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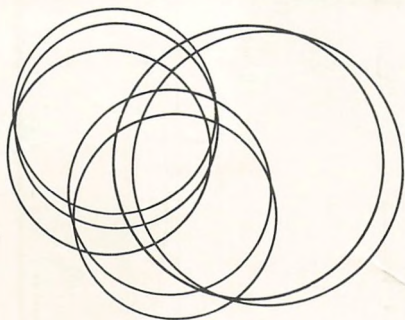
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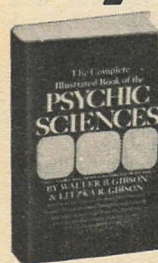
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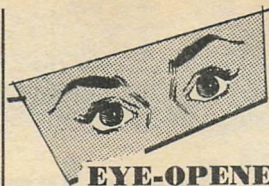
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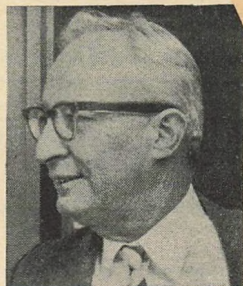
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OVER THE YEARS we have avoided the fluoridation controversy for many reasons. We never were sure where the truth lay and indeed we are not sure today. True enough, fluoridation has seemed to be winning in most places where there has been a confrontation. However, we did think with all the capable minds at work on both sides of this topic it was an area to which we had little to contribute.

But now the situation has changed. The United States Public Health Service has become an *Establishment* which closes its eyes and ears to the possible dangers of fluoridation.

From the beginning there has seemed little question that fluoridated water reduces dental decay in children's teeth. The question always has been about the possibility of dangerous side effects brought on by the continuous use of fluoridated water by



Curtis Fuller

the general public. Particularly unknown were the side effects on victims of disorders of the kidneys, liver, cardiovascular system and bones.

From the beginning, according to John Lear, Science Editor of the *Saturday Review*, specialists in fluoride chemistry warned that "fluoride was such a subtle enzyme inhibitor that its damaging effects would be a long while in exposing themselves; nevertheless, those specialists — several of them Nobel Prize winners — insisted that the effects would be inexorable. . . .

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## DANGERS SPELLED OUT

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Hints of this relationship of fluoridated water with excessive bone breakdown among patients using artificial kidneys were given in a report signed by Dr. Donald R. Taves, assistant professor of radiation biology at the University of Rochester in 1965.

In late January, 1969, Dr. Gerald Posen, head of the hemodialysis (artificial kidney) unit at Ottawa General Hospital, reported on 16 cases in which artificial kidneys had been used at the hospital since 1964. Of the 10 patients with whom Posen was most familiar all had minimal or no detectable bone disease at the start of treatment with artificial kidneys but by the end of a year's treatment with fluoridated water all 10 had developed bone disease. In nine of the 10 the bone minerals had dissolved so completely that the bones cracked spontaneously.

Although Dr. Posen cautiously terms the influence of fluoride "a



complicating factor" he also recommended that, until the matter is cleared up, fluoridated water no longer be used with artificial kidneys.

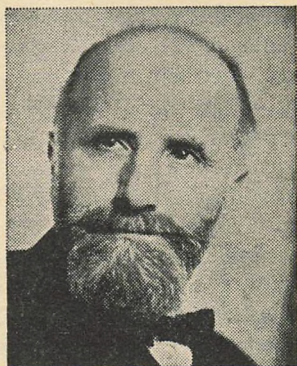
There seems little doubt that the use of such kidneys causes absorption of an unusual proportion of the sodium fluoride in the water supply. The questions that occur are (1) whether many persons with kidney problems may not be subjecting themselves to dangerous fluoride absorption and (2) whether there may be other and equally serious side effects to the general population drinking fluoridated water.



#### THE USPHS ROLE

**T**HE SAME issue of the *Saturday Review* contains an article by the late Michael Wollan tracing the relationship of fluoridation in the United States Public Health Service. Wollan was a research associate at George Washington University when he was killed in an accident last August.

In the beginning enthusiasts accused the PHS of dragging its heels on fluoridation while anti-fluoridation people felt that the PHS completely overlooked important potential dangers in the program. For example, it had been pointed out that low levels of fluoride intake might not be



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safe for malnourished children because of disturbances in calcium metabolism; the basic toxicity studies of the effect of fluoride on rats were not completed until a year after the PHS approved fluoridation. In addition, no investigation was made of possible cancer-inducing effects of fluoridation; experiments had not been made on the effects on pregnant women or older people with chronic diseases. Nor was consideration given to the complaints of certain groups who felt their rights were abridged.

More fundamentally, however, once it had endorsed the program the United States Public Health Service became its ardent advocate. And it has resolutely refused to consider strong evidence that indicates the fluoridation program at least should be modified. The PHS has become a victim of its own propaganda.

A Canadian report suggests that although it was calculated that an ordinary adult would consume about 1.3 milligrams of fluoride per day, in actuality intake has been found to be two to five milligrams which may be approaching danger level and athletes and laborers who perspire a great deal undoubtedly will ingest more than five milligrams.

According to Wollan the PHS

responded to these reports "by dismissing them rather disdainfully."

He charges that the PHS attitude toward critics of fluoridation has been "aggressively disdainful." He documents one instance in which the PHS charged that an American anti-fluoridation group had "infiltrated" a European group and pushed through a resolution condemning fluoridation. In actual fact, the International Society for the Study of Nutrition and Vital Substances had passed its resolution before the American committee was formed.

Meanwhile, Wollan emphasizes that a number of prominent scientists argue that more ought to be known about the long-term consequences of drinking fluoridated water daily.



#### VICTIMS OF CHANGE

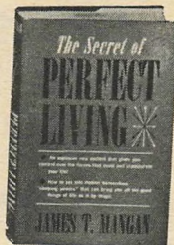
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can sting more than 50 times per minute and have killed both animals and humans. Some persons have taken to flopping on the ground whenever they see any kind of flying insect. It is hoped that the vicious strain may be modified by crossbreeding with local bees. In any event they are expected to overrun all of South America within the next 10 years.

The strange invasion of Florida by "walking catfish" is another instance of an exotic creature brought to this country in defiance of the law. The fish originally came from Africa and in a few years has infested most of the canals in Palm Beach and Broward counties and has migrated southward into the Miami area. Although it is expected that Florida's walking catfish won't grow bigger than 15 to 17 inches in length, in Africa some species grow to four and five feet. They are equally at home in brackish or fresh water and if they find one body of water unsuitable they simply climb out and walk to another. They have been observed climbing a 75-foot incline by using their fins and crawling snakelike. Florida's fish commission worries that they will upset the balance of nature by devouring desirable game fish. More than 400 specimens have been studied and re-



mains of shrimp, snails, tadpoles and smaller fish have been found in their stomachs.

"At least we have determined that they don't attack dogs and people," sighs John W. Woods, chief of the fisheries division of the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission.



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Boone told James Bacon of the Los Angeles *Herald-Examiner* that before he left Nashville for Fort Wayne Foley came back three times to kiss his wife goodbye. He never had done this before.

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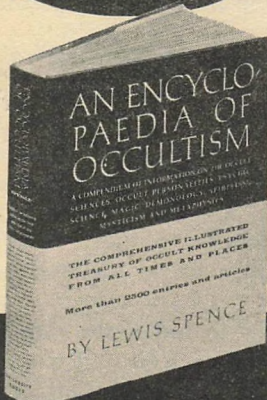
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But onstage Foley suddenly turned to the band and said he would close with the hymn "Peace in the Valley" instead. Then he turned to the audience and said, "I want you folks to listen carefully to these words. They mean a lot to old Red because it's my last song."

The song includes the words, "Oh, well, I'm tired and weary, but I must go along until the Lord shall come and call me away." Red never had sung this song before as his closing number. The audience cheered for more and Red, who always had obliged, walked off the stage, went straight to his hotel and called a friend to talk for two hours about religion.

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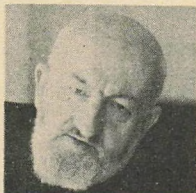
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The remains of an expensive lamp lay on the living room floor at the time. There was a broken plate on the kitchen floor and pieces of three lamps were strewn on the floor of the home's only bedroom.

The trouble in Olive Hill started on Friday, November 15, 1968, Mrs. Callihan told Wolford.

"The first thing that broke was the glass in a picture of Jesus hanging over the couch. It read, 'Christ is the head of this house.'"

"Then things began to break all at once. I didn't know what to do. I got up and went in the bathroom and a bottle of bath oil flew against the wall and cracked like a shotgun.

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granite would be broken off inside but there wasn't any damage.

"There's a plaster bird at the head of my bed," continued Mrs. Callihan. "While I was making the bed it just raised up and flew right past my head and settled at the base of the mantel. Only the bill was broken. See?"

"I know that's unreasonable," she said. "I'm ashamed to tell about this because people who hear me think it's a lie. But people who come here don't think we're lying."

"Nobody believes anything you tell them," interjected John Callihan, her 86-year-old husband.

**THE TROUBLE CONTINUES**

THE MYSTERIOUS troubles continued to plague the Callihans. One morning a brass lamp fell off the mantel in the bedroom. Mr. Callihan and Harry Engles, a friend, were in the living room and they went into the bedroom and replaced it. When they returned to the living room the lamp fell again.

The Callihans moved to Zimmerman Hill but whatever was disrupting their home moved right along with them. For a time things were quiet but the Saturday-Sunday night (December 11 and 12) was one to remember.



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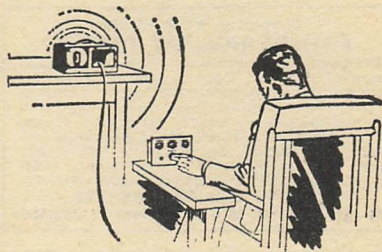
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Small objects flew through the air, tables overturned, heavy chests of drawers upset. Burton said he saw a small table "jump up and turn over on the floor." Chests and a refrigerator moved away from the wall. Few of these were seen "but we could hear them in the next room," Burton said.

Odie Crank saw a set of Tupperware glasses fly off a cabinet. "When we put them back on the table, they just flew up in the air again." Mr. Callihan was hit by a flying bowl when he bent over to pick up the debris. A Tupperware bowl struck Crank lightly. Roger Callihan managed to catch an overturning chest.

A flying picture frame broke an electric light bulb and a broom used to clean up the mess returned of its own volition to its rightful place in the kitchen. So go the accounts. What a night it must have been!



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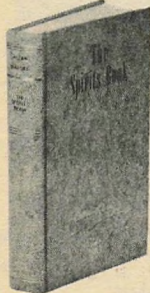
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such this clearly was — were somewhat nonplused when they first began to consider these incidents. The John Callihans are elderly people and no young adolescents live in their home.

But probably a young adolescent was involved — Roger Callihan, aged 12. It seems certain that strange things happened when Roger was nowhere near the house but relatives and friends began to notice more activity when he was there.

When his parents took Roger out of the grandparents' home the activity followed him to their house and then to the homes of two uncles. Roger's father Archie offered this explanation: "It is a curse."

"At that point," according to Wolford, "the youth ran through the house and heavy items moved into his path behind him."



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**T**WO SETS OF researchers arrived on the scene. Members of SISP, the Society for Investigation of Supernatural Phenomena from the university at Morehead, Ky., came with compass and tape recorder.

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spent several days on the premises, apparently witnessed some of the phenomena, and made an official pronouncement quoted in part by Wolford:

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"We have come up against the kind of process we have been dealing with in other investigations of this type, which we refer to as psychokinesis or PK—a mind-over-matter effect.

"This term refers to an energy that in all likelihood everybody possesses. It is similar to other human faculties but with most of us it operates on a confined scale and is not noticeable. This brings me to a third kind of thing we are not dealing with—demons, the devil or spirit entities.

"It is a natural and normal faculty or force which, however, is not under the conscious control of anyone. No one wants—or wills—these things to happen."



### THE OTHER SIDE OF THE COIN

THIS IS ALL very well but the folks at Olive Hill don't necessarily agree.

When the events first started, Mrs. Callihan said, "They say



I'm funny — queer — but I hear things. My little grandson stood on the couch there last year and said he saw something white in the yard; it ran behind a tree."

A day before the activity began Mrs. Callihan told Wolfford she awoke to see the image of a man who had occupied the house before they moved in and who had been dead for two years.

"I raised up and hollered out but I was sure I was just having a bad dream," she said.

Exactly how or why she thought such an apparition might have something to do with the phenomena Mrs. Callihan didn't explain. Some weeks later Mrs. Callihan and her son Archie said they both saw the apparition of a man resembling Mrs. Callihan's long-dead brother.

Meanwhile, church doctrine entered the case. Roger's mother is a member of Jehovah's Witnesses, a denomination that teaches such activities are the work of demons.

Accordingly, The Reverend Battles gave the family Biblical counsel and advice. Based on similar experiences of Jehovah's Witnesses, he recommended that the family pray aloud calling on Jehovah, attend church meetings and spend as much time as possible reading the Bible and keeping their minds full of good thoughts. — *Curtis Fuller.*

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ON THE EVE of the California primary election — June 3, 1968 — a beautiful Black girl sat at a table in the Beverly Hilton's International Ballroom awaiting the arrival of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy who was to address his followers at this last fund-raising dinner.

Monica dresses as tribal priestess for Reincarnation Ball celebrating start of production of film on that theme. Authors Neil and Margaret Rau forego costumes. Photo by Terry Wooley.

The girl, Monica Peterson, at that time was under contract to 20th Century-Fox. She had participated in the Kennedy campaign in California along with other prominent personalities in the film colony, among them the Fleischers, Mickey and her husband Richard, the director of "The Boston Strangler." They were at Monica's table and standing near her when the vibrant young senator strode by on his way to the platform.

Monica impulsively reached out and caught his hand. During that momentary warm clasp an ominous premonition flashed into her mind.

Spontaneously she murmured, "God bless you!"

The senator looked back at her strangely, she said, almost as if he were reading her apprehen-





sive thoughts. Then he went on to the platform and delivered his rousing speech. But the excitement of expected victory was gone for Monica. She felt only depression. Telling us about it later she said simply, "I saw death written all over him, in his eyes especially."

The next morning she visited the Fleischers' art gallery in Beverly Hills. She had to tell someone about her feelings.

"You know Bobby's going to win," she blurted out when Mickey greeted her, "but he's going to be killed within 24 hours!"

Later that day actor Stephen Boyd asked Monica if she were going to the Ambassador Hotel to watch the primary returns and share in the victory celebration.

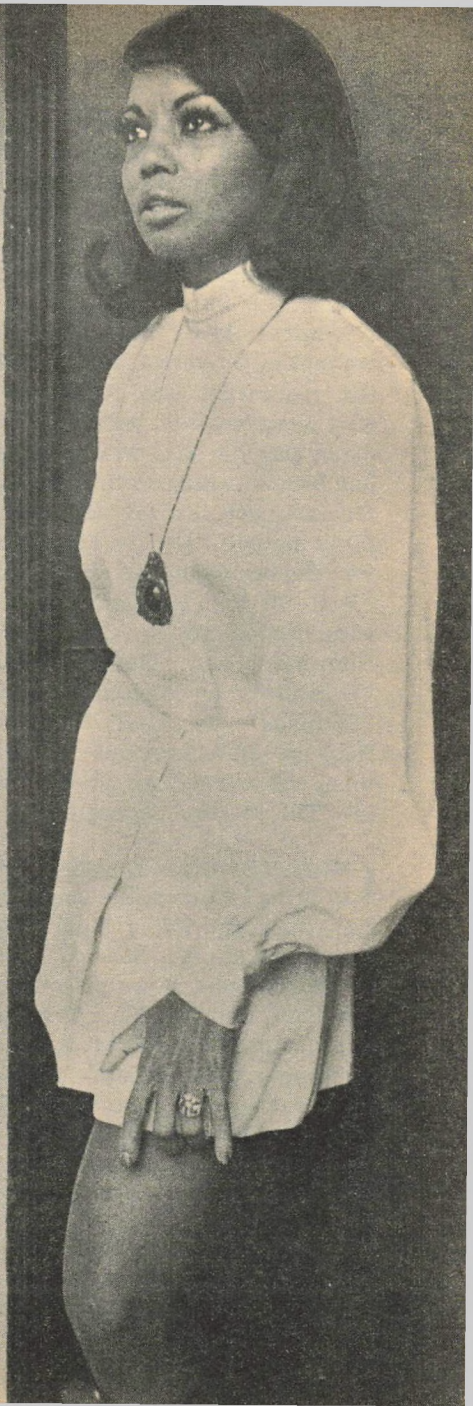
"No," she answered flatly, without explaining. Boyd was surprised, for he knew how hard she had worked for the senator.

Monica was home in bed when she received the news of the assassination.

"Kennedy's been shot!" a friend's voice said excitedly over the telephone.

"Yes," Monica answered sadly. "I knew it."

Monica once feared her psychic powers but now is learning to channel them for her own and others' good.





Only later, when she saw the tragic event on television, did she become hysterical. She felt guilty because she hadn't acted on her premonition, even though she supposed no one would have listened to her.

Monica told us this story when we met in Universal Studio's hill-top restaurant and it led to a long conversation with this unusual psychic girl whose career has been steadily on the upswing for the past several years. Her films include "*Escala En Hi-Fi*" for Señor Quintana in Spain, "Fall of the Roman Empire" with Stephen Boyd, Christopher Plummer and Omar Sharif, "Gibraltar" for Gaspar Huit and "Changes" by Hall Bartlette. Because of a previous commitment she had to turn down a role in "The Boston Strangler."

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**C**HRISTENED Dorothy Almira Peterson, the young actress took the name Monica for her stage career. She was born in Blue Mount, a small town in Loudoun County, Va. Monica's parents owned several acres of land near Blue Mount and besides farming this land, her father, Thomas Peterson, was a builder. Although he wasn't wealthy his family never wanted for anything.

There were eight children in Monica's family, two of whom —

a brother and older sister — have died. Monica, the youngest, was the family favorite.

As a little girl Monica was troubled by strange inner feelings, something about herself she couldn't understand. She used to see things others didn't seem to notice, among them persons who had passed on. She discovered that if she wanted certain things she could get them by concentrating in a certain way. She ascribed her weird experiences to "happenstance" and kept them to herself.

Monica always has been dual-natured. One is the clairvoyant dreamer; the other is the doer. The clairvoyant side of her nature developed in the atmosphere of the lonely quiet farm. But for many years Monica was afraid of that side and wanted to escape it.

When she was six she was sent to live with her favorite older sister Elsie, who had married and moved to Washington, D.C., only 45 minutes away by car. From there Monica could make frequent visits home while having the advantages of attending a big-city school.

Monica was in her teens before she allowed herself consciously to accept a psychic experience. By this time her sister Elsie had died and Monica was living with a girl friend in an apartment in



Washington and attending high school.

Monica was dating an older man to whom her family objected. She herself saw that continued involvement with him would bring trouble but she couldn't muster the courage to break off the attachment.

Then one night when her roommate was away for the weekend and Monica was alone in the apartment she felt a presence with her. She looked around but saw no one. She didn't panic, for she somehow knew the "presence" was her dead sister. Hoping to learn what Elsie wanted, she turned out the lights and quietly went to bed. She stretched out on her right side, all her senses alert.

She felt the invisible presence approaching the left side of her bed; the covers were turned back and someone was crawling in beside her.

"That was when I experienced very great fear," Monica told us candidly. "But gradually the fear went away. Finally I moved my leg slowly to see if I could feel the person beside me. I felt nothing but still the presence was real."

Soon reassuring and comforting thoughts began streaming through Monica's mind. She knew they were not her own thoughts; they were coming



In scene from "Fall of the Roman Empire" Monica playing role of princess appears with her friend Stephen Boyd.

from her sister who always had been a religious person.

"Don't worry," Elsie said encouragingly. "You're going to be all right. Just pray to God for strength."

Monica drifted off to sleep and when she awoke in the morning she knew she had been freed from the undesirable involvement with the older man. She never saw him again.

After the experience with her dead sister Monica gradually began to accept her psychic powers. One of her gifts was an intuitive ability to read character.

Once when she was living in



a high school dormitory she missed a black silk slip for which she had paid \$15.00. Her intuition at once picked out the thief, a girl she hardly knew who lived several floors below her. When confronted, the girl denied having taken the slip. But Monica was so sure she demanded a search and the slip was found tucked away in the girl's suitcase.

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MONICA, THE doer, loves adventure and far places. She received part of her college education at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, where she majored in child psychology. For her last year of college she went to the University of Stockholm in Sweden. She stayed there for more than a year, studying dramatics as well as sociology.

Monica's mother Anita was not happy about her daughter's frequent lengthy absences from home. Mrs. Peterson, an intensely emotional woman, favored her youngest daughter above all her other children. Monica constantly had to struggle against her mother's possessive love.

To Monica, who always has felt a psychic bond with her family, distance never has meant any real separation. No matter where she is she still can see clairvoyantly the significant

events in their lives.

In 1965 she was in Spain working in the film "*Escala En Hi-Fi*" when she had a premonition that her father was seriously ill. She phoned home and learned that he was going into the hospital for a minor operation. Monica felt it was not going to prove minor and as soon as she could arrange it she came home. She found that the "minor" operation had brought on hemorrhaging which almost took her father's life. Only blood transfusions and a miracle operation saved him.

Monica's father recuperated completely but another premonition warned her that both her parents would die within two years. She decided against returning to Europe where other film offers were awaiting her. Instead she took a job with *Look Magazine* in New York so that she could visit home frequently.

Again Monica's premonitions came true. On April 8, 1966, Thomas Peterson was sitting in his big chair in their living room when he suddenly exclaimed, "There's Mother Rose dressed in white. Open the door and let her in. She's coming to get me."

Mother Rose was Thomas Peterson's own mother. His wife, startled, turned to the front door. She saw no one but as she watched the door slowly swung open by itself.



That night Tom Peterson started hemorrhaging again and had to be rushed back to the hospital. Four days later, he died. His death so upset Anita that the doctor advised her against going to the funeral. She awaited the family's return sitting motionless at home and dressed in somber black.

The children tried to fill the gap in their mother's life. Those who lived in Washington took her home with them. Monica offered to take her on a long tour of Europe. But Anita Peterson refused the European trip and wouldn't stay in Washington either. She returned to Blue Mount.

