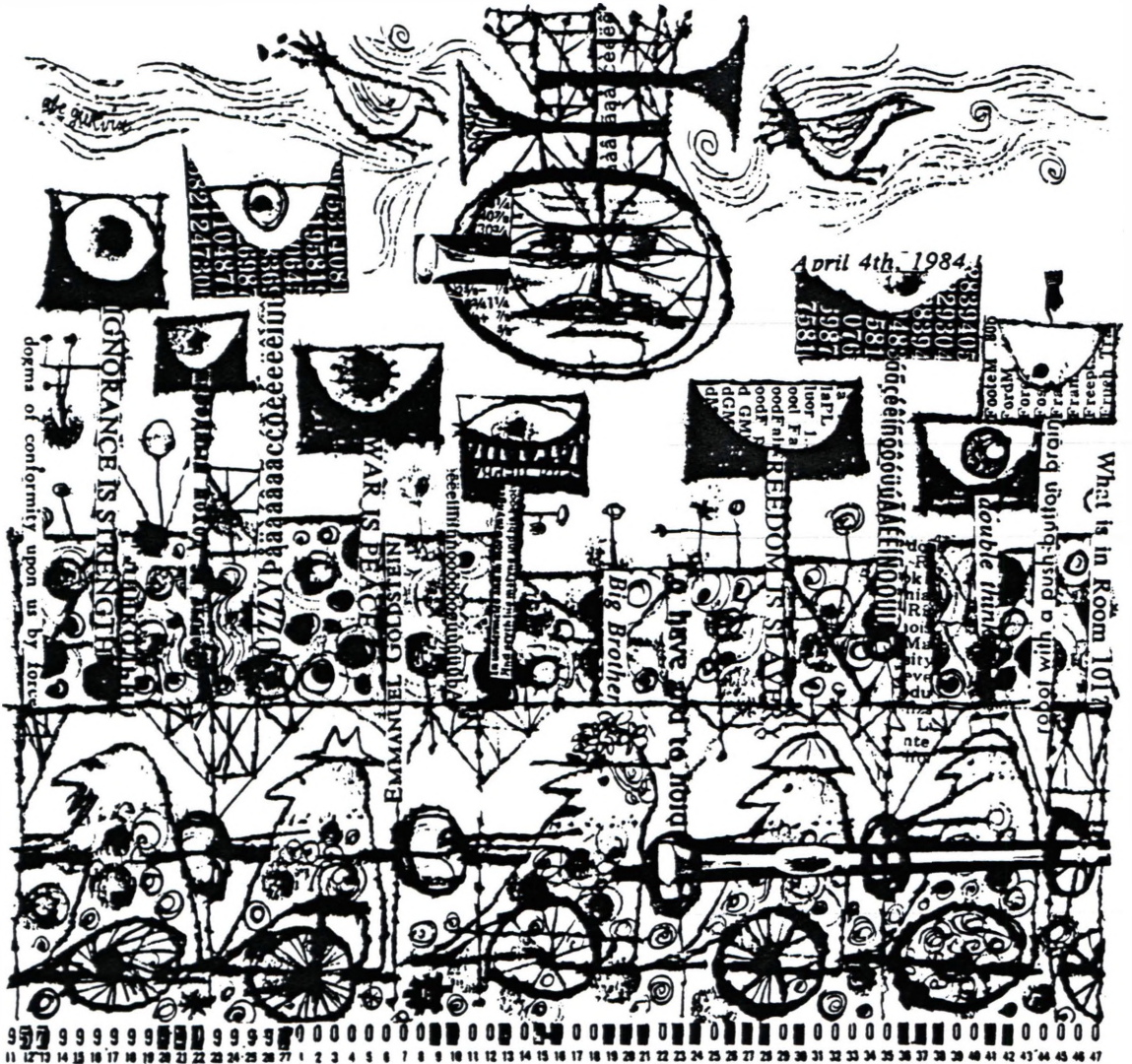


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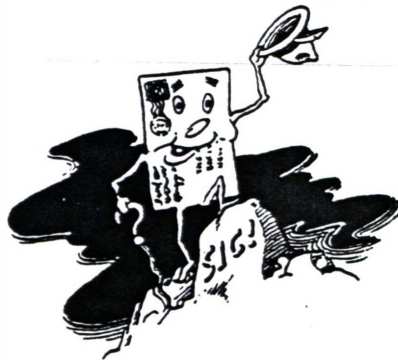


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OUR COVER

MFS Abe Gurvin surveyed the Fortean scene from a California campus site and let the Muse have its will of him. Abe has been called the Frank Lloyd Wright of pen and ink. How do you like it?



FIRST PRIZE

It's Essenhigh again this session, with a note which is also a Nomination for Named Fellow. The speaker was a consulting surgeon of Guy's Hospital (London), Sir Heneage Ogilvie. He said that the most dangerous disease in the world is technolatory, the worship of the expert: that medicine is overloaded and weighed down by experts. *Daily Express*, 3-4-59.

Still, Dr. Paul R. Hawley, director of the American College of Surgeons, asserted (late June) that "one half of the surgical operations in the United States are performed by doctors who are untrained, or inadequately trained, to undertake surgery . . . one of the world's most distinguished surgeons had told him that at least half his current practice consists of attempts to correct the bad results of surgery undertaken in community hospitals by doctors inadequately trained in this field." *Cr non-member Cohen*. *N.Y. Times*.

It seems the Docs have an aphorism, "Once a cesarian, always a cesarian," but Dr. R. Gordon Douglas, Cornell U, says — after studying 40,574 births — "that as many as 50% of the women who underwent repeat cesarians should have been allowed to deliver vaginally." *Medical News*, 3-25-59. *Cr Darling*.

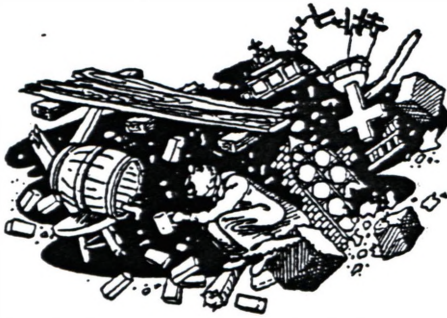
The record for cesarians is claimed by Mrs. Suzanne Neilson of Hartsdale. She was scheduled to have her 9th on April 16. *N.Y. World Tele*, 3-26-59.

So, of course, it follows that "organized groups" who oppose and defeat water fluoridation projects are "mentally unstable persons" accto Dr. Judd Marmor, UCLA, Dr. Viola Bernard, Columbia. Dr. Perry Ottenberg, U of Penna. *San Francisco Chronicle*, 3-31-59.

Essenhigh also found: a Russ who has evidence in favor of Atlantis, Prof. Zhironov. *Daily Telegraph*, 1-24-59: a telephone panic by viewers of a TV fiction about a "satellite" hovering over London.

Do, 2-21-59: a surging flood of water two feet deep which stranded a bus at a junction in Shepperton. Police could not locate the source of the flood. *Evening Standard*, 1-26-59: the sea level in Greek harbors dropped 3 feet and stayed there for a week — "scientists have been unable to explain the phenomenon." *Do*, 3-6-59: a tremor that shook buildings but did not disturb seismographs, NE coast of Jersey. *Do*, 2-24-59.

Flagstaff, Arizona, shook without leaving a seismo record, 2-11-59, "unpleasant noises" were heard — "like trucks hitting houses, horses galloping and gas explosions." *Cr Joquel*.



But the Berkely seismo picked up a strong record, 3-23-59, that continued for 20 minutes. Dr. Don Tocher, the boss, said it centered between Winnemucca, Nev., and the Idaho border. The Sheriff's office at Winnemucca said nothing was felt there. *N.Y. Jour-Amer*.

A mummy at U of Chicago has been giving trouble. Dr. Watson Boyes probed under the wrappings and found "an improbable heap of bones in the chest cavity, and a number of sticks throughout the mummy . . . although thinner than usual, the wrapping appeared authentic . . . records don't show how the mummy was obtained, although it has been carried in the inventory for 30 years." *San Francisco Chronicle*, 3-9-59.

