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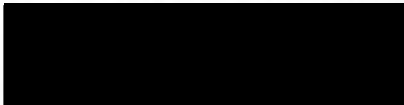
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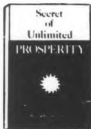
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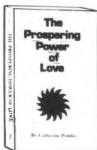
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I SEE BY THE PAPERS

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

I'm not a disbeliever, I'm an agnostic. And when it comes to the paranormal there aren't many of us. People are either rabid disbelievers or ardent believers. There's not much middle ground. Sociologists are not only interested in valid beliefs but in invalid ones as well. Our question is: Why do these extraordinary claims continue to pop up and why do rational, intelligent people report such phenomena?

—Prof. Marcello Truzzi in interview with Knight-Ridder Newspapers

ONE OF the many kinds of psychic events decried by skeptics is ghost reports. We have collected extensive files on haunted houses and apparitions over the years but have infrequently reported on them in this column. The other day I asked myself why and today I am offering a few explanations along with reports of a host of sightings.

First of all, I receive so many reports of ghosts that I can't begin to include them all and perhaps unconsciously I have assumed they are so common our readers wouldn't be interested in them. Second, it is very easy to confuse the goings-on in "haunted houses" with poltergeist phenomena; it's difficult to distinguish between them while isolated

at my typewriter. And third, unlike many of my readers I am not at all sure what a ghost is. I prefer the designation "apparition" because while I believe that most persons who report seeing ghosts are experiencing some genuine phenomena I am not at all sure that a ghost is the spirit of someone deceased. Consider the parallel with UFOs: People certainly experience UFOs but UFOs may not be extraterrestrial phenomena as so many experients assume.

This past month (December 1984), more than the usual number of ghost reports crossed my desk. They are detailed enough to fill half of this magazine but since that is not feasible I think it may give you an idea of their variety if I publish thumbnail sketches of eight or 10 of them.



VOICES SPEAKING GERMAN

TWO OF the reports are from military bases. One is the very active military post of Fort Sheridan, just across the road from my office; as I sit here I can see the centuries-old brick and stone buildings which some post employees believe house many spooks.

Peggy Flanigan, former editor of the post newspaper, collected some of these accounts and personally experienced

what she believes could be a ghost. She thinks she caught a glimpse of the orange dress of the late wife of a former post commander during an all-night vigil. Orchid Neal, the psychic who was with Flanigan on the vigil, reports that she actually saw the woman "peek around the corner" and added that she "looked like Mamie Eisenhower." Flanigan said that she later was told that the wife of the post commander was said to resemble Mrs. Eisenhower.

Among the many other Fort Sheridan stories are those of voices speaking German. They are heard coming from cells in the old stockade where German prisoners of war were held during World War II.

A blacksmith wearing a leather apron and carrying a hammer is supposed to haunt the officers' quarters. The figure of a priest is said to appear in an

upstairs bedroom of another house on the post. A long-dead custodian is said to make his rounds still.



SHE FLOATED UP

MOVING DOWN to Marietta, Ga., we can consider the experience of Nick Joiner. He was performing his regular early morning duty of unlocking the front door to the old Dobbins AFB Officers' Club when . . .

"A blonde woman in her late 20's paused at the foot of the stairs," Joiner reported. "Then I felt a rush of air and she started to float up toward the third floor. The hair on the back of my neck started to rise and I felt a cool shiver run through my body. There was no way I could follow her."

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in the Old Officers' Club according to John Rossino, writing in *Southern Star* which is published by Lockheed Georgia Company. Lights blink, doors open and close, toilets flush, furniture moves, footsteps are heard, cold drafts are felt.

"The house is unbelievable," says Art Cleveland, an air force security officer.

Earl Martin, another air force security officer, says, "Once I drove by and saw an upstairs window, that I knew to be nailed shut, open. The light was on in the room when I got upstairs but there was no one present. To make things worse, I couldn't even close the window by myself."

No one knows how old the house is. It is known to have been sold in 1862 and somehow was spared when General Sherman marched from Atlanta to the sea during the Civil War.



MEANWHILE AT ALCATRAZ

IF MILITARY uses and occupations are associated with ghosts, so are prisons. Alcatraz Island, for example, is now a federal park but nonetheless remains full of desperately unhappy memories. In September 1983, according to an article by David Kleinberg in the *San Francisco Sunday Examiner and Chronicle* of October 26, 1984, park ranger Rex Norman was set to bunk down for the night in his sleeping bag in one of the cells in B block when "he heard strange sounds."

First, the levers used to open the cell doors clanked for five or 10 seconds. Norman was only eight feet away and could see the gate mechanism. But when he searched no one was there. After half a minute a crash echoed throughout the building.

"It was like someone took a steel trash can and threw it as hard as he could from the third level of the cell," Norman told Kleinberg. "Over a time you get to know the sounds of Alcatraz. Even on stormy days you don't get that kind of noise."

Bob Krauss of the *Honolulu Advertiser* reports ghosts in both men's and women's prisons on Oahu. A female ex-convict told Krauss that in Maluhia Cottage in 1977 she walked into her room one night and a ghost—a little old lady dressed in white—was sitting on her bed.

At the Oahu Community Correctional Center on Dillingham Boulevard, Tony Olim, a former warden, said a number of guards were unable to sleep in the guards' squad room because it was next to the execution chamber and a guard had died in his bunk there in 1944. One

night a convict cook came running down the stairs screaming that he had heard the door of the execution chamber rattling. Olim's brother Frank, a former guard there, said that prisoners in the cells for incorrigibles sometimes called him to say they were being choked by invisible hands.

Frank's wife Lucy said that once in the present women's prison she saw "this white thing coming toward my bed. The next think I knew it was under my bed and rolling along under all the beds. I woke up some of the other girls. They hadn't seen it. Then I saw it over a girl's bed. Poof, it disappeared."



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apparent suicide. Eighty-four years later Ronald and Elizabeth Henry and their two children moved into the house where Maria had died.

About three weeks after the move, according to James Dempsey in the *Worcester Evening Gazette* for October 31, 1984, five-year-old Kristine Henry rose in the morning and announced, "The lady came to see me last night." The Henrys didn't pay much attention to her at first but then Kristine began to describe the lady. She wore her hair in a bun, Kristine said, and had a long dress with a white collar.

Soon Ronald Henry began seeing the woman himself. "She was standing in the front room," Henry told Dempsey. "She had deep-sunken eyes and a thin pointed face. She said, 'Help me. Please, help me.'"

There also have been a number of

poltergeistlike incidents in the house. The Henrys thought there might be clues to the phenomena in the cellar and together with some members of their family started to pry up some boards with a crowbar. "Suddenly the tools (hanging on the wall) began swinging violently and clattering. My mother went flying upstairs and in the kitchen a big piece of wood jumped out of the coal bucket and landed at her feet; she hasn't been in the house since then," Henry said.



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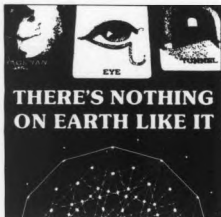
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in nearby Hatfield. The article, by Peter Pollard, traced events over the past six years since the Larry Pepin family moved into a house there. Pollard's story tells of a family that has accepted the disturbances and is apparently comfortable with them.

A few months after the Pepins moved into the house, members of the family heard a muffled voice calling "Laarry, Laarry." It sounded "like someone with a mouth full of potatoes," Larry Pepin said. Pepin answered the calls several times but received no response and continued his conversation with a visitor. Five-year-old Errol Pepin later said he had thought "Mommy's voice sounds funny," but when Mommy came into the room they learned she had not been calling her husband.

Since then furniture has moved, voices have been heard talking unintelligibly and an unseen child has been frequently heard humming. The Pepins say they have grown accustomed to sharing the house and accept the presence as a friend. It is not always friendly with strangers, however. For several years any mother who spent a night in the house was awakened by the sound of a baby crying. When Pepin's sister-in-law sat up in bed on hearing the cries, Pepin says, "something whacked her across the face."

The activities resemble those of a poltergeist. Although tightly locked and bolted, an outside door has been found open on cold winter mornings and the washing machine pipes have been frozen to bursting. A large inset cabinet weighing several hundred pounds is found repeatedly four or five inches away from the wall. Much of the activity seems to take place during times

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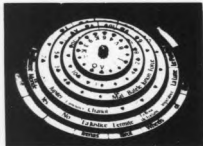
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"I was in bed around 11 at night," Annette told Kristin Gilger of the *New Orleans Times-Picayune* River Parishes Bureau. "The house was dark and everyone was asleep. I heard steps outside my door and it sounded so real I called out to Mom and Dad. But it just started coming into my room.

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part of his chest. It was like a dense white cloud.

"It was so real, I could feel someone in there with me. I kept saying 'Mom,' 'Dad,' over and over, and then I ran my hand through it a few times. It didn't move . . . I laid there until 5:30 the next morning and it stayed there—I felt like it was just looking at me—until my dad got up and turned on the kitchen light. Then it was gone."

Several other members of the family also have seen the figure and Annette saw it outside twice last September. Joan Douville, administrator of the property, and Jolene Roper, Annette's mother, believe the figure may be Stephen Henderson, whose wife Elenore resembled Annette and who died at 19 leaving her husband bereft. He died a few years later and both are buried in

a cemetery near the plantation.



MEET "CHARLIE"

EL PASO residents seem to be especially fond of ghost stories. Col. Harvey Brown, Ret., a longtime friend of FATE, sends us many of them including a recent series on haunted houses in the area by Marilyn Haddrill, a staff writer for the *El Paso Times*.

She tells the story of Rhonda Small who met the resident ghost the third night after moving into a home she had purchased in Lovington, Tex.

Rhonda was in the bedroom when a "gray cloud of smoke" billowed through the doorway and hovered over her bed. It settled on a chair near her dresser, then shifted about as if observing her. At length it drifted back

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out the door. It took Rhonda Small some time to realize that she hadn't been dreaming. After a while, when she felt on friendly terms with the entity, she nicknamed him "Charlie." Charlie eventually began to assume a wispy manlike form and seemed attracted to her infant son. Rhonda came to feel that Charlie was her son's protector. She describes Charlie thus: "A three-dimensional shadow. It's not just flat. You see a body form. You see the head, the shoulders, the arms."

The evidence is not as strong for another El Paso area building called the Brewhouse, which is an old brewery converted into studios and offices. The first artist tenant in the Brewhouse moved out because of ghosts but they don't seem to bother the other tenants.

Artist Carlos Flores reports, "When I first moved here there were a lot of strange noises. I used to walk around trying to figure out what the noises were." He never found out and doesn't seem bothered by them any more.



MIXED-UP REBECCA

THE LODGE at Cloudcroft, Tex., a hotel rebuilt in 1911 from an 1899 structure, houses a beautiful red-haired ghost. Rebecca is said to have been a chambermaid at the lodge in the 1930's; she mysteriously disappeared one day but people still say they see her around. The bartenders at the nearby Red Dog Saloon describe her as a beautiful, red-headed woman in a long gown, gracefully dipping and moving in a dance.

Today no one is sure Rebecca ever existed but nevertheless, she is blamed for a lot of mischievous poltergeistlike pranks that occur there. Strange calls

are received from Room 101, the Governor's Suite, when the room is unoccupied. A bartender once watched flames spring up in the bar's fireplace when no wood or paper was in it. Doors open and shut.

One man said, "It was the damnedest thing I've ever seen. I looked over and my watch was floating from my bedstand to my chest."

A frightened busboy swore he saw an

ashtray suddenly slide across a tabletop when no one was near.



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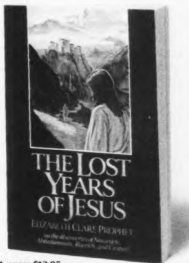
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At the same time, the witnesses who report seeing ghosts also seem to be entranced. They do not react as they would under normal circumstances. If a genuine intruder had entered Annette's bedroom, for example, it seems unlikely she would have stayed in her bed. If it had been a worldly experience, wouldn't she have run out screaming? And how many ghost-fearing persons, in full possession of

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NO COOKIE CUTTER

HERE IS A mystery a lot of people would like to solve. The land is fairly flat and the *Seattle Times* reports that there are no marks to indicate a machine was used to move the dirt. Don Aubertin, director of mining for the Colville Indians, traced dribblings of earth from the chunk of dirt and found not only that it made a 20-degree turn as it was moved but that its pathway through the air described an arc and not a straight line.

The work of a meteorite has been ruled out because there is no sign of an impact. University of Washington scientists dismissed the possibility that earthquake energy might have focussed on this one spot and moved the dirt.

Aubertin reports that the hole was not a crater. “It had vertical walls and a fairly flat bottom,” he says. “It was almost as though it had been cut out with a giant cookie cutter.”

But not quite. Even a cookie cutter couldn’t have left such a hole, he adds, because roots from plants in the chunk that had taken off still dangled from walls of the hole, indicating they had been torn apart.

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The disaster that destroyed Curium was an earthquake so powerful that it could pick up an 800-pound stone feeding trough and slam it into a house, killing a horse or mule chained to it.

Only a small area of Curium, a city of tens of thousands of people, has been excavated so far but unlike Pompeii’s its buildings probably will not be found intact. The houses were blown apart but their contents are still there. Three bronze rings, a bronze lamp with fragments of used wicks preserved inside, a bronze lampstand, a marble tabletop and bronze and iron nails are among the

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finds that have been unearthed so far.

The dating was accomplished by discovery of a cache of 365 Roman coins dated A.D. 364 to 365. A historian promptly pointed out that a Roman named Ammianus Marcellinus who lived in the late Fourth Century wrote of a terrible earthquake which created a tidal wave that destroyed Alexandria, Egypt, on July 21, 365. Undoubtedly the same earthquake destroyed Curium.

**HOW THE MINOANS FELL**

THE OUTLINES of the magnificent Minoan civilization of Crete and the Aegean islands are well known to FATE readers but the details of the destruction of the Minoan culture are still unknown. British researchers, however, have painstakingly pieced together various clues and agree that the explosion of the giant volcano of Santorini must have been directly or indirectly responsible for the disaster. Crete lies only 80 miles south of Santorini and the eruption threw seven to 10 cubic miles of rock and ash into the air.

Researchers reason that the heavy ash layer on Crete caused fearful disasters although the initial ash falls are reckoned to have damaged only the central Minoan cities on Crete. At the same time accompanying tidal waves destroyed the Minoan fleets. This in turn left the Minoan settlements vulnerable to invasions by the fiery Mycenaeans from the Greek mainland.

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caused "by earthquakes related to the movement of the molten rock feeding the volcano," according to a *New Scientist* article by Bill Downy and Don Tarling of the Department of Geophysics and Planetary Physics at the University of Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

The aim of many researchers is to prove that the Atlantis legend is really folklore which combines the destruction of the Minoan civilization with the disappearance beneath the waves of most of Santorini. There could hardly have been any surviving witnesses to the Santorini explosion to carry the message to other peoples of the Aegean.

The final destruction of the Minoan culture seems to have occurred around 1500 B.C., which would place it only 900 years before Plato's story of Atlantis and not 9000, as Plato has it. In our opinion the 9000 years can be discounted since there was no written history then and folk memories simply do not last more than a few hundred years.

Another part of the legend that can be discounted is that Atlantis lay outside the "Pillars of Hercules" which would place it in the Atlantic Ocean. Ancient Egyptian documents suggest that at one time Crete was thought to be the location of one of the so-called pillars which, it was believed, supported the heavens. It was only later that the Pillars of Hercules were placed at the Gibraltar exit of the Mediterranean.

The entire legend of Atlantis is based only on two works of Plato, *Timaeus* and *Critias*, and was presumably told to Plato's ancestor Solon two centuries before Plato wrote it down. The

Minoan-Santorini disaster probably best explains the Atlantis story. We believe it is as foolish to take Plato's story literally as it would be to believe that the four Pillars of Hercules actually supported the heavens.



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The development of wheels and steel-making came from barbarians beyond the classical world. White particularly asks why the Greeks and Romans never invented the steam engine. All the parts were there and one was even constructed as a toy by Hero of Alexandria but it took 2000 years more to harness steam power for useful work.

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Miracles of Medieval Korea

The Magic of MONK SAMYONG

Stories of his feats reveal the role the paranormal has played in insuring Korea's national unity and cultural survival.

By James McClenon

IN THE West, relatively little is known about the famous Korean Buddhist monk Samyong who is believed to have had paranormal abilities. Westerners are generally unfamiliar with Korean history and folklore but every

Korean schoolchild learns about this great patriot.

While investigating the possibility that paranormal events occurred at Haeinsa Temple in South Korea,* I heard many stories of the Great Monk Samyong, for he retired to a hermitage near the temple

*See "Buddha Guards His Scriptures," March 1985 FATE.

Shrines are part of Haeinsa Temple where the revered monk Samyong retired. The reverse swastika is Buddhist symbol which predates the ancient European symbol used by the Nazis.



in the early 17th Century. Like the Tripitaka printing blocks which bear the Buddhist scriptures and are stored at Haeinsa Temple, Samyong's life is surrounded by legends, myths and miracles; yet his story is rooted in verified history. Is it possible that Samyong had psychic abilities equivalent to those attributed to medieval Christian saints?

The Great Monk Samyong (Samyong-taesa), whose secular name was Eung-

gyu Im, was born in Mylyang, Kyongnam Province, in 1544 to parents of the scholar class. In his youth he studied the Confucian classics but when he was 15 his mother died and his father died a year later. Hoping to mend his sorrow, he entered the Chikji Buddhist Monastery where he was trained in Zen meditation and the Korean martial arts (*taikwando*). Later he left the temple and wandered in the mountains, seeking enlightenment. After years of wander-



Korean artist portrayed Samyong standing before the gate over entrance to Haeinsa Temple. Every schoolchild in Korea learns about this great 16th-Century patriot.



Dongmyo Shrine was built by King Sejo of the Yi Dynasty to honor an ancient Chinese general who appeared to him in a vision. This is one of four built in Seoul by King Sejo who hoped the general's spirit would protect the kingdom.

ing and meditation, Samyong was said to have attained magical powers. He was considered a Bodhisattva, one who had attained enlightenment but chooses to stay on earth to help others. In 1574, when he was 30, Samyong was offered the position of chief priest of Chikjo Temple but he did not take it; instead he went wandering again.

If the monk Samyong had paranormal abilities, we might expect him to conceal them. Gautama Siddhartha, the founder of Buddhism, warned his followers that it was a grievous sin to demonstrate psychic feats publicly. There is a legend that Pindola, one of the Buddha's four original disciples, once flew through the air absently dragging behind him a mountain which killed a woman. As punishment, Pindola was forced to

remain on earth, awaiting the Buddha's return, probably millions of years. Yet the idea that Bodhisattvas can perform miracles is accepted within Buddhism and in medieval China and Korea the religion was associated with paranormal performances.

Early Buddhist monks engaged in a kind of competition with Taoists and were said to have performed miracles in an attempt to gain the allegiance of common people. One Chinese record from the Sui Dynasty (A.D. 591-608) states that Buddhist monks climbed a ladder of 72 knives, stepping barefoot on the blades, as part of a magic contest with Taoist shamans. This report is believable because modern Korean shamans demonstrate the ability to dance on sharp blades; I have witnessed this feat.

An evaluation of Samyong's psychic feats is complicated by tales of talking animals, imps, ghosts and magical monks that abound in Korean folklore and make it difficult to distinguish history from myth. For example, the account of Samyong's participation in a magic contest with Sosan, another famous monk, has taken on a mythical nature. According to one version, Samyong heard that a magician greater than he existed and the monk went wandering, hoping to meet him. Sosan realized telepathically that Samyong was searching for him and sent a monk to wait at a nearby river, instructing him, "When the river flows uphill, you will know that Samyong has arrived. Bring him to me." The amazed monk followed his instructions and brought Samyong to Sosan's quarters. There the

magic contest began.