"I knew then," Monica said, "She wasn't going to live very long, that she'd decided to follow Daddy."

Again Monica was right. Willingly and intentionally Anita began to break contact with the outer world. She stopped talking and communicated only with eyes and facial expressions and the touching of hands.

Shortly the family had to hospitalize her — and three and a half weeks after her husband's death Anita Peterson followed him.

On the weekend before her mother's death Monica had visited the hospital. She stood looking down at her mother and

Anita gazed back, their eyes interlocked for a long time. Then something happened that froze Monica's heart. Her mother reached to take Monica's hand but no sooner had she clasped her daughter's hand than she dropped it. Monica realized it was her final rejection of her favorite child.

During the funeral service Monica sat with her eyes fastened on her mother's drawn face framed in snowy hair. It seemed to her then that the body in the coffin was not her mother, that her mother was in the room — a living presence taking a deep interest in the services and expecting Monica, the strong one, to hold the family together. Monica could not weep then but a week later, after she had returned to New York, she felt the full weight of her loss and burst into tears. She experienced deep remorse as she remembered all the ways she selfishly had made her mother suffer. Now it was too late to make amends.

Presently Monica began to believe that her mother's spirit also was accusing her of selfishness, was angry with her. She was so haunted by this conviction that she could neither eat nor sleep.

"I suffered so," she told us. "It seemed to me my mother was punishing me for whatever



I'd done to her. I knew I couldn't have peace until she forgave me. I spent hours on my knees praying."

Her suffering went on and on and there were times Monica feared she was losing her mind. She asked a medical doctor for sleeping pills but he advised her instead to drink a hot milk toddy before bedtime. She thought of going to a psychiatrist but having studied psychology she was familiar with the aims and methods of psychiatry and did not think it would help her.

It might have comforted Monica then if she could have known something of ancient Tibetan Buddhism. The *Tibetan Book of the Dead* contains instructions and prayers for the bewildered soul just released from this life and groping its way to the next. Tibetan priests, summoned to the side of a dying person, not only pray for him during his death throes but remain with the corpse for 49 days and nights reciting the contents of the *Book of the Dead*.

Monica might have understood that her mother's soul, struggling to be released from its earth-bound state, was not angry with her favorite daughter but simply turning to her for strength. Tibetan priests would have explained that Monica actually was helping her mother through her

vicarious suffering. Her prayerful vigil during that trying time was the greatest, most selfless gift she could have given. They even might have predicted that her suffering under the burden of her mother's turmoil would last approximately 49 days and nights.

And so it did. About 2:30 A.M. one night the release came. Monica was lying in bed, sleepless as usual, when suddenly she felt a flare of anger.

"I just can't go on like this, Mother," she cried out vehemently. "Whatever I've done I'm sorry. Isn't that enough? Forgive me!"

For the first time during her long ordeal Monica felt her mother at last had heard her. She looked toward her window which framed the dark New York sky — and suddenly through that window appeared a shining vision.

No fear touched Monica as she gazed at the beloved figure of her mother who seemed to hover in a cloud of chiffon.

"Her face was the most real thing about her," Monica told us. "Everything else was a wavering radiance and beauty."

Anita Peterson no longer looked old and worn. She was again a beautiful young woman with rich brown hair hanging to her waist. Monica lay looking



and listening while comforting reassurances flowed from her mother into her mind.

"Don't worry about me anymore, honey," her mother said. "I'm very happy where I am. It's where I wanted to be. Everything is all right."

The vision remained in the window a long time, for almost 15 minutes, then faded away. And Monica was at peace.

"Seeing my mother and being visited by my sister are the two most important events in my life," the lovely young actress told us. "They made me realize I would live forever."

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**C**HRISTMAS, 1968, Monica went with the Johnny Grant troupe to entertain the men in Vietnam. The personnel of her agency, the William Morris Agency, tried to dissuade her. One secretary said bluntly, "Monica, it's dangerous over there. You have your whole future ahead of you. Why throw it away?"

Monica laughed, "You know, you can die and have a future too. I'm not afraid of dying."

Nor is she any longer afraid of her psychic powers. She is learn-

ing to analyze and channel them.

"The power is here and here," Monica told us, touching her forehead and solar plexus. "And I know how strong it is. In college I worked with retarded children and I *willed* love to these children. I saw the remarkable progress they made."

In her quest for self-discovery Monica long since has learned to accept the inner voice, the "something" that always reminds her to be true to herself.

"Call it my mother or my sister — or God working through them," she said, "but whatever it is, it is wise and good. If I go against a warning, as I sometimes do because I'm young and headstrong, I suffer dreadfully until I've righted things."

The actress Monica Peterson has a word of advice for persons interested in investigating and developing psychic powers:

"One first must hear that benevolent inner voice and decide to accept its guidance without reservation. Within each of us lies this safeguard against suffering and harm, which is also, I believe, the key to knowing and helping others."



#### CURIOSITY MAY KILL CATS, BUT —

**I**N MIRFIELD, England, curiosity *saved* the life of Trevor Whitehead. The 25-year-old machinist left his workshop to watch the demolition of a 60-foot chimney and minutes after he stepped outdoors the chimney came down, landing on and demolishing his shop.





# The CONDON Report ... Pro and Con

Long-awaited report adds some bits and pieces to UFO puzzle  
but key question remains: What are UFOs?

By John C. Ross

AFTER TWO YEARS and the expenditure of more than half a million dollars the first large-scale scientific study of Unidentified Flying Objects has concluded its final report.\* Almost simultaneously a rebuttal has been issued by a leading scientist dismissed in the midst of the study.\*\* Together these two reports make fascinating, puzzling and contradictory reading.

They are fascinating because of the inherent interest of the topic itself and because of the direct con-

frontations of two reputable scientists, Dr. Edward U. Condon and Dr. David R. Saunders. Although Condon has an international reputation as a

*\*Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects, Conducted by the University of Colorado under Research Contract Number F44620-67-C-0035 with the U.S. Air Force, Dr. Edward U. Condon, Project Director, Bantam Books, 965 pages plus supplements, \$1.95.*

*\*\*UFOs? YES! Where the Condon Committee Went Wrong, David R. Saunders and R. Roger Harkins, Signet Books: published by New American Library, 256 pages, 95 cents.*



scientist, Saunders' qualifications are less well-known but just as impressive; as a holder of degrees in chemistry and physics he was a member of the Manhattan Project and later received a Ph.D. in psychology.

The reports are puzzling because of the conflicting viewpoints of the men who have examined the same facts and regarded them so differently.

They are contradictory because each has arrived at different conclusions.

The Condon Committee's major conclusion is this:

*"Our general conclusion is that nothing has come from the study of UFO's in the past 21 years that has added to scientific knowledge. Careful consideration of the record as it is available to us leads us to conclude that further extensive study of UFO's probably cannot be justified in the expectation that science will be advanced thereby."*

The strange thing about this statement is that a large body of the report does not support Project Director Condon's conclusion. Somewhere between two percent and seven percent of the photographic cases considered are admitted to be good reliable sightings with apparently genuine photographs, intelligent reputable witnesses, and may very well be genuine UFOs.

In other areas, perhaps one-fifth of the 100 to 120 cases analyzed in detail by the Condon Committee are labeled "unexplained" or "unidentified." In the chapter on Optical and Radar Analyses, seven of 35 cases are explicitly listed as "Unknown." In summarizing Radar-Visual cases the Report says there is no plausible explanation for a few significant cases from this file.

Consider a few of them:

Astronaut James A. McDivitt on Gemini 4 on October 3, 1967, sighted a white or silvery "cylindrical-

shaped object with an antenna-like extension." He thought it was close and moving closer and prepared to take action to avoid it. According to the North American Air Defense Command (NORAD) no known satellites were near enough to account for this sighting.

Astronaut McDivitt also reported that he "saw a satellite, very high . . . going from south to north." The Committee included this among the puzzlers because it was higher than Gemini 4 and moving in polar orbit. "The suggestion at the time of the sighting that this was a satellite has not been confirmed . . . by a definite identification of a known satellite" (p. 207).

Gemini 7 sighted a "bogy" at "10 o'clock high" and in polar orbit. It was not its rocket booster which was simultaneously visible. Of this the Condon Committee states "the daytime sighting of an object showing details such as arms (antennas?) protruding from a body having noticeable angular extension" is especially puzzling. And since we presume "the NORAD listing of objects near the GT-4 spacecraft at the time of the sighting is complete" either a rational explanation must be found or we must keep it on our list of unidentifieds (p. 208).

At Lakenheath, England, on August 13, 1956, at least one UFO was tracked by air traffic control radar at two USAR-RAF stations. These sightings were of round, white, rapidly moving objects which changed directions abruptly. Interception by RAF fighter aircraft was attempted; one aircraft was vectored to the UFO by ground radar and the pilot reported visual and airborne radar contact and radar "gunlock." Then the UFO appeared to circle behind the aircraft and followed it despite the pilot's evasive maneuvers. Contact was broken when the aircraft returned to base, low on fuel.



The Condon Report admits that in this case anomalous propagation of radar signals is not a likely solution, that visual mirage cannot explain it "because of the combined ground and airborne observations." They consider this the most puzzling and unusual case in the radar-visual files and say "the apparently rational, intelligent behavior of the UFO suggests a mechanical device of unknown origin" but because witnesses are fallible more conventional explanations cannot be ruled out (pp. 163-164). The Report goes so far as to say "the probability that at least one genuine UFO was involved appears to be fairly high" (p. 256).

At Colorado Springs, Colo., on May 13, 1967, operators of two airport radars of different types reported that a target equivalent to an aircraft had followed a Boeing 720 commercial flight, overtaken it and passed it on one side, proceeding at about 200 knots until it left the radar field. The movement of the UFO corresponded to a jet fighter practicing an instrument landing approach. No corresponding object was visible from the control tower and no noise was heard.

In the view of the Condon Committee this is "one of the most puzzling radar cases on record." They did not believe that an anomalous propagation echo would behave as this was described (p. 171) and stated "no conclusion is possible at this time."

In the south-central region of the United States in the winter of 1967 one and one-half hours before dawn several policemen observed a huge metallic-silvery object low on the horizon at an estimated elevation of 1000 feet. It appeared to glow at five second intervals. The possibility that this was a balloon was ruled out when a weather check indicated that winds were from the direction in which the object disappeared. The Condon Report concluded there was

good evidence for both the object's reality and its strangeness but that there was little basis for speculating about *what* the object was. The sighting having occurred in predawn darkness no trees, buildings or other surface details were visible with which the men could compare the object.

In Jackson, Ala., on November 14, 1956, after 10:00 P.M., the veteran pilot of a Capital Airlines Viscount watched an intense blue-white light which "abruptly halted directly in front of us and began to hover motionless." Then it began a series of wild maneuvers, including 90-degree turns, and finally shot out over the Gulf of Mexico "rising at the most breathtaking angle and at such a fantastic speed" until out of sight.

At Norfolk, Va., on August 30, 1957, the same pilot was flying at 12,000 feet over Chesapeake Bay; a Northeast Airlines DC-6 was flying directly above at 20,000 feet. Both these pilots sighted an object which "was brilliant; it flew fast and then abruptly halted 20 miles in front of us at 60,000 feet altitude." The Northeast pilot "could get no return on his screen with the antenna straight ahead but when tilted upward 15 degrees he got an excellent blip right where I told him to look for the object," the first pilot said.

The Condon Report tells us why mirages cannot account for these phenomena and states that these two sightings must be considered unknowns.

At McMinnville, Ore., on May 11, 1950, a very bright metallic-looking disc-shaped UFO was sighted by a woman and her husband. She brought a camera from the house and he took two photographs. The Condon Committee's investigation found no motive for fabrication and little likelihood that the technical skill to fabricate would exist in such a rural area. It also found that the



negatives had not been tampered with and the objects shown were real objects. The two photos showed an absence of rotation, which argues against any spinning hand-thrown model. The observer's change of position in taking the second photograph was consistent with the alleged observation. Photometric (brightness) tests almost certainly rule out a model suspended from a wire.

The Report concluded that the witnesses' assertion that they had seen an extraordinary flying disc-shaped object which they described as silvery-metallic and 10's of meters in diameter constitutes one of the few UFO reports in which all the factors—geometric, psychological and physical—seem to be consistent with the claims. The Report leaves a loophole by saying that the evidence does not positively rule out fabrication but that physical factors such as the accuracy of photometric measures in the negatives do argue against such a fabrication (p. 407).

At Great Falls, Mont., on August 15, 1959, a local baseball team manager and his secretary saw two disc-shaped lights having a bright clean "aluminum quality." The objects were stationary at first and then began moving toward the southwest. The manager took motion pictures for about 20 seconds. Analysis of the film showed that the objects could be horizontal discs but not balloons, airborne debris, birds or meteors. Two F-94 jets landed at a nearby base a few minutes after the time of the sighting but the witness said he saw these right after the filming and it is unlikely that airplanes could maintain such constant reflections over 16 seconds of film and 20 degrees of azimuth arc.

However, the Report concludes that the possibility that these were airplanes cannot be entirely ruled out (p. 415).

IN ADDITION to the fact that the Condon Report's conclusions are not supported by the Report itself, serious criticisms can be leveled against the whole procedure by which the study was organized and conducted. Some of these already have been discussed in this magazine (See *The Colorado UFO Fiasco*, FATE, September, 1968) and will not be repeated here.

The type of case selected for analysis by the study has tended to be strange indeed. For example, Condon himself seems to have had a predilection for "contact" and "kook" cases. It is almost as if he were selecting these to discredit his Report in advance. This has been defended on the grounds that, after all, they are part of the UFO claims; therefore they should be investigated. Other serious researchers, however, have disagreed, feeling that the strongest and best documented cases should have been studied in the greatest detail and the questionable ones ignored.

There are contradictions in the study's attitude toward many of the cases it does discuss. For example, the Report holds that many so-called good cases cannot be significant because there is only one witness. If these cases are to be thrown out arbitrarily for that reason why study them?

Many of the good classical cases have been ignored. NICAP has complained that its recommendations of cases for study were neglected by the Committee. Cases that we would consider classic also were overlooked.

Such a classic case was reported by Navy Comdr. R. B. McLaughlin in the March, 1950, issue of *True Magazine*. In the original article McLaughlin, who was stationed at White Sands Proving Ground during the early United States liquid-fueled rocket tests, describes how men at



White Sands used theodolites to track rockets as they were fired from the proving ground and then watched UFOs follow the rockets.

The Condon Report refers to this case only to sneer at both *True* and Commander McLaughlin and makes no reference to what was reported except to quote McLaughlin as saying, "I am convinced that it was a flying saucer and further, these discs are spaceships from another planet, operated by animate, intelligent beings."

On the other hand, the Committee Report attempts to shoot down some of the classic cases.

In Washington, D.C., on July 19, 20, 26 and 27, 1952, numerous UFOs were sighted by pilots and ground observers, usually as balls of light. The airport obtained numerous radar returns, often in the general area of the visual sightings. The atmosphere was highly stratified with temperature gradients.

The Committee cited 1953 studies of radar tracks on two other occasions elsewhere which were very similar to the Washington radar returns and which could be shown to be caused by meteorological conditions. And they summarized their conclusions by stating that atmospheric conditions in Washington, D.C., on those days in July were conducive to irregular radar signals and the unidentified radar blips probably were, with one or two exceptions, meteors or stars (p. 158).

In the Chiles-Whitted sighting on July 24, 1948, two pilots flying an Eastern Airlines DC-3 from Houston to Atlanta saw a bright light dead ahead and coming rapidly toward them. They pulled to the left to avoid a collision. Looking back they saw the UFO go into a steep climb. They described it as a "wingless aircraft with no fins or protruding surfaces, cigar-shaped, about 100 feet long and about twice the diameter of a B-29

Superfortress. It seemed to have two rows of windows through which a bright light, brilliant as a magnesium flare, glowed. An intense dark blue glow like a blue fluorescent factory light shone at the bottom along the entire length, and red-orange flames shot out from the rear to a distance of some 50 feet."

The Report concludes that many times fireballs have been described in just the way that Chiles and Whitted described their UFO sighting and therefore the investigators have to consider that the two men may have been suffering from the "airship effect," that they became excited and reported a misconception (p. 581).

In many cases the standards by which a case is dismissed seem unaccountably arbitrary. In one case (p. 270) the reputation of the witness is considered to be "irreproachable" but photographs he took were rejected on grounds that the order in which the photographer claimed he took them were contradicted by the numbers on the film itself. In this case the photographer was a retired Air Force pilot who claimed he took the pictures through the window of a C-47 airplane over the Rocky Mountains. One of the two photographs in question was clear and sharp and showed a brick-red object, flat on the bottom, with a dome on top and a dark band looking like windows around it. Does the rejection of this photograph mean that the "irreproachable" witness was perhaps not telling the truth after all?

In Case 13 three witnesses reported in October, 1967, three appearances of a disc-shaped object with lights. The Committee observed that this case is stronger than most because two original witnesses were backed up by a third. However, the interviews took place eight months after the incident and this might mean the witnesses' memories had become



distorted. Also, because so much time had passed it was not practical to search for other witnesses or evidence and the case had to be regarded as unexplained (p. 286).

By these standards, the Committee should not have been able to investigate any of the older cases at all! Yet on page 143 is the report of a June 23, 1955, sighting by Mohawk Airlines (and two other) pilots near Utica, N.Y., of an object "light gray, almost round," with a center line, at least four windows and emitting a bright blue-green light.

Of this one the Condon Report says "a most intriguing report that must certainly be classed as an unknown pending further study, which it certainly deserves." They say further that statements from witnesses involved would be helpful and useful even 13 years after the fact. One wonders why this case is different from the previous one.

In the section describing "Unexplained Electric Power Interruptions" Robert Low reported that none of the 14 interruptions linked with UFOs in NICAP's *The UFO Evidence* (1964) corresponded to any of the 148 power interruptions listed by the Federal Power Commission as "sufficiently important to gain publicity." But then, having noted the lack of correlations, he proceeded: "Rather than investigate events that, from the standpoint of power systems operations and impact on the public, were not significant, it appeared more fruitful to determine whether there were power failures that could not be satisfactorily explained" (p. 108). As if the Committee were established to investigate unexplained power failures instead of unexplained UFOs!

Describing an April 6, 1967, sighting at Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the Committee stated that because detailed meteorological data was missing it seemed likely that the sighting

was of a meteor and not a UFO case at all. However, they suggested the case might merit more investigation (p. 131). Wasn't "more investigation" the thing the Committee was set up to do?

Many UFO sightings were attributed (probably correctly) to "anomalous propagation" of light and radio waves caused by unusual meteorological conditions (most notably, sharp changes in temperature and humidity). But the conditions that would have to exist to explain some of these sightings exist only by inference. The Report states there is strong inferential evidence that such sharp gradients do exist in the atmosphere (see Section VI, Chapter 4) but states that experiments capable of detecting such gradients have not been made. They insist that just because a temperature change of 10°C. over a distance of one centimeter never has been observed in the free atmosphere this does not prove such gradients don't exist (p. 116). No experiments designed to detect such gradients were undertaken.

In Case 42 a state trooper, in the fall of 1967, stated he had encountered at 150 feet distance a saucer-shaped object with oval portholes around its periphery. A lie detector test given this officer "showed no indications that the UFO report was other than truthful." Checking the area the next morning the trooper had found some small metallic-appearing material he did not recognize. The Report says that when some of this material was analyzed semiquantitatively its major constituents were found to be iron and silicon. But, they say, the material's relation to the reported UFO is uncertain and might be only corroded earthly waste (p. 390-391).

One wonders how much trouble it would have been to test the fragment a bit further in an effort to determine its origin.



On page 48 the Report writes of a detailed study made of two sightings from a station studying airglow and zodiacal light on the Hawaiian Islands. They conclude one of these is unidentified but could be related to an artificial satellite.

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THE WORD "prejudice" is related to "prejudge," that is, "to judge before hearing or before full and sufficient examination." Aside from material already published in FATE (again September, 1968, issue) there are other hints of such prejudgments.

In a worthwhile discussion of the Mechanics of Perception (pp. 559-590) the errors that can be made by faulty perception are analyzed. The reader is told of a method by which he may create a UFO image by applying pressure to his eyeball. Is the implication here that radar operators, pilots, police and ground observers go about putting pressure on their eyeballs in order to see UFOs?

As one scientist has stated to us off the record, "What is so wrong about our normal perception capabilities? All learning, accumulation of knowledge and studies are based on perception. The Committee members had to use these same abilities when they conducted the Condon study and when they wrote the Report. Criticism of perceptual abilities applies to everybody.

"The fact is, however, that we can say with a fair degree of certainty that the average level of perception must be pretty high considering the great advances and achievements made by the bulk of the population. Yet Dr. Condon would wish us to question our visual senses."

The difficulty here is that the Committee asks us also to question radar as a means of observing UFOs. Thus the Report says (p. 655), "the radar method of looking at an object, although mechanically and electronical-

ly precise, is in many aspects substantially less comprehensive than the visual approach. In addition, the very techniques that provide the objective measurements are themselves susceptible to errors and anomalies that can be very misleading."

The Report makes a substantial contribution to our understanding of the problems of radar and the difficulties of interpreting radar signals. This is worthwhile. But if both visual sightings and radar sightings are suspect what methods of detecting UFOs—or anything else—are acceptable to science? And what of sound, scent, taste perhaps, feelings of heat, cold, electricity? Are they too not acceptable?

The theory of mirages is given a scholarly treatment by William Viezee, a research meteorologist at the Stanford Research Institute and staff member of the Committee. But by definition a mirage is caused by the refraction of a light source from a real object. Do we assume from this exposition that UFOs are in fact real and genuine objects?

The problem, of course, is that there are difficulties in human perception. Radar does fail and does give false readings. Objects can be seen beyond the horizon due the mirage effects and can appear to move although they are in fact stationary. But all claims cannot be rejected because some may be in error.

The difficulty of investigating UFOs was apparent from the beginning. There is first of all the difficulty of proving that something does not exist. In addition there is the incredible variety of reports.