For the first time in history the Catholic Church has removed a book from its *Index*. It is Victor Hugo's *Les Miserables*, which Catholics may now read without going to hell. *Minneapolis Morning Tribune*, 4-25-59. *Cr Mealy*.

A sequoia 240 feet high, 20-ft trunk, called 3000 years old, fell over, near Fresno, Calif., July first. "Rangers were baffled." *Buffalo Evening News*, 6-4-59.

After the Lord Himself only knows how long and bitter a battle, the reading aloud of the Lord's Prayer was stopped by the school board of Nassau (L.I.) School District 15. *N.Y. Jour-Amer*, 4-10-59.

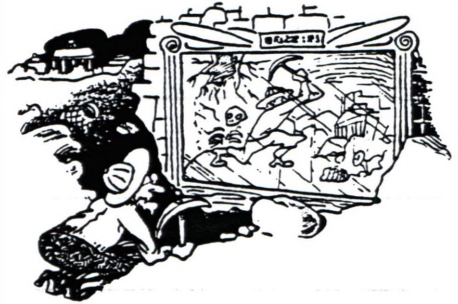
A baby elephant disappeared from the East Berlin zoo without a trace. *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, 3-8-59.

Shakspere was a Brahmin, acto Indian pundits. His name was Shsappa Iyer. "Later in Karachi he took the name Sheik Pir and then went to England where he anglicized it to Shakespeare." *Straits Echo*, Penang, N.D.

STEINBERG'S BEST

Maybe it's just Providence, R.I., but up there statistics show that 10% of all pedestrians killed at intersections in 1957 were crossing with the (green) signal, whereas only 6% were bucking the red. *N.Y. Times*, 4-19-59.

Some spoons made of bone are identified by Dr. Raymond A. Dart, U of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, "who is an authority on the oldest-known ancestors of man". Dart says they "were used about 500,000 years ago to put food into the mouths of very young and very old toothless ape men." To which Steinberg adds, "Not to be confused with spoons for feeding the middle aged and adolescents." *N.Y. Times*, 3-22-59.



The Alabama Baptist God is taking care of His own in the Children's Home, Troy, Ala. Assertion is that the hens there are carefully trap-nested and these records are not subject to error: "during one month, sixteen hens each produced three eggs in a single day and thirty produced two in a day." For the benefit of you ignorant city folk, one egg a day is par for the hen course. *N.Y. Times*, 6-7-59.

"The French High Committee of Studies on Alcoholism reported Friday that wine is a powerful germ killer whose action is comparable with that of penicillin." *Do*, 4-5-59.

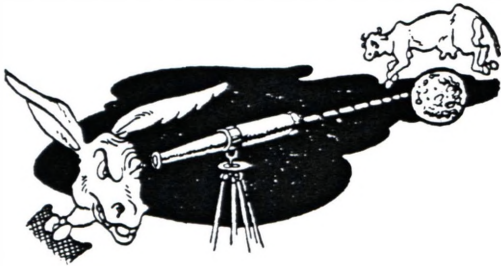
A Bible reading marathon was announced by Rev. Norman W. Minard, Presbyterian, Selden, L.I. Two congregations were to participate, each doing a 15 minute stint from the pulpit, starting 6 a.m. Wednesday, estimated it would take 90 hours. *Do*, 6-21-59.

The *Times* 6-21-59 quotes Science Service, and probably verbatim: "Pools of hot gas that form within tiny pits and imperfections in the surfaces of meteorites could have gouged the deep, smooth holes that long have puzzled scientists." The Nutsy Fagan word there is "imperfections". Just what the merry hell is "perfection" in the surface of a meteorite?

Down at the Keely Cure, the lady headshrinker, Dr. G. H. Turner-Hood, told the Pontiac (Ill.) Rotarians that "beatniks are superior people afflicted with too much insight into the psychodrama of real life . . . (they) represent a mass retreat from and

a protest against all areas where things have become overwhelming . . . They can't all go to Africa" — like Dr. Albert Schweitzer did in the mid-20s. She said Schweitzer "could in a very special sense, be called King of the Beatniks." Long Island *Sunday Press*, 6-14-59.

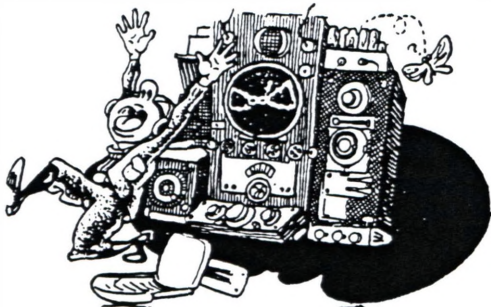
Which reminds YS that somebody has dubbed him, "the Dean of the Angry Young Men," but not in any very special sense that I am aware of.



NEWTON OR JUPITER OFF

At Princeton, R. Krotkov and R. H. Dicke have checked records for the past 160 years comparing the actual position of Jupiter as observed in the sky with the theoretical position where he "should" be acco Sir Isaac Newton. ". . . sometimes ahead . . . sometimes behind. The difference changes regularly with time and goes through a complete cycle once every 12.4 years . . . and never gets out of place by more than 600 miles . . . (so) the shift is barely measurable by professional stargazers." K.C. *Times*, 5-1-59. Cr Nophone.

As if that weren't enough, a couple of the Black Astronomy boys on the gravy train at Green Bank, W. Va., have observed radio signals from Jupiter indicating temperatures so high that they are "incredible" acco Walter Sullivan. The observers — who want a lot more time to work on it — are Dr. Frank D. Drake and H. I. Ewen. "The results, as described by Dr. Drake, have been mystifying." He got calculated temperatures up to 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit, and the Calif Inst of Tech ran that up to 16,000 degrees.



THIS COMPUTER AGE or LEAVE IT TO SINGER

This had better be worth doing, because it's an awful lot of work.

At the time of preparing for the press, three points are highlighted on page one of what passes for "news".

1. One of the Rockefeller boys who is pretending to be Governor of New York State is urging homeowning civilians to build "survival" shelters in their homes. No logic or reason for doing so is advanced, but the cheapness of construction is stressed. From \$150 up you can protect your loved ones, from WHAT is not stated, but *everybody* has \$150 so, let's all spend it to build concrete mausoleums in our cellars.

If we don't do it willingly, a law will be passed. N.Y. *four-Amer*, 7-9-59.

This pronouncement sinks Rockefeller below the level of two other Governors, Faubus and Long, putting him in the category of that gigantic intellect and ruler of a nation, Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. It was Her Majesty's pleasure to entertain Adamski recently, and to hear about his frequent round-trips to Mars and the moon.

If Rockefeller ever gets into the White House, Adamski will make him a perfect Secretary of State. Sparked by new-broom Leo A. Hoegh, called "director" of the Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization, four colleges have announced credit-courses in "survival education". These exponents of the higher learning are — McNeese State College, La.; North Texas State College, Denton, Texas; U of San Diego (Calif) College for Men, and U of Delaware, Newark, Del.

2. The second prominent feature on page one is the dog and a rabbit, allegedly veteran "space" travelers, 7-8-59.

Suited the whim of the Moscow-Washington propaganda machine, the word "space" now means anything they wish it to mean. In this connection, Able and Baker were called "space" monkeys. The connotation is of illimitable interplanetary distances, but a calmer reading of the small print discloses that the pets have merely been up in the air — and nobody actually knows how far up. The purpose of linking warm-blooded critters with "space" in this way is to make their lies more credible when one of seven highly trained human "astronauts" also go nowhere in particular.

Donald R. Shanor, UPI, hints that the Russ will send up a man late in August to coincide with the 10th International Astronautical Congress in London. N.Y. *World-Tele*, 7-7-49.

3. Item 3 is the juiciest sort of garbage about those seven "bronzed, lean healthy and apparently happy" spacemen being trained to withstand "the 11,000 degree heat on the vehicle as it plunges back into the earth's atmosphere."

Actually and historically, the theory that friction of air could heat metal to such temperatures was invented originally to explain the incandescence of meteors. Obviously there was no fire in the sky, so this theory was adopted, but it is neither proved nor provable, and the only way either speed or temperature can be measured in "space" is with pencil and paper, which is to say by calculation based upon assumptions.