Samyong changed needles in a bowl into noodles. Sosan turned the bowl over and needles fell to the floor. Some humorous versions of this story say that Samyong was hungry and frustrated by Sosan's feat. Samyong stacked eggs vertically end to end several feet into the air. Sosan repeated this trick but started at the top and stacked downward. Samyong changed the weather from clear to rainy and challenged Sosan to reverse this feat. Sosan met the challenge by causing the rain to rise upward and then changing the ascending droplets into a flock of birds. Realizing that he had been outdone, Samyong humbly asked to become a disciple of the greater monk. Although this story has mythical elements, the meeting of the two monks is historical

Frieze at base of statue of Samyong in Changchun-dong Park in Seoul shows Samyong with his monk-archers. Samyong and his mentor Sosan raised a voluntary militia of 5000 Buddhist monks to fight Japanese invaders in 1592.



fact. Samyong received training and inspiration from Sosan and later was recognized as a great and venerable monk, the heir to Sosan's fame.

Samyong is said to have prophesied that the Japanese would invade Korea, a fact supported even by Korean encyclopaedias. When his prediction was fulfilled in 1592, Samyong was deeply disturbed by the battles he witnessed. He and Sosan raised a voluntary militia of Buddhist monks which eventually numbered 5000 warriors. Sosan, too old to lead, placed Samyong in charge. One of many private armies fighting against the 150,000-man Japanese force, Samyong's militia engaged in fierce guerrilla warfare against the invaders. Although culturally inferior to the Koreans, the Japanese had learned how to manufacture firearms from European traders and thus had a tremendous military advantage. Korean King Sonjo, ill-prepared for the invasion, was forced to appeal to China for help.

Samyong's alleged psychic powers, military ability and innovative genius served him well throughout his career as a general. He was said to be a master of *chuk-chi-pup* (literally translated as "the way of shrinking the earth"), a method of teleportation. He could travel great distances in an instant, spying on the Japanese and carrying messages between friendly forces. Once when Samyong's army was surrounded by a superior Japanese force, he ordered his monks to cover a doomed mountain (Mount Nojok) with rice straw. The enemy army, seeing what appeared to be a huge mound of rice, decided that they would be unable to starve the guerrillas through siege and moved off.

Samyong entered the enemy general's

headquarters on four occasions and attempted to negotiate an end to the hostilities. His heroism and wit within the enemy camp contributed to the legends surrounding his name.

Through fierce guerrilla warfare, brilliant naval strategy (using the first armored ships in history) and the help of the Chinese, the Koreans eventually repulsed two major Japanese invasions. In 1604 Samyong was appointed to lead a government-sponsored diplomatic mission to Japan; the purpose of the delegation was to completely conclude the conflict. More legends evolved concerning his activities on this mission. The Japanese officials, having heard the rumors of Samyong's extraordinary abilities, took the opportunity to test him. First, they had him walk quickly past a hallway covered with scrolls of writing. Later, in testing him, they found that Samyong had successfully memorized all the information he had glimpsed. Then they prepared a fire, placed Samyong on a metal horse and pulled it through the blaze to test his fire-immunity. A sudden (and apparently paranormal) rainstorm ruined their test by cooling the metal horse. Next they placed Samyong in a large metal container and heated it red-hot. When the door was opened, presumably to remove his corpse, Samyong emerged unharmed, his beard was frozen and the air inside the container was frigid. In an alternate version of this story, Samyong is placed in a huge pot of boiling water where he shivers and complains of being cold. These feats awed the Japanese officials and Samyong was able to negotiate an end to the conflict and the release of 3000 Korean hostages.

Although these stories may be myths

they contain aspects that coincide with elements in Korean history. Samyong was in fact amazingly successful as a negotiator. The Japanese hated the Koreans and it is possible that they would subject Samyong to extremely harsh treatment. Torture with heat is not unknown. In 1614, eight-year-old Korean Prince Yongch'ang was baked to death in a heated room by his half-brother Kwanghae who sought control of the kingdom.

And stories of fire immunity are not uncommon in records of Christian saints, shamans and mediums. St. Francis of Paolo (1416-1507) was seen to enter a blazing furnace and exit unharmed. D. D. Home, the famous Spiritualist medium, could handle red-hot coals and also grant this immunity to others.

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SAMYONG retired to Haeinsa Temple where he died in 1610 at the age of 66. His memorial stone, portrait and the numerous gifts bestowed on him by the grateful Yi court can be seen there today.

Another allegedly paranormal event focused on Samyong's monument which was erected beside a stream near the hermitage where he last lived. In 1943 a local Japanese police chief, angry at seeing the great Korean patriot's monument, defaced it with his sword. The monks who lived at the temple at this time report that the chief was struck by lightning soon afterward. Samyong's monument was restored in 1958 when the Japanese colonial era in Korea ended.

Attempting to unravel the mythical aspects of Samyong's life story from historically verifiable facts, I learned a

great deal about Korean history and Buddhism and the interrelation between reported paranormal events and political needs. Books in English about Korean history make only brief reference to Samyong as the most famous Zen monk in Korea, one who studied under Sosan, led a guerrilla army and later negotiated the release of 3000 Korean hostages after the Japanese invasions of the 16th Century. Guidebooks and folktale collections contain lengthier references to the famous monk's psychic feats, especially the mythical ones associated with his magic contest with Sosan. I found reports in English of the Japanese police chief's damaging Samyong's monument and about its restoration (but nothing about the chief's being struck by lightning).

One possibly authentic paranormal feat was Samyong's prediction of the Japanese invasion of 1592 which caught the Korean government unprepared. Yet written reports on the political situation in Korea at the time reveal that a controversy existed among government leaders long before the invasion was launched. Samyong was not alone in predicting impending trouble; many omens led others to similar conclusions.

In 1573 the water of the Nakdong River reportedly failed to flow for an entire day and in 1574, in a snowstorm in Hamgyong Province, insects were mixed with the falling flakes. Both events were interpreted as foretelling disaster. But even worse, in 1589 a miserable fox (considered by Koreans to be a manifestation of the devil) was found seated on the dragon throne in the royal palace. This also meant bad fortune. Even King Sejo apparently had a symbolic precognitive vision of

coming warfare but he failed to act on it. In his vision he saw an ancient Chinese general and subsequently ordered shrines built to honor the general, hoping that the military leader's spirit would protect his kingdom. The Korean court even sent two envoys to Japan to discover Japanese ruler Hideyoshi's intentions. When they returned with conflicting reports, King Sejo allowed the Korean army to remain unprepared.

During my attempts to track down the origin of written reports of Samyong's mystical abilities most of the Koreans I talked with considered these stories mythical and told me that ancient Koreans tended to associate all their great political leaders with magical feats. For example, King Sejong was said to have walked from Seoul to Peking in the morning and to have returned in the afternoon, an example of *chuk-chi-pup*. Many Koreans consider it foolish to take such stories seriously. Others seem convinced that although Samyong's abilities may have been exaggerated with the passage of time, he probably did demonstrate some psychic powers—possibly telepathy and teleportation.

Koreans have an ancient shamanistic heritage and many have seen modern shamans perform apparently paranormal feats such as dancing on sharp swords. Belief that a Bodhisattva such as Samyong might exhibit psychic powers is fairly common. Some Koreans told me that they had heard the stories of Samyong's psychic feats from their grandparents. Others heard the stories from their teachers in school or read about them in modern books about Korean folklore. In a Korean movie,

Samyong's magical abilities were portrayed by use of special effects and audiences marveled at the superhuman exploits of the great patriot who outsmarted the powerful Japanese.

I relied on Korean friends to read and summarize some of the many Korean histories of Samyong's life. Some of these books were based on historical records from the era in which Samyong lived, on his personal diary and on his writings. These histories make no mention of paranormal feats. One disappointed Korean friend, who believed in Samyong's paranormal capacity, rationalized that a Buddhist monk would not write of his own psychic abilities, even in his diary. He also noted that during the Yi Dynasty (1392-1910), Confucianism was the state religion and belief in miracles was frowned upon. During that era Buddhist monks had a lower status so that their versions of events were even less likely to appear in official histories.

Perhaps the Confucian scholars of Samyong's time prevented reporting his paranormal abilities, although historical evidence makes this seem improbable. Confucian scholars tended not to emphasize or accept belief in miracles, but, nevertheless, some wrote accounts of them. For example, the famous Korean Confucian scholar, Yi I (1539-1584), was open-minded enough to puzzle over mysteries while, at the same time, he was a proponent of what might be considered a "materialist" orientation. He recorded an ostensibly miraculous healing by prayers of a Confucian scholar. He believed that in a former age, men could make it rain at will and that it frequently rained when prisoners were set free. With a

kind of prophetic vision, not unlike Samyong's, Yi I urged the Korean government to train a 100,000-man army, perhaps basing his advice on the bad omens he had heard about. We can assume that Yi I accepted as true the report of the Naktong River stopping its flow for a day because he cited this story in his own writings. Scholars living after Yi I, during the Japanese invasions, might have been skeptical of claims of the paranormal, yet willing to record stories they heard, for miracles were recorded during the conflicts in which Samyong participated. Chinese observers saw the god of war, Kuan-ju (the ancient general who appeared in King Sejo's vision), with his armies in the sky, aiding the Koreans during various battles against the Japanese. The Dongmyo Shrine, which still stands in Seoul, commemorates this appearance and for years ceremonies were held there to give thanks for the general's spiritual aid.

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A STATUE of Samyong stands in Changchun-dong Park which adjoins Dong Guk University in Seoul. I interviewed students and professors at this Buddhist university, hoping to gain a greater understanding of the great monk's life. The students expressed their faith that Samyong was a great Bodhisattva and a master of *taikwando*, the martial arts, and of *chuk-chi-pup*, teleportation. They told the folktales of his exploits with deep national pride. They informed me that monks' participation in combat, known as the "Buddhism of National Defense," is not unusual. Even a Catholic student explained that Samyong really could perform magic and resorted to magical

feats when cornered by the Japanese.

The professors at Dong Guk University were unanimously skeptical, however. Kim Young Tae, dean of the Buddhist College and a scholar who had studied the historical accounts, informed me that the legends of Samyong's paranormal feats probably were recorded long after his death. Kim was concerned that the myths might obscure the greatness of this authentic Korean patriot. Samyong, he said, was a brilliant, brave monk who should not be considered superhuman.

A monk at the university helped me place Samyong's life in perspective. "Many great and venerable monks who have meditated for a long time may have gained superhuman abilities," he told me. "We believe that this is true, although this is not the main part of Buddhism. I have heard of a modern monk who levitated but I have not seen it myself. But these stories have a second importance . . . They help us to be stronger. The monks in ages past fought to preserve the nation and the stories helped them to remain united. Korea has gone through many troubled times and these stories help us all to be strong. I would like to believe some of them are true."

Did Samyong purposefully allow the rumors of his paranormal powers to spread because this helped him recruit monks for his army? Some evidence hints that he was willing to deceive others besides the Japanese during the Hideyoshi invasions. The Korean Admiral Yi Sun-Sin, famous for the design and use of the first armored boats in history, complained that the monk guerrilla commander Samyong sent him a forged official letter on

imitation royal government paper. "Such forgery of official documents, taking advantage of the disturbed times, is an unpardonable fault," Admiral Yi stated in a report to the Korean court. The admiral also described in his diary his distress when Samyong attempted to negotiate peace with the Japanese enemy commander.

Because many of Samyong's strategic decisions during the Japanese invasions indicated either military brilliance or telepathic powers, it is easy to see how his troops might think he had paranormal abilities. Perhaps Samyong did nothing to dissuade them. The result has been greater national unity when Korea is threatened. Buddhist monks took part in later Korean conflicts such as the Manchu invasion in 1639 and the Korean independence movement during the Japanese colonial era. This heritage continues today.

Like Samyong, the modern monks at Haeinsa Temple feel that the sacred Tripitaka woodblocks for printing

sacred scriptures are worth fighting for. In 1969 they formed a volunteer platoon within the South Korean Homeland Reserve Force with the specific purpose of defending the treasured Tripitaka against Communist attackers. Like Samyong's army, they learn *taikwondo* but they also seek mastery in marksmanship and bayonet fighting.

Although the evidence I have gathered does little to support belief in the authenticity of the incredible reports associated with Samyong, these stories give us insight into the role the paranormal can play even in modern societies. The legends of Samyong's paranormal abilities helped the Korean people endure the decades of Japanese dominance (1910-1945), when the Japanese attempted to extinguish Korean culture and national pride. We may never be able to verify the authenticity of Samyong's miracles but we may marvel at the ability of human societies to use such stories to insure their cultural survival.



GRAY BARKER DIES . . .

THE EDITORS of FATE are sorry to report that Gray Barker died in Charleston, W.Va., on December 6, 1984, after an illness of two months.

Barker, who began his career as a flying saucer chronicler in the 1950's, immersed himself in the wild side of the subject: contactee stories, men in black, the hollow earth and other exotic notions. He was always happy to listen to a good yarn, especially if the teller insisted it was true.

Through Saucerian Books and New Age Press, Barker published some of

the wildest and most entertaining of all flying saucer books, including possibly the strangest one of all time, John Stuart's *UFO Warning* (1963). Barker himself wrote the unforgettable *They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers* (1956), the classic of UFO-Age paranoia. For a full account of Barker's career, see "Books, News & Reviews," December 1983 FATE.

As one who delighted in human craziness—and as an engaging personality, a kind and decent man—Gray Barker will be missed.—*Jerome Clark.*

FLORIDA'S PHANTOM VOLCANO

Where there's smoke, must there be a volcano? Witnesses and experts disagree on answer to that not-so-simple question.

By Michael T. Shoemaker

THROUGHOUT the last half of the 19th Century, a volcano—or something like a volcano—played hide-and-seek with the residents of Tallahassee, Fla. It was said to be located in the Pinbrook Swamp, west of the Wacissa River, which is today designated a “wild or scenic river” under government protection.

According to an article published in *The Tallahassee Floridian* and reprinted in *American Notes and Queries* (June 6, 1891), “For more than half a century this mysterious column of smoke by day and a flame by night . . . has not only puzzled the rustic fishermen and hunters who watch it . . . but scientists and thousands of others who have viewed it from elevated points about Tallahassee, 30 miles away.” The phenomenon was further described as “a vast column of jet black smoke rising up as though issuing from a huge smokestack” during the day and “at night it presents a bright light as though a large house was burning and the flames were not quite visible.”

Orthodox geology declares that Florida has never been volcanically

active. It is also the most seismically stable state in the country, only rarely receiving shock waves from earthquakes that originate in other states. The entire peninsula is a sedimentary formation that has been exposed to the air only in geologically recent times. From Tallahassee to the Gulf Coast the area is underlaid with limestone, which is a sedimentary, not a volcanic, rock.

Except for a few towns Florida was sparsely populated before the Civil War. Afterwards a large influx of settlers created a publishing boom in books about Florida. In one of these books, *Florida for Tourists, Invalids, and Settlers* (1882), George M. Barbour writes, “In Wakulla County is a vast jungle of trees, vines, water, and marsh, that has never yet been fully explored.” This was quite true, for much of Florida was unexplored until the turn of the century. But it is not clear just where in the county he is indicating when he says, “It is in this impenetrable jungle that the famous ‘Florida volcano’ is supposed to exist, for a column of light, hazy smoke or vapor may be (and has been for years) seen rising from some portion

of it, and provokes the conundrum, "What is it?" "

The true location of the "volcano" appears to have been in Jefferson County, somewhere east of Route 59. This is not far from the Wakulla border, however, so Barbour's vague account is not a serious inconsistency. No one who viewed the phenomenon from Tallahassee would have been able to make a good guess of its actual longitude.

Barbour also says, "Several adventurous gentlemen in Tallahassee have, on various occasions, attempted to penetrate its depths, but found it impossible except at much expense." In this vein *The Tallahassee Floridian* reports that numerous expeditions had been "met by insurmountable barriers." These expeditions could "get all around the mystery, and see it from any elevated standpoint," but they all failed to reach the site because of the dense undergrowth.

Barbour describes what those "adventurous gentlemen" discovered:

"As far as they penetrated, they found a strange country of volcanic appearance. Everywhere were seen great masses of rocks, often an acre in extent, all cracked and ragged as if upheaved from a great depth. Traces of gold, lead, copper, silver, and iron are said to have been discovered; and abundant traces of petroleum are found there, and in numerous other localities in that region."

This is probably just an imaginative tale invented to mitigate the failure of their expeditions, but it is possible that it might have some basis in fact. The mention of petroleum provides a possible explanation which will be discussed presently.

Kirk Munroe's *Wakulla: A Story of Adventure in Florida* gives a more specific location. Munroe was a Florida journalist and outdoorsman who became a leading author of "boy's adventure" novels. *Wakulla*, serialized in *Harper's Young People* (August 1884-June 1885), briefly refers to the "volcano," which is used as a bit of local color. From a boat in the Gulf the characters see the lighthouse at the mouth of St. Marks River, while "a slender column of smoke was seen rising to the east of the light, and apparently at some distance inland. . . . at sunset the column of smoke changed to a deep red, as though it were a pillar of fire." The pilot tells them it is the "Wakulla volcano," remarking that "no living soul has ever been nearer than five miles to it, on account of the horrible and impenetrable swamps surrounding it."

Although Munroe's book is fiction, this reference can probably be relied on as an authentic background detail. *The Tallahassee Floridian* corroborates this location.

The name "Wakulla volcano" was definitely established by 1918, when Nevin O. Winter's *Florida, the Land of Enchantment* was published. Inactive for some years, the phenomenon had passed into the realm of folklore. Winter writes:

"Legend located a smoking volcano, named Wakulla, in an almost impenetrable jungle south of Tallahassee. Although assertions have been made that smoke has often been seen issuing from there, no explorer has ever yet discovered any subterranean opening from which it could have issued."

Winter probably associated "Wakulla" with the city, river and springs that

share the name (all lie directly south of Tallahassee) and he thus incorrectly placed the "volcano" in their vicinity. His statement also inaccurately implies that explorers had actually examined the ground in the area of the phenomenon. According to other sources, nobody ever reached the site.

Dr. Dorothy Dodd, in *Florida, the Land of Romance* (1957), says that "wakulla" was an Indian word for "mystery." Although she applied this to the Wakulla Springs, a remarkable sinkhole, this translation raises the possibility that the word originally applied to the "volcano." But J. Clarence Simpson writes in *Apalachee* (1946), "There is no factual basis for this."

In his *Guide-book for Florida and the South* (1869) Daniel Brinton, a leading 19th-Century ethnologist, derived "wakulla" from the Creek word *wankulla*, meaning "south." Simpson goes on to demonstrate that this was a garbled Creek pronunciation of the Spanish *Guacara* (the original name of the St. Marks River), which was in turn a phonetic spelling of a Timucuan word of unknown meaning.

Whatever the original meaning, the word was first applied to the St. Marks River. Thus the name of the "volcano" appears to derive only from the mistaken association with Wakulla County.

It is uncertain when the phenomenon first appeared, although a search of the early Tallahassee newspapers would probably reveal considerable information. No mention of the subject is to be found in *Florida Historical Quarterly*, *Apalachee* or the *Journal of American Folklore*. There appears to be no Indian tradition regarding it and none of the

early writers on Florida mention it. Most significantly, John Lee Williams' *A View of West Florida* (1827), which has a chapter on "Natural Curiosities," and *The Territory of Florida* (1837) both lack any reference to the mystery. Despite the assertion that the "volcano" had been active for "more than half a century," Daniel Brinton's *Notes on the Florida Peninsula* (1856) and his *Guide-Book* do not mention it. Of course, Brinton may simply have regarded it as folklore unsuitable for inclusion.

The earliest specific observation is described in *The Tallahassee Floridian* article, which says that during the Civil War "the Federal gunboats lying out in the Gulf off St. Marks mistook this smoke for a Confederate blockade runner hidden behind the swamps . . . and wasted lots of valuable ammunition shelling that dismal swamp."