Each year in the United States alone 400 to 500 large polyethylene scientific balloons and 100,000 bursting neoprene balloons are launched. Just to analyze the Tremonton photographs took over 100 man-hours. Narrow temperature gradients and



unusual meteorological conditions are surprisingly common and it is difficult to evaluate UFO reports without detailed local weather data which may not be available. There are so many potential causes of radar returns that it is nearly impossible to identify an unknown target before it disappears from the scope.

Consider the Tremonton photographs, for example. Shortly before noon at Tremonton, Utah, on July 2, 1952, a husband and wife and their two children saw and made motion pictures of a "rough formation" of *something* "milling around the sky." The Committee ruled out aircraft, insects, radar chaff and balloons but found that "the films alone are consistent with birds." Observations of birds near Tremonton were very similar to objects in the film. In support of this conclusion the Committee noted that white gulls were known to be present in the area, that the size and relative speed of the objects were consistent with birds at 2,000 feet, that the motions of the objects were typical of wheeling gliding birds and that there were erratic fluctuations in brightness (perhaps due to flapping).

The Report seems unnecessarily concerned about the existence of extraterrestrial UFOs. Condon states specifically (p. 25) "we found no direct evidence whatever of a convincing nature now exists for the claim that any UFOs represent spacecraft visiting Earth from another civilization." As far as the Committee is concerned there is simply no hard data available that supports what it calls the ETA—"extraterrestrial actuality."

Curiously enough, however, one astute commentator, holding both master's and doctoral degrees in science, wrote to FATE: "To me, personally, this Report appears to have a reverse psychological effect. If one was a nonbeliever in the ET (extrater-

restrial) hypothesis, after reading this Report he would tend to lean in the direction of the ET position."

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ONE OF THE significant criticisms that will be leveled against the Condon Report is that it rejected a statistical approach to studying UFO reports.

The Committee rejected statistical studies both to test hypotheses and examine the data itself to see what conclusions might be drawn from the correlations that might appear.

A major reason for the Committee's rejection is that the data itself is not based on laboratory situations but on human reports with all their possibilities of error and psychological contamination. UFO phenomena "occur in nature and out of our direct control," the Committee states. It cannot be placed in a laboratory for study but "must be accepted as it happens."

If the complaint really is that the factual data cannot be separated from the human beings making the report, one wonders what sort of factual data ever would be fully acceptable to the Committee.

The Report also complains about the difficulty of making statistical studies because of the "unknown nature of the phenomena." How would sample reports be selected, for example? Would random samples be taken? Would only "good" reports be acceptable—and who really knows what a "good" report is? Suppose a UFO report was known to be Venus. Would it be included? Would contactee reports be acceptable?

There are other objections as well but in essence the report concludes that there would be little value to science in examining the reported data for "significant" features.

To an outsider looking on this seems like weaseling. The Condon people really are saying that construction of statistical studies of



UFOs is beyond the reach of science even though quantum mechanics, wave function mathematics, even the general theory of relativity are based on the mathematics of probability.

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ONE OF THE criticisms Dr. James McDonald of the University of Arizona made during the study was that the Condon Committee was not paying enough attention to "obfuscation" cases—those reports where an official cover-up has been charged. The Condon Report denies this bias. Nevertheless, several puzzling incidents are related even in the comparatively small number of cases discussed by the Committee.

In Case 30, for example, a civilian employee at a California Air Force Base confirmed an earlier report that base personnel had sighted six UFOs following an X-15 on a secret flight in the fall of 1967. After describing various evasions the case analysis concludes that the report of the incident never was more than rumor. Yet project investigators could not confirm or refute the facts because their attempts to investigate were met with evasion and uncooperative responses.

Case 5 is a sighting in the Dallas-Fort Worth area September 19, 1957. In this case, not on public record, the three-man crew of a B-47 with radar surveillance devices encountered a glowing ball of light as "big as a barn." It paced them at 10 miles range, disappeared and reappeared at a different location, both visually and on airborne and ground radars. The crew agreed that a full account had been given to Intelligence personnel at the base and a lengthy questionnaire was filled out. However, the Air Force reported that no records of this event exist (pp. 56-57, 261-266).

In discussing a fragment alleged to have been dislodged from a UFO by

aerial gunfire and recovered by ground search crews the Condon Report observed: "If such a fragment did exist and was classified 'Secret' as was claimed, its existence and whereabouts would not necessarily be revealed to this project" (p. 91).

Saunders reports UFO sightings, including one by a Kinchloe AFB radar operator on September 6, 1967, in which a "sequence of some 20 radar targets appeared and disappeared over (Lake Superior) during a three-hour period in the early morning, exhibiting speeds of 2,000 mph, right-angle turns at those speeds and the separation and merging of several of these distinct targets."

Saunders says, "The point is that Duluth reportedly acknowledged (in this case via strictly Air Force channels) having the UFO targets on their radar and later denied this."

Astronaut James McDivitt took films of an unidentified cylindrical object with a protuberance. Says the Report (p. 205), "The NASA photo interpreter had released three or four pictures but McDivitt says that the pictures released were definitely not of the object he had seen."

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THE SCOPE of the Report is much too large to be encompassed even in a long review. Certainly the Condon Committee has introduced useful knowledge into the UFO picture. It has made significant contributions by explaining physical and psychological phenomena that bear upon UFOs. Some of the "classic" cases have been followed up and "explained" albeit not always convincingly.

The implication of the Committee's final conclusions is that since so many of the best cases have been explained by detailed investigation, all of them could be explained if only we had more information.

Case studies are offered, photo-



graphs are analyzed, problems of perception, psychology, optics, radar, sonic booms, balloons, atmospheric electricity including ball lightning and instrumentation are discussed in detail.

Maybe there wasn't enough money; maybe the predispositions of some of the investigators colored the work that was done. Some of the reports leave the strong feeling that more investigations could have been carried out, that things weren't followed through to the end.

This occurs, for example, in the discussion of perhaps the most controversial UFO case on record, one involving magnesium fragments from an alleged UFO which supposedly exploded over Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, Brazil, in the fall of 1957. The metal was claimed to be so pure it could not have been produced by earthly technology.

APRO supplied the Condon Committee with a fragment and its impurities were measured by delicate neutron-activation analysis at the Bureau of Internal Revenue. Dow Chemical Company supplied a specimen similar to those supplied for over 25 years. " . . . the analytical results presented . . . show that the claimed UFO fragment is not nearly as pure as magnesium produced by known earthly technology prior to 1957" (p. 96).

However, the pattern of impurities was unusual, with a large amount of strontium. Dow records reveal that since 1940 experimental batches of magnesium have contained as much strontium as the Brazil fragment. Metallographic examination of the Brazil magnesium showed elongated grains, indicating that the metal had not been worked after solidification from a liquid or vapor; i.e., the sample had not been part of a fabricated metal object.

A major objection to the Condon Report's analysis on this is its com-

plete silence on the fragment's calcium, silicon and mercury content. Saunders states:

"If someone had made a serious effort to purify the sample, the element most difficult to remove would have been calcium. (See Dow analysis, Condon Report, p. 258). There was none. If someone had done an unusually fine job of removing the calcium, he almost certainly would have done it using a quartz vessel. This would have introduced minute amounts of silicon into the sample. The FBI (sic) tests showed that no silicon was present. If someone had used the best techniques available to purify magnesium in 1968 he would have employed repeated sublimation of the metal under a very high vacuum. A mercury-vapor pump would be required to produce this vacuum, resulting in mercury contamination of the product. There was no mercury in the Ubatuba sample." (Saunders, pp. 173-174.)

The Condon Report as published shows no mercury present. It is completely silent as to the presence or absence of silicon and calcium. In the light of Saunders' assertions this is a glaring omission.

The Ubatuba magnesium fall is an example of a recurrent fault of the Condon Committee—a good investigation that stops short of being conclusive. For while some case analyses were extremely thorough, others noticeably were not. For example:

After investigating a 1967 sighting near Cape Ann, Mass., the Committee's team was not able to identify what had been seen. It was a NICAP official who "continued the investigation and subsequently learned that an aircrew from the 99th Bomb Wing, Westover AFB, had dropped 16 white flares while on a practice mission . . ." (pp. 61-62, 340-341).

The Report does offer hope to those who would like to continue UFO research despite its main con-



clusion. The chapter "Instrumentation of UFO Searches" suggests numerous methods for continuing UFO studies with the same facilities now being used for other projects. For example, in the midwest the Prairie Network of sky cameras searches for meteors. Scanning photometers can sense different colors and determine if a sky object is self-luminous or reflecting light. The Weather Bureau's WSR-57 radar is equipped with a 35-mm camera and Bureau stations are interspersed with the Prairie Network. "Image Orthicons" and "Vidicons" are capable of making high resolution photographs of faint objects in the sky. They can store and reproduce the image immediately. All these should be useful in UFO research.

On pages 801-802 an eight-point program is outlined for correlating all these existing instruments and networks to analyze UFO reports. Regular scientific work would not be interrupted and the additional annual

cost is estimated at only about \$250,000. This chapter says the "undiscovered one percent" of UFO sightings referred to by Hynek in 1966 might be clarified as a result of investigating several rare phenomena rather than only one; if and when there is some real evidence of extraterrestrial intelligence then will be time enough to change the goal of the research (p. 803).

The Condon Committee has provided some valuable insights but its contributions to a solution of the UFO puzzle seem outweighed by its omissions. Before the Committee ever was formed it was known that 95 percent of all sightings could be explained either as hoaxes or as known natural or man-made phenomena. But while the Report states: "It is such a residual (the two-five percent of unexplained sightings) that is the core of the UFO problem . . ." they did not solve this problem — the problem remains:

What are the UFOs?



## THE DUCK THAT THOUGHT HE WAS A GOOSE

*By Dolores Van Noort*

**L**AST SPRING my husband and I ordered a dozen white Chinese goslings and a dozen Pekin ducklings. Both grew very rapidly on the tender grass surrounding our pond.

We noticed one little duckling always swam with the young geese. He ate with them and ignored his own kind. In fun, we called him Oscar, the duck that thought he was a goose.

When the time was right we decided to dress the plump geese and put them in our freezer for winter eating. We would allow the ducks to mature and add a decorative touch to our pond.

When all the geese had been taken care of we noticed a peculiar thing. While the other ducks were swimming or feeding Oscar sat alone on the shore and refused to move. He didn't eat and was getting thinner every day. The grain we placed beside him remained untouched. After nine days I found his limp lifeless body on the same spot where he had mourned.

Sadly I buried the little creature and began to wonder. Did Oscar feel so stranded, so alone, that he wished to join his feathered friends in spirit? What quirk of fate made him identify with a flock of geese?



# True Mystic Experiences

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## MY BANJO

By Daisy Hayes

SINCE CHILDHOOD I have dreamed many vivid and detailed dreams and some of them have come true. Probably the best example occurred in November, 1919, when I was a teenager. I dreamed I was on a tour of a strange old theater. The guide took us through the elegant old building and then backstage.

Stored there were dusty props, posters and other colorful paraphernalia. The guide told us these had been used for many old-time minstrel shows. While he was talking something prompted me to peek behind a faded flat portraying a Mississippi riverboat scene. I peered into the gloom and when my eyes adjusted to the darkness I saw an old black leather banjo case. Excitedly I pulled out the case and opened it.

Inside I found an exquisite banjo. The neck was blonde wal-

nut with delicate mother-of-pearl inlaid on the front and a garland of hand-carved roses on the back. The shiny round rim was chrome-plated. I had wanted a banjo for a long time so these dream details were sharp.

The dream faded and I almost had forgotten it until the following summer when I visited Salt Lake City for the first time. I took a guided tour of the city on July 7, 1920, and we were taken through the old Salt Lake Theatre which had been built in 1861-1862 under Brigham Young's di-



Daisy Hayes



rection. It stood at the intersection of State Street and First South Street and was torn down in 1928.

To my amazement I was sure I had seen the theater before. When we were taken backstage I found the prop I'd seen in my dream and behind it the banjo!

I gave my father no peace until he agreed to buy that old banjo for me. Now I've had it for many years, tangible evidence of a dream come true. — *North Las Vegas, Nev.*

### WARNING NIGHTMARES

By Lorraine Piffner

ABOUT THE middle of November, 1963, I awakened from a nightmarish dream in which I had envisioned a funeral in a large beautiful church. The crowd around the church numbered in the thousands. I asked someone whose funeral it was and received the answer, "It's . . . (I couldn't hear). You must tell —"

I awoke in a frenzy wondering whom I must tell and what I must say. I felt strongly that the scene of the funeral had been Washington, D. C., and that the nightmare bore some relation to Pres. John F. Kennedy — but what? I was completely mystified until November 22 — that terrible Friday when he was assassinated.

The day of his funeral my

mother and my daughter Myrlene were with me in my Scottsbluff, Nebr., home. Along with everyone else in the country we wept as we watched the sad procession on the TV screen. As the procession entered the cemetery I went to the kitchen to take an aspirin. To my amazement, in my own kitchen, President Kennedy appeared and spoke to me. "Do not cry for me. This is the way it had to be. My brother Robert will finish my tasks as the next president of the United States."

Was I dreaming? No, everything I had experienced, from the nightmare to his appearance in my kitchen, *had* happened. It was unforgettable — but why had the warning nightmare and the President's spirit come to me?

As time passed my personal grief over the misfortune of President Kennedy's death paled. When Robert Kennedy entered the presidential race in 1968 I felt an inner certainty that he would win, for I remembered distinctly the words his brother had spoken in my kitchen.

On May 4, 1968, I was employed as a waitress in a cafe in Antioch, Ill., where I had moved from Scottsbluff a few weeks previously. It was my habit to get up at 5:30 A. M. and do my morning chores quickly in order



to spend some time at my typewriter before going to work at one in the afternoon.

I had not been writing very long when a sick numb feeling came over me. I thought it probably was due to my homesickness for my family, from whom I had not heard for some time.

After while I went back to my writing and suddenly I felt someone had entered my room. I sensed that the presence was not to be seen so I did not even turn but continued to type.

"What a waste," a voice said.

"What waste?" I asked.

Immediately there appeared before me a scene, as if coming through a movie projector, of Robert Kennedy lying on a floor with blood around his head. As I looked into the crowd I saw a young man in a white jacket and dark pants holding a gun. I could hear people screaming. The vision then changed to that of Robert Kennedy's funeral procession. Immediately I snapped back to consciousness and found myself repeating, "Anyone in the world, but not Robert, not Robert!"

I was very shaken but I tried to convince myself that these hallucinations were the product of my emotional involvement over the previous assassinations of John F. Kennedy and Martin Luther King.

When I arrived at the cafe one of the other waitresses asked me what was wrong. I guess I looked terrible.

"Something is going to happen," I said. "I'm not sure what, but it's bad."

That was a terrible day. I could look right at a customer and not see him.

The next morning the same experience was repeated — the vision of Robert Kennedy slain. When I went to work I was a nervous wreck. I couldn't remember prices; I broke a cup; I spilled a full sugar bowl. The boss was so angry he asked me not to come back to work.

On May 8 the hallucination of Robert Kennedy's assassination reoccurred for the third time and it made me physically ill. I tried to watch his every appearance on TV to see if I could find anyone in the crowd who resembled the assassin in my vision, but there never seemed to be anyone. As the weeks went by I thought — gratefully — that my premonitory visions were meaningless.

When the real event took place late June 5, 1968, I was at work and I did not learn until the next day that Senator Kennedy had been in California. That morning someone rushed in and said excitedly, "Turn on the TV. Robert Kennedy has been shot!"



Numbly I heard myself saying, "I was waiting for the news."

When I saw the event on television the exact picture unfolded as I had seen it three times before. — *Antioch, Ill.*

### MY DOG, DICK

By Samuel Leigh

**W**HENEVER DOGS are mentioned, memory turns to my dog Dick, a Scotch shepherd of remarkable talents, and his part in saving my life when none but he could have known the danger.

My wife and children were visiting away from our Miami home one day in 1941. I came home to an empty house after a trying day and dropped into a chair near the fireplace with Dick lying at my feet. Utterly exhausted I fell asleep only to be aroused by Dick pulling at my trousers and making strange noises. He barked, growled and whined and continually ran back and forth to the door. His behavior was so strange that I went to the door and stepped out on the porch. Dick indicated quite insistently that I follow him onto the lawn, and I did.

It was a beautiful cloudless summer night. The stars were bright and there was no sign of a breeze. Dick was standing at my side still shivering and whining when suddenly a blinding flash of lightning and a loud crash

shook the ground. I was stunned for a moment but then I realized Dick was running in circles, yipping and barking and licking my hand.

While I was trying to quiet him a neighbor, William Blair, rushed over. Together we looked at my house and saw the chimney had fallen. Masonry was scattered over the roof and on the front steps. Inside we found the living room a shambles, full of debris from a large hole in the roof — and my chair was smashed. If I had been in that chair I would have been killed. — *Miami, Fla.*

### THE BALL I COULDN'T KEEP

By Nellie Wagner

**G**REED HAD won. I spit on the corner of my head scarf and rubbed at the "JW" printed on the white ball. If I could just rub off the initials, Jenny Wilson wouldn't recognize it as hers.

It was September, 1924, and Jenny, my sister Louise and I all attended the same grade school in Sedro Woolley, Wash., although Jenny lived five miles out in the country. When she had clambered aboard her school bus the ball had slipped out of her pocket and she could not possibly know that I had retrieved it. At first I fully intended to return it to her the next morning but it was such a good bouncer my



resolve weakened on my walk home.

My sister Louise, walking beside me, fumed when I said I would keep the ball. I simply closed my ears and rubbed harder to get the initials off. The dye from my cheap scarf had made a blue smudge so I rubbed the ball on my coat. It slipped from my hand, bounced on the hard-packed dirt of the empty lot we were passing and stopped in a small dry clump of quack grass.

We were two sober little girls when we walked on home after combing that small grass tuft where not even a marble could have hidden from our frantic eyes. The ball had vanished!

The next morning when we reached the school grounds Jenny came running toward us — and she was bouncing her ball.

"Y-y-your ball. You didn't lose it?" I stammered.

"Lose it? Course not." She looked puzzled, then added, "Oh, the other kids must have told you. I thought I lost it on the bus but it must have caught on the bus door because it rolled on the grass when I got off at our lane. Don't know how this blue got on it, though."

Jenny had found her ball at about the same time we had seen it last and her lane was five miles away from the empty lot! — *Seattle, Wash.*

## THE BLESSED BALKY MULES

Lois T. Herring

WHEN I WAS 15, my parents Joseph and Fannie Young decided to move to California. We left Wild Cherry, Ark., in a covered wagon in May, 1912, bound for Hartford, Calif., where my grandmother, Mary Elizabeth Moore, lived.

My mother had lost a baby girl at birth and was so depressed that she insisted on going to her mother. So Father sold our little farm and we started the long trek west.

We shouldn't have started so soon after Mother's confinement, for when we were going through Nevada she became very ill with puerperal fever — "childbed fever" we called it. Father tried to make her bed in the wagon comfortable and I tended her constantly but she seemed to get worse.

The jolting of the wagon and the terrible heat were very hard on Mother but we had to reach a place called Travelers' Rest and Wagon Yard if we were to get food and medicine and a place for her to rest. Father thought we could reach it in a day if we took the north fork through the mountains. The south fork was bad enough but the north fork was only a narrow rough road often blocked by small landslides. Nevertheless it was the



shorter route to the wagon yard — which was nothing but a fenced-in clearing where water was available and a small store handled a meager stock of food.

We had made about five miles between high cliffs on one side and steep drop-offs on the other when suddenly the mules stopped, rearing and struggling in their traces, trying to turn to one side or the other. I was beside Father on the spring seat and both of us saw a sight we never forgot. We had come face to face with ourselves! It was like looking into a huge mirror.

Dad threw me the reins as he pulled the rope brake and leaped down. He soon had the mules by the bridles and slowly backed the rig around the curve behind us to a space where he could

turn it around. We made our way back to the forks and started out again on the southern route.

Higher in the mountains the air was cooler and Mother felt much better. When we came to a small stream Father made camp, for we knew we couldn't make Travelers' Rest as soon as we had hoped. In fact, we never did get there, but Mother survived her illness nevertheless.

The next day we set out again. We met a traveler on the road who told us there had been a landslide the night before on the north fork. The little store and wagon yard had been completely covered and no one survived. If we had been able to reach the camping place, I would not be telling the story of the balky mules. — *Oracle, Ariz.*



## IN THE CRYSTAL BALL

*By Richard Lynn*

**W**HEN PROPHETS disagree some are bound to need second sight.

The recent election of a Republican president was predicted three years ago by Jeane Dixon. Astrologer Katharine de Jersey also forecast a GOP victory but "the reluctant prophet" Daniel Logan stated Nixon would lose.

The Georgia seer, R. C. "Doc" Anderson said that George Wallace would score a greater upset than Harry Truman's 1948 victory. Paul Twitchell goofed, too. He said Wallace would make a strong race for the presidency on an independent ticket.

Well, sometimes the crystal ball is cloudy.





This postscript updates seers' success: some predictions, indeterminate when 1968 assessment was made, proved out in last months of the year.

**W**E FREELY granted that what seemed to be "misses" might become "hits" by the time our assessment of seers' predictions for 1968 was in print

According to *U.S. News & World Report* for December 9, 1968: "Alexei Kosygin, it is now known, tried twice this year to resign as Premier of Soviet Rus-



By Brad Steiger and Warren Smith

(January, 1969, FATE). Now it seems only fair to note certain prophecies that came on-target in the closing months of last year.

Both Paul Twitchell and John Pendragon foresaw the resignation of Russian Premier Kosygin in 1968. As we write this (February, 1969) Kosygin is still in power but we must grant the two prophets at least a partial "hit" on this prediction.

sia because of developing problems at home for which he will be held responsible. Others in the Kremlin talked him out of it because they don't want to suggest to the outside world that there are differences at the top in Russia."

We also considered Twitchell's prediction of a newly-developed United States missile to combat a similar Soviet Union weapon "beyond our intelligence sources



to score either as a hit or a miss." The December 6, 1968, issue of *Time* reported Secretary of Defense Clark Clifford's partial commitment to the Air Force's \$8.1 billion program to perfect a new rocket-like bomber to replace our giant bombers and to close a gap between our program and that of the USSR.