Incidentally, if you've been watching, the bases for those incandescent assumptions have gone up and down like the Dow Jones average ever since this satellite nonsense started. Reported speeds much lower than the estimated 18,000 mph have been alleged to hold instrumental spits in orbits. The supposed denser atmosphere at lower levels has *not* burned them up until or unless authority gave the signal or pulled the chain.

Further, if the theory is worth its weight in monkey spoor, what stops the rockets from burning up on the ascent, when their speed is alleged to be great enough to overcome the pull of gravity, and gravity is their only motive force on their way down, cool, man?



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The subtitle of our summary this session, "or Leave it to Singer", comes from that intrepid hero's suggestion that space travelers be kept "mentally healthy" on journeys as long as a year by "remote controlled hypnosis". K.C. *Star*, 5-20-59.

That is Dr. S. Fred Singer, U of Maryland, physicist speaking. He will, of course, bounce his remotely controlled hypnotic waves off the dark side of the moon.

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Since last we met, one Lloyd Mallan joined the saner segment of us suckers and wrote a piece for *True Magazine*, "The Big Red Lie", purporting to

document with a visit to Russia the suspicion that had already been printed in DOUBT, in the *Wall Street Journal*, in the K.C. *Times*, in the *Houston Chronicle*, in *Inform* (Baltimore), in *Electronic News*, in the *Buffalo Evening News* and in *U.S. News & World Report*, to the effect that Dream-Lunik was a hoax.

It is a little difficult to understand why Mallan or anybody else should single out Dream Lunik for special skepticism, since the "evidence" of orbit for all alleged satellites of whatever nation has been of this same low grade. Also for reasons best known to himself, Mallan went farther, making small of all Red military boasts.

That was a very poor thing to do because it hit the Big Appropriations boys right where they live. Fatmouth Rep. Overton Brooks (D-La.), Chairman of the House Space Committee, blustered that Mallan would be subpoenaed. N.Y. *Times*, 5-4-59.

Mallan and his publisher Ralph Daigh needed no subpoenas. They were willing to talk, and so dates were set.

"In advance of the hearing, part of which will be secret, the World-Telegram interviewed leading scientists and rocket experts and examined all available documentary evidence." *W-T*, 5-11-59.

The secret sessions, you understand, were for security reasons, that is for the security of the politicians and their tax-eating appointees who don't dare accuse Russia of hoaxing US without exposing their own nakedness.



The results of the *World-Tele* probe are not signed, but these are the experts who believed in Lunik:

Maj. Gen. John B. Medaris, Chief of the Army Ordnance Missile Command.

Dr. W. H. Pickering, director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's jet propulsion laboratory.

Dr. Werner von Braun, former rocket man for Hitler. He said Lunik radio signals had been received at Goldstone and Palomar "actually photographed or at least visually observed Lunik after it had passed the moon."

When Dr. H. W. Babcock, assistant director of Palomar, was asked about that, he is quoted: "Dr. von Braun's information must have come from a misleading source. There was no photograph or observation made here that could be remotely identified with the Russian Lunik." *N.Y. Post*, 5-28-59.

See, also, DOUBT #60, where Whipple made a similar disclaimer.

The others who defended Lunik's position — and consequently their own — were Dr. Charles S. Sheldon, technical director of the Select Committee on Astronautics and Space Exploration, Dr. Hugh L. Dryden, Lt. Gen. C. S. Irvine, Air Force deputy chief of staff, Maj. Gen. Bernard S. Schriever, commander of the Air Force's ballistic missile division.

Gen. Leslie Groves, one time chief of the Manhattan project said: "The only way we can operate safely is to assume that Russia is way ahead of us, since the cost of any mistake on our part would be our total destruction."

On the other hand, Charles H. Donnelly, senior specialist in national defense in the Library of Congress' Legislative Reference Service, cited figures rather substantiating Mallan's estimate of relative strength. The Russ has 18 military missiles, he says, and the U S A has 47.

The name of Dr. Homer E. Newell Jr., was added to the pro-Lunik's by the *World-Tele*, 5-12-59.

The funniest contribution to the series was the column by George E. Sokolsky in the *Journal-American*, 5-25-59. Many of you know George as the last crumbling bastion of any and every archaic reaction. He went to the trouble to learn that Mallan's father was born in Russia, and that Lloyd Mallan had served as radio communications officer for the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Spain from August 1937 to April 1938.

In the course of his piece Sokolsky asks a few questions which YS thinks he can answer.

Q: "If Mallan is right and everybody else wrong, why are we spending all our money to beat the Russians to the moon?"

A: How was that again, George?

Q: "No one in authority in the government of the United States has thus far supported Mallan's statement. Are they all fooled, from President Eisenhower down?"

A: No, George, they are not fooled.

Q: "Is the CIA fooled?"

A: No.

Q: "Is the Pentagon fooled?"

A: No.

Q: "Is every newspaperman in Russia fooled?"

A: No. Nobody is fooled but Ivan the Sucker and Homer the Sap — who pay all the bills. Get it now, George?

Mallan wrote that the Soviet Union "was not capable of designing or building an effective inter-continental missile — or, indeed, any long-range rocket that would know where it was going before it got there."

And that is exactly where the U S A stands today.



Aside from the Mallan fracas, most of Washington's time has been devoted to wrangling between civilian agencies over the size of their cut of the plum-duff and the efforts of the military to keep the damned civilians out entirely. But they are all smart enough to realize that by shuffling commands and changing bureau names the appropriations will seem smaller to Homer and he will be utterly incapable of learning the grand total.

MFS Goldstein has not tried to add it up, but she sends a thick packet of data from which we cull only the sums and who got them. She encloses the data in a pretty poem.

These figures astronomical
Make me QUITE gastronomical-
-ly ILL.

Like U.F.O.s They climb the sky

To soar vertiginously high.

Who'll pay the bill???

WHY

You —

and I —

WE WILL!!!!

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the space program"
\$31,400,000 to Convair
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\$74,827 to Cornell Aeronaut. Lab.

It makes dull reading and we are running out of space. We'll keep the other 40 pieces — mostly in the vicinity of Buffalo — for future reference.

In this connection, members are urged to curb their contempt for Congress. After all, Senator Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio) makes speeches calling Civil Defense "a colossal waste of money" — and good old Wayne Morse kept Mrs. Luce out of Brazil.

And spare a charitable thought for Dr. Killian, formerly Omnipotent Oom of the Computer War. He has resigned from Washington — nauseated, perhaps — and returned to private practice at M I T.

Credit for most of the data above goes to Steinberg, Mealy, Noname, Olcher, Carrithers and YS.



FALLS

RED SNOW, four inches deep in Tombovka and Rodionovka, Republic of Georgia, 3-24-59. Cr *Essenhigh*, Noname.

BLUE RAIN, Luton, England, 6-8-59. *Tulsa Daily World*, 6-10-59. Cr Noname.

THREAD, perhaps a single strand, blue and white nylon, half a mile long (*Evening News*) quarter mile long (*Daily Express*) trailed across countryside at Titchfield, Hampshire, "May have been dropped by a pilot as a hoax." (*Evening Standard*) 3-13-59. Cr Essenhigh.

METAL part of a landing gear, 12 lbs., hit roof, broke slates, bounced to the yard, narrowly missing Miss Florence Blake, Kremlin Drive, Stoneycroft, Liverpool. Said to have fallen from a USA jet fighter. *Manchester Guardian*, 2-6-59. Cr Sharp.

BOMBS, from USA planes, on farms near Aomari, Japan, near Misawa air base. Delegation of farmers complained overshooting left 5 holes as much as 5 feet across and 2 feet deep. *Hayward (Calif) Daily Review*, 3-18-59. Cr Moray.



ROCKET, "arrow-like . . . a 2-foot shaft of half-inch aluminum pipe crashed through roof of William Hall and set his living room rug afire." Near Nashville, Tenn. Rocket apparently homemade, red hot, filled room with smoke. Sheriff could not guess. *K C Star*, 3-29-59. Cr Noname.