The purpose of *The Tallahassee Floridian* article was to report on another expedition that had gone in search of the "volcano." Led by a swamp-guide, a Mr. Staley, two men named Castleman and Barbour (presumably the George M. Barbour mentioned earlier) made the attempt. From the east bank of the Wacissa River, they took a compass reading of a "vast column of smoke" and then headed into the Pinbrook Swamp. They made only 1½ miles a day through "such a dense jungle of canes, vines, briars, and undergrowth generally, that they had to literally hew out a passage," and were finally forced to give up.

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THERE ARE three possible non-volcanic explanations for the phenomenon: a forest fire, a petroleum fire or a campfire. A forest fire, which

would rapidly spread, can be immediately eliminated because the phenomenon is described as a *column* of smoke issuing from a single location. Although a petroleum fire might send up a column of smoke, it's hard to believe it could be ignited and extinguished again and again, and without ever spreading like a forest fire.

The campfire theory is the most attractive but there are considerations that make it impossible. The *Tallahassee Floridian* tells us that the phenomenon "appears and disappears at irregular intervals, but always in the same place." This eliminates the possibility of a permanent habitation by squatters or renegade Indians. Smugglers can also be excluded because, as the newspaper puts it, "for more than 12 months, a few years ago, it was continuously visible from the east windows of the *Tallahassee* office." Persons in hiding, and least of all smugglers, would hardly advertise their position so conspicuously. And who would burn a campfire all day long?

Nevertheless, the similarity to a campfire raises an interesting, although somewhat fanciful, possibility. If we can have "ghost lights," then why not "ghost smoke"? A coincidence of dates supports this idea. The Seminole War ended in 1842. All of Florida's Indians, except for a few hundred in southern Florida, were then forcibly removed to west of the Mississippi. This date coincides almost exactly with the date indicated ("more than half a century" before 1891) for the phenomenon's first appearance. Perhaps the smoke and light were really a ghostly reminder of a sorrowful episode in Florida's history or else the psychic residue of some tragic

incident, such as the burning of a village.

A survey of Fortean literature, in search of a more scientific explanation, does not reveal any anomaly with which the Florida "volcano" can be compared. One slightly similar incident can be found, however, in John Warner Barber's *The History and Antiquities of New England, New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania*, which records the following:

"In Hinsdale, on Connecticut river, in the State of New Hampshire, was an eruption of fire, in 1752, from a volcanic mountain, called the west river mountain. This miniature eruption was accompanied by a loud noise resembling the sound of a cannon. A hole was found about six inches in diameter; a pine tree, which stood near it, was partially covered by a black mineral substance, forced out of the passage, consisting chiefly of melted and calcined iron ore, strongly resembling the scoria of a blacksmith's forge."

Although the Appalachian mountains were once volcanic, an eruption in historical times is almost as bizarre as a volcano in Florida. The details do not support the possibility that this incident was caused by a meteorite, but who ever heard of a volcano with a *six-inch* aperture?

The facts seem to indicate only one plausible conclusion: that Florida's mystery "volcano" really was a volcano of some anomalous type. But until it becomes active again, it will remain one of the most obscure of geology's mysteries. In the meantime, even if we know nothing else, at least we all have another reason not to buy land in the Pinbrook Swamp.

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THE DEATH TRAP

By Judy Arriola

ON MAY 16, 1963, I had been married for a little over a year to my second husband Richard Channey. We were living in the basement apartment of an enormous house in Iowa City, Iowa.

That day in May was pleasantly warm and I was feeling deliciously content. Silent happiness filled me as I swung on the rickety, creaking porch swing out in front. Richard drove up in an old yellow Lincoln Mercury which he apparently had just purchased. He was pleased as punch with it.

As he crawled out of the car, grinning from ear to ear, he yelled to me, "Honey, come look at our new car." He pounded on its hood as he exclaimed, "Isn't she a dandy?" Then, motioning with a wave of his arm and bursting with schoolboy pride, he said, "Come here and sit in it."

I had to smile at his enthusiasm as I walked to do his bidding. But my smile quickly disappeared.

When I touched the car door handle, bad vibes flowed through me. Opening the door, I placed myself on the car's plastic-covered seat. I didn't bother to shut the heavy door as the overwhelming presence of death washed over me.

Richard was going on and on, saying, "She needs a few minor repairs and a fresh coat of paint won't . . ."

Unable to withstand the suffocating



Judy Arriola

aura the car held, I didn't listen to the rest of what my husband was saying. I bolted out of the car as fast as I could and didn't stop running until I was inside our apartment.

When Richard caught up with me his face was full of concern. His voice verified this concern as he asked, "Hey, what's the problem, girl? How come you split like a scared jackrabbit out of a bush?"

I patted the garage-sale couch as I said, "I think you'd better sit down." Nervously I went on, "Look, I've got something to explain to you before I tell you why I reacted the way I did." I took a deep breath and let it out slowly, partly to settle my nerves, partly to figure out how to say what must be said. I licked my lips and forced the words out, "It's time you know something about me. I don't know if you can accept or believe in such things but I can tell when something is going to happen before it does."

Richard started shaking his head but before he could say anything I hurried on, "No, no, it's true!! Remember I told you I was married before and what happened to Jerry? What I didn't tell you was that I knew it *before* it happened. I had a dream"

Richard began to scoff. His doubt increased my fear. "Please, let me finish," I begged. Half-pleading, half-insisting, I continued, "I promised myself after that I would pay attention the next time and, believe me, there have been next times. There are numerous instances I could recite but they're not important at this moment. *Now* is what's important."

Richard shrugged and sighed. "So what does this have to do with your

racing into the house like a scared little girl?"

"Because I know something bad is going to happen with that car. That car is bad news. Richard, I felt death!"

He stood up in disgust and spat out his words, "Ah, gee, Judy, all that stuff is in your head. No one can tell the future or what is good or bad about an object." As he walked away he called over his shoulder, "Bunch of bull as far as I'm concerned. I'm going out to the car." And he let the door slam as he went out.

I lived with fear for two days. On the night of the 18th of May, my dread grew worse. In my nightmare that night all I could see was the car opening its wide grille mouth and seemingly eating my husband alive. All that was left of Richard were his legs as they stuck out of its chromed mouth.

On the 20th things came to their unavoidable climax. At breakfast Richard announced, "Don't plan anything for me to do today because I've got some work to do under the car."

I couldn't stand by any longer. I had to find a way to persuade him not to go underneath that car. I yelled, "It's a death trap. I'm telling you! Don't go under that stupid car!" I'm sure the whole apartment complex heard me when I screamed, "You'll die if you do!"

Slamming down his coffee cup and letting the liquid slosh onto the table, Richard blasted back at me, "Oh, for crying out loud, not that bunk again! I don't want to hear anymore of that garbage anytime, anyplace, anymore. Do you hear me? I'm going to work on that car and that's final."

I watched him gather up his tools.

When he went out the door I followed him—unwillingly, yet afraid not to.

Watching Richard place himself on the dolly and slip underneath the Mercury, my head began to pound along with my heart. Then, without thinking, I grabbed his legs and, pulling with every ounce of my strength, I snatched my husband from impending death. I just barely did it!

Richard jumped up screaming, "What the hell do you think you're doing? I told you . . ."

A terrible noise interrupted his outburst. Looking toward the Mercury, we saw the transmission lying partway on the ground—right where his head had been.

Weakly, I sat down on the curb. Richard leaned over and with his fingertips lifted my chin. Looking deep into my eyes, he barely whispered his apology: "Thank you. You saved my life."—*Iowa City, Iowa.*

GHOST MOUSE

By Patricia Dutton

ONE NIGHT in the summer of 1967 I was alone in our Wyoming, Del., home. I happened to look up from my reading and saw, in the middle of my living room rug, a little gray mouse.

He was sitting up on his hind legs, watching me. We stared at each other for about a minute. Then he dropped his little forelegs to the floor and paused another moment, almost as if make sure I was watching him. Then he just disappeared in the air.

My husband Tom and son Paul didn't believe me until a few evenings later, when the mouse appeared to all three of us. Our cocker spaniel Taffy saw it too.

Taffy barked at the sudden appearance of the mouse in the center of the room and the mouse started off running with Taffy behind him. It seemed as if the mouse wanted to play. The two of them ran through the house until the little ghost tired of the chase and ran right *into* a blank wall!

Poor Taffy ran to the wall and scratched and sniffed, absolutely bewildered. He took up watch and guarded the wall all night. The next morning we had to drag him out to the yard.

The mouse visited us off and on for almost a year. Then we moved to another state. I've often wondered if the next people who rented the house had the same little visitor.—*Camden, Del.*

DREAM OR REALITY?

By Shirley Motsinger

ONE NIGHT in August 1974 I dreamed that I was visiting my oldest son Rick Mitchell in the hospital. His leg was in traction and I was concerned about the extent of his injuries.

"Don't worry, Mom," he cheerfully assured me. "It's just a fracture and I'll



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be out of here in no time. Say, what time is it?"

I told him it was 4:30 A.M., time for me to go home. I kissed him good-bye, still troubled, and promptly woke up. It was 4:30 A.M. The dream had been so real I could not go back to sleep.

Rick had joined the army at the age of 18 and was stationed at Fort Gordon, Ga., miles away from our home in Tryon, Okla. It had been several weeks since we had heard from him and this, I tried to convince myself, was the reason I had dreamed about his being hurt. I was still wondering how it was possible to smell anesthetic in a dream when the telephone rang.

The call was from a hospital in Des Moines, Iowa, to tell me that Rick had been hit by a car. He had a fractured leg but was doing fine and would soon be released. Then, to further assure me of his safety, Rick came to the telephone.

"Hi, Mom," he murmured sleepily. "How'd you get home so soon?"

"What do you mean?" I asked.

"Well," he answered, "you didn't leave here until 4:30 and it's just six o'clock now. What did you do—fly?"

When Rick came home to recuperate, he told me that he had been hitchhiking, on his way to visit his grandparents' in Creston, Iowa, and planned to continue on to Tryon. He was struck by a car near Des Moines and taken by ambulance to Des Moines General Hospital.

He went on to say that he had dreamed that I was sitting on the edge of his bed visiting. The dream was so vivid that it was days before he could be convinced that I hadn't actually been there.

Or had I?—*Stillwater, Okla.*

SPIRIT TWIN

By Cindy L. Martino

IT ALL BEGAN on July 1, 1983. I was busy washing dishes when I turned around and saw a little boy standing in my son Matthew's room. He looked like Matthew and in fact that's who I thought he was—until I glanced into the living room and saw Matthew watching cartoons. When I looked again, the other little boy had gone.

Then one night about 11 o'clock I saw Matthew standing in the middle of my bedroom with a sad smile on his face. I told him to go back to bed but he vanished before my eyes. I rushed in to Matthew's room, to find my son sleeping peacefully in bed.

Now I was really frightened! I had seen Matthew's spirit twin and I knew it was a warning of death or illness. I vowed to keep an eye on my little son.

The next morning Matthew told me about his dream. He said that he had seen Jesus and Jesus told him he was going to die soon and go to heaven. I was terrified.

Then Matthew began to lose his appetite. He grew listless. On Friday, July 12, he developed purple bruises on his back and legs. I ran down to the phone booth and called Matthew's pediatrician, Dr. Kupperberg, who had me bring him right in. Once the doctor saw him, he told me to take him to Rhode Island Hospital for tests.

Saturday afternoon the specialists announced the diagnosis: Idiopathic Thrombocytopenia Purpura (ITP), a rare blood disease. They prescribed medication for Matthew to take.

Matthew is doing fine now. We haven't seen his spirit twin since.—*Providence, R.I.*

MY PROOF OF SURVIVAL

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A GENTLE FAREWELL

By Cynthia Marsh

A FEW months after our son Keith was born on May 15, 1980, my husband Mark and I shared an unusual experience.

On a pleasant evening in September, Mark decided to visit his friend Richard Swank who lived a few miles from our home in Roscommon, Mich. When Mark left I fed and bathed the baby and put him down for a nap. Then I went into the den to occupy my solitude with a book.

I must have been reading for about an hour when I felt a presence in the room. But Mark wasn't back yet and except for the sleeping baby in the next room, I was alone in the house.

Next I felt a hand lightly touching my shoulder. It lasted for only a few seconds and left a warm, tingly sensation which I could still feel after the touch was gone. Somehow the experience didn't frighten me. The presence had seemed gentle and friendly.

When Mark came home, before I said

a word, he told me that the same thing had happened to him while visiting in his friend's home. He was surprised to hear of my experience and neither of us could even guess at an explanation.

A few days later, however, we learned that Charles Angus, an elderly friend of ours, had died in the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit, Mich., on September 25, 1980, the same day each of us had been "visited."



Cynthia Marsh

Now we believe the gentle touch on our shoulders was Chuck's way of saying farewell. He won't be soon forgotten.—*Roscommon, Mich.*

BRIEF ENCOUNTER

By Alice H. Kramer

IN THE spring of 1959 my husband Gene and I had been married about a year and were living in a small apartment near Albany, N.Y., when we decided to buy a house. Inflation made it difficult to find something we could afford. Although Gene had a prestigious job with New York State, his salary didn't allow much leeway for a mortgage. After months of searching we were about to give up when we found a newspaper ad for a bungalow six miles from town at a reasonable price.

At first sight of the place I was disappointed. The house needed paint, a corner of the front porch sagged, the yard was weedy and overgrown and the detached garage looked tired. Inside the house several layers of wallpaper had been applied in each room and the floors and woodwork had been painted a dark brown.

I was looking around dismally when my husband's eyes brightened. "I can do something with this!" he exclaimed. Knowing he had good judgment, I went along with his decision to buy the house and he made the down payment. We moved in on June 15, 1959.

Taking a week's vacation, Gene sanded the hardwood floors to a beautiful natural finish and steamed off the old wallpaper. Together we began to transform the place. We bought a few furnishings from the former owner's son, including a handsome antique double bed which had been his mother's.



Alice H. Kramer

We had been in our new home less than a week when I suddenly awoke in the middle of the night with a feeling that someone was in the room. When I opened my eyes I saw facing me in the doorway a very tall old woman in a frilly white granny cap. I sensed that she was angry. The figure was a misty gray and only the upper part of her body was visible. Staring in disbelief, I sat straight up. Instantly the old woman vanished. My husband was still asleep so there was no point in waking him now that the apparition was gone.

The next day I asked our neighbor to tell me about the former owner of our house.

"Well," the woman replied, "she was quite tall—nearly six feet—and wore nightcaps all the time, especially in winter, to keep her head warm. She was 94 when she died."

On hearing this description I felt my skin prickle. We were occupying not only the old woman's house but also her bed. Maybe that accounted for her angry look. Even so, I never saw the ghost again.—*Jacksonville, Fla.*

AMONG THE STARS

By Judy Maleki Makhoulia

IN THE summer of 1972 my husband Ahmad and I were visiting his parents in Tehran. This was my second visit to Iran.

One day before our departure Granny Munson, my father's mother Myrtle Rose, had telephoned me at my home in Glendale, Calif., and asked me in a gentle weak tone of voice if I would run some errands for her. She was 80 years old and not able to get around much. I usually ran to help her but I was so excited about my trip that I quickly told Granny that I just wouldn't be able to help her this time because I had to pack and get ready. She thanked me quietly and told me that it was all right; she would find someone else. Granny had a lot of pride.

"Have a nice trip, dear," she said. I threw her a kiss over the phone and hung up.

The next day I was on my way to Iran and I scarcely thought of Granny again until one night in July. We were having dinner on the patio when suddenly I felt

very unhappy. I was thinking of and remembering Granny sadly and feeling guilty for not helping her when she needed me. The feeling stayed with me until it was time to retire.

We slept on the roof of the house in the summertime because of the intense heat and I could lie in bed and look up at the stars. Suddenly I saw Granny's face among the stars. I was startled and frightened. She looked down on me for a moment and then said, "Don't worry, dear." Then she faded away and I began to cry.

The next morning I sat down and wrote a letter to my mother in Glendale. I told her of the incident and said I was worried about Granny. It took two weeks for me to receive a reply. Mother informed me that Granny Munson had died on the very night I had seen her face in the sky.

She had traveled all those miles to find me in a foreign land and to show her love for me.—*Glendale, Calif.*

JESUS SENT HER

By Ada Cochran

MY MOTHER died suddenly on July 7, 1961, when my husband was stationed overseas, in Augsburg, Germany. The children and I were with him and because of the secret nature of his assignment I had not been able to attend her funeral.

But now it was time to go back home. The grandma that I had described to my five-year-old Debra would no longer be there to greet us. My daughter had been eager to see her grandmother and I had tried to explain that Grandma had gone to live with Jesus, that we would not be able to see her.

"But, surely," Debra said, "Jesus



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will let her come back to see me."

I told her I didn't think that was possible but she kept insisting that Jesus would let her see Grandma.

Sometime later, after we had settled at home, she came running in from outside all excited. Grabbing me by the hand, she began to pull me outside. "I told you, Mommy," she breathed, "that Jesus would let Grandma come to see me." She pointed across the street.

She was right. There stood my mother Doshie Fugate. Cold chills ran down my spine as I stared in disbelief.

"See, Mommy!" my daughter chirped. "Grandma came to see me."

I shook my head to clear it of the vision. The lady turned and walked around the corner and was gone.

"Honey," I said, "that is not your grandma."

"Yes, it is," Debra insisted. "Jesus sent her to see me."

I tried to dismiss it but I was suddenly so overcome with grief at the loss of my

mother that I sat down. I hoped Debra would not notice how upset I was. I wiped my eyes and looked across the playground and saw the lady coming back toward me. I watched spellbound and as she got closer I knew without a doubt that it was my mother.

Unable to control myself, I got up and ran toward her and fell into her arms. It was just like old times.

"Mom!" I said. "How can you be here? You're dead."

"Yes," she replied, as if it were the most natural thing in the world. "I am dead. But I come back all the time to look after your dad."

With that she walked past me to where her granddaughter sat playing in the sand. She stopped and looked at her lovingly, then was gone.

Debra didn't seem to think anything unusual had happened. She just kept on playing in the sand. And, strangely, she never asked about her grandma again.—*Waldorf, Md.*



EASTER NOON

By Ida M. Pardue

VISIONS of colored eggs, bunny rabbits and baskets of candy may dance through our heads at Easter—but what about "noon"? Noon relates to Easter every bit as much as eggs and bunnies—maybe even more, because the eggs and rabbits were part of pagan rites which Easter replaced, but "noon" began with Lent.

Lenten fasting did not always mean eating nothing at all. While certain foods traditionally were given up—eggs, meat, fat and milk—it was all right to eat a little something toward the end of each day. By the Ninth Century, this

snack time fell at what the church called "Nones," the ninth hour after sunrise or about three o'clock. Over the years the "none" meal began to be served earlier and earlier and not just during Lent but every day.

By the 12th Century, it had become a midday habit—and by then, who remembered that it once had served to help devout Christians get through the Lenten fast?

The name, however, endured. But the way it was spoken and spelled changed. Instead of "none" we say "noon."



GHOSTS IN BUSINESS

The used trailer in Beaverton, Mich., housed not just a radio station but also a phantom inclined to violent behavior—until the owners learned what it wanted.

I struggled desperately to protect myself as an eerily compelling voice commanded me to slash my face

By Leona K. Lacey

EVERYONE who worked the night shift in our radio station saw the same things: a shapeless mist like that made by a clothes dryer exhaust on a cold day and a light-colored phantom walking through the transmitter room.