None of the seers published a prognostication of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's death but a number of them did make the prediction in advance of the occurrence. Irene Hughes is one of the seers who can document their grim prophecies of the senator's death. Mrs. Hughes told Iowa's Governor (now Senator) Hughes that Senator Kennedy would be shot through the head by an assassin while on the campaign trail. After the terrible reality of the assassination Governor Hughes confirmed the Chicago seer's prediction.

Irene Hughes and John Pendragon had tuned in on Jackie Kennedy's wedding bells far in advance of their actual peeling on the island of Skorprios. Mrs. Hughes predicted in 1963, shortly after the President's assassination, that his widow would remarry in 1968. Repeating the prediction last year Mrs. Hughes foresaw Jackie marrying "... a much older man than herself—a sort of father image."

On May 4, 1965, Pendragon wrote of a vision he had of Mrs. Kennedy and a man surrounded by a large number of ships. Restating the prophecy for 1968's prognostications the British seer said, "I forecast the remarriage of Mrs. Jacqueline Kennedy. Her second husband may be a naval man." Onassis of course is a shipowner on a grand scale rather than a "naval man" but if we grant this minor allowance for this misinterpretation of symbols the hit seems impressive.

In August, 1968, R. C. "Doc" Anderson published his prediction of a forthcoming wedding for Jacqueline Kennedy. "I saw Mrs. Kennedy in a wedding dress," the robust psychic stated recently. "I did not get a glimpse of the groom during this vision. I wasn't surprised at the wedding but I certainly make no claims to having foreseen that Aristotle Onassis would be her husband."

Pendragon also correctly foresaw the tensions between Great Britain and Argentina over the Falkland Islands. His prediction that the Cunard Line would refuse to accept the liner *Queen Elizabeth II* also came to pass in the closing months of 1968.

We gave Joseph DeLouise a "minus" score for his prediction that a pill to combat old age would be perfected. Mr. DeLou-



ise wrote us to point out that a professor of biochemistry at the University of Nebraska had announced the availability of a drug that is claimed to add 35 years to one's life-span. This seems to move our "minus" mark to Mr. DeLouise's "plus" column.

We already had attributed many "hits" to Irene Hughes but it appears that the remarkable Chicago seeress scored much better than we indicated. In her newspaper columns throughout 1968 she predicted — well ahead of time — President Johnson's announcement that he would not run for reelection. She also foresaw the transportation strikes in France, the economic troubles in Great Britain, the rising cost of gold and a flu epidemic which would begin in the fall of 1968.

"Doc" Anderson predicted in

August, 1968, the release of the *Pueblo* crewmen from their North Korean captivity and his prophecy appeared in the January, 1969, edition of *Saga* magazine. His prognostication read: "... The *Pueblo* (crewmen) will be released soon by the North Korean government. However, there will be serious trouble unless great care is exercised in these negotiations. Crew members of the captured ship are in fair physical condition. The nation will be angered by the Communist brainwashing of these brave men."

As this is written the trial of Commander Bucher is under way and we are aware that the story of the Korean captivity is not yet complete. So far, however, the testimony seems to bear out the Georgia seer's forecast.



### TO THE MOON BY FLYING SAUCER

FROM A VILLAGE deep in the English countryside, engineer John Searle, aged 36, has challenged the United States and the Soviet Union to step up their space programs. He says he can beat the world's rocket experts to the moon by flying saucer.

In the Berkshire village of

Mortimer, Mr. Searle has been designing flying saucers for 18 years. He contends that he has conducted successful test flights with his saucers (unmanned) using a device that produces an anti-gravity state.

He estimates he needs \$2,500,000 to continue his in-progress project.





## *With an Assist from Arthur Ford*



Rev. Arthur Ford again helps to contribute evidential confirmation of survival of personality after death.

By Theodore N. Tiemeyer

**T**WENTY-SIX YEARS after his death an ex-mayor of Cincinnati whose political career had been clouded with corruption returned to defend his honor.

That mayor, George Puchta, was my mother's uncle. Communicating through The Rev. Arthur Ford, the nationally famous sensitive, Uncle George shed new light on some political skull-duggery of his day. My personal involvement and subsequent re-

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search, once I was on the trail, have made this experience an evidential confirmation of my belief in the survival of personality after death.

As a child in the early part of the century I frequently heard my mother speak with pride of her Uncle George who served in 1916-17 as mayor of the Ohio River metropolis. He had a genuine love for people. He cuddled babies, shook voters' hands warmly, waved sincerely friendly greetings to the throngs and smiled on them with the air of a benevolent leader looking after his people.

Especially did he cherish every invitation to be "the speaker of the day." There was scarcely a cornerstone-laying, an institution dedication or a holiday picnic where he was not on hand to charm the celebrants with his eloquence. I still can see him mounting a bunting-draped rostrum on the Fourth of July, attired in gray-striped trousers, black frock coat and the inevitable shining high silk hat which



A dedicated psychic researcher delights in meeting the challenge of authenticating names and data produced by a medium.

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compensated in some measure for his small stature. At that time few citizens realized he was the amiable front man for a corrupt political clique which was robbing city hall. As time went by my mother spoke of him less frequently and less proudly but I was too young for this to seem strange.

A few years later my public school studies included a course in Civics. In this class I learned that Cincinnati once had been

governed by the mayor-council system of city government until it was replaced by the city-manager system. The latter was described as less vulnerable to corruption. Local historians had recorded that graft, bribery and padded contracts dominated Cincinnati's government during the period from 1910 to 1924. It came as a shock to me: this period included the mayoralty of Uncle George. From my textbook I learned that a few years after



his tenure an aroused citizenry overwhelmingly approved a reform party's plan for the city-manager system.

Mayor George Puchta left politics and returned to private business as president of the Queen City Supply Company. I worked there for two years as stock boy and bill clerk but I doubt that he ever knew I was on the payroll. However, on rare occasions I would catch a glimpse of him on the back stairs going to or from his private office. The halo was gone; the luster had faded. He seemed so small, so average — I felt a tinge of sadness.

As we grew up my siblings and I taxed our mother's patience with what we thought were witty observations about her suspect relative. Our favorite quip was that locks had to be put on the Ohio River when he was mayor. As years went by and I moved across many state lines, I found myself repeating this shopworn gag whenever I chanced to meet a native of the Queen City.

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THE REV. ARTHUR Ford came to Miami in 1962 to organize a South Florida chapter of the Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship for which I later served as chairman. This carried with it the highly-prized privilege of sitting in the circle from time to

time with other researchers and relying on the unique talent of The Reverend Ford to challenge us with information that would require authentication.

On one occasion Ford had folded his handkerchief over his eyes and relaxed in a comfortable chair in his usual manner. We started our tape recorders and waited. His French-Canadian control, who identifies himself as "Fletcher," spoke to us in a clear voice and welcomed us to the circle.

The very first message was directed to me and purported to be from an "Uncle George." Cautiously I inquired which one because I had the Uncle George who was my mother's brother and another who was my father's brother-in-law. The answer was, "This Uncle George is one who held a public office in the city where you were born and raised. He is here with your mother and seems to have been a judge or a lawyer in your city in the early part of this century." I blurted out, "Oh, that Uncle George! He was the mayor."

"Yes, *that* Uncle George," Fletcher continued. "He was a mayor. He often has been close to you and finds interest in your work. In the light of your moral teachings he has been reviewing his political life and ideas. He



says, 'I was mixed up with an unsavory group. There was August Herrmann who ran the middle part of the city and George Cox who controlled the slums and suburbs. There was also a Polish accountant named —' (Fletcher could not communicate the name clearly and I wrote it down as it sounded, Rudy Hiesike, which I later changed to Heinecke because this was more like a Cincinnati-German name) — 'These three really ran the city when I was mayor.' "

From Fletcher's continuing comments I gathered that Uncle George had not been a conspirator in corruption and resented his kin's readiness to impugn his integrity. He insisted he was sincere in his dedication to his office but the conspiring triumvirate took advantage of his naïveté. He so cherished the right to be addressed as "His Honor," so loved the privilege of speaking from festive platforms that either he had not bothered to investigate or simply had closed his eyes to what was happening to the city treasury.

A psychic researcher finds genuine excitement when confronted with names that challenge authentication. With the help of my sister who lived in Cincinnati I learned from the newspaper file that the city had

weathered gross mismanagement of public funds for a period of 15 years. The political boss was George B. Cox. On the city council at the time was an August Herrmann. The city comptroller who had exclusive power to allot all contracts was a Polish immigrant named Rudolph K. Hynicka. His political position had been established when he was chosen unanimously as Ohio's Republican national committeeman.

Further light and confirmation came in a volume entitled, *Vas You Ever in Zinzinnati?* The author, Dick Perry, records: "George B. Cox was Cincinnati's political boss. By his 50th birthday he had constructed a political machine which Lincoln Steffens described as the most perfect organization of the sort that he ever had seen or heard of. Though he died in 1916, the Cox machine refused to die.

"The comptroller of the people as well as petty cash was Mr. Hynicka who also made a fortune on a string of burlesque houses. Another lieutenant, August Herrmann, came out with the smallest bank account but still didn't end in the poor-house."

Evidence to support the psychic message was mounting but one more source remained to be explored — the Historical De-



partment of the Cincinnati Public Library. From there came duplicated copies of reports of salient events in the lives of the "big three."

August Herrmann (also known as Garry Herrmann) later endeared himself to the public when he purchased the Cincinnati Reds, the baseball team, and furnished sufficient capital to power it to a pennant in 1919 and a World Series championship in that infamous year of Chicago's White Sox scandal. When he died in 1932 he was eulogized as "a figure who dominated baseball and politics."

Rudolph Hynicka was the last to give up his position of power.

In 1925 he tried to come back and reconstruct a machine with the remnants of Cox's surviving henchmen. His attempt was thwarted and he was repudiated by his party. The disgruntled Hynicka left Cincinnati to retire in Florida where he died in 1927.

One last bit of evidence helps me to believe that Uncle George had nobility and integrity despite his gullibility. When he retired from business he turned over total ownership of his company to 12 employees who had served him long and faithfully.

Such was my "Uncle George." I am proud to be able with the help of Arthur Ford to vindicate the honor of His Honor!



## WITCH'S GRAVE

*By Laurance E. Webber*



Mary Nasson, supposedly buried here in 1744, is said to have been executed for witchcraft.

IN THE HISTORIC town of York, Me., settled by the Pilgrims in 1624, there is a cemetery which dates back to the early 1700's. Many of the lichen-covered headstones have crude death's heads with wings over the inscriptions which are in old English spelling.

One grave, completely covered by a large boulder from headstone to footstone so the occupant never can escape, is called "The Witch's Grave."



# *Fingers of Fate*

By Harold Helfer

It was a surprise baby shower for Mrs. Richard Primus of Nome, Alaska, all right. The baby arrived during the festivities.

The fact that Alfred Dupuis, 67, of Champeau, France, is an early riser saved his life. He was up at 6:00 A.M. eating his breakfast when a truck slammed into his cottage, toppling a wall onto his empty bed.

Hunting near Marengo, Iowa, David Scott heard a noise and saw a pheasant zoom skyward. Before he had a chance to shoot, the bird crashed into a power line and fell dead at the hunter's feet.

Elizabeth Provis of Pinner England, was heartbroken when she lost her engagement ring. A day later she and her fiancé, John Coles, ate the engagement cake Elizabeth had baked. The ring turned up in her slice.

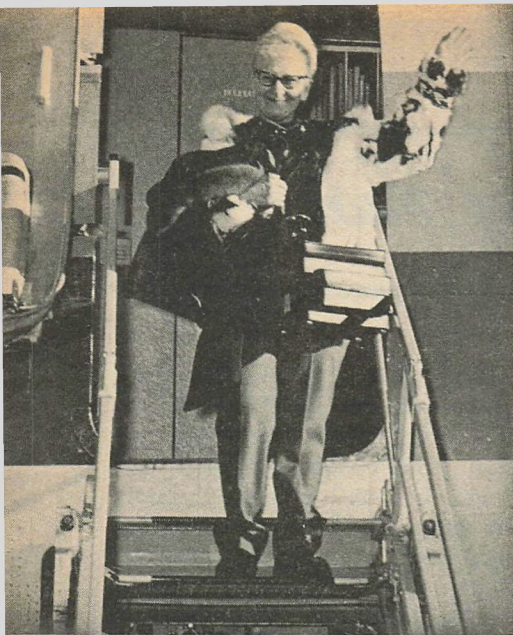
In 1967, four years after being judged an "immortal" worthy of

being seated by the Brazilian Academy of Letters, Joao Guimaraes Rosa donned the official gold-braided uniform and formally took his chair. Publicly he explained the delay by saying he'd been too busy to write his acceptance. Privately he feared becoming an "immortal" was an unnecessary challenge to his mortality. Seventy-two hours after the ceremony he was found dead in his study, the victim of a heart attack.

Daniel Brewster, the incumbent, and Charles Mathias and George Mahoney, the three candidates for the United States Senate seat from Maryland, all are married to women named Ann.

The bandits who entered the dry cleaning establishment of Mrs. Victorene Pflanzner of Milwaukee hardly could have been guilty of any worse timing. There wasn't a penny in the place because it had been held up for the first time only 10 minutes before.





Author Sally Remaley leaves her home in Florida to join expedition based in Fort Churchill, Manitoba. Photo by Paul Bartley.

Flying between 37,000 and 40,000 feet above ice-covered Arctic wastes, NASA scientists look up to study northern lights — but their lady reporter looked down!

## *Luminous Objects* on Arctic Ice

By Sally Remaley

**A**N EXTRAORDINARY thing happened to me on my way to the North Pole.

While I was flying with the NASA Aurora Expedition high over the Arctic, far from civilization, I saw some strange lights below us on the ice. These lights were miles and miles from any settlement or known life and they were arranged in *geometric patterns*!

NASA, the National Aeronau-

tics and Space Administration, with headquarters in Washington, D.C., as set up by Congress has as one of its prime functions to arrange for the scientific community to make measurements and observations through the use of aeronautical and space vehicles. From February 29 to March 10 I accompanied such an expedition in an especially outfitted Convair 990 jet, a fantastic plane which I nicknamed "the bird." It



was the most exciting assignment of my journalistic career, this covering of the important 1968 scientific expedition sponsored by NASA, for my newspaper, the *Bradenton Herald* of Bradenton, Fla. I was the only reporter on the second leg of this well-planned expedition instigated by Dr. W. G. (Bill) Fastie of John Hopkins University to study the aurora borealis or northern lights.

In the first place it was a great thrill to fly on the beautiful 129-foot Convair which had been purchased at a cost of \$3½ million and then had another million spent on it in renovating and remodeling for its flights in the rugged and dangerous Arctic conditions. New observation windows and camera bays had been installed in the roof of the craft; an All-Sky camera was built in, along with a dark room for changing film. It contained survival equipment including dog sleds in case we crashed in the Arctic and survived the crash! Expensive instruments were installed — spectrometers, photometers, wide angle cameras and radio frequency receivers. The heavy frames with their tabulators, panels and measuring devices were bolted down and the sensitive needles adjusted for recording data on the aurora.

The huge Convair, appropri-

A SECOND INSTANCE of triangular "UFO landing patterns," if that is what they are, came to author Remaley's attention when Conrad Hunter of Charleston, S.C., called her to discuss UFOs. She told him of the circles she had seen in the Arctic and he recalled that he had seen three similar depressions in Guam in 1963. He supplied a map of Guam showing their locations but regretted he had not taken photographs or measurements.

ately named the *Galileo*, had become a flying laboratory from which the scientists probed the secrets of the aurora, as others have done before them for the past 200 years. Never before, however, has anyone flown directly into the heart of the aurora and then traveled with it high above four-fifths of the earth's atmosphere as it journeys across the continent night after night.

The timing had been carefully planned because of the near-perfect conditions existing then for the study. And this same factor probably was responsible for my sighting the unusual lights. If there had been a cloud cover, if the air had been less clear, if I had not been able to watch the earth below as well as the aurora, I might not have seen the six unbelievably large circles of luminous light.

As it was, 1968 was judged the



best year for the aurora study since 1918, 50 years before. The periods from January 19 to February 8 and from February 22 to March 12 were selected because those periods marked peak clarity of the air, along with all-around best weather and viewing conditions.

Our base camp, from which we flew out in the evenings to "chase" the aurora throughout most of the night, was Fort Churchill on Hudson's Bay, in Manitoba, Canada. The Fort, our "jumping-off-place," is itself a very exciting spot. It's now an important research base, a true crossroads of the world for brilliant scientists from many countries, most of whom are engaged in research projects of many varieties in a score of fields.

I arrived at Fort Churchill in a snowstorm on February 29, assigned to cover the final segment of the aurora expedition and eager to get on with it. Although it had taken me two days to fly to the Fort from Bradenton, with an all-night stopover in Winnipeg, I was anxious to fly again on the Convair.

Checking the schedule for that night I found we were to fly to Fairbanks, Alaska. I received my briefing, met our host Sy Uhrich, manager and director of the Canadian National Research Council which works closely with

NASA and leases facilities at the Fort and missile range to United States researchers and others, and visited with Jim Hillis, Pan-Am project manager, and his wife Betty.

A storm kept us grounded that night but two nights later we did fly to Fairbanks, following the aurora all the way. Subsequently we flew all over the northern part of Canada, over most of the rest of Canada, over the Arctic regions and the Polar Cap, Baffin Bay and Land, over parts of Greenland, most of Alaska and the Yukon Territory.

We zigzagged back and fourth in an intense surveillance of areas inside the Auroral Oval, which begins at Fort Churchill. There on the edge of the great Oval, the center of which is the geomagnetic north pole in Northern Greenland, the aurora displays great electrical and magnetic activity during its appearances. The activity continues up and over the Polar Cap.

Although everyone else on





On-the-spot sketch shows arrangement and spacing of circles forms crude arrow.

board the *Galileo* was absorbed in studying the aurora, I was watching the earth below as well as the aurora. I saw nothing unusual while flying over Alaska or the Yukon, with the exception of the fabulous show put on by the ever-changing aurora.

We stayed over for a day in Fairbanks and flew back to Fort Churchill the next night. Then followed "local" flights over the central and northern part of Canada and finally the long flight to the polar regions, which many scientists believe some day may become the center of world trade air routes.

Plans had included landing and refueling and possibly stopping over at Thule Air Base in Greenland, a possession of Denmark. I had my passport ready but because of the recent unfortunate H-bomb incident in Greenland the plan to land there had to be scuttled. I was disappointed . . . I'd been told there are 7,000 men stationed at Thule and only three women. What an interesting place it must be!

Instead we flew as far north as our gas load would permit, then

returned to Fort Churchill. A plane as heavy and long as the *Galileo* could not successfully land anywhere en route. It required a large airport with a long smooth runway. The ice in the Arctic was too rough for a landing and not thick enough over the Arctic Ocean to hold the weight of the *Galileo* with our heavy load of instruments and 33 passengers. Besides, there was no other place to refuel as only small scattered settlements lie north of Fort Churchill.

We were fortunate in having clear nights for our flights and although we flew most of the time between 37,000 and 40,000 feet high we could see the rough peaks of jagged ice below, the huge icebergs and "pressuring" ice packs that erupt and explode from time to time in the Arctic as the pressure points build up. We also saw the flat miles of ice-covered no-man's-land at the top of Canada.

It was a stark awesome sight, especially when viewed by the blue-green light of the aurora. Only an occasional fog patch or cloud momentarily blocked our



view. These passed quickly, however, and for the most part our vision was completely unobstructed during the six or more hours of each flight. The high Arctic flight was fantastic in more ways than one! It was thrilling to be able to *look down* on stars, for instance. Lack of any smog, city pollution and dust left the sky around the horizon so clear and clean that we could see big, brilliant stars there that never are visible from so-called civilization.

And finally we were completely alone. We saw no other planes. We passed nothing in the sky. Far below us on the ground we had seen tiny settlements and villages, identifiable from tiny pinpoints of light. We had learned to recognize the long reflections of the moon on the few clouds we saw, and the moonlight on the ice below as distinguished from the light of the aurora on the ice.

Another aerial phenomenon which appears in the Arctic — airglow — was also under study by some of our scientists on the *Galileo*. So we learned to tell the fabulous soft pink airglow from the aurora, which appeared in startlingly lovely blues and greens. When the "breakup" began toward morning the beautiful plumes, ribbons, spirals and streamers of the aurora often

had in addition pink and violet fluted edgings.

It occurred to me that this was like being in another world; the empty frozen crust below us stretched as far as we could see by the light of the aurora; we might have been the last or only people in that vast expanse of white — in fact I'm sure we were right then.

It was growing colder by the second and I walked up to the cockpit just for the exercise. The great Japanese authority on the aurora, Akasofu, was in the observer's chair but he was pressed so tightly to the window, looking up, and was so small that I squeezed in alongside him.

Our outside gauge showed 60° below zero and I mentally added on another 30° for the wind chill of the Arctic where there is no shelter. After a few minutes I made my way back to the coffee bar, drank a hot cup of coffee and returned to my seat, huddling into my parka.

But when I glanced out of the window I quickly forgot about being cold. Far below on the icy surface were three round glowing lights arranged in a straight line. Each light was huge; all were the same size and perfectly round. They were luminous, glowing with an inner white light *completely different from any*



*other thing we had seen in the Arctic.*

These lights were so different, in fact, that at first I just stared, fascinated, trying to memorize everything about them before they disappeared behind us.

They were not at all like lights of any settlement or village I've seen from the air and I have flown a lot. Settlement and village lights are bright like stars; these were softly luminous and glowing. They were not like lights on a boat, ship or any familiar flying craft. *They looked like flying saucers* landed on the ice. And if that's what they were they were huge ones.

I was positive they were not reflections of the moon for we were leaving them behind on the ice. They were standing still, while reflections tend to follow along as you fly.

Another unusual thing was that the lights were an equal distance apart. It has been my observation that natural phenomena are not often found so equally spaced. It also seems unlikely to me that any crafts known to us would land on Arctic ice in this manner, exactly the same distance, and in this case probably miles, apart.

I was greatly impressed by their size, vividly recalling as I did the size of the miniature villages we had flown over many

miles back. In comparison, these luminous objects, *whatever they were*, must each have been as large as several city blocks, perhaps even larger. I could hardly believe my eyes!