Same paper, 6-3-59, letter to the editor from Mrs. Lillian Mack, 3724 Olive. During a thunderstorm,

about 4:30 p.m. heard sound like "crushing glass . . . object about two feet long and one inch in diameter came flying like a spent arrow into the room. It hovered in the air about half a minute and then dissolved. While dissolving, we all heard the sound of breaking glass . . . but no glass was broken . . . sparks flew from the falling dust-like stuff and the rod looked like hot metal. The small ball looked like the stuff of a hornet's nest-gray."

BALLOON-LIKE object, 25 ft., believed to be part of a radar target, at Winchfield, Hants. *Daily Telegraph*, 1-30-59. Cr Essenhigh.

RED HOT CHAIN, 13 large links, fell from sky in suburb of Rock Hill, Mo. Hit tractor and scorched it. Witnesses, Wallace Baker and James Knox, saw no plane overhead at time. *Sioux City (Iowa) Journal*, 5-15-59. Cr E. S. Anderson.

ICE BALL size of basketball, apparently from great height, buried itself 6 inches in lawn. Sound described by William Bower, "like a jet plane's sonic boom". *Arizona Republic*, 3-29-59. Cr Joquel.

Hail, 14 inches deep, Arlington, Texas. *K. C. Star*, 3-11-59.

Hail, 3 feet deep, Independence Ave., Kansas City. *Do*, 4-1-59.

Hail, 18 inches deep, around Selden, Kansas. Damage so great that Sheridan county was declared disaster area. *K. C. Times* etc. June 6-8, 59. Cr Noname.



METEORS

John O'Keefe of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration has asked in the public prints for help. He wants to know what was seen in the sky over Canada about 9:15 p.m. 2-9-1913.

Not averse to aiding Fat Boys in High Places, these are Fort's notes on the subject.

1913

Feb 9 Procession lights Canada / 156. (Perhaps reference is to volume 156 of the reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science.)

Feb 9 Meteors / *Nature* / April 27, 1916. p. 181

Feb 10 Flight of meteors / See Dec. 21, 1876

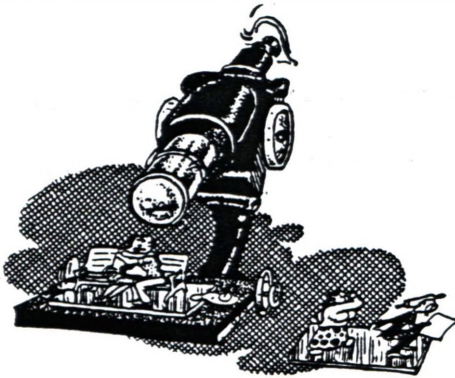
Feb 9 Train of meteors / See Oct 16, 1927

Feb 9 In the Bermuda Colonist, Feb. 17, William R. Winter describes as he saw them at 9 p.m. A procession of 90 degrees in length, but he thinks the head of the procession was of two parts of a broken meteor, each the size of the moon and that the other objects were flakes cast off. They traveled from N.W. to S.S.E.

- Feb 14 Bermuda Colonist of / great meteorite fallen few days before at Etna, Pa. near Pittsburgh.
- Feb 9 Bermuda Colonist of Feb 12 / "An interesting spectacle was witnessed in heavens on Sunday night (9th) about 10 p.m. A large cluster of stars was seen traveling from north to south-east, many brighter than the others"
- Feb 10 String of meteors / See Aug 1, 1874.
- Feb 10 Coyle River / Patagonia / 6 a.m. Almost deafening explosive sound / Nature, volume 91, p. 136.

DEEP SOUTH

Last year, 28 FS, in April, a North Carolina State Senate Committee "approved" a bill which would make mothers of illegitimate children subject to two years imprisonment. The original bill had provided the same penalty for the fathers but the Committee struck out that portion. Buffalo *Evening News*, 4-24-58.



Apparently their problem has not been solved, because this year bills were introduced in both houses of the North Carolina General Assembly providing for the sterilization of women who give birth to two or more children "out of wedlock". Kansas City *Times*, 3-11-59.

From the town of East Spencer in that same State, the Rev. James S. Bulman issued a statement critical of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, of Louisville, Ky., where they train their preachers for local pulpits. Said the Rev., "I have evidence . . . that under the official supervision of the seminary president . . . is teaching so as to allow that the resurrection of Jesus Christ is a myth and that the virgin birth of Jesus Christ is a myth. Kansas City *Star*, 5-21-59.

Over in Florida the cracker statesmen got a bill past the Senate Education Committee prohibiting the use of books in the schools "that presented communism, socialism, one-world government, world citizenship and similar ideologies in a favorable light." N.Y. *Times*, 5-1-59. Cr Steinberg.

LAST YEAR GIANTS

Two members sat on these data a long time to hatch them this size.

In Djarkarta (Borneo) an unstated number of fishermen reported seeing a hairy man more than 20 feet tall. London *Evening News*, 9-1-58.

In Point Barrow, Alaska, 3 seal hunters reported seeing a polar bear more than 30 feet long. Chicago *Sun-Times*, 3-12-58.

IT WAS BOUND TO HAPPEN

In Bogota, Colombia, the medicos and the cops were getting together on a deal to let motorists pay traffic fines with their own blood. Buffalo *Evening News*, 10-30-58.

ECLIPSE BLINDNESS

Apparently Aussie children are not sufficiently warned about watching solar eclipses with naked eyes.

"Melbourne: All over Australia . . . Today doctors are trying to count the children seriously impaired." Sunday *Express*, 4-12-59. Cr Sharp.

SOME PARENTS ARE PEOPLE

You will look a long way — many a year — to find another father like Anatol Holt, 31, math instructor at U of Pennsylvania. A neighbor boy of 15 killed Anatol's girl-child, 3½.

The next day Anatol wrote an open letter to the people of Philadelphia, in which he said, "Now that there is no undoing of what is done, I only wish to help him. Let no feeling of cave-man vengeance influence us. Let us rather help him who did so human a thing." AP 6-5-59.

Then there is Ben Gamble, a laborer of Nashville, Tenn. He was indicted for refusing to permit his two children to be shot with Salk vaccine. "I'm tired of being pushed around and told what to do," he said. "I'm a poor man but I'm going to fight this thing. If it means going to jail they can get the cell ready. I know all about these shots. There's a lot they ain't telling. A boy gets to be 16 years old now and his blood is half medicine." N. Y. *World-Tele* 6-3-59.

Will some local member please send us Ben's home address?

On the other hand, over in Bloomfield, N.J., lives Joseph De Lia who believes anything Authority tells him. In the short space of 80 minutes all four of his children had their consils yanked at Columbus Hospital, Newark. They were Deborah, 5, Joseph, 4, Robert, 2½, Louis, 20 months. N.Y. *Journal-American*, 6-5-59.



The De Lias will make good statistics. We'll try to keep track of how many of them are paralyzed by polio with or without Salk shots, and how soon.

Little Larry Cohen, 8, of Westbury, L.I., didn't wait for polio to set in. Dr. Michael Eden, Malverne, took his tonsils out at 10 a.m. "although he came out of the operation apparently all right" — he died at 2:30 p.m. N.Y. *Post*, 4-27-59. *Cr* Steinberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson of Oceanside, Calif., had a quarrel. The father tried to take the baby, 7 months old, and the mother held on to its head. It died of a broken neck. *Kansas City Times*, 3-31-59.

The Kral of Stillwater, Minn., refused to send Tommy, 7, to school. Papa is head of the applied math department of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Co., and mama is also a college grad. At home Tommy studies music, arithmetic, German, mythology, poetry, geography, English composition, spelling, chemistry, art — reads Shakespeare and plays chess with his father.

Local authorities have had the Kral in court twice to force them to send Tommy to school. Judge Searle Sandeen sentenced them to 30 days in jail. They are appealing. Costs to date — about \$1000. Cost of appeal — about another thousand. Says Mrs. Kral, "Heaven help us if it goes over that. We'll have to mortgage our home — but if it takes every penny we will fight."