These strange things began to happen only hours after we expanded our business offices at station WGEO in Beaverton, Mich. Taking our call letters from my husband George's name, we had gone on the air October 25, 1980, from a rented modular unit but soon needed more room. We decided to buy

a late-model mobile home and selected a repossessed 12x70 unit which had a 6x12 slide-out section in its living room. This beautiful large area became our reception room and we decorated it with plants and a 55-gallon aquarium. Two bedrooms were assigned as offices for my sons Robert, then 30, and 17-year-old Frederick. The dining area and kitchen became our sales and filing area and we built on a 40x50-foot complex behind the offices to hold transmission and receiving equipment.

Our first inkling that something

wasn't just right came when Rusty, the station cat, wouldn't go down the hallway to the bathroom where his food and litter box were kept. The family dogs, brought from home each day, wouldn't stay in the new offices; they scratched at the door to get out. Not overly concerned, we attributed the animals' behavior to the newness of the facility.

But that easy solution didn't hold up. In the back bedroom which was used for storage, I could sense sadness so intensely at times that I had chest pains and wanted to cry. One day, as I walked toward that bedroom, I became convinced that our nice offices held more than files and desks. In the center of the hallway in front of Fred's office, I came in contact with a column of frigid air about two feet across. Startled, I pulled back, then reached forward to feel its dimensions. I called Robert who verified the cold and my measurement but noted that the thermometer on the wall registered no temperature change—even when he took it down and held it in the middle of the icy circle. Then suddenly the cold was gone. My cynical son said it might be a nitrogen leak from the transmitter room seeping through the wall—although we could find no openings.

The cold spot appeared many more times in the coming months in the hall and in other areas. Plants healthy one day were dead the next as if touched by autumn frost. After a while we found the happenings seemed to center in Fred's office which had been a child's bedroom. The room was always colder than the others and even in midsummer the window had to be left open to let in the heat.

On occasion, when I worked the midnight shift, I noticed a strange fog outside the window. It clung to the glass but disappeared as soon as I noticed it. One clear, warm night it took human form and floated past the master control room and back again. For the rest of the night I remained locked in the control room but through its many windows I felt unseen eyes staring at me. When morning came and Bob relieved me, I told him what had happened and said I'd never work the midnight shift again. In his cynical way, he chided me for letting my imagination run riot.

Then came the comments from employees who also had witnessed the nightly appearance of the fog. And the knocking began—on the side door and on the front door. Once during a heavy snowfall, loud knocks sounded at the front entrance. When Robert opened the door, he saw nothing but falling snow—no footprints on the front walk or porch.

The phantom in light-colored clothing always walked into the transmitter room past the meter observation window but never walked out again. During these nocturnal visits, strange interference occurred. Sometimes an invisible hand would shut down the transmitter units one by one. All meters would read zero except for the power radiation output plate which would jump from zero to 20,000 watts. With no power going through this meter, it shouldn't have registered anything.

Anger and frustration always replaced fear when the person on the control board had to reset the equipment. But the transmitter room was as far into the rear complex as the phantom ever ventured—perhaps be-

cause it was the first room connected to the new office unit.

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BY LATE 1981 we had decided to sell the radio station because of my health problems. I suffered from hypertension and possible angina but I felt ill only when working in the station. I knew we had to give up the facility.

The prospect of our selling had some sort of devastating impact on our spirit friend. Notes and station logs turned up missing. Our supplies and other objects appeared in bizarre places. But the most unnerving events were yet to come.

A solid wall separated my reception area from Fred's office and at times I could hear knocks and sobs coming from that room. We never found an explanation. Sometimes I was unable to open the door to Fred's room although it had no lock. As if the entity were striking out in anger, I would find objects thrown around in the reception area when I returned from the briefest of absences.

Many times when I was alone cutting copy from the Associated Press wire machine, a strange weak voice would tell me to cut my own face with the razor-sharp zip knife. Sometimes, afraid of this compulsion to hurt myself, I would throw the knife across the room and walk out.

Rusty, the station cat, looked like Morris, the Nine-Lives cat. Weighing 20 pounds, spoiled and beautiful, he hated Fred's little office and would dash past it as if pursued by devils. Every evening after Bob signed the station off the air, he would give Rusty water and feed him and the goldfish before leaving the offices. One morning when he returned, Rusty was missing. He searched for him



Leona Lacey's contact with troubled ghost eventually brought peace and quiet to haunted radio station.

and when I arrived with Fred we too searched but could not find the cat. All the windows and doors had been closed and locked; he could not have gotten out. A week later, Bob found Rusty beneath the mobile home. His face had been crushed.

I got Bob another cat, a full-grown tabby he named Kissy. She too was fed and watered each night before he closed and locked the doors and windows. On three occasions, she was found outside the station in the morning and each time large clumps of her fur were found between the front door and the jamb. Not wanting a repetition of Rusty's misfortune, I took Kissy home.

Even the fish in the large aquarium were tormented. One morning in early

summer, Bob found a light coating of ice in the tank. He removed the ice only to have it reappear the next morning. He installed a 12-inch air stone (a device to keep the water moving) and thereafter the aquarium was ice-free. Another prank soon followed. An entire quart-size can of fish food was dumped into the aquarium. Were it not for the two power filters, the fish would surely have died.

One day while working in the sales office I saw someone in a yellow jacket walking past the opening where the kitchen bar had been. I thought it was Fred but when I investigated I found an empty hall. I walked into the transmitter room and looked toward my blue-shirted son Robert in master control. Then it came to me that no one in my family owned a yellow jacket. Scared out of my wits, I went to the back of the building where Bob had his apartment. There I did my receiving and phone-answering for the rest of the day.

In March 1982 an electrical fire in the production studio destroyed almost half of our equipment. We were off the air for two weeks and forced to seek a temporary production area. The large bedroom in the back would have been fine but had no phone service. Our only choice was the heart of the trailer, the child's room. We set up shop and things went fine for about a month. Then came a query from an Ohio man interested in purchasing the station. All hell seemed to break loose. Machinery wouldn't work and the simplest tasks became arduous because of white noise and hissing. An engineer from Cadillac was called in but he found everything in apple-pie order. Nevertheless, the equipment continued to fail.

Something that was surely supernatural occurred during the taping of a farm show from the Associated Press Radio Network. It was our practice to tape the program from the network on a reel-to-reel deck for later broadcast. Bob started the tape, threw the network switch and heard the familiar musical introduction. He left the room and forgot about the running tape. When he returned he found it completely out. He rewound the reel and as he did so he heard the chipmunk sound of recorded audio. Wondering what it might be, he stopped and played it back. He was shocked to hear a faint voice pleading, "Help me," over and over.

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AT THIS point I was sure something was trapped in this awful mobile home. Was it the spirit of a child who had inhabited the small bedroom? I contacted the finance company which had repossessed the mobile home but personnel there refused to help me trace the former owners because of privacy laws. We considered an exorcism but a priest in Gladwin rebuked my son Bob, saying that exorcisms weren't part of our religion.

Finally I tried communicating with the spirit, having read that others had done this. Evidently our entity had wanted this all along. I told it not to be afraid because we weren't going to hurt it and to stop being so prankish. The major problems ceased after that and even the animals became calmer.

Christmas 1982 found us finally nailing down a deal for the sale of the station. When the ghostly pranks started again, I realized that our spirit had become both accustomed to and possessive of my family. I told it not to worry;

we wouldn't leave it alone and it could come with us when we sold the radio station. The offices seemed flooded with peace after that. We still experienced strange things but they were totally different.

For example, Bob was amazed one day to find the Michigan Bell repairman working on the weather data set outside the master control room. Knowing that he had locked all the doors, Bob asked the man how he got in.

"The boy in the yellow jacket let me in," the man replied.

We finally sold the station in August 1983 and moved radio equipment, furniture and filing cabinets into our home rec room and barn. I forgot my promise to our little friend but soon learned that he hadn't.

Now that we're home, strange little things happen in the areas where the radio equipment and supplies are stored. My husband's workshop is next to the rec room and at times he hears movement and footsteps through the wall when he knows the rec room is empty. Lately, someone has been calling, "Dad!" Thinking someone is calling from the kitchen, George comes in to find that no one has called. In the barn where files and desks are kept, my younger son keeps his snowmobile. One day while getting the machine ready to start, he felt a touch on his shoulder. He looked around and found he was completely alone.

Was I wrong to invite the spirit to come and live with us? I guess only time will tell.



DRUGGIST DABBLES IN VOODOO

ALMOST against his will, George Allen Harmon got into voodoo. His drugstore in Jackson, Miss., carries the usual medicines, bandages and baby products but he also has shelves filled with hex removers, graveyard dust, love oils, incense to fend off evil spirits and candles to do everything from bringing great wealth to chasing away an unwanted lover.

Harmon told Raad Cawthon of Cox News Service how he got into the voodoo business. "About 11 years ago," he said, "a friend of mine who is a druggist in New Orleans asked me why I wasn't carrying any of these kinds of products. I told him I didn't want anything to do with it but he told me I was crazy, that there was a fortune to be made in it."

Harmon's friend told him he was selling a lot of voodoo products from his New Orleans store to customers from Jackson. In fact, the products were so salable that he was manufacturing them.

"He gave me the stuff without charge," Harmon said. "I took it and you wouldn't believe it. I can't get enough of the stuff. I hate to say it but now it makes up more than half my business. I don't tell them what to do with it. I just sell it."

Harmon takes the top off a bottle of Dragon's Blood, a red oily liquid, and smells the contents. "I don't think any of this stuff is worth two cents. It's hard as hell to analyze just what's in it. It's more than just perfume. There's something . . ."

It's voodoo, that's what.

Bill Ferris, director of the Center for the Study of Southern Culture at the University of Mississippi, says voodoo is more widespread in the south than most people realize.

"It's a religion and it's common in white as well as black culture in Mississippi," he says. "Just as the whites gave the blacks Christianity, the blacks have given the whites voodoo."

REESER'S SPONTANEOUS HUMAN

What deadly force causes people to burn up without apparent reason? New look at modern case provides some answers.

By Joe Nickell and John F. Fischer

AT 8:00 A.M., Monday July 2, 1951, in St. Petersburg, Fla., a telegram addressed to Mary Reeser, a 67-year-old widow, was signed for by her landlady Pansy Carpenter. Mrs. Carpenter then walked toward Mrs. Reeser's apartment at the opposite end of the four-unit building.

But when she attempted to open a hallway door and found the knob too hot to grasp, she cried for help. Two house painters responded, running from across the street. Albert Delnet—followed by co-worker L. P. Clements and Mrs. Carpenter—advanced through the smoke-filled hallway into Mrs. Reeser's efficiency apartment.

Inside they found a burning beam above a partition and discovered nearby the gruesome remains of a woman—most notably a slippered foot, burned off at the ankle. Amid the heap of ashes were coiled springs from the big armchair in which the woman had perished.

Investigators arriving on the scene noted additional details. Soot had blackened the ceiling and walls above an almost level line some 3½ feet above the floor. There was negligible heat damage below the smoke line but above it plastic electric switches had melted, along with

a plastic tumbler in the bathroom and some candles on a dresser. An electric clock, which still worked when plugged into another outlet, had stopped at 4:20.

As the investigators tried to determine what had happened to Mrs. Reeser and as wire services flashed news of the "cinder woman mystery" across the country, theorists deluged officials with letters and telegrams offering solutions. One held that the elderly widow had been murdered by "a fiend with a blowtorch," another that she had swallowed some explosive material and had "blown herself up." Still another declared, "A ball of fire came through the window and hit her. I seen it happen."

And then someone suggested the old theory of spontaneous human combustion (SHC) as an explanation. As the June 6 issue of the *Atlanta Constitution* reported (under the wry headline "How Woman Was Incinerated Stumps All But Amateurs"): "An amateur physiologist said his studies indicate that 'spontaneous internal combustion' was possible. He said sudden rare cross-mixture of chemicals in the body might cause this."

To assess this possibility, we—a former private detective and a forensic analyst—launched a two-year investigation of SHC. We reviewed the literature

COMBUSTION RECONSIDERED

on a surprising number of cases, from which we selected for further study 30 events that occurred between February 1725 and August 1982. Finally, we conducted a new investigation into the death of Mary Reeser. Our resulting two-part report appeared in the March and June 1984 issues of *The Fire and Arson Investigator*, the journal of the International Association of Arson Investigators.

Briefly, we found that the dispute between proponents of SHC and scientists who deny its existence is chiefly one of *effect* versus *cause*. In other words, advocates insist (correctly, we found) that a significant number of burning deaths share some important characteristics: unusually extensive destruction of flesh and even bone, a relative lack of damage to surroundings and sometimes the absence of an obvious source for the combustion.

Skeptics insist that there is little evidence to support the existence of SHC, which they say represents a nontheory rather than a theory. They agree with Baron Justus von Liebig, the German chemist who observed (in his *Familiar Letters on Chemistry*, 1851), "The opinion that a man can burn of himself is not founded on a knowledge of the circumstances of the death, but on the reverse of knowledge—on complete ignorance of all the causes or conditions which preceded the accident and caused it."

Early theorists (apparently inspired by a pet notion of the temperance movement) equated SHC with excessive drinking, a notion scientists soundly refuted with alcohol-impregnated animal specimens. They concluded that one would die of alcohol poisoning long before he could consume enough even to slightly affect the body's flammability.

More recent notions about SHC refer vaguely to "energy sources" such as "geomagnetic fluctuations" but these represent little more than attempts to couch the spine-tingling mystery of SHC in quasiscientific jargon. The same holds true of an analogous phenomenon, "preternatural combustibility" (or PC)—an imagined condition in which, as one writer explained, "the cells reach the critical stage of ignition but need a spark from an outside source before they will burst into flame."

In our review of the historic cases, we found many such outside sources: a broken oil lamp on the floor, a victim's pipe, a candlestick lying near the remains. But in addition there was often a large quantity of combustible material under the body to aid in its destruction: bedding, for example, or a chair's stuffing—even wooden flooring possibly impregnated with oils or waxes. Interestingly enough, there was evidence that melted human fat had increased the destruction in a number of instances.

There were many variables among the

cases. For example, some victims were given to intoxication while others were not. (In the former instances alcohol may indeed have been a contributing factor, not by increasing the body's combustibility but by causing fatal carelessness.) In a few cases homicide was suspected and reportedly established in at least three. When immediate explanations were not at hand in some instances—that is, when causes of the ignition were not obvious—the problem actually seemed to be a lack of sufficient information (for example, whether the victim was a smoker or nonsmoker or whether one found near an unlit fireplace or stove might have been attempting to light it).

We found that no single, simplistic explanation applies to all purported SHC or PC cases. We concluded instead that, as with reports of other paranormal phenomena, explanations are best sought on a case-by-case basis. We also concluded that thus far there was insufficient evidence to warrant speculations about either SHC or PC.

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BUT WHAT ABOUT the death of Mary Reeser? What had initiated the combustion? Why had her body been so extensively destroyed while the surroundings remained virtually untouched? And what about the shrunken skull?

To answer these and other questions, we "reopened" the investigation of Mrs. Reeser's death, described by Lawrence D. Gadd (*The Second Book of the Strange*, 1981) as "probably the best-documented modern case." We dug up such primary sources as the police report, Mrs. Reeser's death certificate, original newspaper accounts

and a valuable article by crime reporter W. S. Allen (in the December 1951 issue of *True Detective*). We consulted experts, weighed hypotheses and sought to reconstruct what had happened on that fateful night more than three decades ago.

Given our experience with other cases, we were not surprised to find that some popular accounts of the Reeser case contain more mystery than fact. For example, Gadd failed to mention that when Mrs. Reeser was last seen sitting in the large overstuffed chair she was wearing flammable nightclothes and smoking a cigarette. Also omitted was the fact that—according to her son Dr. Richard Reeser—she had taken two sleeping pills and intended to take more before retiring.

Other writers, among them Vincent Gaddis (*Mysterious Fires and Lights*, 1967), conceded the presence of the cigarette but scoffed at the notion that "flames from a nightgown, housecoat and a chair that doesn't flare up but smolders could create sufficient heat to cremate a large human body." Frank Edwards (*Stranger Than Science*, 1959) asserted that a temperature of 2500 degrees Fahrenheit would have been required.

But the temperature required varies with time and Edwards neglected to tell his readers that his figure was one estimated to destroy a body in three hours. Actually, an authoritative source shows that in just an hour and a half, at a temperature of 1600-1800 degrees, a body can be consumed more completely than that of Mrs. Reeser whose remains included the charred liver, a piece of backbone, a hipbone and the left foot. In any case, over a

longer period a lower temperature would be needed. And from the time Mary Reeser was last seen sitting in the chair until the fire was discovered, nearly a dozen hours had elapsed.

As to Gaddis' argument that the chair would scarcely burn, Thomas J. Ohlemiller—an expert in smoldering combustion at the Department of Commerce's Center for Fire Research—told us: "Fire deaths caused by cigarette ignition of bedding and upholstery are among the most common in the U.S. Such a fire typically begins when smoldering combustion spreads from a dropped cigarette to the fabric, then the stuffing of a bed or chair. Cotton is quite susceptible to this. The smoldering spreads slowly and can sometimes consume the entire piece of furniture with no flames." Ohlemiller added, "More commonly the smoldering process abruptly ignites the gases coming from the object; this may occur an hour or more after the smoldering process was initiated."

Gaddis had also asserted that "the notion that fluid-saturated fatty tissues, ignited by an outside flame, will burn and produce enough heat to destroy the rest of the body is nonsense." He was commenting on the police report which theorized that a sedated Mrs. Reeser had dropped her cigarette and set afire her clothes and then the chair. "Once the body became ignited," the report stated, "almost complete destruction occurred from the destruction of its own fatty tissues. For once the body starts to burn, there is [sic] enough fat and inflammable substances to permit varying amounts of destruction to take place."

In his day Liebig had applied just

such a theory to the SHC controversy, observing that when the melted fat "flows into the fire and burns there," it thus "contributes to the further destruction of the body." Everyone—this is especially true of women—has a layer of fat beneath the skin which can be quite thick in overweight individuals; there is still more fat in the abdominal cavity and even in the bone marrow. As one medico-legal expert says, "This burns rapidly and the destruction of tissue after a comparatively small fire may be great. Strangely enough, even bone is destroyed readily by fire. . . ."

In our review of alleged SHC cases, we found that the severe destruction often could be attributed to body fat which participated in the burning. Reports of "greasy soot and ashes" were common. In one case in the last century a hempen mat under the victim's body had become "so combustible, owing to the melted human fat with which it was impregnated, that when ignited it burnt like a link" (that is, like a pitch torch).

When the fire was discovered in the Reeser apartment, there was a "faint smell of grease" (according to Allen) and a quantity of "grease"—obviously residue from the widow's body—was present at the spot where the chair had stood. We know that Mrs. Reeser's body contained an excess of fatty tissues from descriptions of her as "heavy" and "plump." Her photograph depicts an overweight woman.

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WHAT PROBABLY happened is that the chair's stuffing absorbed the melted fat to augment the burning. According to the journal *Medicine, Science and the Law* (January 1965), the

burning of melted human fat can take place with what is termed the "candle effect": while body fat melted in a crucible requires a temperature of some 250 degrees Centigrade to burn, a cloth wick placed in liquid fat will burn, candlelike, even when the temperature of the fat has fallen to 24 degrees C. As to the notion of Gaddis and others that the large amounts of water bodies contain would render burning difficult, Liebig long ago explained that the liquid is simply boiled off ahead of the advancing flame.

Accounts of the Reeser mystery typically emphasize the relative lack of damage to the apartment. But such accounts—Frank Edwards', for example—neglect to mention the burning beam that had to be extinguished by firemen, the concrete floor or the destruction of an end table and portions of a lamp which stood by the chair. Beyond the radius of the fire, objects largely escaped damage, in part because fire burns laterally with relative difficulty. (Hence, Mrs. Reeser's foot was not consumed because it was extended beyond the fire's radius, much as the ends of a log may go unburned in a campfire.)

