hall continually refers, have many theories (which they state firmly as *facts*) about the body and its auras and force centers or *chakras*; and they believe these theories explain supernatural faculties for which parapsychologists cannot account. They say for instance that the pineal gland is the special organ for telepathy in the human brain. The scientist does not know whether or not this is true; but perhaps he should attempt to learn what he can about it.

A meeting of minds here between occultism and science definitely would be of advantage to both sides. Miss Hall agrees. She states, "The great challenge of our time is the successful intermingling of East and West regarding these important truths."

She undoubtedly feels the East will provide most of the answers. But we must not sell Western science short. In its favor are tests by parapsychologists that attempt to prove whether extrasensory faculties really exist, and their awareness of the need for documentation and evidence from persons who claim to have ESP experiences. Certainly a melding of the alleged knowledge of the East and the testing techniques of the West might prove of the utmost value—if each side would stop hanging back and sneering at the naiveté of the other.

Miss Hall sometimes expresses herself quite aptly and concisely. I think I never have read a clearer definition of yoga than the following: "The great systems of yoga were designed for the express purpose of first bringing the body under control of the mind, then achieving mental poise and power, and finally uniting man's spirit with his Creator."

ESP and Yoga discusses matters I

know from experience and study to be valid. These matters are handled factually — except I think Miss Hall goes overboard in her opposition to mediums.

Miss Hall refers to the famous Herrmann family poltergeist of Seaford, Long Island, N.Y., as follows: "The reader may recall an article in *Life* magazine a few years ago about the Seaforth family of Long Island, New York, who experienced many strange phenomena."

Because of this I hesitated to recommend anything in the book, since I know little of the literature of occultism and Miss Hall's quotations from it may be just as inaccurate. However, a competent authority on occultism with whom I checked said her statements concerning Eastern philosophy in the main are accurate and factual and that Miss Hall, while not inspired, obviously is steeped in the literature of the field.

The author of *ESP and You* has two distracting habits. For over two-thirds of the way through her book she frequently says, in parentheses after some statement: "(more about this in a later chapter.)" Then in the later chapters she says, "As referred to earlier."

Her other disquieting habit is to end each chapter with three dots leading into the title of the following chapter. For instance, Miss

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Hall ends the one called "The Mental S.O.S." with a reference to "the 'Song Celestial,' often called 'The Hindu Bible,' or . . ." You breathlessly turn the page to learn that the next chapter is titled "The Bhagavad Gita."

The book has numerous typographical errors, and in many places the meaning of sentences could have been made clearer by the addition of commas or by rewording.

I cannot help feeling that if Miss Hall had had a good editor, her book really would have been worthwhile. — *Susy Smith.*

FLYING SAUCERS, a *LOOK Magazine Special*, by the Editors of United Press International and Cowles Communications, Inc. Cowles Communications, Inc., New York, N.Y. 1967. 66 pages, \$1.00.

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When George is away during the day and I don't expect him to telephone, Thesaurus suddenly says, "Hello, George," somehow anticipating the call, for sure enough the phone does ring and it is George!

Thesaurus demonstrated "second sight" in a most unusual way. We obtained our myna bird two months after the loss of our beloved dog, a boxer we called "King." One night about midnight after Thesaurus had been talking on the phone with George and the cover still was off his cage, he suddenly started screaming, looking toward the floor and fluttering his wings in great fright. I saw

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nothing—but in a few minutes I heard a familiar sound at the back door, the sound of the metal tag that jangled from King's collar. King never barked but to alert us that he wanted to go out he would shake his head to rattle the tag against his collar. Thesaurus apparently could see our pet when he visited us from the spirit world.—*Nadine DuHamel, San Diego, Calif.*

CONSCIOUSNESS IN ALL MATTER

In "I See by the Papers" (as usual, interesting and intriguing) in the March, 1967, *FATE*, you wrote of the findings of Dr. Cochran but to my surprise you seemed to think that his theory is something new. At least you did not mention Alfred North Whitehead who even coined the words "prehend" and "prehension" as indicating the form of consciousness or "mind" that dead matter displays—something less than *comprehend* or *apprehend* and yet definitely a form of consciousness.

You mention two examples as expressions of mind in matter. I may be wrong but to me the regular and gradual fission of radioactive substances is another. We may talk of "the effect of an inner tension" or something similar but to my mind this beggars the question, since all the atoms are of the same age. Why don't they all blow up? Who decides which one shall release its energy? In what order? It seems to me we have to postulate a collective consciousness.