Four profs of U of Minnesota testified that Tommy was being better educated than he would be in school, and a local Archbishop William O. Brady, columnist on the Catholic Bulletin, supported their stand in his column. Many papers, 6-12-59 to 6-19-59. *Cr* Mealy, Steinberg and others.

But in Brighton, England, a mother of a boy, 6 months, listened to a radio tragedy about nuclear warfare and killed herself. She was 28. The father, 33, was a "college teacher". He brooded for 7 weeks, sent the boy to relatives, and was found dead beside the gas oven in his home. N.Y. *Post*, 4-24-59.

According to *Medical News*, 3-25-59, an unnamed housewife of Long Beach, Calif., 38 and already the mother of four, delivered herself of her fifth child whilst watching the Late Show on TV. "It was a good movie and I didn't want to turn it off," she said. *Cr* Darling.

MORE TV

"I don't want to frighten you," said Prof. G. Wyburn, U of Glasgow to the local Rotary Club, "but the radiation from a television screen that you watch every evening could, in theory, produce mutations which would manifest themselves on your descendants for perhaps 2,000 years." N.Y. *Times*, 10-1-58.

Down in Sydney, Australia, a tool-maker by name of Laurie Murray has built himself a TV set with a one inch screen. *Kansas City Times*, 4-4-59.

But over in Inglis, the Sunday *Express* runs a full page scare head: "BIGGER, BRIGHTER TV SETS BRING NEW X-RAY THREAT". The ex-

pert quoted is A. Cinciura, research engineer of the Mullard Radio Valve Company. "The present situation on X-radiation is at a critical stage . . . Bigger, brighter pictures . . . have increased the risk of dangerous doses . . . most dangerous source . . . is often NOT the picture but an electrical component . . . particular risks . . . to repair men. One family set tested gave out 40 times the recommended safe dose . . . But he puts the main responsibility on the tube manufacturers. He urges continual checks during production as an essential step in the designing of safer sets . . . At least one major British radio manufacturer has stopped making projection sets because of the danger involved." 6-7-59. *Cr* Sharp.



DEAR NO-NAME

Many thanks for your kind words. Answering your question, yes, you could exercise a sharper Fortean eye on your contributions before mailing. Greatly as YS enjoys your selections, the hours are too short to read so much for mere amusement, and weather has to be most extraordinary indeed to rate inclusion.

You may judge from the quality of the cream skimmed below the types of data we must not miss.

For instance, the earthquake this quarter that has the most Fortean attributes is the one in Juchitan, Mexico, 3-12-59, because it was accompanied by suddenly freezing weather and winds near hurricane force. *Kansas City Star*, 3-13-59.

"An investigator for the office of saline water is expected to survey Lincoln, Neb., next week as a possible site for a saline water conversion plant." *K C Times*, 4-4-59. Obviously Washington is going to bail the railroads out of the red by shipping both oceans to Lincoln by tank car.

Two islands on the charts of the Antarctic Pacific since the 19th century — called Swains and Masys (Macys?) — could not be found at the spots indicated, by a Russ whaling fleet. *K C Times*, 4-6-59.

Accto the US Navy, fireman David R. Lauro, serving as lookout in the pre-dawn hours aboard the submarine Sea Devil off Midway Island, was struck by a low flying bird, knocked overboard and lost. *K C Star*, 4-15-59.

A new Navy LST, which cost 10 million dollars, set out for its shakedown cruise with two rear admirals among 200 aboard. She is the USS Wood County, and she got stuck on the beach making her first landing. After straining her own engines $3\frac{1}{2}$ hours she had to be pulled off by a tug. *KC Times*, 5-28-59.

J. C. McClelland, prof at Montreal's Presbyterian college, "says people who live in suburbia are too respectable . . . the church should tell the suburbanite he needs to be led beyond religion to a place of scandal and revolution."

What happened next is not stated in *KC Star*, 5-31-59.

An official apology for the U S Government's "mistake" (in the 1942 eviction of 72,000 Nisei) was tendered to a group of them in Washington, May 29, by Attorney General William P. Rogers. *U.S. News & World Report*, 6-1-59.

The item will serve to remind long time members that DOUBT said the U.S.A. was wrong at the time. Is anybody keeping track of how frequently the Fortean viewpoint and expressions are verified by time? Our batting average is pretty high.

You don't expect accuracy from a magazine called *Stag*, but its editors do their bit to perpetuate fallacy. "Out of the huge number of meteorites that have landed on Earth, only two are known to have actually struck anyone." The two they have are "a Japanese girl . . . in the late 1930s" and Mrs. Hewlett Hodges, Sylacauga, Alabama, September 1954. *Stag*, March, 1959.

An unnamed pathologist of Brooklyn established in court that the reaction of a drunkometer is identical whether the subject being tested has been drinking booze or eating onions. Nevertheless, Dr. Robert B. Forney, director of the Indiana State toxicology laboratory, calls the demonstration "an unethical trick" and insists that "the drunkometer still is a valid and accurate test". *KC Times*, 3-23-59.

Rev. Anthony P. Treasure, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Norwalk, Conn., announced that mass would be celebrated 4-5-59 to the tune of "cool jazz" to "prove that Christianity is not old-fashioned". *Do* 4-4-59.

Monkeys got in the news when Sir Ronald Fisher, prexy of Gonville and Cains college at Cambridge U, spoke in Adelaide, Australia. He said that cats and dogs could be taught to talk and monkeys trained to be servants and to work in factories, by "surgery on the brain followed by intensive training". On the other hand, "although man is able to raise the intelligence of animals, his own brain power is falling steadily, Fisher warned. In every generation the world's dullards increase in number and the ranks of the bright and brilliant decline . . . the day of the moron is fast approaching. Fisher recently suggested destruction of badly deformed or mentally deficient children might be justified where parental consent was given." *KC Star* 4-15-59. *Cr* also Sharp.

In the same paper 5-22-59 a long story is headlined — MONKEYS HAVE A LANGUAGE — and the doings of Dr. Martin H. Moynihan are set forth as if they were new and novel. Moynihan

is living with the monkeys on an island in Gatun Lake Panama making tape recordings of their sounds for the Smithsonian Institution.

Just for the record one R. L. Garner had the same idea more than 60 years ago and made wax recordings to the same end. The results of his study were published in a book, *Apes and Monkeys, Their Life and Language*, Ginn & Co., Boston and London, 1900.

My recollection is that Garner followed that with a second book on the same subject, but I can't put my hand on it at the moment. Try your public library.

The U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey has ranked the Alaskan quake of 7-9-58 among the four biggest in North American history. The other three were San Francisco, 1906, Charleston, S.C., 1886, and New Madrid, Mo., 1811-1812.

In Pineville, W. Va., Douglas Shelton climbed a tree to rescue a cat, a female, 30 inches long. Otherwise catlike this one also has two boneless "wings" each about six inches long. Has not yet been seen to fly but she lifts them when angered. *El Dorado Times* and other AP papers, 6-4 and 5-59. *Cr* also E. S. Anderson and others.

"The rate at which U.S. communities are initiating water fluoridation programs has been declining steadily in the past six years." *KC Star*, 6-4-59.

A lady in Fresno, Calif., was putting her coin in a parking meter when a man unknown to her stepped into her car. "Aren't you in the wrong car?" she asked. "No," said he, and drove away. *Do*. 6-14-59.

May 5 is celebrated in the Soviet Union as "Freedom of the Press Day". *Do*, 5-5-59.

The *El Dorado Times*, 5-16-59, quotes the *Tulsa Tribune*: "We note that Senator Byrd has waxed indignant over the Navy wasting \$2 million a year, and we agree. If the Navy can't waste more than that, it should turn the job over to some of the experts in the field with which our government abounds."

"An Army report says Dr. Irving Cowan of Milwaukee received \$41,887 from the Army during two and one-half months in 1950 for taking Xrays of Army draftees and reservists." That is at the rate of \$1,125 per day. Credit for digging up the data is given to Sen. William Proxmire (D-Wis) and Rep. John E. Moss (D-Calif).