Moreover, as Ohlemiller told us, the evidence suggested that "the rate of burning was moderate so that the hot smoke accumulated in the upper half of the room (a common phenomenon) and escaped from the open windows," thus helping minimize the room's temperature. (The escape of hot smoke is suggested in Allen's statement that "there were smoke stains on the outside eaves over the windows as well as on the screen door to the hallway.")

One strange element of the Reeser

case—the shrinking of the skull—probably never happened. Dr. Wilton Krogman, a self-described "bone detective" who is often quoted on the subject, obviously never saw such an object himself. He merely referred to secondhand news accounts and thus spoke of "a roundish object identified as the head, and varyingly described as big as a 'baseball,' or a 'teacup,' or a 'grapefruit.'" In fact skulls exposed to sufficient heat will burst into many pieces.

For a possible explanation we consulted Dr. David Wolf, forensic anthropologist for the state of Kentucky. He speculated that the "roundish object" might have been simply "a globular lump that can result from the musculature of the neck where it attaches to the base of the skull." With the actual skull's having exploded and been destroyed by the fire, a nonexpert may have mistaken the lump for a "shrunken skull."

When all the evidence in the Reeser case is weighed—given the lethal combination of cigarette, flammable nightclothes and sleeping pills—we see no reason to invoke the so-called theory of spontaneous human combustion. Nor—considering the large stuffed chair under the victim's body and the many pounds of fatty tissue that contributed to the burning—can "preternatural combustibility" be seriously considered.

Instead, while the death had unusual features, it is understandable in scientific terms. By omitting crucial details necessary for a solution and by misinterpreting data, some proponents of the supposed phenomenon prove more interested in fostering mystery than in honestly attempting to find explanations.

PREDICTED: AN UNLIKELY TRIP

I was positive no one could foresee the future. I didn't know someone had already foreseen mine.

By Douglas B. Diffin

THE DEPRESSION still gripped the nation in 1934 when I graduated from high school in San Diego, Calif. The area where I lived with my parents was severely affected and it was hard to get work anywhere.

My older brother Charles didn't live at home with us but he was a frequent visitor. He was an intelligent young

man—he graduated from high school at the age of 15—and was interested in everything from calculus to classical music to extrasensory perception. At that time, ESP left me completely cold; there could be no truth to anything that could not be explained rationally.

When Charles heard of a psychic in town, his curiosity led him to visit the man. I don't know precisely what the psychic told him or why he was

To All Sailors wherever ye may be, and to all Mermaids, Sea Serpents, Whales, Sharks, Porpoises, Dolphins, Skates, Eels, Suckers, Lobsters, Crabs, Pollywogs and other Living Things of the Sea.

Greeting: Know ye: That on this 2nd day of December, 1934, in Latitude 00000 and Longitude 142-03 Where appeared within the limits of Our Royal Domain, the

California State

That the said Vessel and Officers and Crew thereof, have been inspected and passed on by Ourselves and Our Royal Staff. . . And Be It Known: By all ye Sailors, Marines, Land Labbers and others who may be honored by his presence, that,

Douglas B. Diffin

having been found worthy to be numbered as One of Our Trusty Shellbacks, has been gathered to our fold and duly initiated into the

Solemn Mysteries of the Ancient Order of the Deep.

Author's voyage around the world in freighter *California State* fulfilled three-year-old prediction by psychic who accurately described route ship would take.

impressed but I could tell that he was.

I said to Charles, "Well, what is he? A character who goes into trances and hears weird voices? Things flying around the room and all that kind of nonsense?"

"No," he said. "Why don't you see for yourself? He might surprise you."

Charles said the psychic's name was Professor Raymond. He told me he lived not far from San Diego's Mission Hills district. So I went to see the man. My real motivation was to have a good laugh and poke fun at my brother.

I found the old two-story yellow house Charles had described. I arrived there toward evening and when I knocked on the door it was opened by a tall, gaunt woman with hollow cheeks and piercing black eyes. She invited me in, saying she was sure Professor Raymond would see me in a moment. After a short wait she motioned to a closed door and said, "You can go in now."

I opened the door and there sat Professor Raymond. He did not get up from his beat-up desk but asked me to sit down. I took the rickety wooden chair. Raymond was a swarthy, heavy-set man wearing threadbare clothes. Looking at his shabby room, I thought, "If this guy's got an ounce of ability, why doesn't he use it to better himself? Why is he in such terrible shape?"

As he sat looking at me through dark, puffy eyes, he said, "You want me to help you with some problem?"

I said that was not my reason for coming. I told him I had heard about him from my brother and I was just curious. His expression didn't change, but he must have sensed I was inwardly amused.

"You don't believe in any of this, do

you?" he asked. "I can tell you think I'm a fraud and dishonest or that I will play some kind of trick on you."

I was embarrassed then, because that was exactly what I was thinking.

I said, "I'm not familiar with anything like this, frankly, and I do have some reservations."

"All right," he said, "we'll see what we can come up with."

He didn't go into a trance; he didn't talk to any spirits; he didn't use cards or accessories of any kind. He just sat there—but he wasn't looking directly at me. He seemed to be thinking deeply or listening to something. Then he spoke again:

"Even though you don't believe in any of this, I'm going to tell you something—and you certainly aren't going to believe me. Within a year or maybe a year and a half, you are going to take a very long trip on a ship."

I was astounded.

He repeated his words: "... a very long trip on a ship. Here, I'll show you."

He took a piece of paper and pencil, then began to draw, saying, "Now, this is the United States. You're going to make a tremendous circle. You're going to head down into the South Seas, even farther down—oh, maybe as if you're going to the South Pole. Then you're going to go around toward Australia or that area and make a great big circle before coming back to the United States again. You're going to go to several different foreign countries on this trip."

"Is that it?" I asked. "Is that all?"

"Isn't that enough?" he replied. He never did smile. I paid him a small fee and left.

When I saw my brother a few days

later I told him what the psychic had said. "It was a trip he saw—something about going down toward the South Pole. And I don't even like to travel."

Charles said, "Nothing's going to happen very soon and maybe this will never happen. Psychics are right only occasionally, anyway. But he was pretty specific with you."

"Yeah," I said. "He even drew me a map!"

As time went by I completely forgot about the prediction. I never discussed it with anyone except my brother.

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MONTHS passed. Then one day my mother said, "I heard an interesting thing today. The state of California is looking for people to become officers in the merchant marine. A school in town trains people for Annapolis and West Point and now for the merchant marine. It's not very expensive and I believe if you tried, you'd have a chance to get in."

I was not employed and had little hope of finding a job so I entered the preparatory school in San Diego. To my own surprise, I did so well in the courses that I soon found myself at the merchant marine school in Tiburon north of San Francisco. And soon after that I was aboard an old freighter, the *California State*, which had been converted to a training ship.

Our first port of call was Tahiti. We crossed the equator on December 2, 1936, and I still have the certificate we seamen received on that occasion which

calls for due honor and respect for "Neptunus Rex" when entering his domain.

From Tahiti we went to New Zealand, a jumping-off point for the South Pole. We visited the North Island of New Zealand, then ventured across the turbulent Tasman Sea to Australia, on to the island of Fiji, then American Samoa and Hawaii and, after many months, our 17,000-mile journey ended in San Diego.

Soon after my return I saw my brother Charles and somehow we got into a discussion of predictions. Having forgotten all about Professor Raymond's prediction for me, I told Charles I felt it was impossible for anyone to predict the future.

"What about the trip that was predicted for you?" he asked.

Then I remembered. "Oh, my God. You know, he even drew me a map of it. I forgot all about it. There's no way in the world to explain that. I don't know how Professor Raymond could tune in on something like that, speak so positively and draw a map."

Charles enjoyed that. I had visited the psychic to have a good laugh and poke fun at my brother but it turned out the other way around. He was laughing at me.

He said, "Maybe there's something to extrasensory perception after all."

I had to agree. Professor Raymond had foreseen that I would travel in "a great big circle" on a ship. I can't explain it. No one else ever has either.

SUITABLE SIGN

WHEN A course in extrasensory perception was taught at the University of California-Los Angeles, a sign on the classroom door read: "ESP Lab. No need to knock. We know you're there."—Henry R. Plante.

THE DRAGON PROJECT:

STONES THAT TALK

Do megalithic circles focus "earth energy"—a force our ancient ancestors could detect?

By Don Robins

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ON THE hills and plains of Britain, as at Stonehenge in Wiltshire, Rollright in Oxfordshire, at Moel ty Uchaf in Wales and at Cairn T in Eire, stand some of the most mysterious and intriguing of all the works of mankind: the circles of standing stones built by our ancestors in the late Neolithic and early Bronze Age, the Second Millennium B.C.

Orthodox archaeologists have suggested, somewhat ingenuously, that they are simply sites of ancient rituals. In the 1950's and 1960's Prof. Alexander Thom of Oxford University concluded, after meticulous study of the layout and alignment of the stone circles, that they reflect an ancient and sophisticated interest in astronomy and metrology (the science of measurement).

Beyond those respectable if sometimes controversial academic theories are the legends and folklore involving human sacrifice, people turned to stone or the stones themselves revolving or going down to the water to drink. And included in the speculation that Prof. Glyn Daniel of Cambridge University termed "off archaeology" lies the vague

but intriguing idea that there is a force called "earth energy" and that our ancient ancestors, more mystical and less distracted than we are, were able to detect that energy and built their circles at its points of focus.

Earth energy remains a mystical rather than a mechanical concept. But my colleagues and I over the past five years, combining our efforts under the general banner of the Dragon Project, have shown that stone circles do indeed emit anomalously high and anomalously low levels of several forms of radiation. Whatever they are, whatever purpose they serve, stone circles are not just points on a landscape.

The Dragon Project was born, although it did not immediately acquire its name, in a pub in Paddington in London in November 1977. About 20 of us, from very different walks of life, were brought together by our common interest in stone circles. In the group were John Steele, a California archaeologist; physicists Drs. Simon Haseler, Eduardo Balanovsky and Derek Banks; Tom Graves, a dowser; Paul Devereux, a writer who does research in archaeology; electronics engineers; and me, a chemist.

Earth energy was the central point at

issue. The protagonists of earth energy suggested that it was a kind of synthesis of various forms of electromagnetic and mechanical energies which arose from the earth's crust and interacted with solar and cosmic radiation. At certain times the energy becomes concentrated at certain points or nodes, or along lines between nodes; or so the theory went. Some protagonists went on to suggest that people with psychic powers or dowsers could detect those foci of energy, although ordinary mortals might be aware only of a vague "atmosphere." Some suggested that ancient Neolithic people were receptive to the influence of those centers of energy and built their shrines and sepulchers upon them. Others suggested that our Stone Age and Bronze Age ancestors were able to direct and augment that energy by linking the structures into a complex web, a massive exercise in landscape engineering.

The art and science of directing energy declined, the protagonists suggested, with the passing of the New Stone Age and the rapid advance of the age of metals. All very vague, perhaps; all too mystical for comfort. But then, something as bizarre as the stone circles, which required so much human effort to construct and had attracted so much legend, seemed to require a powerful explanation. The earth energy hypothesis, said Paul Devereux, demanded formal scientific study.

There were two quite separate problems: first, whether there were physical forces to be detected around stone circles that were greater or lesser than the normal emanations of the background; and second, whether human beings really could react to these

forces, through activities ranging from dowsing to biofeedback and psychic sensing. We were concerned specifically with the first problem—whether stone circles really did emit physical forces that could be measured.

It was obvious that a properly objective research program would require money and a lot of time. The project would have to be spread over a number of years. The equipment we were likely to need was expensive and even if we were able to borrow it we would still need to cover the costs of project members and volunteers traveling regularly to sites for intensive sessions of monitoring.

There was one outstanding question even before these practical and logistical problems could be tackled. What should we measure? A "blanket" measuring approach was not financially feasible; only a few carefully selected phenomena could be chosen for a prolonged study. This narrowing of options forced us to make a choice: either pose a number of hypotheses, that particular kinds of energy might be emitted, and then test those hypotheses; or test anecdotes which had already suggested that particular kinds of energy were sometimes emitted. This latter option was easier and we chose it.

Two pieces of recent and intriguing anecdotal evidence seemed worth pursuing. The first was a story that a zoologist had told to Paul Devereux concerning emissions of ultrasound from an ancient site. The zoologist had been using an ultrasonic detector to monitor bat behavior at night. At dawn, as he returned home, the detector, still switched on, registered a strong signal from an ancient site unlike anything the

zoologist had recorded before.

Then there were two anecdotes of anomalies recorded with a Geiger counter. Scientists working at stone circles at Moel ty Uchaf, near Llangollen in Wales, and near Uppsala in Sweden recorded readings that were unaccountably enforced, both at times when strange aerial phenomena, including "fireballs," had been reported.

One of our electronics experts elected to construct a robust hand-held ultrasonic detector and our group dispersed with a resolve to raise funds to purchase a Geiger counter and to support monitoring efforts.

It was nearly a year before we made any measurements but in that year we achieved three essential goals: We established a target site, obtained some money from interested individuals for equipment and travel, and gave the project a name and identity.

We chose to monitor the Rollright Circle in north Oxfordshire; it is privately owned by Pauline Flick who granted us unlimited access. The Rollright Circle was particularly interesting in that it was adjacent to an isolated menhir (single standing stone), the Kingstone; and a collapsed dolmen (burial chamber) called the Whispering (or Five) Knights. The site was replete with legends of the stones' movement and of people being petrified and it had never been excavated. Although the site contained the three primary megalithic structures—circles, menhir and dolmen—there was evidence that it once had been far larger. Another menhir, the Gough Stone, had stood until recently near the Kingstone (it was marked on an Ordnance Survey map of

the 1920's) and two other circles had been located within the area, all now vanished under centuries of agriculture. There were also indications that the Kingstone itself had not been an isolated stone but part of a larger now vanished structure.

Our program was to be called the Dragon Project, a title suggested by John Steele. The dragon is one of the symbols of the Chinese art of geomancy and is equated with "earth currents." It was to prove a potent symbol for recruiting specialists and volunteers.

In October 1978 Mike Roberts, our electronics specialist, produced a sensitive, ruggedly constructed, wide-band ultrasonic detector. As consultant to the Physical Monitoring Program, I decided to try it out at Rollright at dawn, for it was at that time that the zoologist had recorded the anomalous ultrasound. Arriving at Rollright before dawn on a foggy, dew-drenched morning in late October, I walked around the site clutching the detector rather self-consciously, fully prepared to pretend that it was a transistor radio should I encounter a stray visitor. The detector showed a flickering minimal background but in the vicinity of the Kingstone I observed a rapid regular pulsing. This ultrasound effect was noticeable for some yards around the Kingstone but was not evident in the vicinity of the circle or the Five Knights. It faded soon after dawn.

This initial reading was extremely puzzling: it raised more questions than it answered. Could the transducer be picking up a radio signal, spuriously, or was it a real effect? If real, did it come from the stones themselves or from the site? Over the next year we monitored

the stones fairly regularly at dawn and noted the location, relative strength and duration of the mysterious pulsing around the site. Activity seemed to be greatest at the equinoxes but we could measure no activity (above the background activity) at the solstices.

As time went on the detector's drawbacks became increasingly apparent although it was intended only as a preliminary probe. We began to raise money for a more sensitive (Mark II) detector with recording capability and substantial internal screening, to exclude signals from extraneous sources. We always wondered whether the regularity of the pulsing could be from an external source such as a radio emission. We also considered whether the ultrasound could be coming from stresses in the nearby Rollright fault, which is a well-documented geological phenomenon. But when we monitored the fault line we found nothing distinguishable from the background. In many control locations, which included city streets, gardens, mountaintops and bridges over rivers, near and distant from Rollright, we observed only weak random background signals. Even near a radio transmitter we never obtained the strange regular pulsing we had found at Rollright. We deferred serious speculation about the function of the ultrasound until we could obtain substantial—and independent—corroborative evidence that it was a real effect.

During 1979 we started Geiger counter readings, both at Rollright and at the control site we had monitored for ultrasound. We used a robust portable rate meter and recorded the count rate manually. Slowly we established the

count rate profiles around the different parts of the megalithic site and although we saw some variation above and below the average background rate of about 22 cycles a minute, there was no clear evidence that the rate in the circle deviated from the background range. We began to think that any significant differences might show up only in a detailed statistical analysis. In February 1980 we carried out a month-long around-the-clock monitoring effort; February is one of the times of the year when ultrasound activity is greatest. John Steele suggested that we should give this project a code name: Operation Merlin 1 or OM1. We were fortunate to have the offer of help from several volunteers who expected no tangible reward other than a minimum contribution to their expenses.

A range of control points between the circle and menhir and adjacent to the circle and one site within the circle showed Geiger readings substantially above normal background when the exhaustive monitoring began. These "hot spots" were all sharply delineated, extending to an area of a few square yards. Beyond this limit the count was within the range of normal background radiation. Analysis of OM1 is still continuing but preliminary analysis of the overall data showed that readings at some points on the grid, particularly in the vicinity of the Kingstone, were somewhat below background.

OM1 had certainly generated data with a vengeance. Indeed, measurements of electrical resistivity and infrared photography of the stones also produced interesting, even startling results. But the data neither proved nor resolved anything. The most pressing

need now was to duplicate the exercise to see whether the phenomena could be repeated.

OM1, however, had drained the project resources almost dry; we were left with tantalizing pieces of evidence. Even if we could raise enough funds to repair and replace equipment damaged by the rigors of OM1, we had an agonizing choice between trying to consolidate the Rollright findings or extending the work to other circles to put Rollright within a broader context.

In any event, a trickle of funding enabled us, after much thought, to attempt a compromise between the various strategies. We ordered new equipment—particularly a second Mark II ultrasonic detector with many necessary refinements (greater sensitivity, output for recorder readout, audible output check and interchangeable transformers to measure response at different frequencies) to allow us to monitor two places on the site simultaneously. We continued to monitor Rollright on a limited scale, without any around-the-clock sessions, and we also started tentatively to monitor Moel ty Uchaf in the Berwyn Mountains, a well-preserved, remote site.

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THE PROJECT took a great step forward in the autumn of 1980 when the Threshold Foundation funded the establishment of a coordinating office. The Foundation also underwrote expenses of equipment and travel for the next year. And although problems of finance had at times appeared insuperable, 1981 brought a trickle of results. Rodney Hale, an internationally respected electronics engineer, had constructed the prototype improved

Mark II ultrasonic detector which had extensive screening against radio interference and he independently duplicated our observation of the pulsing at Rollright. Using the detector in the unscreened mode, he also noted an anomalous radio emission at ground level in the vicinity of the Kingstone.

Moel ty Uchaf, which Paul Devereux monitored in freezing conditions, showed a Geiger anomaly in the circle; and one of the original OM1 monitors, John Merron, took the Geiger counter to Ireland and observed anomalous recordings at several ancient sites.

By summer, our equipment had been repaired and returned. We monitored more OM sessions at Rollright and at other distant sites. We kept on into 1982 (although we were brought to a complete halt by the ferocious winter) and the Geiger profile of Rollright developed convincingly; the OM sessions became more concentrated as we made Geiger readings at selected points in the vicinity until Rodney Hale completed the new sensitive ultrasound detector. Other independent checks of the Geiger activity with other machines and with a sensitive scintillometer further confirmed our picture both at Rollright and at Moel ty Uchaf: the readings in the anomalous zones, whether above or below background variation, were repeatable. Exhaustive readings uncovered variations at particular spots, sometimes at the high end of the normal range but sometimes at the abnormal level, as they had first been observed.

The high Geiger anomaly of Rollright was matched in the opposite quadrant of the circle by isolated observations of what we could only call a "Geiger

flare," where we have twice found anomalously high readings in a narrow arc over two or three minutes. If we could only afford to monitor this arc continuously, we could determine whether these extraordinary flares occurred regularly. The scintillometer, which we used independently of the Geiger counter on several occasions, showed that the Rollright high spots gave a strong emission of beta-radiation over and above the background radiation; and it also detected some flickers of alpha activity at the Whispering Knights.