Which is one of my hobbyhorses, by the way. We speak of evidences of life, of birth and death of rock, for example; of assimilation (oxidation, etc.), of reproduction (of crystals in a solution). More emphatically we speak of growth when it comes to the big molecules, phagocytes and viruses. Organized as cells matter is commonly recognized as "alive" and conscious because it reacts to en-

vironment, at least to touch and certain other stimuli. Organized as plants, cells display still more reactions to environment.

As to the behavior of leucocytes I don't see how we can avoid speaking of "choice" and even intelligence. In any case physicians speak of "intelligent organs": the liver, the kidneys, etc. Those organs manifest evidence of a higher degree of consciousness than do the individual cells of which they consist. I propose there is a collective consciousness which is subliminal in the cell. Likewise a dog or a man as a whole has a different and higher mode of consciousness than have the individual organs of which he consists. A swarm of bees, an ant hill, a pack of animals—perhaps humanity as a whole—display a higher mode than do the individuals. I maintain that what is subliminal and unconsciousness in one category becomes a collective consciousness in the next higher category.

I really think that since "God is dead"—i.e., our conceptions of Him, our theology, etc.—we better start thinking anew, beginning with first things and paying more attention to what the mystics have had to say than to Aristotelian theologians whose logic evidently has failed.—*S. V. Sandberg, Edmonton, Alta., Canada.*

A MATTER OF SEMANTICS?

I read with interest Vada Rutherford's *True Mystic Experience*, "The Triumph of Telepathy," in the April, 1967, *FATE*.

Telepathy is defined in *The Dictionary of Mysticism* published by The Philosophical Library as "transmissions of thoughts from one to another of two minds that presumably are in attunement or affinity, without the aid of any orthodox means of communication through ordinary channels of sensation."

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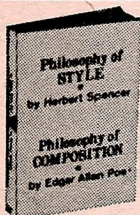
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that what Vada Rutherford experienced *was not* telepathy in that no message was sent or received either by Miss Rutherford or her sister through telepathy. Else Miss Rutherford would have known immediately nothing was wrong with her sister. — *Claude Henne, Shelbyville, Ill.*

THAT THE BLIND MAY SEE

My most sincere thanks are extended to you for making your magazine available to the blind via the tape of the Smit McKie Library of Noel, Va. **FATE** was among my favorite reading while I was sighted and now I can enjoy it again.

Since the inception of my blindness I have been puzzled by a rather strange oversight in parapsychological investigation. A vast number of blind people (about a half million in this country) have the unique privilege and advantage of using their time in any manner they see fit. While many of these are old and simply don't care any more, a substantial number are young persons. Many are interested in the occult and they would seem to be in a most favorable position to serve as a test group for the verification or refutation of any number of principles of psychism.

Such tests can be as complex and costly or as simple and inexpensive as could be devised. Ideally, interested medical men, psychologists and psychiatrists should be among the observers. However, persons like Dorothea Phillips (who made herself available for psychic experiment in your June, 1965, issue) might be in a position to test and analyze results.

Most people interested in the occult seem quite discouraged by the rather aimless wanderings reflected in the variety of approaches to these subjects. I'm sure many would welcome an opportunity to be part of a group making a concerted and direct attack on the problems involved. I

believe there has been a distressing tendency to stultify progress by piecemeal experimentation.

I don't know if what I have suggested is possible or feasible but I wonder what FATE readers might have to say about it? — Al Koval, Waterbury, Conn.

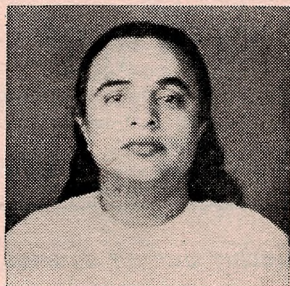
In the 1950's I read about Bill Foos and his daughter in FATE. Bill had taught his daughter to "see" through heavy blindfolds. I was so impressed by the nature of the claim that I decided then and there that of all the people in the world of metaphysics he is the one man I want to meet! For if this is true, think what it would mean to the blind!