Both *KC* papers, the *Times* and the *Star* continue to print those squibs to fill out short columns, of a topical nature which has caused YS to dub them IBMs. In this case those initials do not stand for International Business Machines but for Idiot Billions Makers. Here are some samples:

"A new electronic surveyor and star gazer can quickly determine the astronomic position of any point on earth to within a mere 10 feet."

"The problem of stuttering involves the listener as well as the hearer, a University of Iowa professor says, for a person rarely stutters when talking to himself."

"A transmitter with power of only one watt could easily radio messages from the moon to the earth."



In the El Dorado *Times* the IBM department is called "the Listening Post" and is signed "R.A.C."

"Weight of the world is estimated at 6,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000 sextillion tons — and yet at times the tax burden seems fully that heavy." (That's all the IBMs for now.)

A "huge" bubbling and steaming green "stain" was observed by pilot Harry MacFarland, in the Atlantic 200 miles W of Ireland. *KC Times*, 6-15-59.

In several places in the Missouri river, commercial fishermen report catching sturgeon with rubber bands around them. Jack Hoey, Osage County conservation agent, gets the reports. Similar phenom "near St. Louis" in 1951. *KC Star* 6-14-59.

In Como Zoo, St. Paul, Minn., six men milked a lioness for U of Minn., scientists. *KC Times*, 4-14-59.

Three brave researchers of the Army Medical Research Laboratory at Ft. Knox — not named, one regrets to say — report that they have created "thirstless" dogs (no number stated) by removing a portion of the dogs' brains. *EL Dorado Times*, 4-15-59.

FORTEAN LOSSES

The best memorial piece I have read about our Accepted Fellow of 12 FS, Frank Lloyd Wright, was the one that Alistair Cooke wrote for the *Manchester Guardian Weekly*, 4-16-59. Cooke, as host, met Wright, as guest star, on a TV program, and his experience closely parallels my own, a good many years before. Wright was a guest star on a radio show I was writing in Hollywood, in the year 9 FS.

Cooke says, "He looked like Merlin posing as Whistler's Mocher." I concur, and can confirm the details of the Wright behavior between contract signing and air time. Cantankerously he refused to rehearse — until came rehearsal time, when he rehearsed like the magnificent trouper he was. He gagged and sputtered and cursed the lines I had written for him, insisted on substituting his own — until we were on the air, when he stuck to the script verbatim like a very lamb.

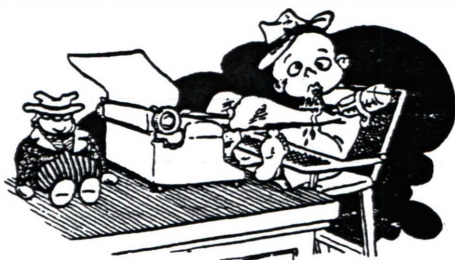
Even as I write, the Regents of Arizona State University are debating Wright's plans for a \$6,500,000 auditorium and fine arts center. One says, "It looks like Disneyland," *N.Y. Times*, 7-5-59. And Mr. Cooke: "for 50 years (he) seduced wax manufacturers, oil tycoons, bishops, university boards of trustees, and at least one Emperor of Japan into commissioning cantilevered Aztec structures most of which were later rescinded, condemned as unsafe, or merely paid for and deplored."

Yes, that was Frank Lloyd Wright. He used architecture as a springboard to his true life vocation which was to be the number one controversialist of all time. That was what made him the splendid Fortean he was.

In the same sad quarter, we have lost also, Life Member R. DeWitt Miller, who for years conducted a Fortean-type column in *Coronet*, and published the book *Forgotten Mysterics*, familiar to many members.

And Bart Reagan is gone too. Bart was that draftee who refused to let the Army tap his spine for a fluid sample. The Docs took it by force, according to Bart, and that was the end of his usefulness as a soldier. He stayed in bed after that, moved from hospital to hospital, until he was discharged. A bill was introduced in Congress to recompense him. I don't know if it passed, but the Government supported him one way or another — until now.

So long, Bart. We'll continue to curse them for you as long as we can push a pencil.



THE NEW SCHOLIASTS

Between Art Castillo, whose drawings are familiar to all, and Jack Green, who publishes *newspaper*, at 225 east 5th street, N.Y.C., Your Secretary is kept abreast of a wordy wrangle reminiscent of ye olden times or of an undergraduate bull session wherein abstrusities are pitted against abstractions with a jejune sincerity that passes both belief and understanding. Maybe it's good exercise for the intellect. YS will never know whether it is or not for the simple reason that the minutes of these meetings of the young minds are so damnably dull that he can't read them.

Pico della Mirandola was the archetype of these debaters, famous in Italy at the age of 20, called the Phoenix of the Intellect! About 1485 his ambition was to reconcile the canon of Aristotle with the canon of received Christianity, and the infinite infinitive was split to infinity in a game of verbal gymnastics that appears to have endless charm — if you like that sort of thing.

Now it's one Jack Jones, whose piece called "To the End of Thought" was printed in *newspaper*, issue #6. The demand was large enough to call for a reprint and you may obtain one from Jack Green for 25 cents, or send \$3.00 for 12 issues of the mimeo'd publication.

Art Castillo has been running around in Mexico, writing me long, long, closely reasoned letters urging

Jones upon me for Named Fellow. As Art sees it, "We are now squarely faced with 3 alternatives: totalitarianism (Orwell), nuclear war (Greiner) or decompression (Jones)."

YS had not thought of it quite that way, but you see what I mean.

Castillo also quotes Jones on the subject of Thayer. Study this carefully and if you can figure out what it means, please tell me.

"Most people are quite incapable of facing up to the seriousness of the situation and thus construct quite imaginary ideas of it. Take Thayer for example. Intellectually he is a child busy denouncing the inequities of Papa while Papa is busy trying to fight off the Indians — the child thinks Papa must be lying and the Indians *must* be nicer or at least no. worse. The child of course can't imagine how things could get any worse. Stephen Spender remarked in a recent issue of ENCOUNTER that this was the trouble with the Western "beats" and "young angries" — they were worrying only about headaches whereas the rest of the world had to worry about cancer.

"Realizing that the main problem today is cancer, i.e., totalitarianism, doesn't of course mean one is "for" headaches — or, to return to the first analogy, there is a qualitative difference between the types who are dragging us deeper under the impression that down is up, and the types who have not yet caught this drunkenness and are still going along just for the ride — without, of course, realizing what it is all about. Thus, Eisenhower is dumb, complacent, etc., but he is qualitatively different psychologically from a genial psychopath like Khrushchev (who reminds me a bit of Goering)."

Without the humor, color, wit and wisdom of a Fort or a Joyce or a Pound, such stuff is nothing but suet, not worth the time it takes to spoon through it, less rewarding than working a cross-word puzzle, more like "clearing" through Ron Hubbard or playing Tipperary on a comb.

If Castillo-Jones-Green really wants to face an alternative, let them tackle our own Albert E. Page, who has propounded *The Scientific Principles of Parallelism*. Brother Page carries membership card #14, which indicates that he joined the Church very soon after the Twelve Apostles, and he was applying for the Nobel prize even then.

Page was an early contributor to DOUBT and we used to sell his first few books — but we never really understood them. Apparently Plato bit him hard — in *The Cave* — Book VII of the *Republic*, and Page has been trying to apply that psychic experience to the material world ever since.

The author tells us that other people — especially scientists — have trouble comprehending his expressions, but he is patient with them.

Order *The Scientific Principle of Parallelism*, cloth bound, 186 pp., from Albert E. Page, P.O. Box 1244, Santa Rosa, Calif. The price is \$4.00.

DEEPER AND BROADER

Sober members who enjoy thinking have a real treat coming in a book by Oliver L. Reiser, U of Pittsburgh. He is a Professor of Philosophy there,

and a very prolific writer. This, his *magnum opus*, is called *The Integration of Human Knowledge*, and it is difficult to imagine any one human being doing a better job of integrating all that man thinks he knows than Dr. Reiser has done.