They were fast disappearing into the distance when I suddenly remembered I should ask some of the others on board about them. Everyone seemed intent on the instruments or on looking up out the observation bays. No one seemed interested in what was *below* us. However, I managed to pull Joe March, official expedition photographer, over to my window. "What are they?" I gasped.

"I don't know," he replied. "I really don't know."

He operated the All Sky camera mounted on the roof of the fore part of the *Galileo* and had to get back to his post.

I poked the scientist in the seat ahead of me. "Look! Down and back, quick! What are they?"

"Hm-m-m. Well, now . . . just don't know. Some kind of reflections, maybe?"

"You know they're not. They're not following along."

"They don't look like settlements. I don't know what they are."

The three lights disappeared into the distance below and behind us and a moment later I saw the next three. They were



round, glowing white and luminous, about the same size as the others. But this time the three, instead of being in a row, were arranged in a triangle. Each one represented the point of a triangle and the tip of the triangle *was in line* with the three lights I had seen a moment before.

I pulled out my reporter's notebook and made a quick sketch so I wouldn't forget the arrangement of the lights.

The man in front of me was looking up at the aurora but I nudged him anyway. "More things down there! What are they?"

He peered down, saw the lights and shrugged. "More reflections I guess . . . or whatever the other things were."

After watching the triangle out of sight I held my sketch up into the light of the aurora where I could see it better. The three equally spaced circles plus the triangle formed *an arrow!*

What significance could this strange symbol, formed by the lights on the ice, have? How can

we explain the unique formation of the mystery lights?

Although they appeared to be *on the ice*, could they have been *under the ice*?

We may never know the answer. We may never see the strange lights again. I do not know what they were. I only know that I saw them.

After we returned to base by another route and everyone had his sleep out I questioned those I met in the dining room next day. All except the two I had poked said they did not see the lights on the ice beneath us. No one admitted ever having seen UFOs, so at last and regretfully I dropped the subject.

But I still can see in my mind, as clearly as I saw them that night, those strange lights on the ice up there over the Polar Cap. And the more I think about them the more convinced I become that they were the result of *intelligent planning* for an unknown purpose. I am convinced that we are not alone, at least we weren't that night.



### A VALUABLE PREMONITION

**J**ACK CAHALAN, a philosophy instructor at College of the Holy Cross, Worcester, Mass., gratefully removed his 10-inch-thick thesis from the family refrigerator after a fire severely damaged his home. He said he had been keeping the thesis in the refrigerator for three years because "I've always had a premonition that a fire might destroy it."



*Mexico's General Archives  
of the Spanish Era Contain the Story of*

# THE REINCARNATED WARLOCK

Although this may be a legend the Mexican government gives it official notice recording it as "historical oddity."

By Emil Zubryn

UNIQUE IN the annals of witchcraft is the story of Juan Alonso Lobo Guerrero. He was caught in a wide ranging roundup of witches instituted by Governor don Pedro de Colon de Portugal, Duke of Veraguas, in Mexico (then called New Spain) and burned at the stake in 1673. With the flames licking at his robes he calmly swore to return from the grave to exact vengeance.

More than 120 persons charged with witchcraft were burned alive on February 28, 1673, but unlike his compatriots who died praying or shrieking, Lobo Guerrero walked in silence to the stake, then spoke ominously:

"You, Viceroy of New Spain, have been directly responsible for my condemnation and you can take it as certainty that my

thirst for vengeance will be satisfied in the person of the being you most love. This I swear by Satan!"

All the spectators were frightened by the curse. But the Viceroy took the threat as a joke, regretting only that this victim did not scream in pain as the fire consumed him.

The remains of the executed victims were buried in the Desert of the Lions (still a tourist attraction in Mexico City). In the customary manner, the coffins were drenched with holy water and crosses placed at the heads of the graves. Yet graveyard workers on the night of May 15, a mere two and a half months after the executions, found Guerrero's grave empty!

Had the witch cult rescued the body of their companion and in



some satanic ceremony brought him back to life to make good his threat of vengeance?

Guerrero's threat had been forgotten by Viceroy don Pedro who was preoccupied equally with affairs of government and his daughter, Maria de Jesus. She was his pampered darling and her beauty and position made her one of the most sought-after young ladies in New Spain.

One day Alonso Guerrero de Lobo, a man in his late 30's, was introduced to Maria and immediately he began to court her — apparently successfully, for soon rumors spread of an imminent marriage. The Viceroy naturally investigated his daughter's suitor and was surprised to learn that no one knew where Guerrero de Lobo came from and even less about where he obtained his abundant wealth. To get to the bottom of the riddle the Viceroy invited his prospective son-in-law to his summer house in Coyoacan.

Everything seemed normal in the household until Doña Maria's governess noticed that her charge's husband-to-be showed no reflection in the mirrors of the palace. Also, each Saturday she saw the guest stroll into the woods and disappear. One day the governess, who must have been a woman of exceptional temerity, followed him. To her

horror she witnessed Guerrero de Lobo participating in a satanic ceremony which renewed his "life."

The terrified woman, an Indian, recalled the curse that had been hurled at the Viceroy when the warlock was burned at the stake. She hastily returned to the Viceroy's palace and as soon as she was able, she sought the advice of a witch doctor.

His gruesome counsel was this: The left hand of a hunchback had to be obtained. At midnight with grease taken from the body of the hunchback five candles were to be formed from the hunchback's fingers. On the eighth midnight of the counter-witchcraft ceremony the amputated wrist was subjected to diabolic prayer, the candles were lighted and unholy spirits were asked to locate the evil spirit of the departed warlock.

The mumbo jumbo pointed to Maria's suitor, of course. The governess brought her tale to the Viceroy who promptly invited Guerrero de Lobo to a special banquet at which the bishop of the city was guest of honor. At the end of the feast the suitor was invited to go into the library with the bishop and the Viceroy. As soon as the doors closed behind them the representative of God drenched de Lobo with holy water and the miscreant turned



to ashes before their very eyes.

But Doña Maria, on learning the story, lost her mind. Shortly thereafter the Viceroy, a broken man, returned to Spain with his mad daughter. The curse had been fulfilled.

The facts of this curious case are entered in Mexico's general archives of the Spanish era — one of the strangest witchcraft stories of the 17th Century: a condemned warlock made good his dying curse.



### "THE OTHER SIDE OF THINGS"

ENTRIES NOW are being accepted for an international photo contest on the theme, "The Other Side of Things," sponsored by the Foundation for Spiritual Understanding. The winner in the color category will receive a trip to Hawaii. First prize in the black-and-white category is a week at Val Morin Yoga Camp in Montreal. In addition to these major prizes, 18 cash awards will be made.

The panel of judges headed by *Life* photographer Ralph Crane will include outstanding photographers as well as representatives of the world's major religions. Pictures will be judged on the basis of technical excellence and their significance in terms of spiritual understanding, a concept defined by Dr. Marcus

Bach, Director of FSU, as the spiritual quality to be found at the heart of all life's positive experiences.

You might find *your* winning picture in a seascape, a sunrise or a landscape to which you have added human interest. You might capture on film a child watching a bird feed its young. The philosophy of the Foundation is that spiritual understanding is to be found in all experiences if we have the awareness to see and interpret it.

More details on the photo contest may be obtained if you write to Photo Contest, FSU, Box 816, Palos Verdes Estates, Calif., 90274. The contest closes July 1 and winners will be announced on or before September 1, 1969.



### THE FRISBIE AFFAIR

WILLIAM FRISBIE, aged 16, on an August evening in 1968 was sitting in his parked car on a country road near Princeton, Mo., when he was struck by another car driven by William A. Frisbie, his father. Neither was injured but the state highway patrol charged the father with careless driving and his son was referred to juvenile authorities for improper parking.



This woman's successes may clinch governments' decision to turn to diviners for help — as eventually they must in a water-hungry world.



# Evelyn Penrose's

## LIFETIME OF DOWSING

By Walter Kempthorne

ONE OF THE MOST romantic and exciting stories in the history of dowsing is that of Evelyn Penrose, a woman now in her 80's who lives in Australia. Miss Penrose herself tells this story best in her autobiography *Adventure Unlimited*, published by Neville Spearman, Ltd., London.\*

Miss Penrose was born in the early 1880's near St. Ives in the rugged mining area of Cornwall, England. "Parkhenver," the Penrose country house, served

both as a haunt for the faithful family ghost who unlike most ghosts permitted people to approach closely before he vanished and as a gathering place for members of Parliament who frequently visited Evelyn's prominent father on the large estate.

Evelyn's education followed the classic Victorian pattern for the girls of her time — tutoring in the social graces, in music, the fine arts and French. At 18 she crossed the English Channel to attend Madame Bernard's Academy and later Madame Jerard's Finishing School for

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Young Ladies. Her scholastic career ended abruptly when Madame Jerard asked her not to return for another term, for unfortunately Evelyn, a slim grey-eyed beauty, had captured the attentions of the dashing young count Madame had chosen for her own daughter.

In the meantime Evelyn's father had died and she and her mother now began to divide their time between the winter sports in Switzerland and sunning on the French Riviera. When Evelyn's mother's health began to fail the two women settled on Guernsey in the Channel Islands where Evelyn took up beekeeping.

Eventually, following her mother's death, she found herself free of all family ties and responsibilities. Promptly she sold the house on Guernsey together with the thriving beekeeping enterprise to begin the odyssey of world travel which has continued for most of her life.

Evelyn Penrose says that her first knowledge of divining came from her father when she was a child. He had the gift to a remarkable degree and even her grandmother used to walk around with her own little divining rod. Evelyn found that she could find water and minerals as easily and as quickly as her father could, although she says she never told him so.

And so, after her mother's death, when she visited a widowed aunt in Sacramento, Calif., in 1929, she was anxious to try for the first time divining for oil. Her aunt's brother, a Minister of State in California for 28 years and a candidate for reelection at the time, took her out to the oil fields. She found oil divining exhausting; it made her ill with violent nausea and blinding headaches and at the most dramatic stage of the discovery of a site she found everything would black out and she would fall. Miss Penrose stated that although few diviners admit it, the gift of divining for water and divining for oil are two entirely different things.

From California Miss Penrose went to Hawaii and eventually to Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, where she had some of the greatest divining adventures of her life. This province was in its seventh year of drought and in desperation the government of British Columbia engaged her as the official water diviner in a last-ditch effort to help the orchardists before their lifework, represented by their orchards, was completely ruined.

The need was so critical there that Miss Penrose drove herself and the men she worked with to exhaustion for many weeks. She visited 249 homesteads scattered



throughout the province and on Vancouver Island, successfully dowsing 392 water locations. The head agriculturist of the large district who was in charge of her for a time went to Victoria and poured out his woes regarding her to her old acquaintance, the Minister of Finance.

"It's the worst job I ever had in my life," he said. "She is like a terrier after a rat when she's after water. She never looks where she is going nor has any idea where she is. She feels or in some peculiar way 'senses' the water and off she goes, straight into the forest like a shot from a gun. If I take my eyes off her for a minute she is gone. There are plenty of bears about there, too. I'd like to tie a cowbell round her bloody neck. But for all that, I've got to admit that she does bring home the goods and the people in the valley are crazy about the whole setup. They can think and talk of nothing else." Then he added thoughtfully: "It's an extraordinary business and she is an extraordinary woman. I never know whether I want to hug her or hit her."

The Minister of Finance advised him to do neither!

When she had finished her work among the orchards in the southwest of British Columbia she traveled to Kamloops, an important town about 200 miles

northeast of Vancouver. There she had an exciting experience looking for a lost mine which she became certain had been cursed by what she calls Red Indians. She felt herself surrounded by a terrific force of evil and became terribly frightened. This fright increased on her second day there when she and an experienced woodsman set out on a roundabout trail to the mine and became lost in the forest. She was increasingly terrified to see that the forester also was afraid. But after wandering for almost eight hours among the big-trees-turned-enemy they did come out of the woods, for toward the end of the day the old forester "heard someone calling" and they were saved.

He visited her the next evening to say, "I was like a man walking in a fog and I couldn't see properly either. All my knowledge of the forest was gone. There's something mighty queer up here. I half-believe you're right. The Indians may have done something funny to this place. You said there would be sickness and accidents. One happened this afternoon — one of the boys had his hand caught in the crusher."

The next day the tunnel collapsed injuring two men. Later that same day another man hurt his leg. No further attempt was made to get Miss Penrose to look



for the lost ore reef and the following day she departed.

She returned to Victoria where she became very ill. Whenever she dropped off to sleep she would awake screaming, pursued by fire or caught in a blazing forest. One day a friend sent a professor of anthropology who had knowledge of the Red Indians and their curses. He told Evelyn what she really already knew, that the mine had been worked by Indians who had been turned out and put on a reservation by white men and so they had cursed any whites who set foot on the ground. They had "sealed" the mine so that no one could take gold from it. The professor also knew how to break the curse. But it "took many weeks, many curious ceremonies and much earnest prayer to break it and set me free and it was a long time before I was well again," Miss Penrose wrote.

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**I**N 1913, MANY years before Evelyn Penrose came to reside in Canada, an interesting thing had happened at the Second Congress of Experimental Psychology in Paris. As part of their preliminary preparations this solemn gathering of some 2000 scientists and professional people had named a special committee to investigate and write a report on the authenticity

of water divining. This special committee received a letter from a Monsieur Mathieu who claimed that underground water could be found by dowsing a map — that it was not necessary to walk over the physical site. Mathieu wrote that if they would furnish a map hand-drawn to scale he would mark all surface waters and all underground water courses on it.

The committee promptly pigeonholed Mathieu's letter and would have forgotten it but Monsieur Mathieu was persistent. He came personally to Paris in order to badger committee members individually. More to get rid of him than for any other reason they finally gave him a plot of property which belonged to one of the committee members. The following day Mathieu returned with all the water — surface and underground — correctly charted on the map. However, the committee remained totally unconvinced, pointing out to him that he'd had plenty of time to walk over the area dowsing in the ordinary way.

Smiling smugly they proposed a more difficult test. Mathieu was given a second map. The names of all towns, surface features and other identifying marks had been removed. Even so, Mathieu again accurately mapped the water courses — in an area of France he never had



seen and could not have recognized.

After reviewing sworn testimonials from individuals of unquestioned integrity who had checked out Mathieu's markings the committee tentatively accepted Mathieu's "map-dowsing" as a new form of the art. Eventually M. Henri Mager, the committee's chairman, wrote a book giving an account of the proceedings and in one chapter commenting favorably on the tests that had been conducted with Mathieu and the maps. Col. A. H. Bell, President of the British Society of Dowsters, now sent this book on to that Society's most illustrious member, Evelyn Penrose.

Miss Penrose writes in *Adventure Unlimited*, "About this time a great event happened in my divining career. I received a letter from Col. A. H. Bell . . . accompanied by a book on divining of which few at that time had been published." It was from this book that Miss Penrose learned about Monsieur Mathieu's map-dowsing.

Evelyn Penrose, who early had discovered that for her even the customary divining rod was unnecessary because she could locate underground water with her bare hands—and who could not enter deep water without turning purple—at first regard-

ed Mathieu and his claims with incredulity. How could a piece of paper processed through myriad manufacturing steps into a map or even a hand-drawn map such as Mathieu had requested give off radiations or significant sensory transmissions? But she was determined to try his system nevertheless.

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USING A government survey map for an area of British Columbia where she was in residence at that time she slowly moved a small plumb bob suspended from a string back and forth over it. To her amazement the pendulum gyrated noticeably over certain spots. Although the intense concentration sapped her strength she labored over this map for several days, penciling in her findings. In accordance with what she had learned of Mathieu's technique she changed the material which served as the pendulum to match the mineral she was dowsing for—silver for silver, gold for gold, and so forth.

When she had finished she took the marked map to the government cartographer for British Columbia and asked him to check it against the official reference map of mining claims which was kept under lock and key in the office safe. To their mutual astonishment her mark-



ings duplicated the claims recorded on the master reference map. Although many of the claims Evelyn Penrose had marked were hundreds of miles away in rough terrain physically inaccessible to a woman of Evelyn's frail constitution, the cartographer flatly refused to believe her story of how she had obtained the information. Miss Penrose, well aware of the world's skeptical attitude toward water dowsers, didn't press the issue, she says.

She followed up this original test with others and eventually she could tell from maps of working mines in British Columbia the strike and dip of the unseen ore veins and could forecast the amount of ore that could be removed profitably from each. One incredulous mine-owner was sure that her ability had something to do with "ground electricity" and conducted an experiment in which he insulated her body with rubber mats and her feet with rubber boots but she nevertheless plotted precisely and correctly the direction of the ore vein in the mine he owned and worked.

As time went on Evelyn Penrose refined her map-dowsing technique. Using standard government survey maps, scaled one inch to the mile and on 27 by 27 inch formats, Miss Penrose

began by rubbing her fingertips lightly across the surface of the map. Eyes shut, she then related her sensations to an assistant who penciled in both her remarks and a number. The number indicated the magnitude of her discovery and depended on the violence of her reactions to a given area. Geologic faults, intrusions and other earth peculiarities were sketched in also as her sensitive fingers identified them.

Each mineral she seeks has its own special sensation for Evelyn Penrose. Silver and radium make her fingers feel as if they have been pricked or burned. Oil makes her feel as if she were in a fog and dirty. Tin evokes a reaction of hilarity within her. Gold and diamonds give her a feeling of frustration—with good reason since she gets 10 false readings for every true one when working with them. Mercury is anathema to her—the sensations that come to her from it leave her violently ill.

Through the late Kenneth Roberts, an American novelist whose work with water-diviner Henry Gross led to the publication of *Henry Gross and His Dowsing Rod* and also to the finding of much needed water, Evelyn received one of her most successful oil-dowsing contracts. In a letter written "To Whom It



May Concern" Don F. Rayburn, of Bay City, Mich., relates that in the late fall of 1951 he read about Evelyn M. Penrose in a book by Kenneth Roberts, about her ability as a map diviner and that she was one of the very few in the world who could perhaps find oil zones as well as water zones. "I located Miss Penrose in Western Australia and told her my problem and she agreed to try to help. So in February, 1952, I sent Miss Penrose a plain government survey map of the area of the good oil well and dry holes. This map showed roads, streams, lakes, etc.

"From Australia Miss Penrose sent back to me the map showing thereon marked in red by herself an area covering about 2000 acres, located one mile west of the good oil well, that Miss Penrose thought would produce oil. In the past year I have drilled 10 wells in this area, nine good oil wells, one well I drilled dry just outside her perimeter marked in red. Another company has drilled three producing oil wells making a total of 12 oil wells located in the area marked by Miss Penrose," Mr. Rayburn wrote.

Using this same map divining method Evelyn Penrose has found what she describes as three huge underground water-courses beneath the arid heart-

land of Australia. According to her calculations these flow from the northeast to cross under the Gibson desert, after which two streams continue their paths under the Victoria desert and the Nullarbor region to the sea, while the third turns to the west.

In the years since Miss Penrose emigrated to her present Australian home, her talents have been utilized on many occasions by the Graziers' Association of New South Wales to locate the precious water needed for operating sheep stations in dry areas. But the Australian government never has requested her assistance, nor has any field test been conducted by the government to verify or disprove the existence of the underground rivers she insists are there. This despite the great need for water in the Australian deserts and the fact that the British Society of Dowsers received notification two years ago, in 1967, that their activities—which include recommending responsible water dowsers to persons and firms requesting such assistance—now are tax-exempt under the British Government because they provide a public service.

Does this presage a change in attitude of other governments? Perhaps the country "Down Under" in the near future will be willing to gamble on a bet



against its geologists.

To Evelyn Penrose it would be no gamble. A lifetime of water divining experience around the world makes it possible for Evelyn Penrose to "know" those

rivers are there waiting to be tapped for a thirsty continent. Thus could Miss Penrose add one more nationally important contribution to the long list of her services to humanity.



## REPEAT PERFORMANCE

*By David Techter*

**A**BOUT A YEAR ago Joseph DeLouise, the Chicago hairdresser, foresaw the collapse of the bridge over the Ohio River in December, 1967. His striking prediction has been followed by a number of accurate forecasts but recently, he produced a hit even more remarkable than the bridge prediction.

In mid-December, 1968, appearing on the Warren Freiberg show on Gary, Ind., Station WWCA, he foresaw a serious train wreck occurring in 1969. He gave these impressions:

It would involve trains; it would occur on a foggy night; people would be killed. It might be the worst train disaster in 25 years and would occur somewhere in the midwest, probably south of Chicago. When asked how soon, DeLouise replied, "Oh, soon. Within five or six weeks."

About a month later — on Fri-

day, January 17, 1969 — DeLouise's prophecy was fulfilled in every detail. The head-on collision of two Illinois Central trains during the early morning fog near Manteno, Ill., killed three persons and injured 49.

A fact that adds more interest to the fulfillment of his prediction is that Joseph had a further clear presentiment the evening just before the collision. About 11:00 P.M. on the 16th DeLouise went to a tavern asking for the newspapers showing the headlines about the crash — which did not occur until nearly two hours later. Several witnesses have signed statements verifying that Joseph spoke to them about the crash that evening.

His own feeling is that he picked up his Thursday evening impression telepathically, that one of the engineers must have had a foreboding of danger.



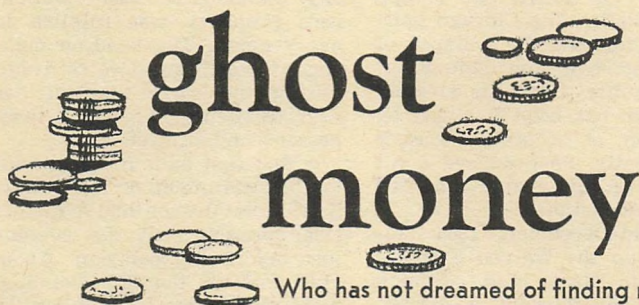
## FISHERMAN'S LUCK

**J**OHAN PECK, fishing last summer off a pier in Great Yarmouth, England, caught a 20-pound cod but almost lost it. The cod slipped off the line and flopped onto the beach below the pier. The fisherman was so eager to preserve his catch that he jumped off the pier onto the beach — breaking both his ankles.