When we had accumulated many thousands of averaged readings, both at Rollright and other sites in addition to the control locations, we at last began to speculate on the causes and consequences of this emerging picture. The most obvious explanation of the high readings was that we had detected pockets of radioactive minerals whose activity overlaid the normal radiation from the environment. Radioactive minerals are known to occur at ancient sacred sites in the United States and Australia and their significance features prominently in many ethnological and ecological debates in those countries. If local mineral deposits are the cause, this would explain the lack of similar hot spots in adjacent and geologically related areas.

The developing picture of cyclical variation, however, seems to argue against a fixed source of radioactivity. The variation could conceivably be a function of the ebb and flow of under-

ground streams and water tables leaching out radioactive components, although this hardly seems adequate to explain the level of the anomalies. The activity we measured may not be due to radioactivity at all; our equipment would not distinguish between beta-radiation and other sources of electrons (exoelectrons). But it is hard to explain the emission of exoelectrons or why they should be emitted at these sites.

It has occurred to us that our data so far relate to areas of low radioactivity and that our hypotheses involve only the high anomalies; but although our high averages may have a spurious origin, this would not explain the readings that were anomalously low. We cannot yet advance any explanation, although the fragmentary nature of the data and the marginal nature of the effects seem to require a vigorous statistical analysis.

But we have now added spectacularly to our data with Geiger studies in Cornwall, which is rich in stone circles. Cornwall has a great deal of granite, from which we would expect a high intrinsic level of radioactivity. Indeed we observed this in locations near Penzance. But we also recorded surprisingly low levels around two granitic circles, levels only half those of the background readings.

Once again we find ourselves at the end of our immediate resources, with another anomaly emerging from a distant background check. Such frustration is threatening to become a hallmark of the Dragon Project but the fascination remains.



THE MARGERY MEDIUMSHIP: *I WAS THERE*

Quarrels, turmoil and accusations of fraud bedeviled this Boston woman but now it seems she has been too hastily dismissed.



Mina Stinson Crandon ("Margery") was a powerful physical medium in the 1920's and 1930's. In frequent sittings throughout that time, her psychic powers produced varieties of physical phenomena which are the subject of controversy even today.

By Marian L. Nester

I GREW UP with the "Margery" mediumship of Boston.

Margery, Mina Stinson Crandon, was a powerful physical medium in the 1920's and '30's. My father Dr. Mark Richardson was a major investigator of that fascinating case, so my sisters Martha, Harriet and I—then in our teens—were lucky enough to attend many of the seances. We also heard a great deal at home about the mediumship because our parents were deeply involved in it.

Margery's strong psychic powers produced many varieties of physical phenomena including levitations, ectoplasm, psychic music and lights and

paranormal fingerprints. Over the years the researchers developed strict, systematic tests to study the psychic energies involved and a great deal was written about the case. Perhaps the most important of the phenomena was the paranormal linkage of wooden rings which was going on when the mediumship ended with Mrs. Crandon's death in 1941.

We all remember clearly what it was like to go to a sitting. I personally recall seeing physical phenomena as they were happening. But first, let me tell you about what we all remember best: the personality of Walter, Margery's so-called spirit control. He claimed to be Walter Stinson, Margery's older brother who had died in a railway accident (he



Dr. Mark W. Richardson, author Marian Nester's father, carefully investigated the mediumship and with his wife and family championed Margery to the end.



Walter Stinson, Margery's brother, died in a railway accident years before the mediumship began. Margery's forceful spirit control claimed to be this man.

was a railroad engineer) some years before the mediumship began. Walter spoke by "direct voice," in space; he did not use the medium's vocal cords. He talked throughout every seance, chatting with the sitters, taking a full part in whatever was going on.

I can still almost hear his voice in my mind's ear, a hoarse masculine whisper with an edge of resonance, perfectly audible to everybody in the seance room. Walter came through as a real person. We never thought of him in quotes, as "Walter" or as a "purported communicator." He was simply *Walter*, our friend and advisor, an integral, functional part of the circle. We couldn't see him but he was certainly right there in the room. He almost bristled with forceful personality. There was nothing spooky about Walter Stinson.

Walter also produced a virtuoso whistle. Its sound came through loud and clear and was extremely expressive. He was said to have once told an entire story in whistles. Sometimes he would perform a complex obbligato to the tune being played on the seance-room Victrola. My brother David remembers that once, when the Victrola started to run down, Walter's whistle descended too, exactly following the Victrola's tempo.

Walter had another talent, writing in verse. Some was impromptu doggerel, usually scathing rhymes recited at the expense of some outside investigator. Some was quite beautiful poetry on the theme of death. Entirely different was his alliterative verse which appeared in Margery's automatic writing. Although it was produced very swiftly, some of the words might be so erudite that even

the most literate readers turned to the dictionary. Once, for instance, when Dr. F.C.S. Schiller was attending some Margery seances, Walter wrote *A Symphony in S*.

Here are a few lines:

" . . . 'Solitary sitting solution,' says Schiller.

So Schiller sits solus, sitters sojourn.

Snorting, snoring, psychic snotted.

Stinson somniferous sponsors spooks,

Schiller splendid, solicitous, successful.

Sittings synoptic, synergetic, synthesis."

THE SITTINGS

NUMBER Ten Lime Street was a narrow townhouse on a cobbled Back Bay street in Boston. We would be met at the door by the expansive oriental smile of Nagouchi, the Crandons' houseman. Then we went into the dark little entry hall and upstairs past the landing where the "psychic Victrola" stood. This Victrola sometimes started of its own accord, although it was kept carefully locked and was frequently checked out for mechanical failure. Walter claimed he set it going to tease visitors. That was a bit scary but then we would go on up to the cheerful Book Room on the second floor where the 10 or 12 sitters invited for that evening would be assembled. On occasion a stranger might be talking intensely with Dr. Crandon in a corner—some distinguished-looking visitor from overseas, perhaps, whom we hadn't seen before.

Margery might be sitting by the fireplace with a cigarette in one hand, doing rapid automatic writing with the other. She was always very casual about it. We remember her as an attractive, pretty

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She had been interested in psychical research since childhood because of her parents' involvement with the Margery mediumship. So in 1958 she decided to renew her contact with the field by talking with Dr. Karlis Osis, who was then at the Parapsychology Foundation. She worked with him there on parts of his research (deathbed observations, ESP and creativity). Later both Nester and Osis moved to the American Society for Psychical Research.

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blond with a light-hearted manner. She was warm and cordial. Dr. Crandon, tall and dark, seemed to us a bit dour; yet looking back, I realize how deeply involved he was in his wife's mediumship and how intensely he cared.

"Sary" Litzelmann might also be there. She was a medium who took part in many of the psychic explorations. She too wrote automatically, in mirror writing, very fast. Sary's control was "Charles," who seemed to be a rather stuffy spirit. He often disapproved of Walter's jaunty and irreverent ways.

INSIDE THE SEANCE ROOM

AFTER A while, when Dr. Crandon gave the word, we would all file

upstairs to the fourth-floor seance room. It was pitch-dark but a dim red light would be turned on long enough for us to seat ourselves, at Dr. Crandon's direction, and join hands. The top of the seance-room table, I remember, had an inset of plate glass. Underneath this glass an adjustable red light could be turned on to illuminate whatever was on the table and spread a faint glow into the room. Other pale red lights were used when necessary, as I recall, but usually the room was entirely dark.

If an experiment was to be carried out that evening, the researchers would recheck their apparatus or perhaps prepare their cameras to take flashlight photos. The door would be closed and

locked. The red light would then be turned out. Only a faint illumination near the door indicated the table where the secretary was taking notes.

We waited in the dark. In a corner a wheezy Victrola played *Happy Days Are Here Again* or *Souvenir*, over and over and over. Soon we would hear stentorian snores from Margery and Sary as they went into trance.

Next there would be a short delay while the Victrola scratched on in the darkness. Then, suddenly, we would hear Walter's cheery hello or sometimes his chuckle, or one of his expressive whistles. Everybody would say, "Hello, Walter" and the sitting had started.

I remember that throughout every seance Walter talked, commented, gave directions, complained and teased. He seemed to be all over the room. Sometimes he flitted from sitter to sitter, touching each one lightly. He would extract objects from their pockets, or put things in, so delicately that the victim never noticed it. He seemed especially to tease Dr. Crandon and would sometimes tweak his hair quite sharply. The long-suffering brother-in-law would start violently, swear—and then say meekly, "Thank you, Walter." We girls found this little routine unfailingly amusing.

Usually the sitting ended when Walter said good-night and fell silent. Sometimes his departure would be abrupt and he would seem barely able to say faintly, "I've got to go now," before he disappeared.

THE MAJOR PHENOMENA

SOME OF the major physical phenomena, besides the direct voice, were:

Raps were performed with a good deal of expertise. My mother used to tell us how Walter (in the complete dark) would rap recognizable tune rhythms on the small emerald of her engagement ring.

Levitations. In some instances a cardboard "doughnut" covered with luminous paint would be seen up near the ceiling, looping around the handle of a levitated luminous basket, in and out, back and forth.

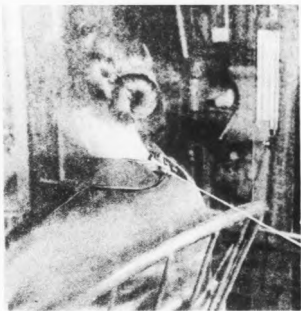
Psychic lights appeared all around the cabinet in brilliant displays, rising and falling, coming and fading away.

Psychic music, our parents said, had been faint but clear in the beginning of the mediumship. It included chimes, bells and what sounded like a faraway bugle playing taps. It was beautiful, they said, but after a while it no longer occurred. We were told that when my mother asked Walter for "fairy music" again, he replied, "Oh, no, you decided to go into science. You can't have it both ways." Some years later, however, the music was heard again briefly.

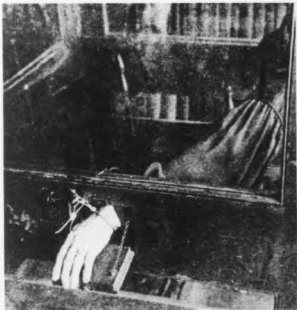
In a more three-dimensional kind of music, Walter would also play on instruments such as a real harmonica. He would work up some wonderfully clever variations on familiar tunes, my father said. It was great entertainment.

Ectoplasm is one of the things I never saw but it was seen by many sitters, including our parents, in good red light. A large sheet of it would cover the seance-room table and spill over.* Sometimes sitters, by accident or with Walter's permission, touched the mass as it brushed by. My mother

*As it passed across the lighted plate glass inset in the table it could be seen clearly.



When investigators began to look into the mediumship, Margery was severely restrained in the Richardson-Dennett cabinet. It looked a bit like a glass-sided telephone booth; its interior was all visible.



The medium sat in cabinet with her feet, hands and head all tightly lashed to her chair or to the cabinet itself. Yet the paranormal phenomena continued when Margery and an investigator were alone in seance room.

said it felt like rough dry skin. Ectoplasm also appears in photographs taken in the seance room. One picture, documenting the making of paranormal fingerprints in wax, clearly shows what looks like a small, rudimentary hand holding the piece of wax.

Apports of various kinds made their appearance from time to time. My sister still has a nice opal which was deposited on her palm during a seance. (Walter once casually remarked, "I've been robbing graves.")

INSTRUMENTATION

GOING beyond these spontaneous phenomena, the experimenters soon began to design instruments to explore the psychic energy and limit it in space.

Bell-boxes received a great deal of attention. In these a bell would ring when an electric circuit was closed; but the means of closing the circuit was made inaccessible to normal energy. In one bell-box any force had to wind through an elaborate labyrinth of glass passages or else penetrate the walls of these passages. Yet the bell rang, as it always did, even with Margery kept out of reach of the bell-box. Individual investigators brought in their own bell-boxes but apparently they couldn't keep Walter out.

I remember watching two other pieces of apparatus in action. One was called a Sisyphus. This was a glass box with a grooved, inclined plane set up inside it and clearly visible. A small celluloid ball was placed at the base of the incline. I clearly recall watching, in good light, as the ball slowly rolled up to the top of the inclined plane. It could not be

happening—yet it was.

Another time I saw the experimenters place a small chemical balance scale on a table and equalize the pans precisely. Then they put a small weight in one pan. Instead of sinking, the weighted pan began to rise while the empty pan slowly sank. Even when, as I remember, they added more weights to the loaded pan, it kept right on rising.

PROCEDURE AND PRECAUTIONS

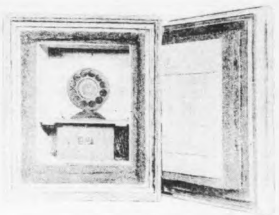
THE experimenters realized how important it was to control the medium and to rule out trickery. They used two pieces of apparatus which were especially impressive.

One was the soundproof box which weighed over 100 pounds; it was sheathed throughout and locked. Yet Walter's voice seemed able to get inside this box and speak clearly on a mike set deep in its interior. The voice would be inaudible to the sitters in the seance room but audible to other sitters in a distant room, through a connected (and insulated) loudspeaker.

The Richardson-Dennett cabinet looked a bit like a telephone booth. It was glass-sided so the whole interior was visible. The medium sat in this with her feet, hands and head all tightly lashed to her chair or to the cabinet, with heavy surgeon's tape. The phenomena went right on.

Solus sittings were conducted by various prominent scientists. In these cases only the investigator and the medium were present, with Margery completely immobilized, often inside the cabinet. Yet the voice and other phenomena continued.

Investigators often brought in their



Soundproof box containing condenser microphone measures 20 inches on a side and weighs over 100 pounds. Despite soundproofing and exterior sheathing, the voice of Margery's spirit control could get into the box and speak clearly through the microphone.

own apparatus or materials, as I have said. Notes in the seance minutes indicate that the phenomena were independent of individuals. For instance, Walter's voice continued even when Dr. Crandon was called to the phone and left the room. All these facts, plus the scholarly reports published at the time, convince me that, despite what has been written since then, this was a reputable mediumship with a cargo of important phenomena.

FINGERPRINTS

HUNDREDS of paranormal prints* were obtained in softened dental wax: fingers, thumbs, palms, full hands. Most of these were "normal negatives" (intaglio), but there were also "positive" prints, in relief. To top that, there were mirror prints of both positives and negatives.

Experimental conditions were tight;

investigators often brought their own pieces of wax, carefully marked or impregnated with an identifying chemical, to rule out fraudulent substitution. A print also was made on a piece of plastic inside a closed, locked box—one more telling detail in a long series of careful experiments.

LINKAGE OF RINGS

PERHAPS the most important work was done during the final years of the Margery mediumship. It was the paranormal linkage of wooden rings.

Two sturdy rings, made of different kinds of wood, were placed on the seance room table. Sometimes immediately, sometimes after a delay, they would be linked. One report records the linkage of a chain of six rings, which "levitated and moved around in a field of light." The rings also came unlinked very easily; the chains were not very stable, as a rule.

I never saw any linked rings but several accounts of this phenomenon are worth repeating.

*For a scholarly account of the Margery fingerprint phenomena, I recommend B. K. Thorogood's "The 'Walter' Hands, A Study of Their Dermatoglyphics" in *Proceedings of the American Society for Psychical Research*, Vol. XXII, 1933.

Mr. Thorogood's description of the very first linkage is impressive. He had brought two rings to a special sitting where only he, the medium and two other scientists were present. When he held up the two rings side by side and jokingly asked the control to link them, they suddenly were joined! This was completely unexpected and absolutely spontaneous.

Father used to tell us about an eerie experience he had at one seance. He was holding a solid ring in his right hand. Walter told him to feel of it with his left. When he did so, he discovered a gap in the ring of at least an inch. A few minutes later this space had closed. Another time, he said, both he and Mr. Thorogood saw the intermediate "sawdust" stage when the rings, in the process of becoming linked, had apparently dematerialized into sawdust. The two men carefully observed this sawdust and felt it with their fingers.*

Significant, too, is the story we often heard about the difficulty of separating the rings from the mediums. The researchers wanted to take a linked pair to New York City for exhibit at the American Society for Psychical Research. Walter said it would be harmful to the mediums if the procedure were carried out too fast. So the linked rings were removed from the seance room for longer and longer periods until finally Walter said it would be safe to take them to New York.

This gradual separation took months. Interestingly, during those months the rings were once taken downstairs and inadvertently forgotten, so that they

were separated from the mediums' presence longer than Walter permitted. Both mediums felt ill until the rings were brought upstairs again.

The linked rings were finally exhibited without mishap. As my father wrote—in his unpublished book *Truth and the Margery Mediumship*—"They survived the ordeal."

The linked rings were X-rayed by an outside specialist who found "nothing resembling an artificially concealed cut or break."

SOME COMMENTS

TO COMPLETE this report on the Margery phenomena, I wish to share three psychic events:

I have mentioned Walter's verse, received through automatic writing in some cases or dictated during seances. Margery sometimes wrote in foreign languages. Once she produced several pages of Chinese characters. Working with a pencil, she went over and over the lines till she finally achieved a really brushlike effect. An independent Chinese scholar concluded that these were not "mere extracts learned by heart from the Chinese classics."

My mother used to tell us about a frightening experience she had during one seance. A visiting scientist had apparently "brought along" the unhappy spirit of his deceased lover who had committed suicide by leaping off a bus. During the sitting Margery suddenly left the circle and rushed up a ladder to the building's roof. My mother followed her and was only just in time to prevent her from throwing herself off the parapet. She seemingly was possessed by the intruding unhappy entity.

*Richardson manuscript: "On one occasion Walter decomposed a ring into what looked like and felt like a pile of sawdust. A few minutes later the sawdust had disappeared and the ring was again solid."

We often heard about the several times when psychic energy tore the cabinet apart and seemed to rage almost out of control. Such occasions were rare, although Walter often spoke of having to keep unwanted "influences" out.

At the other end of the scale were several instances of spontaneous healing, one of Margery herself.

She had been suffering all day with a boil on the perineum; she was in great pain. Walter came through and apparently went to work on the boil. In a few minutes he said, "You can all smile now; the medium is all well." And indeed she was.

Dr. Tillyard, a visiting scientist, had had a stiff back for months. At a special sitting Walter treated him, providing so much improvement that Tillyard was able to go dancing, a thing he had long been unable to do. It was disconcerting, however, that Tillyard's improvement



The paranormal linkage of wooden rings is possibly the most mysterious of the Margery phenomena. Two sturdy rings, made of different kinds of wood, placed on the seance room table linked and unlinked without human touch. To author's knowledge, this spectacular (and often-repeated) phenomenon has never been explained.



seemed to be at Margery's expense. Her spine at a corresponding point became red, tender and swollen.

OUR FAMILY AND THE MEDIUMSHIP

OUR parents had a terrible need to prove survival. Two of their little sons had died suddenly within a few days of each other in a 1909 polio epidemic. Devastated by grief, our father and mother had sought out mediums and explored the survival question. They were delighted when Dr. Crandon, a professional colleague of my father, discovered that his wife Margery was showing signs of being psychic. They immediately involved themselves in the developing mediumship and they championed Margery to the end.

To the rest of us children, as we grew up, the idea of survival after death seemed natural. As I've said, Walter was human and a personal friend of ours. What he said rang true. When he announced to the circle, "You are using part of our landscape," it made sense. It was quite believable that we and he were part of one continuum. Once a sitter asked him, "Walter, what shall we do when we reach the Great Beyond?" He shot back "Beyond what?" and this seemed a logical, reasonable response.

Controversies constantly raged around the Margery mediumship and so at our dinner table we heard a good deal about them. My father never felt the critics had come up with adequate counter-explanations. One skeptical researcher was challenged to explain how one phenomenon could have been fraudulently achieved. He could reply only, "Some little device probably." "Some-

little-device-probably" became a catchphrase among Margery's embattled defenders.