To be sure, the data are mostly orthodox data, factual from the standpoint of laboratory and slide rule, but the service here rendered to Forteanism is the assembly of so much information in so many fields in cogently synoptic form. Here is the current scientific answer to practically every question man has ever asked, arranged so you can get hold of it, a veritable handbook of the state of knowledge in the year 29 FS.

Reiser's aim is described as a "quest for a universal ethics . . . a synthesis of science and philosophy, and a re-evaluation of man's knowledge of himself and of the sciences in order to develop a system of thought and belief which weds man to his universe."

You and I think we have found that ethics and that system in Forteanism, and the value of this book to you is that it provides the opportunity to test and measure and weigh and compare the one against the other. As earnest of YS's enthusiasm, altho the Society has stopped selling books, we will supply this one and urge you to order it at once. *The Integration of Human Knowledge*, 478 pp., from the Society, \$8.00.

WELCOME DR. DINGWALL

By the happiest sort of coincidence — and a jolly good augur for Forteanism! — our announcement that Dr. Eric John Dingwall would succeed Hereward Carrington as Honorary Founder of the Fortean Society was made simultaneously with the publication in New York City of his book *The Girdle of Chastity*. Truly, at the time of that announcement we had no idea how broad Dr. Dingwall's scholarly interests were, the modern equivalent of the Renaissance "universal man".

Dr. Dingwall is one of the Honorary Keepers of the British Museum, an anthropologist specializing in social customs, occultism, racial prejudice, sex lore and erotica, an associate of the late Dr. Kinsey, and — in the field of parapsychology — of Eileen J. Garrett, president of the Parapsychology Foundation.

Our happy coincidence continues with the appearance of the first issue of the *International Journal of Parapsychology*, a quarterly which lives up to its name by presenting a summary of each article in four languages: if the piece is in English — French, German, Italian and Spanish. Single copies \$1.50, annual subscription \$6.00. Address the Foundation, 29 West 57th Street, N.Y.C.

Dr. Dingwall is a contributor to the first issue, which also contains a wealth of other matter of great Fortean interest.

Get acquainted with our new Honorary Founder through the pages of his scholarly book, *The Girdle of Chastity*, an illustrated survey of the history of the chastity belt from the 12th Century to the present. Buy it from your own bookseller or directly from the publisher, The Clarion Press, 510 Madison Ave., N.Y.C. 22, N.Y. \$4.95 per copy.

MORE *NOTES* of CHARLES FORT

The material on this page and those following comes from the MSS notes of Charles Fort. The notes begin with the year 1800 AD, and we are printing them chronologically, transcribed to the best of our ability. As you have observed from the several we have produced in facsimile—life size—the handwriting is difficult, to say the least; many are written in symbols and code, a personal shorthand. Each date is on a separate scrap of paper. They fill 32 boxes. The boxes are in two series, one numbered, one identified by letters of the alphabet. The numbered boxes contain records of non-human phenomena, the others, records of persons. It is our device to alternate the two series so that the printed record is chronologically consecutive.

The letters BA refer to Reports of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, which many US libraries have. The numerals, such as '11 or '64 etc., in connection with BA sometimes refer to volume number, sometimes to year. In applying for this material at your public library, mention that to the attendant and you should have no difficulty.

Back numbers of DOUBT contain all the notes to the point where we begin below. Subsequent issues will continue them until the 32 boxes are printed.

1870

Box A (Resumed)

- Aug 20 Face. N Y Herald Aug 30 copied in Religio Phil Jour Sept 17, p.6. In a house in Broadway, Lawrence, Mass., on window glass representation of a woman's face had appeared. The day before a woman visiting one of the tenants of the house had died — yet was her face on the glass. So pestered by crowds were the people in the house that they removed the window sash.

Box 4 (Resumed)

- 31 W. spout Irrawaddy River. Nature 3-92
- Sept 1 Ab 9 a.m. for 4 hours / battle of Sedan at Aston 64 kilometers away. Bull Soc Belge D'Astro 5/184
- Aug-Sep 3rd outbreak of a bluish group of spots in Plato by W R Birt E Mec 12/374
- Oct Sci Gos of Sept 10, p. 233. Town of Leicester besieged by little brown beetles. At about the same time (Sept. 10) such a swarm at Beaumaris — both said be an Aphodius.

- Sept 16 Birt's ob. and Pratt's Et and others upon Plato spots of July and Aug. "There is great reason to believe that while the sites of the markings are permanent, the manifestation of markings there was variable / Neuwen
- 18 Piece of meteor iron fell in a barnyard Santa Clara, Cal., setting debris afire. Nature 3/36
- 19 N Y Times, p. 5. Drouth.
- 23 LT, p. 4. Great quake Balang
- Sept Obs on spots in Plato. Great rise of No. 14 and great fall of No. 16 — increase of No. 22 etc. Birt, E Mec 14/123
- Ab Sept 20 Siege of Paris
- 24 Ab 9 p.m. / North Wales and Southampton Aurora good description LT Sept 27, p. 10. Was seen in Heidelberg — LT Sept 28, p. 11 / CR 71/45 / Canada — Nature 13/7 / M Notices 31/16
- 24 Mets more than usually frequent in England time of brilliant aurora BA 71-26
- 24 Dark spots on Jupiter noted by Mr Gledhill, Observatory 15-148
- 24-25 At 1:30 a.m. Great aurora burst out in east Halifax, Eng. N.W. An Reg 3-236
- Sept 24-25 Aurora Tasmania LT Nov 29, p. 11
- 25 Great sun spots E Mec 12-153

Box A (Resumed)

- 24 Food — bullets / House of a wealthy widow of Memphis, Tenn., bombarded with apples, biscuits, buttons, crackers, crusts of bread, and leaden bullets. Religio Phil Jour LT p. 4
- 24 Spiritualist, named Stewart Chamberlain, age 68, died at Le Roy, N.Y. Rel-Phil Jour. Nov 5, p. 6, 1870
- Sept House at Cadereyta, Nueva-Leon, Mexico. Stones fallen on it, night and day — cobble stones, bits of soft rock, dried mortar. The father and one of the grown sons having gone to the City of Mexico to dispose of property acquired by inheritance. Account by Dr M L Knapp their family physician. He was shown a pile of cobble stones, some of them weighing 12 or 15 pounds each. The phe began with loud knockings. These 3 days and then the stones began to fall. Dr. Knapp tells of having seen stones fall. Stones started Sept 4. Issue of June 10, Dr K writes that the father and son returned from their journey and that the phe stopped. He learned that 4 or 5 times in the preceding 10 preceding 10 years there had been similar phe. Religio Phil Jour Nov. 26, p. 2.

Box 4 (Resumed)

- 26 12:15 Berlin time (Berlin) Lyra / Times Sept 30 — cor was examining constellation Lyra and saw a luminous object apparently start from Vega moving toward Epsilon Lyrae. It occupied 30 seconds in crossing the field of his telescope but he thought it could not be a meteor to move so slowly.
- 28 7:25 p.m. / Radcliffe, Oxford sudden flash of light no meteor seen BA 73/372.
- 28 Great sun spot reported by Denning. Visible to N E from Aug 24 had been spots LT Sept 30.
- Sept Last of. Enormous swarms of Aphides man places in England. Field Oct 8 and 15.
- Last of. Great swarms of Aphides at Williton Field Oct 8
- Last of. Great swarms green and black Aphides reported from half a dozen places. Field Oct 8
- Oct American cuckoo picked up dead in a wood near Abuystwith. Field Oct 26, 1895
- Autumn At Montevideo / rigging of vessels covered with webs and little spiders Amer Naturalist 5-149

Box A (Resumed)

- Oct Lum. obj. near Gardnerville (N.Y.?) See Lum. Objs.
- 20 LT of, 1870. Bo / Croc / an account a "huge lizard" that had been seen near St. Asaph. North Wales. Said was killed on 17th Oct by Thomas Hughes of Rhyl, found to be 4 feet 7 inches long and looked like a crocodile. / I have read somewhere else — neglected to note at the time — that Hughes was accused of having brought dead body of a croc from a menagerie.
- 29 Land & Water of, 1870 said that Hughes had brought body from a menagerie and pretended to kill it.
- Oct 2 cases of sheep killed near Reading, England early in Oct. (F)
- Oct 1 p. 1. Trance. Religio Phil Jour copying The Kentuckian (Paducah, Ky.) that four weeks before date of writing in the Kentuckian, Mrs. Pell in her house in Clay Street became ill — about 3 weeks later taken with convulsions. She was then unconscious. Mayor Saunn had a friend named Lewis who died in Paducah about 11 years before. The Mayor visited Mrs. Pell. She caught him by the hand and began enacting the dying scenes of Lewis. She repeated utterances which he said were the dying utterances of Lewis. A few days later a woman visited her. A child of this woman had died. Mrs. Pell screamed and acted as this child had acted when it died, suffering intensely. Copied from the Paducah Her-

ald said that Mayor J W Saunn had confirmed the story of Lewis as reproduced by Mrs. Pell.