UNLIKE MOST houses that boast of ghosts, ours is neither old nor large nor isolated. It is only 40 years old, quite small and surrounded by many other homes built of the same brick and on the same floor plan. Located in a fairly nice section of Denver, Colo., it wouldn't get a second glance from an experienced ghost hunter.

I first heard our ghost (although then I didn't know it was a ghost) a month after we moved in. Our budget was tight and I was sitting at the kitchen table one evening sorting bills, fretting over which ones could be paid now and which would have to wait. Due to a shoulder injury my husband, a bricklayer, had been unable to work regular



Who has not dreamed of finding money when he needs it most? But may you never have a windfall like ours!

By Arlene Zimmerman

My husband Joe and I bought the house from a bank in October, 1966. Mr. Floyd Lewis, the widower who owned it, recently had died and the house became part of an estate. Mrs. Lewis had been dead for several years and we had known neither of them. What we learned of their life together came from the next-door neighbor: Mr. Lewis had been something of a tyrant and Mrs. Lewis, a frail obedient wife.

hours for several weeks. The cut in income played havoc with my bookkeeping.

Due to our fast-growing financial problems I began to day-dream about the things we'd be able to buy if somehow we came into a large sum of money. I even dreamed of winning the Irish Sweepstakes.

Gradually, as I sat there, I became aware of a faint creaking in the attic overhead. The sound



was not like footsteps but a faint creaking of wood as if a heavy weight were being pushed against a beam to test its strength. I decided it probably was the natural expansion and contraction houses go through during the transition from summer to winter. When I had finished working on the bills the creaking stopped. That night in passing I mentioned it to my husband.

About a month later I sat working on the bills, wishing I had more money, and the creaking began again. As before it ceased when I left the table.

This eerie pattern continued for more than six months before I realized it *was* a pattern. One night in late March, 1967, as I lay in bed nearly asleep, it occurred to me suddenly that the creaking happened once a month — always and only when I was concerned about money. I jumped out of bed, put on my housecoat and woke my husband. I told him what I had discovered. At first he was angry that I had wakened him from a sound sleep but then he laughed and asked if I thought I had been hearing a ghost. I didn't know what I thought. I certainly didn't believe in ghosts but neither did I believe coincidence could explain what had happened at precise intervals six consecutive times!

Reluctantly my husband got up, found a flashlight and climbed into the attic to prove to me nothing was there. The attic had no floor, only two-by-four stringers with colored cotton insulation laid between them. We stepped carefully from one beam to the next until we reached the spot directly over the kitchen. I felt something under my foot and asked Joe to flash the light on it. It was nothing but a rolled-up sheet of newspaper comics. My husband picked it up saying he'd bet it was pretty old. As he unrolled the newspaper something fell out. He focused the flashlight where it fell. There on the cotton insulation lay a thin stack of \$100 bills! We couldn't believe our eyes.

Back downstairs we counted it. There were 10 \$100 bills. One thousand dollars! My wish had come true; our worries were over. I could pay all the bills and have money left.

My husband would not believe a ghost had led us to the money. He theorized that I probably had some sixth sense which alerted me and eventually led me to the money. I agreed with him, for his explanation of this windfall certainly made more sense than my notion that we had a ghost. Later we locked the money in a desk drawer and went back to bed.



I wish this story ended with our finding the money. But it didn't. The most unnerving part was yet to come.

The next day I spent the entire morning writing checks to all our creditors. I planned to mail them as soon as I had deposited the money in the bank. After that I was going to treat myself to a shopping spree.

By noon I was ready to go downtown. In my purse I had 16 envelopes stamped for the mail and a bank deposit slip all filled out. I unlocked the desk drawer to get the money — and found it gone! Frantically I pulled out all the drawers, dumping their contents onto the floor. The money wasn't there. It simply wasn't there! Our money had disappeared as mysteriously as it had come.

At that precise moment I thought I heard the attic beam creak, but I was too upset to pay much attention to it. Thinking my husband might have taken the money to the bank I telephoned him at work. He said, "How could I? You slept with the only desk key pinned to your nightgown."

He was right. I hung up the receiver, stunned. I began to wonder if there ever had been any money. Possibly my husband and I had shared an unnatural kind of dream. I was so

upset I stayed in the house for two days.

On the afternoon of the second day my neighbor, Mrs. Randall, came over to check on me. She thought I might be ill. I told her I'd had a touch of flu. I couldn't bring myself to tell her the bizarre incident of the money. She would think I was mad.

We chatted about various things until I managed to steer the conversation around to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis, the previous owners of the house. She described them, their children, their religious affiliations and other facets of their lives — nothing that sounded abnormal to me. Finally she began to gossip a little about their personal problems. She confirmed what I already knew about Mrs. Lewis — that she had been weak, perhaps a little masochistic. I asked about the husband. My neighbor rolled her eyes as if to indicate he was beyond description.

"All I can tell you about him is that he was without doubt the cruelest man I've ever known," she said.

"For a starter," she said, "he was so tight he made his wife buy all her clothes and the children's clothes at Good Will stores. Imagine having to wear some one else's old rags! Why, he even went to the grocery store with her to make certain she



didn't waste any of his money."

She went on to cite similar examples of his stinginess. Then she mentioned something that suddenly tied the whole chain of events together and proved a ghost had led us to the money.

She said, "Floyd Lewis used to tell his wife — whom he never allowed to have an extra dollar in her purse — that he was going to give her a certain sum of money to spend exactly as she pleased. Poor thing, she'd be so happy she'd thank him over and over again. In advance, mind you! Then she'd come to my house and ask me to help her plan how to spend it. When all her plans were made, her husband would tell her he had been kidding; his offer was a joke. Of course she'd cry and he'd laugh as if it was the funniest thing he'd ever done. He was a monster!"

I couldn't have agreed with

her more, although what I now knew must be true was unbelievable: my husband and I had been the victims of a ghost's perverse humor!

Our encounter with the ghost happened more than two years ago. Since then the attic beam doesn't creak. The last time I heard it was the morning I discovered the money was gone. He must have been laughing at me then as he did at his wife when he told her his offer of money had been only a joke.

Wondering if the ghost would return the money to the attic, my husband and I searched it several times. We found nothing — only the old sheet of comics the money had been wrapped in. It's still up there just as we left it, partially rolled up, flattened a little in the center where the stack of bills had been. It's the only proof we have that the money ever existed.



### LITTLE OLD LADY FOILS BANK ROBBER

A LITTLE OLD lady of Whittier, Calif., noticed that when a young man parked his car in the lot of the Crocker-Citizens Bank he left his keys in the ignition switch. She removed the keys and smartly followed him into the bank and up to a teller's window.

"Young man," she scolded,

"somebody's going to steal your car if you leave the keys in it."

The teller understandably was relieved. The young man, aged about 25, had just announced he had a gun and wanted a lot of money. The little old lady so astonished him that he snatched the keys from her hand, dashed out of the bank and drove away.



# ANOTHER CASE OF Blindfolded, My Son "SEES"

By Joyce Hagelthorn

ON A SUNSHINY spring day in 1965 our 17-year-old daughter Janie burst into the living room and announced she just would die if she weren't allowed to buy an Ouija board. I hadn't seen an Ouija board for years and hadn't realized they once again had become a fad with the teen-agers. But I gave her the money and off she went with several of her girl friends.

When I was getting dinner

some time later five excited young things swarmed in, pushed aside the dishes on the table and sat down to work their Ouija board. And that Ouija was really working. It assured each girl her beloved was on the verge of asking her to the prom, that love and happiness were theirs forevermore.

Then our 14-year-old boy Fred came into the kitchen looking for a loaf of bread and a pound of luncheon meat for an appetizer before dinner. He watched the girls for a while and then asked to work the board himself. After 15 minutes of argument he finally got his way, sat down and placed his huge hands on the fragile planchette—and that thing went whirling around.

As I stood by the stove I felt a chill go up and down my spine. I didn't really believe spirits were directing the board but somehow for Fred it answered accurately

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While Ben Hagelthorn holds David's eyes closed, brother Fred jots down what the boy is reading. Photo by Art Zrull.



# SIGHTLESS VISION

## I Was a Witness

By Pauline Saltzman

THE BEN Hagelthorn family of Dearborn, Mich., appears to be a normal, outgoing, well-adjusted family, much like yours no doubt. But they are different from your family because one day three years ago they discovered that two of their six children possess a strange power. This doesn't just "happen" in a family like yours.

I am not going to relate the fantastic true story that has become part of their lives. Joyce Hagelthorn will do this and she is better qualified.

Fortunately psychic phenomena was not unknown in the Hagelthorn family. Joyce says that she first was introduced to it when she was a very little girl although they did not call it psychic phenomena then—they only knew that their mother had "it." And Joyce's family respected this strange gift their mother had. They knew beyond a shadow of a doubt that "it" told her when any of her loved ones were in danger or needed her; sometimes "it" told her of

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PAULINE SALTZMAN, born in Paris, France, was reared and educated in Grand Rapids, Mich., where she still lives. Her husband Joseph is a field agent for United Insurance Company of America. They have one son—and a family life dominated by five dictator-type cats and two dogs. Mrs. Saltzman calls herself "America's No. 1 Cat Lover."

Her lifelong interest in psychic mysteries has led to the publication of two books, *STRANGE SPIRITS* and *THE STRANGE AND THE SUPERNORMAL*. Much of the material in both originally appeared in *FATE*. She also has had her writings published in *PLAYBILL*, *OPERA NEWS* and of course—*CATS Magazine*.

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coming events; and "it" gave her healing hands.

Joyce Hagelthorn speaks of the time when she was about eight years old and split her upper lip falling over the rungs of a rocking chair. She stood screaming until her mother and a visiting neighbor came rushing to her aid. Her mother immediately clasped her warm pulsating hand over the injured mouth and held it there—Joyce explains that her mother always prayed silently—and when she re-

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questions he couldn't possibly have known the answers to. Even the girls seemed impressed.

I left the gravy to boil away and sat down with Fred and began asking questions of the board with my hands on the planchette too. Between the answers to our questions the board kept repeating, "Call Claire, she's ill." Finally we placed a long-distance call to my sister Claire in Hemet, Calif. She was delighted to hear from us, particularly at that hour, and never had felt better in her life!

I felt like a nut. I had not deliberately pushed the planchette but there was no doubt my sister had been on my mind and I had been longing to talk with her. I reasoned my subconscious must have taken over to give me my heart's desire. At the same time I remembered how psychic my mother had been and wondered if perhaps *she* was granting my wish. I think I hoped this was so for in the year and a half since we had lost her I had missed her increasingly.

That evening when I went to pick up my husband I was pretty excited over the Ouija board but decided not to mention the telephone call to California. Ben is a logical person; he believes nothing he can't analyze in a satis-

factory manner. He does believe one should keep an open mind but to him gullibility is a dirty word and I knew it was the word he would use to describe the thing that had prompted me to make the phone call.

But kids have big mouths and before he was three feet inside the front door he heard all about it. This seemed to upset him and after he finished dinner he went off into the living room saying he wanted to hear no more of the Ouija board.

Being obedient children they kept the noise down to a small roar and finally were deprived of the Ouija board and ordered to bed.

I felt Ben was being overly harsh and told him so. I used such words as "dogmatic" and "negative attitude" and said I thought we should at least discuss the possibilities and probabilities of the Ouija board in an adult rational manner. Ben is fair-minded and this he agreed to do. He even agreed to sit down at the Ouija board with me. So, with the children watching, there we sat, knees touching, Ouija on our laps, both hands resting on the planchette — and nothing happened.

After a time the planchette began to move and eventually answered some questions. Then Ben stood up and denounced the



whole thing, saying he had started imperceptibly pushing the planchette to make the answers he thought I wanted.

Taking the newspaper he again went off into the living room saying he never wanted to see *that thing* again. But the kids went back to the board and soon the squeals and laughter resumed from the dining room. When their father shouted for quiet Janie called for him to give it another try because *that thing* was really "weird."

Ben apparently decided the quickest way to get peace and quiet was to try an experiment. He told the two kids on the planchette to close their eyes and tilt their heads back; he placed a thumb and finger of each hand on their eyelids and told them to proceed with their questions and answers.

When the answers continued to come rolling out he decided he had pretty smart kids, that they had learned the location of the letters and digits by heart.

I decided he would be more apt to enjoy the experiment if I weren't there so I went into the other room and sat down on the couch to read. And I fell asleep.

When I awakened it was to see Fred and his father, both blindfolded, working the Ouija board on their knees. Janie was recording the answers.



Joyce Hagelthorn, who has had a lifelong interest in ESP, now finds an exciting example in her own family.

"What time is it?" I asked.

And before anyone could answer the planchette spelled out 9:22 and 16 seconds.

I watched the planchette fly as Ben put questions to it and then I had an idea. I took a huge book down from the bookshelves and opened it to pages 80 and 81.

"Tell me," I said, "to what page have I opened this book?"

I concentrated on page 81. But the planchette said 80, 81.

During the evening we opened more books and asked the board, which was insisting we call it "Info," to read certain sentences of certain paragraphs on given



pages. The only mistake "Info" made was in spelling. He couldn't spell. He spelled in exactly the same, atrocious, irrelevant manner in which Fred spelled.

And that is when and why we decided Fred was the controlling factor.

We became so fascinated we kept the kids up until 4:30 A.M. before we finally all went to bed. I had to call the school next day and tell them the kids were sick.

Within the next few weeks Ben became a believer; he became convinced that certain unexplainable phenomena exist. To make sure he wasn't dreaming it all up he would drag friends home to witness the demonstrations. He always insisted Fred be blindfolded.

As the days passed we varied the experiments. We discovered that Fred, blindfolded, could read with 100 percent accuracy any item placed within reading numbers on currency or any other identifying features or marks.

We would spread out cards on a table and ask Fred to pick from them a royal flush or a pair of queens or just a single card proximity. This included serial and *blindfolded* Fred unerringly chose the right cards!

Ben decided one evening to make his own Ouija board using a white illustration board and red and green pens. Two sets of

the alphabet were randomly printed on the board, one in red and one in green. Then we asked Fred to answer questions on this board in either the red or the green alphabet. Sometimes we asked him to alternate the red and green letters in spelling out the answers. He almost always was 100 percent accurate. So *blindfolded* Fred had no difficulty in distinguishing colors.

Another evening Ben made up a code, a cross-reference table, in which he assigned random numerical values to alphabetic letters, i.e., a=26; b=17, etc. He called it chart number 100. He gave it to Fred to study for two or three minutes, then blindfolded the boy and asked him to give the answers in red numbers using the code that had been shown him on chart 100. We wrote down the answers and they proved to be 100 percent correct. If it proved nothing else to us, it proved we had a pretty smart kid!

Eventually we reasoned that if Fred was the instrument through which the answers from the Ouija board were coming then he should be able to come up with the correct answers using any medium.

We put away the Ouija board and sat Fred down at the typewriter. Fred has not learned to type and yet while he was blind-



folded his fingers pounded out answers with the same degree of accuracy they had shown on the Ouija board.

Next we gave him a pencil and suggested he write out the answers. He was able to do this with the same accuracy but the writing seemed to tire him. Finally we took everything away and asked him to give us verbal answers.

At the height of Fred's powers we were talking with friends one evening at a Kiwanis dinner party and a dentist seated across the table, Dr. K. Burch, offered to bet \$35.00 the whole thing was impossible. Ben told him we didn't want such easy money but suggested that if he wanted to give Fred a dollar for every question he answered correctly it was all right with us. Dr. Burch countered that he had no fear of losing his money if he was allowed to conduct the experiment himself. Of course we agreed to this.

Stopping at a drugstore the doctor picked up enough tape and gauze, along with an elastic ankle bandage, to make the kid's head look like that of a mummy ready for burial.

Dr. Burch's experiments with Fred consisted mainly of questions, the answers to which only the doctor knew. He asked: How much rent do I pay a month for

my office? What are my hobbies? How many people are going fishing with me this week? Another test the doctor tried was to place a key under a playing card on the Ouija board. He told Fred that a coin was under the card and asked him to describe it. Using the planchette Fred spelled out the word *liar*. Ben did not know it was a key and not a coin under the card and asked, "Why do you spell out *liar*?" The board then spelled out the word *key*.

The good doctor finally announced, when he had become several dollars poorer, "I am a believer; I am a believer!"

That same evening, during the course of the experiments, six-year-old David tugged at his father's pants and said, "I can do that too, Daddy."

Being an understanding father Ben lifted the little guy onto his lap, blindfolded him, held a dollar bill in front of him . . . and David did "do that, too."

David moves the Ouija board planchette at an exceptionally rapid pace and can do the reading verbally with 99-plus percent accuracy. We have conducted many of the same experiments with David that we did with Fred and have decided that whatever the boys have Fred has it to a greater degree than his little brother. But this may be because



of his age and experience.

On August 25, 1965, Ben wrote to Dr. J. B. Rhine outlining everything we had discovered, detailing what we had done and asking for his suggestions on how to help the boys develop their very special gift.

Dr. Rhine replied with several suggestions; he sent cards and other test material. In one paragraph he stated, "Obviously if the blindfold is effective and the subject's eyes are closed, any reliable perception would have to be interpreted as either paroptic vision or extrasensory perception. Those are at least the most likely alternatives . . . your description of the way you put your finger over the boys' eyes, and the fact that you did not use the blindfold makes me think there is not much likelihood that you are dealing with peeping, conscious or unconscious."

Shortly after we received this letter from Dr. Rhine an acquaintance who had heard of Fred's ability had a talk with him. She told him, in good faith I'm sure, that his was a gift from God which should not be exploited in any way. She further told him that to take money for it surely would rob him of his ability.

Fred had the greatest respect for her knowledge and because many of his father's friends

would insist on his taking the dollar bill after reading the serial number, he now interpreted this as exploitation. He vehemently refused to participate in any more testing. And to this day he refuses to try again. But at 19 Fred remains interested in extrasensory perception and reads a great deal on the subject. And in ways that he is not aware of he still uses his ability. Many times he suddenly comes up with an answer he has no normal way of knowing and he carelessly makes predictions that almost always come true. He does not make these predictions consciously; they are spontaneous and we never mention them to him for fear he will cease doing even this.

David is now 11 years old and still performs happily for his family and any friends who are interested. Many persons feel he must be cheating, somehow, because he will say "I see." Of course he does "see" . . . but how he "sees" we don't know.

Ours is a family of six children, three boys and three girls. Susan now is 24; Jane is 21; Lisa is eight; Fred is 19; Allan, 16; David, 11. We have attempted experiments with all these members of our family but only the two boys, Fred and David, give any indication of having this unusual ability.



We have concluded that while Fred and David may have a certain amount of ESP, the ability to read with their eyelids pressed closed by someone's thumb and forefinger is something else although perhaps closely akin to ESP.

We don't know what this ability is and apparently no one else does but whatever it is David loves it and his family enjoys it. Perhaps one day we will discover it is an evolving sense that in time will be normal for all individuals.

## I WAS A WITNESS

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moved her hand Joyce's lip was together again. Only the blood on her chin and dress testified to the fact that there had been a wound. The neighbor stood in silent awe but Joyce's mother explained that she could take no credit; she claimed she walked hand in hand with God.

And so as Joyce grew older and found that such things did not occur in other families she began to study and to read. She says her greatest joy came when she discovered that William James, the eminent Harvard philosopher and psychologist, had been instrumental in establishing the American Society for Psychical Research, for at last she had found a respectable authority for the things she had grown up knowing but which most of her acquaintances labeled illusions, dreams or imagination. And after she discovered Dr. Rhine whose tests at Duke University did so much to

give respectability to psi phenomena she again began to speak frankly and openly of her belief in the paranormal. She no longer felt like a "kook."

Although much interested in parapsychology Joyce and Ben Hagelthorn are objective about their sons' inexplicable gifts. There are good reasons for this objectivity. Mrs. Hagelthorn is a professional newspaperwoman and used to dealing with facts. The same applies to Mr. Hagelthorn who supervises a staff of technical writers in Dearborn's well-known automotive industry.

I was sent by FATE Magazine to visit the Hagelthorns, to report and if warranted to corroborate their fantastic story.

I interviewed the Hagelthorns on Sunday, August 18, 1968, and I have no choice but to tell you that the details Joyce presents for FATE are absolutely true.

Here are people who not only avoid publicity but are afraid of what exposure could do to an impressionable youngster like



David. The lad himself seems unaffected. He is a likable boy who does not comprehend his own powers although he did manage to convey to me the impression that he is bored with it all. But of one thing I am certain. There doesn't exist the possibility of fraud, trickery or the desire to perpetrate a hoax. The Ben Hagelthorns are not like that. It is their personal desire to know what is behind their sons' mental phenomena that motivated Mrs. Hagelthorn to contact FATE in the first place.

The family includes six children and Mr. Hagelthorn's brother, Gunnar. Each is creative, sensitive, perceptive and endowed with an unusually keen searching mind. All this is charmingly compounded by humor. Joyce's ringing laugh is most contagious. Gunnar discerns beauty and symbolism in everyday objects and shows this through his gentle hobby of writing verse. I had the pleasure of meeting the four children who were at home — Fred, Alan, David and Lisa. However, Fred asked to be excused from demonstrating the mental phenomena he and David possess, for a reason I will explain.

It was Fred who first alerted the family to his ability to see and read without using his eyes. To this day his parents believe

his ESP is stronger than David's.

Fred demonstrated his unusual ability to the extent that he began earning small fees for entertaining groups in this fashion. Then one day an acquaintance who belongs to a religious sect confronted Fred with the dictum that his powers stemmed "from the devil" and that was that.

Fred who then was 17 has refused to have anything more to do with demonstrating his gift. Now he is completely involved in school athletics and dating. When he told me he would not care to demonstrate for me I respected his views and simply let the matter drop. Fred believes he was "brainwashed" and maintains that a kind of mental block has existed from the time he was taken to task.

In my opinion the test conditions devised by Mr. Hagelthorn for David are foolproof. And I am in a position to speak from experience because he tried his method on me. Ben closed my eyelids by applying pressure with his fingers. His touch was gentle but firm. He continued to hold my eyes shut, standing directly behind my chair, while he tested me. I could not have opened my eyes. Peeking, too, was out of the range of possibility; not a sliver of light relieved the darkness in which I sat.