I remember, too, that as investigators came and went, various names came and went in the dinner table conversation. It seemed to us young people that oftentimes last week's "ally" had become this week's "enemy."

Our father was always deeply upset when reputable outside investigators would (apparently) fully accept a seance-room phenomenon at the time it happened—would even sign an affidavit in its favor—only to renege the very next day or in their next published report. He did not have the benefit of modern insights into what Inglis has called "retrocognitive dissonance" and Rogo calls the "morning-after syndrome." Nowadays it's recognized that people do block from memory events which their belief systems cannot accept. But our father could only put it down to sheer "cussedness" and he found it hard to bear.

END OF THE MEDIUMSHIP

IN THE final year or two of her mediumship Margery became more and more unwell. She had been under emotional and physical stress for years. She was overworked. Physical mediumship is known to be a strain on the medium. As Mrs. Garrett once remarked to me, "Margery's best friends were her worst enemies." They were so eager to go further that they held sittings night after night. In one particular month (July 1925) there were no fewer than 29 seances. And Margery did not have the peasant strength of Palladino. I have often thought she must have found it terribly uncomfortable to be strapped

and held immobile with thick surgeon's tape, especially in hot weather (those were the days before air conditioning). But she was usually pleasant and obliging.

I have copies of the seance minutes from 1923 to 1937. In exploring these and other archives I've found many interesting details which fill out the picture. For instance, Walter's comments on energy and dimension as seen from his vantage point are provocative. Also, I discovered an old SPR report of an Eileen Garrett sitting in London, where Walter's inimitable personality apparently spoke through that medium's trance voice. He also seems to have injected himself into the Winnipeg seances studied by Dr. Glen Hamilton.

T. Glen Hamilton, author of *Intention and Survival* (Macmillan, Toronto, 1942), a book about his own experiments and philosophy, was a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons who also had a large private medical practice in Winnipeg. In 1928 Walter apparently began to manifest at Winnipeg—not speaking with an “independent voice” as in Boston but using the voices of the mediums in Hamilton's circle.

Margery's was a complex mediumship, with many personalities involved. I doubt whether any complete “true” story can ever be told. But I am also sure that there must be archives as yet untapped. The seance minutes indicate that various researchers made personal records on Dictaphone and other equipment. Maybe these reports are still stowed away in somebody's basement (if they haven't “dematerialized” as objects in psychic research sometimes seem to do).

NOWADAYS, as I look back at the Margery mediumship, I find it is my opinion that this case did in fact produce many valid psychic phenomena, especially psychokinesis. This considered assessment is based not only on my early experiences but on my many years of professional contact at the American Society for Psychical Research and elsewhere, with contemporary thinking and modern research on mediumship and the survival question.

As I have read the voluminous on-the-spot records (the minutes of hundreds and hundreds of Margery seances, held from 1923 to 1937) it seems clear that impressive fraud-proof experiments were being carried out by knowledgeable, honest people. For instance, the paranormal linkage of the wooden rings was spectacular and was never, as far as I know, explained away. Some powerful paranormal force was at work.

Quarrels and turmoil certainly bedeviled Margery's mediumship. I think perhaps they were inevitable given the wide differences in personality, approach and even in fundamental belief systems among the many strong-minded individuals who took part in the investigations.

But I feel strongly that the quarrels must not blot out the achievements. Margery should not be summarily dismissed as often seems to happen nowadays. There is plenty in the records to show how much the case had to offer and how important Margery is in the history of psychic research.

Marian L. Nester

I believe that if we can now reread the old records in the light of modern science, we may discover important hints to help understand not only Margery but mediumship in general.

TWO CONTROVERSIAL UFO PHOTOS . . .

By Bruce Maccahee

MAY 11, 1950: McMinnville, Oreg.
Classification: DEI.*

Just before sunset Mrs. Paul Trent

fed the rabbits she and her husband kept in a pen behind the garage. When she finished, she started walking northward toward the back of the house. She happened to look slightly to the left

The first of the McMinnville, Oreg., photographs shows bottom of round object with convex top. Scientists who have investigated case think pictures are authentic.



(north-northwestward), where she saw an aerial object which reminded her of a parachute.

She called to her husband to get their camera and both of them scrambled to find it. Within a short time—apparently less than a minute—she located it and gave it to Mr. Trent, who took two pictures while standing in the backyard of their house looking northwestward.

The first picture shows what appears

*Definite Evidence of Intelligence. Dr. Maccabee classifies UFO reports as follows: No Evidence of Intelligence (in which "the report could be explained as an observation of some *unintelligent* natural phenomenon not yet understood by science"); Probable Evidence of Intelligence ("reports that might be explained in terms of unknown natural phenomena but which might alternatively be ascribed to some unknown intelligence"); and DEI (in which "the probability is quite high that an intelligence is involved, for example reports of 'machinelike' objects or of 'occupants'"). For a fuller explanation see Maccabee's "The Muroc Discs," September 1984 FATE, page 80.—The Editors.

to be the bottom of a round object with a convex top. The second picture is an edge-on view of the object, clearly showing the polelike superstructure on the top. The pictures also contain foreground and background scenery. This scenery establishes positively the location from which the photos were taken. The photos so clearly show an unusual structured object that only two explanations seem possible: either the object is the real thing or it is a deliberate hoax by the Trents.

This sighting has been discussed in many books. One of the most important analyses is presented in the Condon Report, in which the analyst essentially concluded that the object was real.**

***This is one of the few UFO reports in which all factors

In second picture edge-on view reveals polelike superstructure on the top. Shape of object identifies it as an artificial construction, not a natural phenomenon.



The sighting is also examined in Philip J. Klass' *UFOs Explained* (1974) and in two papers I have written (see the 1976 and 1981 *CUFOS Symposium Proceedings*, available from the Center for UFO Studies, Box 1402, Evanston, Ill. 60204).

The only problem with the Trents' report has to do with the time at which the pictures were taken. When the Trents were interviewed about a month after their alleged sighting, they claimed the pictures were taken in the evening. But Robert Sheaffer has pointed out that there are shadows on the east wall of the garage that appears in the photographs. In his view the seeming sharpness of the edges of the shadows indicates that Trent took the pictures while the sun was illuminating the east wall, i.e., in the morning.

Klass and Sheaffer have used this analysis, which conflicts with the Trents' claim that the photographs were taken in the evening, to argue that the Trents are hoaxers. In a subsequent investigation, however, I found that a bright cumulous cloud in the east at sunset *could* produce shadows on an east wall. There is no evidence (other than the photographs) that establishes the presence of a bright cumulous cloud of the correct brightness and angular size east of the garage that evening, although there were (according to the weather report) cumulous clouds in the area in the afternoon several hours

before the sighting occurred.

Because I cannot conclusively resolve the problem created by the existence of the shadows, I have tried to determine whether there is any consistent pattern in the Trents' lives to suggest they would perpetrate a UFO hoax. I have collected information from many persons who have interviewed the Trents as well as statements made by persons who know them. No one (besides Klass and Sheaffer) accuses the Trents of being hoaxers. In fact several persons declare emphatically that it would be entirely out of character for the Trents to have faked the photographs.

After my own more than 20 hours of conversation (by phone) with the Trents and my analyses of other people's investigations, I have concluded that the preponderance of evidence suggests that the McMinnville case is not a hoax. If, of course, the Trents were one day to "confess," I would reverse this opinion. Until such an event occurs, however, the clarity of the photographs and the reported flight path of the object lead me to classify this sighting as Definite Evidence of Intelligence.

August 15, 1950: Great Falls, Mont. Classification: PEI.

According to the air force file on this case, Nicholas Mariana, the manager of the local baseball team, was at the ball park inspecting the field before an afternoon game. Between 11:25 and 11:30 A.M., as he stood in the grandstand watching smoke blow from a nearby chimney (to determine the wind direction), he saw two round, silvery, rotating disclike objects flying through the sky. He ran to his car and got out his Revere 16mm movie camera. By the

investigated, geometric, psychological, and physical, appear to be consistent with the assertion that an extraordinary flying object, silvery, metallic, disc-shaped, tens of meters in diameter, and evidently artificial, flew within sight of two witnesses. It cannot be said that the evidence positively rules out a fabrication, although there are some physical factors such as the accuracy of certain photometric measures of the original negatives which argue against a fabrication" (Edward U. Condon, ed., *The Scientific Study of Unidentified Flying Objects* [1969], page 407).

time he started filming, the objects were moving away. The film shows the discs passing on the far side of a water tower near the ball park.

Mariana pointed out the objects to his secretary and she watched them as he was filming. He estimated that the sighting lasted about 20 seconds or slightly longer.

Mariana immediately contacted a sports reporter for the local newspaper and told him what they had seen. This was *before* he had the film developed.

After receiving the developed film, he showed it to friends. On October 6 an investigator from the Air Force Office of Special Investigations (AFOSI) interviewed him and asked to take the film for analysis. When the film was returned some time later, according to Mariana, about 35 frames had been cut off from the beginning. Mariana said these frames showed the objects at their closest and clearly revealed that they were rotating.

In the investigator's report Mariana mentioned seeing two F-94 jets land at Malmstrom Air Force Base, several miles east of his position, a couple of minutes after the shiny objects disappeared in the southwest. The investigator checked with the base and found that, indeed, two jets had landed at 11:30 and 11:33 A.M.

The portion of the film that was returned to Mariana has been analyzed by two technical experts, Dr. R.M.L. Baker in 1955 and Dr. William K. Hartmann for the Condon Committee investigation in 1967. The analysts found no structure to the images other than an elliptical shape.

Baker argued that the only conceivable explanation, glints from

airplanes (air force jets), was ruled out by the flight path of the objects combined with the lack of a characteristic airplane structure of the images. He claimed that jet aircraft flying the path indicated on the film would have had to fly faster than was possible in 1950 because if they had been flying at an attainable speed they would have been close enough to be resolved by the camera.

Hartmann noted that images of the objects were of constant brightness. To produce constant brightness glints, the airplanes would have had to travel along a particular parabolic path. Considering these facts, Hartmann concluded, "The data at hand indicate that while it strains credibility to suppose that these were airplanes the possibility nonetheless cannot be entirely ruled out."

The "possibility" that the film shows aircraft is based on the known fact that two F-94 jets landed at the air force base three miles east of the sighting area only minutes after the sighting. But to accept this possibility one has to ignore Mariana's statement, made to the AFOSI investigator, that he saw the planes in the sky to the *east* of him just after the objects had disappeared in the *southwest*. One also has to ignore Project Blue Book director Capt. Edward J. Ruppelt's statement (in his 1956 book *The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects*) that "we studied the flight paths of the two F-94's. We knew the landing pattern that was being used on the day of the sighting, and we knew when the two F-94's landed. *The two jets just weren't anywhere close to where the two UFOs had been.*" (My emphasis.)

Moreover, to accept the jet explana-

tion, one also must discard Mariana's remarks, confirmed by his secretary (and recorded in the original air force report of October 6, 1950), that the surfaces resembled clean bright aluminum, that the objects were disc-shaped and appeared to be about 50 feet in diameter and three feet thick, that there was no evidence of exhaust or of wings, engines or propellers and that the objects appeared to be spinning.

Hartmann was not the only investigator to ignore both this part of the witnesses' testimony and Ruppelt's statement. In *UFOs Explained* Klass also opted for the jet explanation. He ruled out the idea that the movie was fraudulent because of the difficulty in hoaxing a film (especially one in which the unknown objects pass on the other side of a structure that is known to have been at a considerable distance) and because Mariana reported his movie to a newspaper writer about two weeks before the film was developed.

Nevertheless, Klass is forced to argue that the verbal testimony was untrustworthy. He suggests—without evidence to the effect—that “Mariana really knew, or suspected, that the two UFO images on his film were only sunlight reflections off two jet aircraft.”

There is, however, no reason to believe that either the movie or the verbal evidence is bogus. In fact, some of the very evidence that Klass cites against the idea of a movie hoax also argues against a verbal hoax. Remember, Mariana reported his sighting long before the film was developed. If he was intending a hoax when he reported seeing “two spherical silvery objects,” then he was taking a big chance of damaging his reputation by claiming that the film would “verify what he hopes isn't failing eyesight,” as the newspaper story put it.

Finding no compelling reason to accept the hoax explanation, I classify this sighting as PEI.



THE MYSTERIOUS HARRIET TUBMAN

By P. A. Quinn

HARRIET Tubman (1820? - 1913) was an escaped slave who led hundreds of her fellow slaves to freedom in the north by way of the Underground Railroad, a system of way stations manned by antislavery advocates. Called “The Moses of Her People,” she never lost a “passenger” on her 19 rescue forays into the south.

Harriet Tubman led her “passengers” on foot through all kinds of weather, evading all slave-hunting patrols. When a reward was offered for her capture, she led members of her own family to freedom only days before they were scheduled to be tried for aiding a fugitive.

Harriet Tubman didn't go along on abolitionist John Brown's ill-fated raid

on Harper's Ferry in 1859 because she wasn't feeling well. But she knew, in a day of slow communication, of the disaster and death of her friend John Brown. She told her friends the fate of the raid on the day it happened.

She claimed that God guided her steps and actions and that “dreams” helped her find the pathway to freedom on the Underground Railroad. Did she have psychic ability? Was she guided by God? Or both?

If she hadn't been suffering a dizzy spell on the day of the raid and had instead died with John Brown, many slaves wouldn't have been led to freedom in the next two years. Possibly some of these are the direct ancestors of today's great black leaders.

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ULTIMATE ENCOUNTER?

IN *SKY CRASH* (Neville Spearman, Sudbury, Suffolk, England, 1984, 283 pages, \$13.95) Brenda Butler, Jenny Randles and Dot Street present us with a story so fantastic that even UFO proponents—at least those of us who have been vocally skeptical of claims about official cover-ups of amazing UFO cases—will be tempted to reject it out of hand. The *Sky Crash* story bears an uncomfortable resemblance to the type of tale that all self-respecting ufologists have long rejected, and for good reason: such tales typically are based on the testimony of one (usually anonymous) informant, are frequently second- or thirdhand and can never be verified.

But this story is different. It is based on a large body of testimony, most of it from individuals whose names are known. Much of that testimony is firsthand; the rest of it, the peripheral testimony from friends and relatives of direct witnesses, supports the firsthand testimony. And the authors have verified, through determined, even courageous investigation (they were threatened on several occasions and once even briefly arrested), that something incredible happened in a forest near two air bases on England's east coast in late December 1980.

The first to hear the tale was Brenda Butler, who lives in a village not far from Woodbridge Air Force Base, which is operated by the U.S. Air Force under the nominal supervision of a British Base Commander. (A companion base at Bentwaters is a short distance north of Woodbridge.) In January 1981 an American airman confided to her that six nights before, on December 27, a UFO experiencing mechanical difficulties had

come down in Rendlesham Forest, a large wooded area just east of the Woodbridge base. Her friend, on security patrol at the time, was called to the scene, where he witnessed—he claimed—not only a disc-shaped craft but a meeting between Base Commander Gordon Williams and the UFO's humanoid occupants.

Butler's first impulse was to dismiss the story on the spot. But in the weeks that followed, she learned it was common knowledge on the base that extraordinary events had taken place in the forest the week after Christmas. Moreover, civilians who lived nearby had observed odd activity of various kinds: mysterious lights hovering over the forest, peculiar damage to the tops of trees and to runway lights (situated on the tops of 30-foot high poles) at the edge of the woods, animal disturbances and deaths, and the presence of military officers and security patrols at the site at the time of the alleged event.

Most informants, although not all, said the incident occurred the night of December 27. Most said it involved a UFO landing and some claimed there had been *more than one* incident that week.

Meantime, elsewhere in England, prominent ufologist Jenny Randles heard of a curious incident which supposedly occurred on December 27 at a radar-tracking station at Watton, Norfolk, 50 miles northwest of Rendlesham forest. The crew tracked an unidentified object as it headed in from the coast and moved toward the southeast until it was lost over the Rendlesham area. While the UFO was being tracked, the base at Bentwaters called to ask for radar confirmation; the caller explained that the object was visible

from the base (which also borders the forest).

Two days later, intelligence officers from the U.S. Air Force arrived at the Watton tracking station and requested the radar tapes from that night and also from the following nights. The officers said that a crippled UFO had landed in the forest and the base commander and others had gone to the site. There they saw the craft's occupants, whom the base commander approached and engaged in communication while the beings repaired their vehicle. The incident lasted several hours.

At the time she heard this story, Randles found it unbelievable. The informant, who said the information about the event was subject to Britain's strict Official Secrets Act, refused to give the names of his colleagues for fear of getting them in trouble. So it seemed just another unverifiable flying saucer tale. Not only had Randles never heard of the case Brenda Butler was quietly investigating, she had never heard of Butler. (Eventually the Ministry of Defense [MOD] would confirm the radar tracking of an unknown on the date in question but

asserted the incident was not related to the event in the forest. The latter claim contradicts testimony from at least one high-ranking officer who participated in the Rendlesham event.)

When Randles casually mentioned the radarman's story to her ufologist-colleague Bob Easton, she was astonished to learn that Easton knew of two versions of the same tale: the one being studied by Butler and her friend Dot Street, the other from American ufologist Lucius Farish, who in the previous two weeks had interviewed a young American who had been recently discharged from the air force after serving a tour of duty at a base in England. He claimed that "something big," involving UFO landings, had occurred there late in December.

In due course Randles, a veteran investigator, and Butler and Street, less experienced but equally determined, joined forces to see if they could learn the truth. *Sky Crash* is a detailed, complicated and sometimes confusing account of what they found as they tried to penetrate the veil of official secrecy, denials, contradictions and disinformation

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reluctantly) took place. Denying only that
alien beings were involved, they confirm
landings (on the nights of December 27 and
29), physical traces and radiation. Yet
amazingly they would have us believe—
against the testimony both of sources close
to the official investigation and of common
sense—that they have no files on the case.

It is impossible in this space to review the
many complexities of this astonishing episode
or to trace the many threads of independently
developed, mutually confirming evidence. I
think those of you who read this book will
agree that Butler, Randles and Street have
conducted, under the most difficult circum-
stances, a model investigation of an incident
with which many ufologists (such as Randles'
British colleagues who openly ridiculed her
for her interest in the episode) refused to
become involved. (After all, something like
this *couldn't* have happened.) There are
impressive UFO cases and there are incredible
UFO cases, but there are few that are both.
This one is both.

But is it *really* a UFO case? The authors
are willing to entertain other possibilities.
The least probable alternative explanation
was offered by would-be debunker Ian
Ridpath, who proposed that the witnesses
had seen only the beam from a nearby
lighthouse. Randles treats this essentially
frivolous "solution" more courteously than
it deserves—even MOD, when it was denying
that anything out of the ordinary had
happened, wouldn't touch it—but she shows
how and why the lighthouse beams could not
have caused the effect the many witnesses
reported, even if one assumes that the "men
of the U.S. Air Force [possess] the average
intelligence of a chimpanzee."

More seriously, Randles and her associates
consider the possibility that the UFO story
was a cover for something else, such as an
accident involving a nuclear missile or top-

secret device (Randles' first hypothesis once she became convinced that *something* had happened at Rendlesham). Yet their investigation failed to uncover any real evidence, beyond a few vague hints and rumors, to back up such speculations. That does not mean, of course, that the idea has been disproven. As the investigation continues, it remains the most reasonable non-UFO explanation.

But there are some major problems with this explanation. "Of course, if this is what happened," Randles writes, "then the airmen who are telling their tale are all lying. The triangular craft hedgehopping around the woods and then taking off again is not a missile! They could have been ordered to lie. And all the people involved in the clearing-up operation and removal of the missile may have kept their silence. But is it likely that nobody would have broken the truth? And can it really make political sense to allow a fantastic UFO story, almost

guaranteed to bring attention to the area, to be used as a means of distraction? If you want to hide something this seems an extremely stupid way to go about it It is an interesting hypothesis. But is it sufficiently persuasive to overcome its many drawbacks?" Presumably time and further investigation will answer this question.