But time passed and I forgot about Bill Foos (who was living in Virginia at the time his story was published in your magazine). In the summer of 1960 in Los Angeles I met Dr. Franklin Loehr (*Power of Prayer on Plants* researcher and author). Reverend Loehr invited me to a meeting at his home. As he was introducing me to his guests, he said, "Charles, I especially want you to meet this young lady. It was her husband who taught his daughter to see while blindfolded." It was Helen Foos, wife of Bill Foos, the man whose name I had forgotten and who I thought still lived in Virginia. Thousands of miles from there and in a metropolitan area of millions of people I had been brought in touch with Bill Foos — coincidentally.

My visits with him were wonderful experiences. We had some fine discussions and I saw a public demonstration of the ability to see while blindfolded. I also learned that Bill already had started teaching a few blind people to see.

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Our hope is that we eventually could help to bring Bill's ability to bear on the alleviation of the problem of most if not all of the blind in the entire country, eventually the world.

I am unable to find either Bill Foos or his True Sight Church in the Los Angeles telephone directories and Reverend Loehr also has lost contact with him. I am hoping that some of your readers may know his whereabouts and will write to me c/o FATE. — *Charles Tyo, Columbus, Ohio.*

WISER ENTITIES?

I have a thought or two about how UFOs are evaluated. Specifically, an American would think of the occupant of the craft as glamorous. We are so surfeited with Hollywood- and Madison Avenue-rigged concepts that we color everything accordingly. An Australian aborigine would think in terms familiar to him and an African native rationalizes according to his background. I agree with the astrologer Dal Lee. He couldn't care less and avers that we are no bargains here on terra firma. There must be wiser entities.

I work in the parochial plodding boring unemotional atmosphere of aerospace. Since the 1947 Ken Arnold sighting, I have watched this subject objectively and coolly. Engineers are supposed to be level-headed, logical and intelligent. Only once in the many years I have worked with them as an artist-draftsman did I bring up the subject. I was given the cold shoulder.



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The next day I mentioned the experience to a plant guard. He looked at me strangely. Sure. Perhaps a weather balloon? Nope, I've seen those. I said no more. I thought of job security and clammed up.

I can wait. I hope the revelation of this mystery comes within my lifetime and if it does I will not bat an eye. — *Joseph Krengel, Seal Beach, Calif.*

"WE ARE JAMMED . . ."

I wish to quote a portion of a letter I received on March 7, 1967, from my sister in Red Deer, Alta., Canada. She wrote:

"I want to tell you something I heard last night. My sister went to watch TV and I was listening to a radio station in Edmonton. The announcer said, 'No more phone calls; we are jammed!' And he continued, 'All you Edmontonians go outside and look at the sky. There are eight flying saucers, disc-shaped, brightly lighted and putting on a real show.' Then he got his tongue tangled up trying to announce the next song title and he said, laughing, 'It's the little green men.'"

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THE "GAY 'NINETIES" FLAP

In response to Ron Wardell's letter in the May, 1967, FATE, I must admit that my article "Unidentified 'Airships' of the Gay 'Nineties" published in the November, 1966, issue was rather limited in scope as my research covered only the files of Arkansas daily and weekly newspapers for the months of April and May, 1897.

I would like to clear up one point regarding the Aurora, Tex., "crashed airship" story reported in the Dallas Morning News of April 19, 1897. Since this story received wide publicity the findings of investigators also should be made public. Briefly, the Aurora story was merely another Texas "tall tale," the invention of a writer living in Aurora at the time. His motives, while not commendable, are understandable. Aurora was a thriving town until the railroad decided to bypass it. Hoping to gain some publicity for the town and bolster its faltering economy the writer concocted the story of the crashed "airship" and its "Martian" occupants tying it in with the factual sightings reported in various parts of Texas at the time.

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The "airship" flap of the late 1890's evidently covered most of the country, beginning in California in November, 1896, and ending in May, 1897. It would be difficult to find an area in the United States that was not visited by aerial craft at some time during this seven-month period — except the Pacific northwest.

I urge all interested persons to check their local newspaper files for this period. Persons living west of the Rockies might concentrate their search on the months of November and December, 1896, with spot-checks into 1897. Those living east of the Rockies probably will find more reports in the April and May, 1897, period. I will greatly appreciate hearing from persons who locate any data and I will be glad to exchange information with other researchers. My full address appears, so that interested persons can write directly to me. — *Lucius Farish, Route One, Plumerville, Ark. 72127*

MUSIC OF THE UNIVERSE

In reference to your item in the May, 1967, FATE, "Singing Mountains," I am only sorry that the story was not more fully told.