I was handed a deck of or-



dinary playing cards, face up, and asked to identify them. Of course, I couldn't. All I "saw" was unrelieved blackness.

When David took my place in the chair Mr. Hagelthorn closed his eyelids as he had closed mine and standing behind his chair maintained the firm but gentle pressure throughout the test period. He asked David to "throw out the kings" in the deck of playing cards. This David did with alacrity and 100 percent accuracy. He correctly identified a one dollar bill and read the serial number backwards.

I asked David about the kings. Did he "see" them in his mind's eye? Were there definite photographic impressions or images he could see with closed eyes? Or was tactile vision involved? David told me he "sees" but his parents are not certain this is so.

Mr. Hagelthorn insisted that I test David myself, utilizing the finger pressure method. I stood behind David's chair and held his eyes shut through some of the testing.

The high point of the session was occasioned by an error I made. I had brought along a copy of my new book *The Strange and the Supernormal* which was just off the press and not available anywhere. My publisher, Paperback Library, had changed my original title and I

did not feel at home with theirs. Perhaps for this reason when I read mentally over David's shoulder I read *The Strange and the Supernatural* which was, of course, wrong.

This is most significant because David, whose eyes were shut, read the title aloud, making the same mistake I had made silently. He was in the midst of spelling out "Supernatural" because he could not pronounce it when I caught my error and my mind leaped to the correct word "Supernormal." David then repeated the correction!

Later it developed that Ben Hagelthorn who also was reading silently with me had made the same error. We feel absolutely certain that David picked up both the error and the correction telepathically. What other explanation is there?

I had brought along my copy of the classic dictionary by Samuel Johnson. It is an antique volume with extrafine print which I cannot read without a magnifying glass. David read a number of entries without difficulty in the personal darkness in which he sat with his eyes shut. When he stumbled over a word he spelled it out. When I removed my fingers from his eyes and he could use them normally he had difficulty making out the words.



I was told that David reads better when blindfolded — by the finger pressure method — than under ordinary circumstances. He is not the best reader in the world but what young boy is? I also was told that David claims he reads in pitch-darkness with greater facility if the finger pressure is extended to his ears as well. This is not understood by anyone.

As I write this, three days after visiting with the Ben Hagelthorn family, I feel a sense of wonder. I tried no tricks of any kind during the testing. I did not want to confuse David and I did my utmost to keep him at ease.

It is impossible for me to determine if what I am now corroborating is tactile sense, paroptic vision or clairvoyance. On our way home my husband and I discussed every angle of the demonstrations. My husband mentioned he had noticed that David fingered the playing cards and later "felt" the printed mat-

ter presented to him\*. All I noticed was that he ran his index finger over the lines he was "reading" and this of course is a common trait among children. I have seen a few adults do it too.

When David is older and more scientifically knowledgeable he may be able to explain the strange power he possesses. It is to be hoped that he will retain his unusual gift until he is able to analyze it.

In presenting this story to FATE Mr. and Mrs. Hagelthorn know they have nothing to gain by publicity. They are motivated by a desire to have one question answered: What is behind this uncanny power?

Perhaps someone will provide the answers they are seeking so earnestly.

In the meantime, I agree with Joyce Hagelthorn, "It's positively spooky!"

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\*Joyce Hagelthorn has written me since to say, "David doesn't have to touch to be able to read. You can hold it away from him and he does as well."



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## A SILENT VISITOR

By Glendel Williams

I HAD MY first psychic experience when I was six but the incident that triggered it happened before I was born.

My mother, Inez Carter, was four months pregnant with me the day her older sister, Clarene LaMonte, was shot and killed in a freak hunting accident near the small town of Kansas, Okla. Before her sudden death Clarene often had expressed the natural desire to see my mother's first child safely brought into the world. But she died on October 12, 1946, and I was born March 26, 1947, at Cherryvale, Kans., so her wish went unfulfilled.

One night when I was six years old I was suddenly awakened—as if someone had called my name. I opened my eyes to find an unfamiliar, beautiful woman standing beside my bed. She was smiling tenderly and her blue eyes gazed lovingly into mine. She wore a flowing blue gown and her rippling brown hair fell to her shoulders. Her face was clearly defined but her body seemed wavering and transparent. I could see my toy box right through her form.

I knew something unusual was happening but I was not afraid. I felt warm and protected with her blue

eyes on me. I closed my eyes and went peacefully back to sleep.

The next morning I cautiously told my parents what I had seen. They were skeptical—until I described my mysterious silent visitor.



Glendel Williams

"You have described my sister Clarene exactly!" Mother exclaimed, cuddling me in her arms. "She must have found a way to get to see you after all."—*Wichita, Kans.*

## GRANDMA STILL WATCHES . . .

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mother Drakeley. She lived with my family in Germantown, Pa., and unless we children were at school or in bed she made it her business to know exactly where we were and what we were up to. Her alertness may have been due to the fact that when she was a young mother the famous Charlie Ross kidnaping took place not half a mile from her home.

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Harriet Fleischmann

child's father who immediately met the kidnapers' demands—but his son never was returned to him. To this day the child's fate is a mystery. No mother living in Germantown then ever forgot the appalling crime.

By the time I had become a mother Grandmother Drakeley had been dead for many years. She was a



sweet memory but her image and the recall of her concern for us had dimmed over the years.

One day I was especially busy preparing for a dinner party and I had asked my mother to take my four-year-old daughter Edith and care for her in her own home for the day. I was alone in my kitchen paring potatoes when I heard a voice say, "Harriet, go out to the avenue. Hurry!"

It was Grandmother's voice, no mistake about that. Much disturbed, I ran from the house and hurried the several blocks to the main street. The time was near the noon rush hour but in the crowd I saw my little girl just ready to skip into the roaring traffic as I caught her in my arms.

When we got home the phone was ringing. My frantic mother told me our darling had given her the slip.

"It's all right, Mother," I said. "I found her—because Grandmother is still on the job." — *Philadelphia, Pa.*

### THE BRINK OF DEATH

By Olefa A. Martin

"ON THE BRINK of death" is a phrase I never fully understood until early Christmas morning in the year 1957. Some of our children had come home to Salem, N. J., for the holidays and I had the house to straighten up and a big dinner to prepare.

I hummed a tune as I ran the sweeper over the rug and bent over to push a footstool out of my way. Quickly I straightened up, clutching at my chest in a vain effort to stop the wild beating of my heart. I stumbled to a chair and tried to call for help. Breathing was so difficult I couldn't raise my voice but just then my youngest daughter Sharon came into the room. She looked at me anxiously, then ran upstairs to wake the late-sleeping family.

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ly moved me to the sofa and stood helplessly watching me. Sharon kissed me and fell sobbing into her father's arms. My daughter-in-law Elizabeth knelt beside me and cried, "Oh, Mom, don't leave us!" My son Nelson stood blinking back tears, his face pale, jaws clenched, trying to keep himself under control.

Slowly my eyes closed and I knew—or thought—I was dying. I could no longer breathe but it didn't seem to matter. I felt as if I were floating or drifting, light as a feather. I had no sensation of pain and had lost all consciousness of my surroundings. Oh, what a relief to be free from that awful pressure in my chest!

Then I seemed to stop floating and found myself at the edge of a wide deep chasm, so dark beneath me I couldn't see the bottom. Suddenly I was horribly afraid until on the other side of the abyss appeared a light. It seemed to surround some spiritual being but the light was so bright I couldn't see any part of the person from the shoulders up. He wore a long white robe and held something in his hands which I could not see clearly enough to describe. But I knew that what he held was important. To his left stood perhaps a dozen other beings in long white garments—I thought of angels—smiling sweetly.

Not a word was spoken but I knew exactly what they were thinking: "Do not be afraid. We are waiting for you." That was all. They didn't tell me how to cross the fearsome yawning gulf. They seemed to know I could make the crossing safely and simply stood smiling and waiting.

I was eager to cross over to join them but somehow I knew that once I crossed that chasm I never would return. I thought of my daughter, how greatly she needed me. With my eyes still on the glorious person who seemed to be illumined from within I



drew back from the darkness.

The pressure in my chest returned. I gasped for breath and again became conscious of the world around me. I opened my eyes to see my family's tears change to surprise as they saw that I smiled weakly.

"Mother!" they exclaimed in one voice and rushed toward me.

"Stand back!" snapped a voice behind them. Dr. Jonas had arrived. After a long examination he said, "She'll live—but that was a close call."

With a long rest, change of diet and medication my heart condition slowly improved and I did recover. However, when the time does come I shall be less afraid to die because of that memorable experience at the brink of death. — *Pennsville, N. J.*

### MY IMPATIENT MOM

By Brenda Garcia

**I**F MY MOTHER, Catherine Serrotti, had one characteristic that was more notable than others, it was her punctuality. She was born on April 1, 1881, under the sign of Aries, and was always impatient to get things over and done with. She was always on time for an appointment, business or social, and usually early.

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summoned to her bedside. The end was near, the doctors told us.

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I listened closely but couldn't make out a word she was saying. Nudging her gently, I asked, "Mother, what are you saying? Who are you talking to?" Suddenly her smile vanished. She slowly opened her eyes.



Brenda Garcia

"Oh, I haven't left yet?" she asked, in a bewildered tone. "I'm still here?" Her words startled me but I managed to assure her she still was "here" by pointing to my sisters and brother.

I persisted with my questions, "Mom, what were you saying and who were you talking to?"

Mother seemed dazed and confused but she blinked her eyes as if to clear her mind and replied, "Oh, that? I was speaking with my mother."

My grandmother, Fillipa Monteferrario, had died in Italy in 1898!

Curiosity prodded me. "What were you and Grandma talking about?" I asked. Mother closed her eyes, then whispered, "Mother told me not to be late for my birthday."

As usual, Mother was more than punctual. She quietly started her



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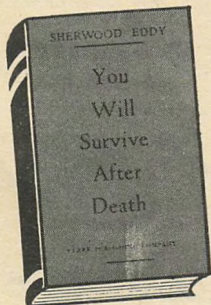
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### WISH FULFILLED

By Frances Durham

**I** WAS A little girl when my grandfather, Col. Frank G. Ruffin of Richmond, Va., died. I was the only girl of several grandchildren named for him. He often had expressed his great desire to "see the little girl named for me."

But by travel standards of those days we lived a long distance away — in Mobile, Ala.



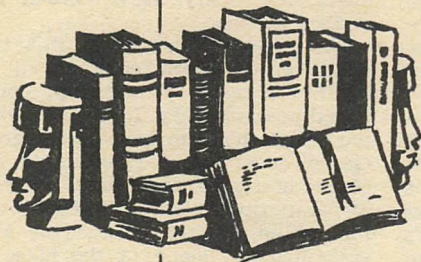
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On June 5, 1892, my father, a civil engineer, was away from home on a survey of some land. About midnight my mother heard me crying and came to see what was troubling me. I said, "Oh, the gentleman is dead and all the ladies are crying."

Mother of course thought I had been dreaming and soothed me back to sleep.

Early the next morning a messenger came with a telegram bearing the news that Colonel Ruffin had died at the very hour that I, his little namesake, had had my vision. — Fairhope, Ala.





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LIFE STORIES OF PSYCHICS  
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The books reviewed in this issue by and large are intended for popular consumption. A more scholarly volume also has appeared which in my opinion is a major contribution to psychic research — *The Founders of Psychological Research* (Schocken Books, New York, N.Y., 1968, 387 pages, \$10.00) by Alan Gauld, currently editor of the *Journal of the Society for Psychical Research*, London.

Gauld's is a large undertaking, an attempt to explain the backgrounds, motivations and accomplishments of those persons who originated the scientific investigation of the paranormal. Appropriately enough, his emphasis is on the three central figures — Edmund Gurney, Henry Sidgwick and Frederick W. H. Myers — but Hodgson, Lodge, Mrs. Sidgwick and others also have a place.

If the book has a fault it is that Gauld has tried to cover too much, has crammed it too full of information for easy digestion — but the information is pure gold. Gauld has cut from the biographies nearly everything not directly related to psychic research. Thus Gurney's musical theorizing, Sidgwick's studies in ethics (still in print, by the way) and Myers' Victorian poetry and classicism are only mentioned.

Gurney remains an enigmatic figure; little about his life is known. Apparently no personal journal and few personal letters have survived and even his prodigious writings on psychic research are all but forgotten. His plodding literary style may be partly responsible for this as anyone who has tried to wade through *Phantasms of the Living* can testify. Gauld handles tactfully Trevor Hall's allegation that Gurney's premature death was suicide; there seems to be no real evidence to support it.



Opening chapters trace the beginnings of modern Spiritualism and the mid-19th Century theological movements which led Sidgwick and Myers to lose the religious faith they held in their early years. Sidgwick appears to have been an intellectual who confined his inner doubts and warm feelings to a very small circle of intimates. By contrast Myers was volatile and enthusiastic. Remarks on young Frederick in his mother's diary, which Gauld quotes, reveal in almost clinical language Myers' lifelong yearning for religious certitude. Certainly this explains Myers' unceasing search for evidence of survival after death far more reasonably than Jarman's sensational hypothesis that a guilty relationship between Myers and his cousin Annie Marshall led to remorse following her suicide.

#### THE HEROIC AGE

**T**HE SECOND HALF of Gauld's book summarizes the major research accomplished by the fledgling Society for Psychical Research from its founding in 1882 until the turn of the century when the deaths of Sidgwick and Myers put an end to this heroic age of psychic research.

Today we are awed by the remarkable labors of so small a band in tracking down spontaneous psychic cases and hauntings, in investigating hypnotic phenomena, automatisms and experimental ESP, in sitting with both mental and physical mediums.

By happy chance the caliber of the investigators was matched by the caliber of the available sensitives: D. D. Home, Stainton Moses, Eusapia Palladino and Leonora Piper. The one surprise I found in Gauld's account is that Myers eventually received convincing (to him) proof of survival not through the celebrated Mrs. Piper but through the nearly-forgotten Mrs. Thompson. Unfortunately Myers didn't live to publish

his notes on these sittings and his death in January, 1901, marked the end of an era.

The accomplishments of this talented group were summarized in Myers' *Human Personality*, published posthumously. It is undeniably the classic book in psychic research. Gauld devotes two chapters to accounts of Myers' theoretical analyses of paranormal events. The concept of the subliminal self proposed by Myers antedated many of the ideas of Freud and Jung but I think Gauld overemphasizes the differences between Myers and Jung. I am continually struck by how often present-day psychic researchers make pronouncements with an air that implies "Aren't I clever to have thought of this?" when one only need turn to *Human Personality* to find the same observations made some 70 years ago.

Among contemporary workers in psychic research, perhaps only Stevenson, Roll and Gardner Murphy have the broadness of outlook that marked the three pioneers whose accomplishments are so excellently chronicled by Gauld.

Now we need a similar volume on the neglected middle period of psychic research — roughly 1900 to 1920.

#### HOW TO GET MY GOAT

**I**F THERE IS one thing I can count on to raise my blood pressure, it is the critic who reads a single book in the psychic field, then feels himself enough of an authority to make pronouncements with the finality of Caesar. A particularly infuriating example is the review of Gauld's *The Founders of Psychical Research* in the British magazine *Science Journal* signed by an unidentified Chris Evans. Evans is generally favorable to Gauld (he calls the book "exceedingly interesting" and "a major contribution to the field") but some of his gratuitous remarks



along the way raise my hackles.

At one point Evans comments, "Disappointingly, but no doubt for good reasons, the author ducks out of a discussion of the mediumship of Florence Cook." Good reasons, indeed. If Mr. Evans will consult the *S.P.R. Journal* and *Proceedings* edited by Alan Gauld he will find every side of the Crookes-Cook controversy discussed in minute detail *ad nauseam*. We can be grateful that Gauld has spared us a rehash of that interminable squabble. All we safely can conclude, nearly a century after the alleged materialization of "Katie King," is that insufficient evidence exists to state whether (1) Florence Cook's ability was genuine; (2) Florence was a fraud but fooled Crookes; or (3) Florence was a fraud with whom Crookes collaborated. Far more fruitful than debating this old case would be an effort to find a sensitive who could produce physical phenomena today.

But even more irritating to me was Evans' comment, "Today, of course, even parapsychology is in a galloping decline, with fewer and fewer scientists believing that any case has been made for telepathy and kindred powers." This amazing conclusion leaves me wondering in what universe Mr. Evans has been living for the last 30 years. I suggest that he examine the roster of speakers at conventions of the Parapsychological Association; read over the attendance list of a recent conference sponsored by the Parapsychology Foundation; compare the circulation of the *Journal of Parapsychology* with that of 30 years ago; or for that matter consider the vast readership and runaway growth of *Fate* Magazine which had no counterpart 30 years ago.

Any disinterest in parapsychology on the part of some scientists and other thinking persons well may be due to the absence of any theoretical

structure to explain paranormal events — and interest is not spurred by the exceeding dullness of the card-guessing tests. But no one with even a passing acquaintance with parapsychology would claim it's "in a galloping decline."

#### NEW BIOGRAPHIES

**THE OTHER SIDE**, An Account of My Experiences with Psychic Phenomena, by James A. Pike with Diane Kennedy, Doubleday and Co., New York, N.Y., 1968, 298 pages, \$5.95.

*The Other Side* should interest all thoughtful people, in or out of churches, who question doctrines, creeds and the possibility of survival after death.

Bishop Pike comes through as a man of strong opinions but one willing to question and alter those opinions in the light of personal experience.

He discusses candidly the circumstances preceding his son's suicide — the young man's addiction to drugs, rootlessness and the "nothingness" credo which resulted in self-destruction. In a half-desire to free himself from his fogbound state, young Jim Pike accompanied his father abroad to Cambridge, then for Christmas to Nazareth and back to England. But he did not find freedom. Despite long discussions with his father and their increasing closeness and understanding his negative compulsions remained. When Bishop Pike's sabbatical leave ended young Jim decided not to finish his college year in Cambridge but to return to San Francisco — via New York. There, apparently, a chance meeting with old friends led to more drugs, the purchase of a rifle and his suicide in a New York hotel room.

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of the book deals to some extent with these beliefs when they correlate with the psychic experiences that suggested communication with his dead son. This alternation of topic creates a certain spottiness, especially for readers who may not share Pike's theological interests, but it also delineates his "facts plus faith" approach to problems.

Had he not been so upset by his personal troubles, he might have refused to appear on the Toronto TV program with the spiritualist medium, The Rev. Arthur Ford, which embroiled him in more sensational publicity. A bishop of the Episcopal Church, already in the newspapers because of his "heresy," now was caught up in a maze of lurid accusations: mental imbalance, gullibility, even traffic with the devil.

*The Other Side* describes some rather inexplicable happenings. These include the burning off on two occasions (by apparently paranormal means) of his secretary's bangs and the mutilation of her fingernails, both in her sleep. The bishop, his chaplain and the secretary all seemed to have experienced invasions of their personalities by moods and attitudes that had belonged to young Jim.

They were puzzled but it was some time before they began to connect the bizarre occurrences with the dead boy. With some skepticism they let the sympathetic canon of an Anglican cathedral set up an appointment with the English medium, Mrs. Ena Twigg. Pike says that before this he never had read even a popular book on psychism and did not believe in life after death.

Several of young Jim's friends had curious experiences at the hour of his suicide and these are mentioned. Highly personal facts, names and so forth relating to the death came through in great detail, some too personal to be mentioned but later verified. Also discussed is the 1937



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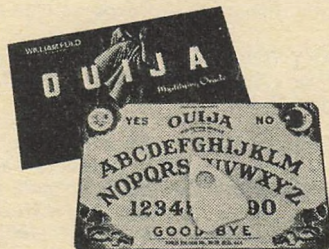
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report of the Church of England on spiritualism which proved so favorable that it was promptly suppressed by the archbishops. Even today many persons never have heard of this impressively-sponsored report.

Throughout his book Bishop Pike emphatically shows his awareness of the possibilities for fraud and denies a personal interest in spiritualism. He says that at best, communication (if it is that) is spotty and disjointed and not to be exalted as oracular or given top priority. He quotes his own words from *The Saturday Review* in regard to those who accused him of every extravagance from insanity to a frenzied craving for the limelight:

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MANY VOICES by Eileen J. Garrett, G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York, N.Y., 1968, 254 pages, \$5.95.

*Many Voices* really should be read as a sequel to Mrs. Garrett's earlier *Adventures in the Supernormal* (first issued under the title *My Life as a Search for the Meaning of Mediumship*). More subjective and containing less information about her personal experiences, this latest work is primarily an amplification of her search to understand her mediumship.

To the psychologist and psychiatrist and others who attempt to explain psychic phenomena from the point of view of the mind alone *Many Voices* should be especially fulfilling.



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It will have less appeal for the reader who may be looking for mediumistic reports. Still, Mrs. Garrett's accounts of her work with poltergeists are entertaining and she discusses symbols, the aura and other psychic manifestations with which she is familiar. Chapters on the medium's experiences in France during World War II and in Haiti, where she participated in Vodun ceremonies, are particularly interesting.

Perhaps the most attractive aspect of this book for the reader not immersed in scientific evaluations is its many references to famous people, the little inside glimpses of such literary greats as William Butler Yeats, Rabindranath Tagore, Aldous Huxley, Sholem Asch, Dorothy Parker, Thomas Mann, Robert Graves, Hamlin Garland, James Joyce, D. H. Lawrence and others. Her references to Sir Oliver Lodge, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Dr. William MacDougall, Hereward Carrington, Stewart Edward White and many more add new insights to our knowledge of these big-name personalities in psychic research.

Having covered her childhood so delightfully in her earlier autobiography, Mrs. Garrett concerns herself in *Many Voices* with seeking the origins of her talents in the Irish countryside in which she was born and raised. She is tantalizingly brief and inexact about the actual events of her life — but who can blame her? Her mental maturing development as a medium have been the true excitement of her life. Marriages, births, illnesses and travels now have come to take second place in her memories. She is reaching for the tranquility that only complete understanding of life can bring.