As for the alien contact part of the story, the authors note that "the only people positively asserting, in absolute union, that there were no aliens [were] the trio of higher officers" who commanded the two bases. "In this they were supported by [the] official memo [on the case] and the Government bodies (e.g. the MOD letter to Jenny stating there were no 'alien beings'). Whatever the reason for this pattern it is undoubtedly curious."

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Since the book was written, investigators both in England and in America have uncovered more evidence and new informants. Something very important, it is clear, took place in Rendlesham forest late in 1980. If it was not a UFO event (with or without aliens), what was it?

Whatever the truth turns out to be, we have Jenny Randles, Brenda Butler and Dot Street to thank for having the pluck, energy and guts to tread where none of their colleagues dared—and for giving us what

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For all his objectivity, however, Cohen still sometimes stumbles. He repeats a number of mistakes regarding dates, names and places that first appeared in other popular anthologies. More serious than these lapses in scholarship, however, are his favorable accounts of the "Tyrone" (sic) ghost and the moving coffins of Barbados. Both of these stories were exposed as hoaxes in *FATE*, the first by Melvin Harris ("An All-Wet Ghost Story," September 1982) and the second by Joe Nickell ("Barbados' Restless Coffins Laid to Rest," April and May 1982).

Another ghost on which Cohen is unaccountably soft is the Amherst poltergeist, which he presents as authentic without mentioning the many elements in the case that suggest fraud. (For a more penetrating study of the case, see Walter F. Prince's "A Critical Study of 'The Great Amherst Mystery,'" *Proceedings of the American Society for Psychical Research*, 1919, Vol. 13, pages 89-130.)

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Scholars generally agree that pagan beliefs influenced the development of Christianity in Europe, and England in particular, but they disagree on the extent of that influence. In *The Lost Gods of England* (originally published in hardcover in 1957) Brian Branston argues that the influence was enormous, indeed that the "Christianity" of the Old English was barely skin deep and that a lot of history was later rewritten by clerics to make their ancestors sound more Christian than they really were.

Much of what the author has to say about the survival of myths about Woden and Wayland and their incorporation into later Christian beliefs makes sense, indeed seems nearly obvious, at least to this lay reader. But at times Branston indulges in pure unprovable speculation and he admits his theories sound outlandish.

Still, Branston argues knowledgeably and he writes well. Thus a subject that could be extremely tedious makes very lively reading.

Most of the argument is set during the period that we would regard as the darkest of the Dark Ages. There is only the most fragmentary written material. Even artifacts from that period are extremely scarce. Since Britain has been more thoroughly worked over by archaeologists and historians than any place on earth, it is doubtful if there will be any startling new finds that will shed light on the beliefs of that obscure time. So the arguments Branston addresses will never be resolved.

But for those who would like to hear one side of this unresolvable yet stimulating discussion, I heartily recommend this book. Branston has a genuine love of his subject—he loves the old pagan gods and rather regrets their passing. He sees the religion of the Old English as essentially a nature religion and he ends his engaging book with this thought:

"We have to reach a symbiotic relationship with all else in the world, living or dead. No doubt some such was the aim of our ancestors and we may be wise to ponder on how they attempted to reach it."—*Daniel Cohen.*

IMAGINATION AND HEALING edited by Anees A. Sheik, Baywood Publishing Company, Inc., Farmingdale, N.Y., 1984, 291 pages, \$20.00, paperback.

The separation of mind and body—the classic Cartesian dualism—has so predominated Western thought that for most of this century conventional medicine could not come to grips with the reality of the placebo effect and the power of positive imagery in curing physiological disorders. Fortunately, however, because of the breakthroughs in all areas of science (from quantum mechanics to ecology), we are beginning to move away from such a narrow and constricting viewpoint.

One excellent example of this new understanding in medicine is *Imagination and Healing*, edited by Anees A. Sheik. The work, which is part of a series on imagery and human development, is an anthology of papers presented at conferences at Marquette University in collaboration with the Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior.

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The one minor drawback to *Imagination and Healing* is the absence of biographical information on its more than 15 contributors. This prevents the reader from learning about the particular author's background; such information is essential, especially in works that purport to be scholarly.

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OUR PSYCHIC POTENTIALS by D. Scott Rogo, Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J., 1984, 172 pages, \$6.95, paperback.

At various times D. Scott Rogo has served as either experimenter or subject in different ESP experiments. Although these experiences have given him useful insights, he disclaims being either psychic or mentor, seeing himself more as a guide to the interested reader. In *Our Psychic Potentials* he writes about techniques and suggests ways of enhancing ESP ability. He provides references for each chapter and an index.

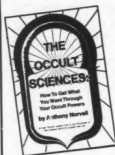
Rogo shows the fuzziness of most definitions of hypnosis. He includes methods for judging the accuracy of home experiments with both free choice (imagery matching with pictures) and forced choice (card guessing)

techniques. There are sections on ESP related to dreaming, relaxation, feedback and drugs.

At times, however, despite his claim that his book is the only one of its kind based on sophisticated laboratory documentation, Rogo allows the distinction between fact and opinion to become blurred. In the introduction, for example, he grandiosely states, "Just as Buddhism has taught for countless centuries, transpersonal psychologists also realize that there exists a spark of divinity within Man, a spark just waiting to be released." The word "realize" rather than "believe" implies fact, but "sparks of divinity" have not yet been empirically verified.

The introduction contains an interesting perspective on the way our bodies as well as our minds may be responding to psychic phenomena on a regular basis. But I wish Rogo had covered further theoretical aspects of ESP functioning and development also.

Rogo starts with the premise that people wish to develop their ESP abilities and indeed, judging from the popularity of psychic development courses (on which he casts a critical eye), people *do* wish to. But



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the book goes into the *how* of psychic development but not the *why*. Yes, it does mention that this is the age of inner exploration and that we learn about human potential by developing our psychic abilities. Yet if this ability is advantageous, why is it submerged, at least consciously, in most people? What does the individual actually gain by developing his ESP? What does he lose? Are people who are highly psychic on a conscious level necessarily happier because of that ability?

Perhaps Rogo, who has written over 20 books on parapsychological topics, will address these intriguing questions in a future work.—*Sally Ann Drucker.*

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MUFON FIELD INVESTIGATOR'S MANUAL edited by Raymond E. Fowler, Mutual UFO Network, 103 Oldtowne Rd., Seguin, Tex. 78155, 1983, 161 pages, \$10.00, paperback.

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FOR THE RECORD . . .

The May and September 1984 issues of FATE contained material I wrote which included some potentially damaging statements concerning the way Dr. J. B. Rhine handled the news that Dr. Walter J. Levy, his Director of Research, was falsifying research results. The Foundation for Research on the Nature of Man (FRNM) strenuously objects to these statements, charging that some of them are inaccurate or based solely on questionable interpretation. FRNM has made available to me a number of documents which personnel there feel support their position and I reopened discussion with several researchers involved in the Levy affair. Now I wish to clarify what I originally wrote.

FRNM objects to my statement that Rhine ignored warnings about Levy's reliability. Probably only one direct allegation of fraud on Levy's part was actually brought to Rhine's attention. This charge was made by a researcher involved in personal rivalry with Levy and probably was not accompanied by any supporting evidence that would lead to action by Rhine.

My statement that Rhine did not immediately accept Levy's resignation and later bowed to external pressure to do so was also incorrect. While Rhine may have been ambivalent about what steps to take when confronted with the evidence on June 12, 1974, it is an established fact that Levy offered his resignation on the spot and tendered a letter of resignation the next day.

Levy asked that a committee be formed to look into his case and decide on what action should be taken against him. Rhine at first appeared to entertain this possibility, then rejected it. Another idea that is rumored to have been considered at some point was to give Levy a leave of absence and rehire him later, the reason being that he had suffered a temporary breakdown. While it is not clear whether this was ever seriously considered, it is certain that by June 13, the day after Rhine learned of the fraud, Levy's resignation had been authoritatively acted on. Rhine did ask a member of the Council of the Parapsychological Association if Council would refrain from asking for Levy's resignation from that organization but it is not known whether this related to the idea of rehiring Levy or to a desire to avoid "impeachment" proceedings when a quiet resignation on Levy's part (which is what actually happened) would be more desirable.

There is no evidence that Rhine fired Levy against his will or was forced to do so by outside parties. I therefore retract these two claims. (From a conversation with a Durham parapsychologist in 1974, I had inferred that Dr. R. A. McConnell and Dr. J. G. Pratt had put such pressure on Rhine. This has been shown to be false.)

FRNM personnel also believe that I have misinterpreted the dispute between Dr. James Terry and the FRNM staff. Part of this dispute stemmed from FRNM's wish to publish all attempted replications of the Levy experiments as a package. Terry was not

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informed of this plan when he was hired to replicate the Levy work and he wished to publish his failure to replicate some of the Levy experiments separately and at an earlier date than the proposed "package" report. In Terry's view, despite this policy Rhine twice agreed to allow him to report his research to the annual meeting of the Parapsychological Association in the summer of 1975. When Rhine attempted to prevent his doing so, Terry felt that Rhine was going back on his word and that this related to the failure of the Levy replications. When Terry decided to report on his research anyway, he was fired.

FRNM acknowledges that there was a controversy and that the issue involving Terry may not have been well handled but takes the position that much of the problem stemmed from poor communication. There is evidence from people no longer associated with FRNM that Terry's failure to replicate Levy's results was not in any way related to Rhine's attempt to hold all the reports for publication at one time. This issue therefore remains one of interpretation.

To summarize, it is now clear that Rhine was not "forced" or "pressured" to fire Levy. His departure from FRNM was announced to staff members the day after Rhine's discovery of the fraud. It also seems clear that any idea of giving Levy a leave of absence was not seriously considered for more than a few hours if at all. Finally, the view that Rhine tried to cover up the extent of the fraud was based on the inferences of one researcher only and is currently disputed by other researchers involved in the controversy.—D. Scott Rogo, Northridge, Calif.

UFO-POLTERGEIST CONNECTION?

Before the events described in "Photographing the [Columbus] Poltergeist" (September 1984 FATE) a flurry of UFO activity occurred over Columbus, Ohio. On February 23, 1984, two graduate students, two other Ohio State University faculty members and I spent 20 minutes observing a rotating, upside-down ice-cream-cone-shaped UFO as it flew slowly over the city. Later that evening a family reported four UFOs over Columbus and attempted to photograph them.

On February 29, three days before the Resch poltergeist activity began, I saw a

small spherical UFO near the Ohio State University campus.

All the witnesses from Ohio State University sent signed descriptions to Allen Hynek's Center for UFO Studies.—Irena Scott, Galena, Ohio.

WITH RESERVATIONS . . .

Although I agree with the bulk of Garman Lord's review of *Futhark: A Handbook of Rune Magic* (January 1985 FATE), I feel that author Edred Thorsson's endorsement of the Table of Runic Correspondences, especially the Astrological and Tarot assignments, went too far and could cause real problems among those who try to use them in their rune work. The correspondences are not absolute and Edred himself has stated in a letter to me that his tables are open to interpretation. The main inconsistencies arise from the northern and eastern origins of the system.

Let me emphasize that *Futhark*, an excellent piece of work, belongs on the shelf of every serious occultist but the tables in Appendix D should be taken with a grain of salt.—Michael C. Strong, Midland, Mich.

THINKING CAT

The review of Donald R. Griffin's book *Animal Thinking* (January 1985 FATE) prompts me to tell this true story.

My cat Sally Ann had been presented to me fully grown. She had been raised as a house cat but on my Massachusetts farm she became almost entirely an outdoor cat. Except when snow was on the ground she spurned handouts and foraged for herself. While the fields abounded with mice, I never had any real proof that she was living off the land until the unforgettable day when she became a show-off.

That day I was coming around the corner of the barn in one direction and she was approaching the corner from the other direction. When she spotted me she stopped abruptly. Her "expression" aroused my interest and we stood about 10 or 12 feet apart gazing at each other. When Sally Ann was sure she had my attention, she left the path and went a few feet into the tall grass. Curious, I naturally waited to see what she was up to. She returned and laid a mouse at my feet, the first time ever. I reached down and patted her and she promptly went again into the tall grass and returned with a second

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mouse. I gave her another pat and in a moment she went and brought out a third mouse!

Planned ahead of time? Of course. To catch one mouse is no great feat but three at once? Because I wasn't on hand when she did that, she cached them in the grass and waited for an opportunity to show me her unusual catch. She may have temporarily forgotten her plan but when she looked up and saw me coming she recalled it instantly and stopped in her tracks.

Sally Ann had the ability to think and to plan ahead.—*Leslie Arthur Davis, Starke, Fla.*

MEMORIES OF TERLINGUA

Christopher Dow's "The Ghost of Bruja Canyon" (January 1985 FATE) interested me because I visited that area about 20 years ago. In the town of Terlingua there was one building in use as a restaurant. Park officials told me that Terlingua had been a mercury mining town but was abandoned when the price of mercury dropped so low that mining it became unprofitable.

When I remarked on the dilapidated condition of the buildings in Terlingua, I was told that so long as a building was habitable, the state assessed full value taxes so the mining company had to wreck the abandoned houses to avoid exorbitant levies.

My many atlases list "Terlingua" and "Terlingua Creek" but none lists "Terlingua Abaja," the name mentioned by your author.—*Cecil D. Clayton, Slaughter, Ky.*

POWER PLANTS

"The Ghost of Bruja Canyon" reads as if it came straight out of *The Teachings of Don Juan: A Yaqui Way of Knowledge* by Carlos Castaneda.

To have experienced everything Christopher Dow described, he and his friend Charles Roberts must possess tremendous personal power—although they are probably unaware of it. To understand what happened to them, they should read Castaneda's books. I believe they were "chosen"—as demonstrated by their desire to visit that particular mesa by that particular route and by their experience with the "ghost." The man they saw was what Don Juan calls an "ally." He could be the ally of the local *Bruja* or *Brujo* (the latter being the masculine form) or may

have been the ally of one of the hikers. The peripheral method they used for perceiving the ally is known as "seeing." It is accomplished by unfocusing the eyes and allowing ourselves to "see" that which we do not normally perceive. It is notable that a person with a set definition of what the world is about is unable to do this.

Castaneda's first two books, *The Teachings of Don Juan* and *A Separate Reality*, describe experiences with peyote and datura, the "power plants." I must emphasize that these drugs are absolutely *not* required for the attainment of knowledge. In his third book *Journey to Ixtlan*, Castaneda retraces his "unfolding" without the "power plants."—*Ed Hanson, Phelan, Calif.*

MISTAKE SNEAKS IN

In my letter titled "Why Conjecture?" ("Report from the Readers," January 1985 FATE) a mistake sneaked past. The fourth paragraph includes a sentence which should have read: "Except for his household, which included some domestic animals, Noah did *not* take birds and animals, males and females, into the Ark."—*Karola Kautz, SIAT, P. O. Box 412, White Rock, B.C. V4B 5G3, Canada.*

DIGGING FOR MEANING

In "Report from the Readers" in the January 1985 issue of FATE, Karola Kautz has clearly explained a higher meaning of the word *wine* as spiritual communication. But I disagree with her application of this meaning to Noah's drunkenness.

Noah had had a constant flow of wine as God instructed him regarding the Ark and the Flood. The result of his drunkenness in the ninth chapter of Genesis was a curse, not a prophecy. It was Noah's personal reaction to having been "uncovered" before his sons.

The 18th chapter of Leviticus speaks repeatedly against incest, or "uncovering" the nakedness of relatives.—*Ernest Barnum, Damascus, Ark.*

JOSEPH IN EGYPT

Barbara Hayden is correct in quoting Genesis 50:26 which tells us that Joseph's embalmed body "was put in a coffin in Egypt" ("Report from the Readers," February 1985 FATE). But she did not go far enough.



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Joshua 24:32 makes it clear that his bones were indeed carried out of Egypt: "And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem . . ."—Mrs. H. K. Miller, Hampton, Va.

DREAM VALUES

Is there a social ruling that only people with titles or reputations are qualified to proclaim truths? Why should anyone require an "expert" to be his judge?

In "I See by the Papers" (January 1985 FATE) Curtis Fuller discussed expert analytical "theories" about dreams which I think are hogwash. I'm 67 years old, have been dreaming all my life and have understood my dreams for the last 20 years.

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During one's time asleep, the topic is unknown and the recall is in parable. Therefore, the dreams should be deciphered or decoded as parables to communicate what the unconscious mind wishes to comment on or what occurred or what questions were raised during the previous waking time.

Anyone can check this out for himself.—*Evan Teller, English, Ind.*

BLACK PANTHERS IN THE U.S.

In both the December 1984 and January 1985 issues of FATE, Curtis Fuller discusses black panther reports in his "I See by the Papers." Let me add mine.

On September 20, 1984, I happened to look out my front window and saw a large black panther walking down the road. I tried to see where he went but he disappeared into some bushes.

The next Sunday I was telling a storekeeper about seeing the panther and another customer spoke up to say he had shot the panther that very morning—September 28, 1984. He didn't say what he had done with the carcass but in Vermont, according to the

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I am not in a position to dispute the credentials of Lydia Cabrera (nor would I wish to, not having read her works) but I have found that many of the details contained in *Santeria: African Magic in Latin America* by Migene Gonzalez-Wippler whom your authors quote do not agree with the teachings transmitted to me by my *padreno* (godfather).

One last quibble: A photo of a statue used with the article is identified as the moon goddess Yemaya. I may be in error but the double-headed ax which is such a prominent feature of this statue seems to mark it as a representation of Chango. Yemaya is normally represented as having a fish tail as in the classical image of a mermaid.

Barring these few inconsistencies, I recommend this article as a reasonable background piece for people who wish to learn something about the religion of Santeria.—*Michael H. Gleason, Chicago, Ill.*

WOMEN IN THE SERVICE

In Frances Horner Orr's story "Ghost's Hidden Treasure" (January 1985 FATE) there is an error that may be due to faulty editing or your author's faulty memory. In the last paragraph she writes, "In March 1943 I left for Scotland to join His Majesty's Women's Royal Navy . . ."

The correct name of the service is "Women's Royal Naval Service," WRNS for short, and the enlistees are popularly known as Wrens. The official insignia is a tiny bird, a wren, perched atop an anchor. I too joined the Wrens in early 1944.—*Maria Dembicki, Cazenovia, N. Y.*

PUTTING DOWN DARWIN

The opinions of Darwin, Freud, et al, discussed in "I See by the Papers" (January 1985 FATE) are hardly a big deal. In *Earth in Upheaval*, Immanuel Velikovsky wrote, "Evolution is the principle. Darwin's contribution to the principle is natural selection as the mechanism of evolution. If natural selection, sharing the fate of sexual selection, is not the mechanism of the origin of species, Darwin's contribution is reduced to very little—only to the role of natural selection in weeding out the unfit."

Darwin studied the flora and fauna of the Galapagos Islands as prime examples supporting his theories. These islands lie above a triple junction of oceanic ridges, possibly caused by rising thermal plumes of molten rock from the deep mantle-core boundary. "Thus," Velikovsky continued, "increased radioactivity coming from outside the planet or from the bowels of the earth could be the cause of the spontaneous origin of new species."

We can excuse Darwin's ignorance of recent knowledge and his conclusions but not their social implications: the inhuman abuse of human beings and the natural world. Sigmund Freud and his followers compounded the crime by a concerted effort to discredit and subvert the religious, ethical and cultural values of the West. They largely succeeded and helped to create twin monsters: Nazi Fascism and Soviet Communism.—James Loukopoulos, Southgate, Mich.

MAN IN THE NEW WORLD

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