Persons who have spent time in the great deserts of the world have reported many different sounds and some of them have been of majestic beauty and celestial timing, variously described as comparable to the music of a grand pipe organ, a harp-sichord, a silver flute and the crash of cymbals. Also heard have been ancient instruments which probably were fashioned to capture some of the intonations that exist for those whose ears are attuned to nature's sonority.

But it is a great mistake to listen to the voice of this and other worlds in hope that the sounds will be similar to a man-made instrument or a human voice. Music and messages of the wind and the waves and the eerie

sounds of the beyond, both in time and distance, are always in the air for those who have ears and minds to hear. — Alexander I. Warrington, Baton Rouge, La.

ERRORS COMPOUNDED

When I received the June, 1967, FATE I was appalled to find my 1967 predictions, those published incorrectly in the Chicago *Sun-Times*. Naturally I am distressed that you picked them up from the *Sun-Times* article rather than getting them directly from me.

The young man from the *Sun-Times* took notes in shorthand and apparently made errors in transcribing them. This of course was called to his attention but no corrections could be made since they had appeared in such a big article.

The predictions you published certainly do not speak very well for me. The errors relate to the time of the floods and President Johnson's illness. I told the reporter the time of the floods would be April and they did happen right on the first of April. My original prediction was that President Johnson would be ill by the end of May — not by May — and that it could be evident in March.

I appreciate the fact that you wished to publish my predictions but I do wish it had been accurately done. — Irene F. Hughes, Chicago, Ill.

EYEWITNESS REPORT

Regarding the article, "Where Is Annalee Skarin?" in your May issue, I am sure many persons will have been surprised that Anthony Brooke, a man well-recognized for his investigations along psychic lines, should write an article for a magazine with as large a circulation as yours without first having availed himself of so much information that could have been easily obtained. (Author Anthony Brooke reported in the article

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that he had only 36 hours in Salt Lake City and in our opinion he covered a lot of ground in that limited time. — *The Editors.*

At approximately the time the officials of the Latter-Day Saints Church claim they "discovered" her in Los Angeles (about four years after her disappearance) she spoke to a congregation of some thousands in a large church on the southern outskirts of that city. I was present.

The correspondent who mentioned the gathering in October, 1952, at the "New Age Press Book Center" must have been confused as to dates. I attended such a meeting but not earlier than late 1955. In August of that year I saw the owners of the New Age Publishing Company (to which the letter-writer probably refers) start a journey to a private home in Los Angeles for what we understood would be their first personal contact with Annalee Skarin. So there is no question in the minds of thousands that she was "alive" as late as 1956. Many held her hand as she greeted them personally. I myself had a few words with her.

As late as 1963 I was told by Ann Probst, a long-time resident of Los Angeles, that she had no information as to Mrs. Skarin's whereabouts, even though Mrs. Probst had been selling her books.

When I saw her Mrs. Skarin had a clear pink-and-white complexion. She was a little plump, youthful-looking and filled with enthusiasm, and dressed in a blue sweater and skirt.

One further comment: Mrs. Skarin's books have been published one by one, the last of fairly recent date. Of course, there is such a thing as "inner dictation" when the dictator is still very much alive. Many persons will testify to this today so the sensitive in Auckland, New Zealand, may not be self-deceived. — *M. W. W., Arroyo Grande, Calif.*

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On May 13 many friends of Arthur Ford held a luncheon in his honor at the close of the Annual Conference of Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship in Oak Park, Ill. A bound volume of records of sittings which individuals have had with the Rev. Arthur Ford was presented to him as a token of their appreciation. These were submitted by them on three weeks' notice. Other persons now have said they would like to do this.

Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship would like to give Arthur Ford's other friends an opportunity to contribute a record of one or more sittings they have had with the Reverend Ford at any time and to form a second volume to be presented to him late this year.

If any readers of FATE have had a sitting with Arthur Ford which they consider personally meaningful and/or have been given verifiable evidence they are invited to send us a page or two of the sitting record no later than November 15, 1967. We suggest they put their names at the top of an 8½ x 11 inch page on the left side, with the date or approximate date on the upper right side of the page; please use a one and one-half inch margin on the left side of white paper and leave one inch for the other three margins (right side, top and bottom); type single space that testimony or detailed report of the sitting that they feel was helpful or meaningful. They may place this in a large manila envelope along with a light piece of cardboard. Mark the envelope *Do Not Fold* and mail it to the Arthur Ford Volume, Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship, 800 Custer St., Evanston, Ill., before November 15.

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