What is it, she wonders, that has given her the strange power of mediumship? Is she actually what she purports to be when in trance — a "medium" of communication be-



tween some world of the spirit and the world of man? Always critical of her own faculties and interpretations Mrs. Garrett will not accept the easy answers and she always has argued with herself as to the actual nature of her abilities. She has interested many psychiatrists and psychologists in studying her mind and her psychic capabilities but few members of scientific disciplines so far have been willing to admit there is more than her own unconscious mind involved. The reality of her controls, Abdul Latif and Uvani, as anything but manifestations of her own unconscious has been questioned so consistently by medical researchers that they have lost reality for her as individuals—if indeed they ever had it.

All in all, the activities of a rich full life are merely scanned in *Many Voices*, for the mental searchings predominate. The author has con-

cluded, "One lives a fuller life when one comprehends the world of dreams, psychic impulses, urges and even conscience itself. The gift of faith and a state of grace become at once one's own religious experience, where one is truly in tune with the cosmic order of goodness and harmony." — *Susy Smith*.

**THE RELUCTANT PROPHET: THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A CLAIRVOYANT** by Daniel Logan, Doubleday & Co., Garden City, N.Y., 1968, 238 pages, \$4.95.

First-person accounts by sensitives are getting to be quite the fad these days. Peter Hurkos, Eileen Garrett, Arthur Ford, Sybil Leek and various others have written their life stories. Daniel Logan, author of this volume, may not be so well known yet, but I found his story absorbing. He has had a rather up-and-down life and has tried his hand at a number of

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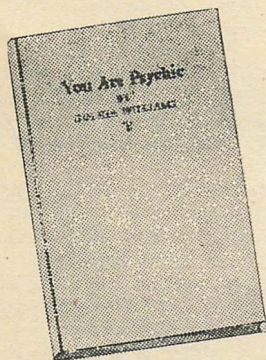


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different professions. (If the book really is his rather than a ghost-writer's he might well embark on a writing career.) He was "reluctant" in that for many years he did not employ his obvious psychic gifts in any consistent fashion. He plunged to fame overnight when he appeared on the David Susskind TV show and made a number of dramatic predictions, many of which since have been fulfilled. Since then he has been a professional psychic consultant.

The book is replete with instances of his correct "readings" for clients both noted and unknown. As reported in his book, it seems he senses a greater percentage of negative happenings, past and future, than do many other sensitives. I found most interesting the accounts of instances where his own life was guided by psychic impressions, his own or others'. I was intrigued by his numerous favorable mentions of Chicago sensitive Deon Frey whom I know well.

Logan's attitude toward spiritualists in general, however, I found far too harsh. Also I disagree strongly with his remarks about LSD.

I must say that his predictions of almost continual warfare and numerous disasters are depressing though he well may prove correct. He closes with useful suggestions on how to meditate to develop one's own psychic abilities. All in all, it is one of the better books now available in the psychic field. — David Techter.

THE JACQUES ROMANO STORY by Berthold Eric Schwarz, M.D., University Books, Inc., New York, N.Y., 1968, 243 pages, illus., \$5.95.

Persons who knew or knew of Jacques Romano no doubt will enjoy this book in its entirety. Others may be interested mainly in the last third which reports on Romano's remarkable psychic powers (cited in September, 1960, FATE).



Jacques Romano was much sought after as a speaker and as a guest who could provide entertainment of a psychic nature. It seems safe to say his personality was magnetic. Besides having marked telepathic ability, he also was an enigma in that throughout his adult life—which extended into his 99th year—he always looked many years younger than he actually was. He had ideas, partly psychological and partly dietary, about how to achieve longevity but it is my guess that he also had the genes for it.

Born in 1864, he died in 1962. He kept his parentage and foreign boyhood a mystery but told of extensive travels before making the United States his home in 1889. A confident but disciplined individualist, Romano started life in the United States with little means and little formal education but soon came to hold positions of responsibility. For some years he traveled widely for the Eastman Kodak Company. About 1911 he was manager of the early Bleriot Monoplane Company and became a pioneer aviator. Later, he became enough of a chemist to formulate proprietary iodine drugs which he produced by his own hand. This provided his livelihood during his final years. His speaking and entertaining gave him close personal relationships with many prominent persons and made him a celebrity in his own right from about the turn of the century until his death.

His psychic powers apparently remained little impaired, if at all, throughout his life. Author Schwarz, a psychiatrist, knew him only from his 92nd year until his death six years later but reports many remarkable psychic feats from personal observation. Besides being highly telepathic, Romano seems to have had a marked ability to foretell the future; he is quoted as saying that President Kennedy "wouldn't be

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around" for the 1964 election. He apparently had remarkable ability to influence others by telepathic suggestion. He was noted for influencing them to select specific cards in demonstrations. Expert card manipulators could not explain his stunts. As a hypnotist he is reported to have accomplished something decidedly unusual: he is said to have caused a hypnotized person to produce psychic raps—at a distance, of course. He also seems to have emitted cooling and healing rays from his hands—though experiments by Dr. Schwarz to obtain objective evidence of this were futile.

Romano gave what he called "spirit readings," for he could obtain remarkably correct impressions about deceased persons, information beyond the knowledge of sitters which later was verified. These impressions did not come to him as if communicated by spirits but apparently in the same way as his other psychic impressions.

The last third of the book cites so many examples of his psychic feats as to be truly fascinating. Much of the rest of the book quotes his views on a variety of subjects, showing that he expressed himself with a confidence that no doubt went over well with audiences but seems rather brash in cold print. However, his occasional insights are impressive.

What caused his death is not reported but in his 90's he still had the energy to put in 15 hours a day as the one-man staff of his little iodine-preparation laboratory. — *Harold Steinour.*

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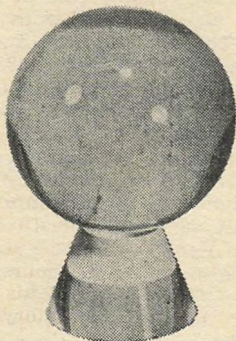
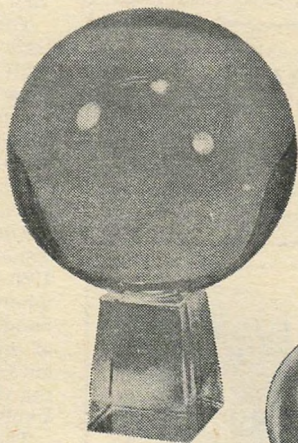
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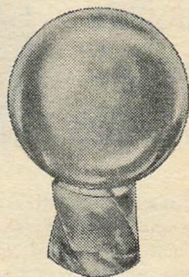
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she included in the later pages of this personal chronicle a kind of mystical history of experiences which will strike a note of response in those who like beauty and depth of expression in their psychic stories.

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The book is written in the exquisite style of a gifted English essayist with finely-tuned commentaries and descriptions leading the reader through interwoven melodies of words. The earlier parts of the book concern the author's childhood, her adult life and the deep bond between her and her daughter Sally.

Then comes the indescribable shock of learning Sally has died in 1958 from poliomyelitis in Indonesia where she had gone with her husband. Through the days and months of grief that followed, the mother goes on a kind of involuntary search for the living Sally who she instinctively knows still is alive.

The mother was rewarded with experiences that ranged from an astral flight—in which she was joined by Sally (and she knew it was more than a dream)—to the awareness of a mysterious perfume, a "psychic scent," which repeatedly reminded her of the nearness of her beloved daughter. The scent also was perceptible to others and verified by Sally through two mediums—"independent psychic channels," the author calls them.

Other incidents and experiences are recorded, including the strange case of a withered plant that revived before her eyes. But she does not choose to tell of sittings with the



mediums. While she has "great respect" for the Society for Psychical Research, she determined not to expose either Sally or herself to the incisive and sometimes caustic analyses of the researchers.

She was not always with nor constantly seeking Sally. A mystical vision—perhaps a form of dreaming true—brought to her the inspiring impression of a Christ-like figure. This, with other steps along her own road to Damascus, led her to a satisfying awareness of eternal verities.

To some readers the explanation of her unfolding may seem almost traditional and orthodox. Still, those who read her inner chronicle will find for themselves, each in his own way, something beyond the traditional limitations of orthodoxy in her tenderly revealing story.—*James Crenshaw.*

**PSYCHIC PEOPLE** by Eleanor Touhey Smith, William Morrow and Co., New York, N.Y., 1968, 194 pages, \$5.95.

The short biographies in this book relate experiences in precognition, automatic writing, miraculous healing, poltergeist activity and evidences of reincarnation in the lives of 19 people, living and dead, who are well-known in the fields of science, religion, philosophy, publishing and the arts. Familiar names include Daniel Home, Leonora Piper, Emanuel Swedenborg, Mollie Fancher, Joan Grant, Cheiro and others whose strange experiences have not been exposed as spurious nor satisfactorily explained. Unfortunately, only the surface can be scratched in the space of eight or 10 pages devoted to each account. Nevertheless, some serve as introductions to people the reader probably will want to learn more about.

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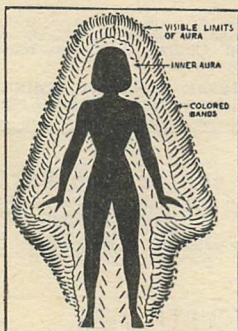


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onize me but they will have no time to do so because of the war that will have broken out." He was beatified in 1905 and scheduled for canonization in 1914, but the beginning of World War I postponed this until 1925. St. John Vianney healed people who came to him and also did absent healing. He experienced moments of ecstasy when observers reported they saw him suspended in air, foretold events in the future and knew beforehand what people would say during confession.

Amanda Theodosia Jones, who early in life aspired to write poetry, penned "The Prophecy of the Dead," which described the fall of Richmond, Va., in the Civil War, three years before the event.

Another biography discusses Helene Smith who while in trance said she visited the planet Mars and described what the planet and its inhabitants looked like.

Some of the experiences described in the book seem hard to believe but readers will find them intriguing even though not all of them are new. — Fred Korotkin.

### ALSO NOTABLE

**COMPANIONS OF THE UNSEEN** by Paul Tabori, University Books, Inc., New Hyde Park, N.Y., 1968, 210 pages, \$5.95.

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# Report FROM THE Readers

## SPIRITUAL DENTISTRY

In the September, 1968, FATE a short writeup in "I See by the Papers" concerns The Rev. Willard Fuller. I for one am glad to see him getting some publicity. I had a cavity which shows on my dentist's X-rays and it was filled after prayer in one of Brother Fuller's services. The dentist wrote, "Filled by spiritual healing" on my dental record. Believe me, it happened! — *Pauline Aloisio, Saratoga, Calif.*

I am extremely glad to see some mention of Evangelist Willard Fuller in FATE at long last.

In one of the meetings in which he prayed for dental needs I received a gold filling. Another tooth changed to a bright silver-gold. Almost all of my teeth had fillings of metal which turned black. I thought perhaps I had forgotten about having gold put in my mouth but I checked with my dentist and his records and X-rays showed no gold at all. A few nights later I was prayed for again and received another gold filling in another tooth and the dark fillings all were brightened.

I watched gold form in a tooth in another woman's mouth and I saw one individual's dark-stained teeth turn white after prayer. A businessman had a broken front tooth which



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filled in. I watched this as did many others. — *Patricia Settles, San Gabriel, Calif.*

On Sunday, August 11, 1968, I was in much pain due to a hole on the biting edge of a gold crown attached to a bridge in my upper teeth. I mentioned my trouble to the wife of The Rev. Willard Fuller. She said she would tell him of my suffering when she talked to him on the telephone (he was out of the city) and would ask him to pray for me.

The next day I looked in a mirror to study the problem tooth which now had stopped aching. I found that the hole had closed with a metal filling. — *Ruth Leard, Ormond Beach, Fla.*

Many FATE readers have expressed interest in The Rev. Willard Fuller's work and a desire to write to him. His address is: 1425 Ocean Shore Blvd., Ormond Beach, Fla. 32074. — *The Editors.*

### REBUTTAL

It has just come to my attention that I have been taken to task for statements I made in the April, 1968, FATE (Report from the Readers").

Arthur C. Piepenbrink, Supreme Secretary of the Rosicrucian Order, justifiably criticizes having the Order's headquarters placed in La Jolla. Of course it's in San Jose. My sincere apologies.

Mr. R. W. Smalley in the August, 1968, FATE says there was no Roman Catholic Church in 325 A.D. However, the listing of popes of the Roman Catholic Church begins with Peter who died about 67 A.D.

Sylvester I was pope in 325 A.D. and I could name all of the more than 260 popes since the time of Jesus Christ.

Mr. Smalley may not consider the Roman Catholic Church more than 400 or 500 years old but the so-called



Christian church from circa 34 A.D. to the time of Martin Luther surely was not Protestant.

It's all very well to disclaim attachment to the early church fathers but they were there and they committed many religious peccadillos with personal gain in mind. However, it was not my intention to attack the Roman Catholic Church. As I am neither a Roman Catholic nor an orthodox protestant I see no harm in calling a spade a spade.—*The Rev. Amy L. Jefferys, Philadelphia, Pa.*

#### BELATED CORROBORATION

*The New York Times* for Sunday, November 10, 1968, on page 7E, presents an illustration of the area around the North Pole taking in part of Siberia where solar particle radiation strikes the earth. In the accompanying article, titled "The Sun-Spot Menace to Astronauts," one paragraph reads: "... hydrogen nuclei (protons) are hurled out almost at the speed of light (and are) channeled toward the polar regions by the earth's own magnetic field (which protects the rest of the earth)..."

This corroborates my theory published several years ago that the frozen mammoths and other frozen mammals found in Siberia were killed instantly when nuclear bursts with accompanying extreme cold from outer space punctured the earth's atmospheric envelope over Siberia.—*Harry B. Fuchs, Farmingdale, N.Y.*

#### THE CASTOR OIL TREATMENT

In the December, 1968, *FATE* Curtis Fuller's "I See by the Papers" contains mention of efforts made to control the corn worm. I would like to add my comments on this obnoxious pest.

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black winged creature of dull and nondescript appearance and seems to lay one or two eggs on the silk of each ear of corn.

The farmers of this valley, the San Joaquin, are controlling the obnoxious little beast which hatches from those eggs. And we can be glad of that, for it is not only about the most awful-looking of insects but it is also vicious. It bites whenever it gets a chance. If one gets into the house it seems to hide, awaiting its chance to crawl onto a human being and bite! The thing thinks people are food.

However, the farmers are controlling the minuscule monster. One drop of castor oil on the silk of an ear of corn does the job. Even if the egg has been deposited and it hatches, the worm doesn't live very long. But if the adult hasn't gotten to the silk yet, the worm doesn't get laid. No one knows how or why the method works but it does. It is of course a tedious job to go over fields of corn with a bottle of castor oil and a dropper but the method is getting rid of the pest.

Perhaps this information will be of value in communities where the castor oil treatment is unknown.—  
*Dulcie Brown, Fresno, Calif.*

**ESP CAN SOLVE CRIMES**

In the December, 1968, **FATE**, "Fingers of Fate" includes an item about the Fronczak couple of Chicago whose baby boy was kidnaped. This is one of the criminal cases I worked on with ESP. I received the location of the kidnaped child as "East Hoboken." This I took to mean the name of a street, possibly in Chicago, but I knew of no street there by that name. I checked New Jersey without success.

However, I have learned in my experiments that sentences seldom are complete. After reading your item I knew where I had failed in my interpretation of the message. I be-



lieve now it meant "(Go) east (to) Hoboken."

When President Kennedy was in Tampa, Fla., the day before he was shot I received a strong impression that he would be shot at by a man with a rifle stationed in a second-story window. I considered sending him a telegram but decided to put my trust in the thoroughness of the Secret Service.—*Homer Chamberlain, DeBary, Fla.*

#### A DIFFERENT VIEW

Having read Arthur Bray's book *Science, the Public and the UFO* a lot more studiously than it would appear your reviewer Jerome Clark has, I was appalled at the scathing comments in his review of this book. Mr. Clark is entitled to his opinion but heaven preserve us from the destructive criticism of a reviewer who slashes to shreds in a few short sharp sentences the honest endeavors of a man who has devoted over 20 years of dedicated research into the UFO phenomena. I fail to understand how Mr. Clark missed finding in this book the truth that has stood out so clearly to so many other readers. First and foremost a good book reviewer has a moral responsibility to make a fair evaluation of a book, to point out both its strengths and weaknesses. And it is my opinion no reviewer should use his review as a platform for sounding off his own ideas of how a book should be written.

If Mr. Clark found this book "dull" one can only wonder what he expects of a book on UFOs—dramatic entertainment, fiction instead of facts? Anyway this book was written particularly for newcomers to the field of UFOlogy who can find between its covers a concise history of the major UFO developments and views of experts over the past two decades, along with the author's proffered theories, a courageous exposure of

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*Science, the Public and the UFO* has received excellent press notices and many favorable reviews and is now in its second printing. Mr. Clark seems to be alone in his boredom. — C. H. Watkins, Aylmer East, Que., Canada.

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I've read a lot about mediums in FATE and I didn't think that "The Physical Mediumship of John Lovette" was going to be anything different. But Mr. Lovette's story is absolutely amazing! What a shame he himself can't witness the feats!

I don't blame the author for being cautious when dealing with this case. The fact that a hoax was practically impossible made the story more dramatic. I think, however, that Mr. Lovette should leave the tape recorder out of his seances. This, as Mr. Griscom writes, is "a most suspicious object" and his leaving it out of the room would reduce suspicion.

The "voices" easily could have been emanating from hidden speakers. Even though the author said he found none of these, persons who could not investigate so thoroughly as he did would not be convinced.



Mr. Griscom's cautions were almost amusing at times, especially when he stuck out his legs in an effort to trip one of the "materializations." What fun if one of the apparitions had landed flat on his face!

Mr. Griscom must have a strong stomach. The materializations and floating trumpets and writing ghosts would have been too much for me. The seance room sounded like a fun-house. — *Paul Johnson, Collinsville, Conn.*

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As I am retiring from an active career of research and investigation in engineering and physical science I am renewing my subscription to **FATE** while canceling other magazines and withdrawing from technical societies, for your magazine covers those fields where new discoveries are yet to be made.

The progress in these fields is slow because they entail what I prefer to call "isolated phenomena" in which results have been noted but no chain of causal mechanism has been constructed with linkage to any established science.

As a parallel, suppose a TV set were placed before a group of savages who have no knowledge of electromagnetism. No amount of study of the picture on the tube would give any hint as to how it is produced. Eventually the onlookers would conclude that all the actors are inside the tube and they would smash it to check their theory, thus destroying forever any chance of finding out anything. Those who had not seen the TV set in action would not believe it had performed at all and as time went on the TV set would be dismissed as a mystery of the past.

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For example, in regard to the study of nuclear energy possibilities some 40 years ago I remember a well-known scientist making the statement that atomic power would never be great enough to "push a dead fly across a glass-covered table"—and this was only a few years before the atomic bomb first was used.

Scientists with reputations to protect cannot be expected to take public interest in "isolated phenomena." They necessarily must seek to discredit that which they feel they never will be able to connect with known sciences.

It is unfortunate that "isolated phenomena" make good stories either as "fact" or "fiction" so that the process of gathering objective information is hindered by the possibility that what was reported did not occur at all or was totally unlike what it seemed to be.

FATE has achieved a unique balance between entertainment and objective reporting. I view the comments of Curtis Fuller in "I See by the Papers" as representing a singularly objective attitude. The stories are in good taste and the articles appear to be unbiased. That is, when a true controversy exists, opposing points of view have been presented.

I expect that the explanation of most unknown phenomena will come from a buildup of knowledge just as a knowledge of electricity finally helped Ben Franklin relate it to lighting. There could be no real understanding of the latter until something of the generation and behavior of the former were understood and accepted. However, accepting the existence of the phenomena is the first step toward spurring research in productive directions. The worst approach is to invent explanations. — Edward J. Ramaley, Denver, Colo.

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An experience in my own family will illustrate the point. I was 10 years old when my sister, six years older than I, was converted to a religious belief bordering on the mystic. She and I spent hours talking about the spiritual aspects of life. Her sincerity was indisputable.

One night we had said our prayers and were lying in bed looking out at a moonlit world when suddenly she began to exclaim she was "seeing the cross." I looked at her and sure enough, on her forehead I could see a tiny cross of light! We both jumped up and went to the screen door to look out. Silhouetted in the sky was a cross of light.

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light, the screen door, her religious convictions. Suddenly I realized that what she honestly believed was not at all true. Overcoming the impulse to let her go on reveling in her "mystic experience" I tried to tell her she was mistaken. Finally I had to prove it to her.

It was like tearing the petals from a rose or the wings from a butterfly. I flung open the screen door.

"Where is your cross now?" I asked.

"It's gone! It must have been a sign; maybe the world is coming to an end. I must tell the minister at once!"

I quietly closed the screen door and the cross appeared again. Finally I convinced her the cross had been created by light reflecting in the crossed wires of the screen. I always have been sorry I robbed her of a sublime moment—but I am not sorry that I didn't let her perpetrate a fantasy as truth.

So when I read about strange things I will not let myself swallow them without chewing on them awhile and seasoning them with a grain of salt. Nevertheless I like to read the strange accounts you come up with—even if sometimes I think they "ain't necessarily so."—*Laura Custer Sheats, Milton, Ind.*

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## MYSTERIOUS COMBUSTION

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31 of the July, 1968, FATE, was my grandnephew. His parents are my niece Clea and Charles Watts and I first learned of Jackie's death from your magazine.

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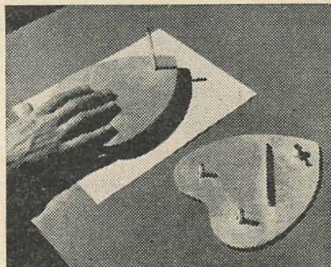
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That morning I wrote down the details of the dream and dated it — Friday, November 8, 1968. Late Saturday morning there was an earthquake in the midwest with its epicenter located in Illinois just 120 miles east of St. Louis. Sunday morning as I opened *The Chicago Tribune* (which is delivered to my home) a large headline concerned a plot to assassinate President-elect Nixon. Directly under that and to the right was another headline: "Quake Hits Twenty States!" I read the entire piece in the paper which stated the intensity of the quake was first registered at 5.5 on the Richter scale. Every detail I had dreamed was verified in the paper. — Catherine Zelms, Chicago, Ill.



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