Box 4 (Resumed)

- 3 2:20 p.m. Shock Taranaki N. Zealand. Some chimneys damaged. Otago Witness 15, p. 4.
- 7 See 14th.
- 11 LT p. 4. 12, p. 11. 13, p. 9 Mock suns
- 5 Italy Great quake)
- 20 Canad, N.Y., Maine Light quake)
- 25 Greece, Light quake)
- 28 Sund India, Light quake)
- 30 Italy, Medium quake) BA '11
- 6 6:30 p.m. Great meteor Germany / 7:45 Slavonia? / Zeit Met 5/616
- 14 and 25 Madras Very great mag disturbance / Nature 3/348 / See Reed Objects Reed Sept 4, 1851.
- 14 Disastrous hurruc, Cuba, 2000 lives lost, Began on 7th. N Y Times 18, p. 5.
- 14 N. Wales ab. 8:30 p.m. Aurora LT Oct 18, p. 6.
- 15 N Y Times, p. 2. Flood Va. 100 human beings drowned 6,000 cattle

Box A (Resumed)

- Oct 15 Godsey See Hypnosis timed.
- 15 Sleeper / N Y Times of. p. 2. St. Louis — case of Susan C Godsey — sleeping with exception of periods daily, for 21 years — 29 years old — fell into torpor Aug 1, 1848 at age of 8 — awakes few minutes at dawn every day — convulsive motions and sleep again — From 6 to 12 in morning wakes ab once an hour. Sleeps until 3 p.m. and then at sundown eats but is never hungry. Night awakes at 9 and 11 and 3 in morning / A column in Oct 21, p. 2. She was taken to St Louis by interested persons?

Box 4 (Resumed)

- 16 8:25 p.m. 2 mets. York and London BA 72-69
- 17-18 Lieut Herschel / D-212
- 19 Morning Tornado Llanwrtyd, Breconshire also near Wells, Somerset / Tornado Times 1871/247
- 20 11 a.m. / Shock Ithaca, N.Y. / N Y Trib 1886, Sept 6, p. 5.
- 20 Ab 11 a.m. Quake Ohio to Maine. People frightened in N Y City 11:20 in N.Y. Montreal to Quebec 3 columns in N Y Times 21, p. 1
- 20 7:30 p.m. Halifax, England, bright red aura cloud in Auriga, a little late in the Lyra/ Ast Reg 8-270. (reverse) Italy via Sahara came via Germany Feb 28, March 1, 1866
- 20 11:30 a.m. / Quake Canada, New York, New England. LT Oct 22, p. 5. Rain-

storm at time auroras and storms before it. LT Nov 3, p. 4. At Albany 11:15 a.m. N. Y. Times, Nov. 6, 1877/ See Am.J. Sci. 101-47.

- 20 7:30 11:30 N. Wales Aurora / details LT Oct 25, p. 4.

Box A (Resumed)

- 22 N Y Times of, p. 4. Haunted house, Kinderhook, N.Y. tramping feet, skeleton found beneath flooring of a room. After that sounds stopped.
- 29 before / luminous obj, Gardnesville, N.Y. See "Owls"
- 29 p. 2. Religio Phil Jour. Luminous obj see under Luminous Objs.

Box 4 (Resumed)

- 24,25 In A J Sci., 3/1/126, Prof. A. C. Twing writes that near Philadelphia it appeared that the aurora kept nearly one place among the stars for 48 hours but this not the position in Timbs / The position as seen in Philadelphia 25th given as indicated by a line through Altair, the trapezium of the Dolphin and 2 degrees north of the southeastern star in the square of Pegasus.
- 25 Aurora North Britain etc. "24 hours later than in London etc." Times Oct. 29, p. 6. / Nature 3/727
- Oct 24 Worcester etc. Aurora and a met in Auriga LT Oct 26, p. 5. 27, p. 8. Star details given / great aurora also 25th See Index. Oct 31 — Lowe says nothing like it since 1848 which "strange to say" Also was upon Oct 24 — See for full detts.
- 24 Sky fire / London Salvage Corps turned out and Thames bridges crowded with people supposing looking at reflection of a great fire / Timb 1871/250 — E J Lowe — like that of Oct 24, 1848. Seen in Italy.
- 24 N. Zealand "dull, lurid" appearances in like reflection of a great fire in *south-western* sky New Zealand. Otago Witness 29, p. 15.
- 24 Aurora 5 a.m. in America LT Nov 11, p. 5.
- 24 Aurora 8:30 Italian time, most brilliant at 9:20 Times Oct 31, p. 6. See Index Palestine etc.
- 24-25 See same date, 1871.
- Exact date not given Great aurora South Africa Cape Argus Feb 6, 1872.
- 25 Glasgow After violent storm. Aurora like a huge red cloud appeared suddenly from Cygnus southward vanished and an arch from horizon to Pegasus / Eastern horizon then on fire and flaming pyramids rising all between 6 and 6:30. Columns up toward zenith whereafter a black circle, and the columns of light

not invade this — lasted till midnight — dawn around the whole horizon. E. Mec 12-15

- 26 27 Spain / Aurora "seemed like travelled south" LT Nov 4, p. 5.
- 27 Noon quake Boston Boston Jour of Chemistry 5/67
- 28 Sind, India quake BA'11
- 30 Quake Italy BA'11
- 31 8:20 a.m. Strong submarine shock between Newcastle and Lyttelton New Zealand Otago Witness (Dunedin, N.Z.) Nov 19
- Nov Proc. Asiatic Soc. Bengal / Letters upon the Barisal Guns — that they were (indecipherable) booming of the surf — another that far from the sea "the detonations, for so I may call them" were so distinct one from another and not a "booming".
- 1 Severe shock Upper Seinde, India. Nature 3-353
- 1 11:30 p.m. London Meteor BA 81-31
- 1 10:7 p.m. Birmingham and 10:27 / 2 mets as if from Pleiades BA 72-70
- 3 Light perhaps met train / India/ Nature 3/209
- 4 Ab 3 a.m. near Agra, India Large met train about 5 minutes BA 71-32

Box A (Resumed)

(The next three notes were clipped together by Fort. T.T.)

- Nov 5 Field of / Cor writes that the man in Wales had borrowed a stuffed reptile.
- Oct 20 LT of, p. 5. Monstrous lizard Vale of Clwyd.
- 20 Times of / Animal / Said that been rumored that near the Caifu (?) Caves / when it died in a menagerie in the Vale of Clwyd, in Wales strange animal like huge lizard — that Thomas Hughes had killed it. In Zoologist 12-5-2388 said that ac to the Echo Hughes had bought the animal.
- (out of clip)
- Ab Nov 1 Somnambulism in village of Cannington by Richard Dell. According to Somerset Gazette. Copied in Medicine & Daybreak. Nov 11, p. 255

Box 4 (Resumed)

- Nov 8 a phenomenon / Republic Co., Kansas / Tornado / Finley's Rept.
- 12 Otago Witness of 12th (Dunedin, N. Zealand) the eruption of Tongariro gradually subsiding. / I saw no preceding note of it.
- 13 etc Few mets in England BA 71-40
- 14 Morning / 6 observers counted 153 meteors in 4 hours 40 minutes at New Haven. Religio Philo Jour Nov 26, p. 4. copying from N Y Post.

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