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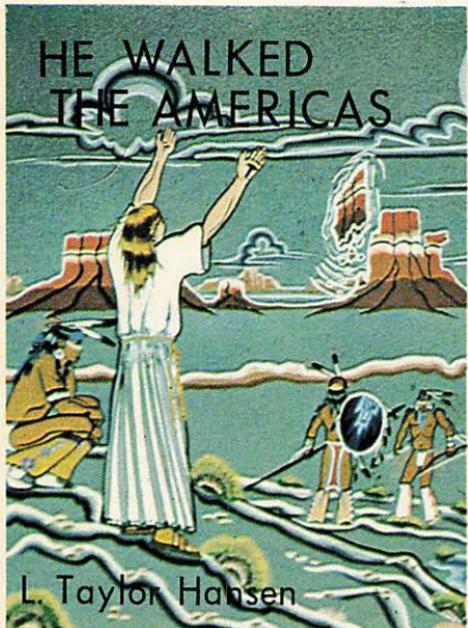
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EDITORIAL



IN ORDER to read this editorial intelligently, it might be necessary for you to get your copy of the November (preceding) issue of SEARCH, and open it to the editorial by our young people's editor, Sharon. In it she posed some questions, and gave some answers to questions she had put to Ray Palmer which have caused quite a stir, both among you readers and among members of our staff -- the question being: "How is Ray Palmer going to explain THAT editorial?"

Before we begin, we want to set you straight -- Sharon wrote that editorial at your editor's direction, and believe us, she was very reluctant to do so. She pointed out that everybody would hate her -- and since we don't want you to do that, bear in mind that she was following orders. Yet, at the same time, she expressed her own real thoughts regarding a number of questions which are old hat to us old timers. And in the main, they

are completely skeptical and unbelieving.

During the years Ray Palmer has tried to get something across to his readers. Apparently he has had some success, and he has many faithful followers who like what he says, and put some stock in it. Not all of them agree with him, but they do think he is being honest when he says something. Perhaps this has gone a bit too far, because some of our readers think he can't be wrong in anything -- and that is a mistaken idea if we ever saw one!

In the past two years we have had occasion to wonder if SEARCH was on the right track, and if it was reaching people as it did in the beginning, and having some good impact on them. Not too long ago we wrote a letter to our readers and one of the bits of information that came of it was a rather disturbing fact -- your editor is growing old! He's 56. And so are most of his readers! -- and even older. It wasn't

uncommon to find that a large percentage of SEARCH's readers are over 70, and up into the 90s! Could it be that something was wrong with SEARCH, and that it was outgrowing its GENERAL appeal? Where were the youngsters? Did anybody under 40 actually read SEARCH?

If this was true, then Ray Palmer was in the wrong pew indeed! Ray Palmer has become aware that the people of the world today had better learn how to think for themselves -- that brainwashing is an advanced thing, and that the future is bleak indeed for those under 30 who face a world in which the individual and his individuality is threatened with extinction of self and amalgamation into a "social order" that is nothing less than ant-like or bee-like. True enough, our older readers read the magazine today simply because they DO think, and Ray Palmer likes to believe that he had something to do with that. But time is passing those older ones by. Their world lies in the past. The things they have learned during their thinking have to be passed on to the youngsters, and apparently they are not being passed on. Worse, the magazine is missing its prime target by a mile! No youngsters, trapped in the modern trend toward mental automation, are being exposed to exercises in doing their own thinking. Ray Palmer is interested in the YOUTH of the world! He

KNOWS, as you all do, that here lies the FUTURE! These youngsters stand to inherit a disaster if they do not learn to stand on their own mental feet.

Your editor has three children. One is married and has twin daughters, the cutest most lovable toddlers you ever saw. Their proud grandfather considers them the apple of his eye, and they think he is great too -- as you'd discover if you saw little Amy break out into a delighted laugh and rush to hug her "grandpa" when she sees him; and little Angie, whose face is more on the serious side, methodically climbs into his lap and proceeds to search his pockets for the little notes he always carries in his shirt pockets to remind him of something that must be done. Angie talks a blue streak, and at 13 months, says things that at least her grandfather understands! And she knows it.

Well, those two darling children face a world your editor helped make! They face something that horrifies your editor. They face something they cannot cope with or ever hope to escape being enslaved in nonentity, unless they grow up knowing how to think for themselves, and to discern the truth behind the vast barrage of brainwashing propaganda the world's people are being deluged with today. Your editor wants them to be

free, to be individuals, to develop each in her own particular talents (so obvious already!), and to escape the brainless automation our "Great Society" is plunging toward.

But, SEARCH isn't reaching the youngsters! We know it now. And not one of you has children and grandchildren but does not agree with me -- that is, as to the necessity of reaching them! But how do we do it?

We began by hiring Sharon. She's a teenager. And she knows nothing at all about our philosophy, or our peculiar mystic ideas, or our insight on the hidden reality that is so hard to see with worldly eyes. She is a complete skeptic. Certainly not a person to be the "editor" of SEARCH. She isn't really the editor -- she is (forgive us) our Judas-goat! We are using her as a bait to set a trap to entice her young companions into our wild world of the outer limits where fact is difficult to discern from fantasy, and the thinking, rather than the thought, is everywhere.

Ray Palmer had to find out what it takes to reach those young people he thinks of himself as being. Yes, Ray Palmer still thinks of himself as being about twenty! He prefers to associate with the young people. And remarkably, they like to associate with him. When Ray Palmer, austere member of the Tomorrow River School Dis-

trict School Board, walks down the street, little children even as young as three years old, wave at him and say: "Hi, Ray!" And he waves back, and stops to flirt with them, and to identify with them. He loves them.

Not only these little ones, but the teenagers call him Ray, and not "Mr. Palmer" or nothing at all. And Ray Palmer finds he can enter into their conversations and get them to listen to him. He can speak their language. The secret of all this may be something very simple -- not that he is such an intelligent and clever man -- but that he is less than five feet tall. He's on a physical level with these little ones. Many ten-year-olders are taller than he is! And they accept him as one of them as a result. You may not believe this, but it is true.

However, what about these kids when they get to the time of life when they must start thinking for themselves, to avoid the trap of the brainwashers that lies in wait for them (to utter a heresy!) even in the Tomorrow River School District? Can Ray Palmer identify with them then?

That is where Sharon comes in. She finds Ray Palmer impossible to believe. Her skepticism is complete. Ray Palmer and his readers are members of a race from another planet, as far as she is concerned (beyond the real world).

They live in illusion. Hers is a world of hard facts. Astral travel? Mental telepathy? Shaver's caves? Psychometry? Pure bunkum!

Now, if Ray Palmer (and his readers!) cannot convince Sharon (and her friends) that he and they are not just psychopaths, and that the things we know to be true really are true, certainly what we think we know, then the belief that we are thinkers comes to nothing if we can't convince even a teenager that we aren't kooks, and that there is something to what we talk about in SEARCH.

Thus it was that the idea came to us to let Sharon challenge your editor. So it was that we said we'd answer TRUTHFULLY TO EVERY QUESTION she could think up regarding Ray Palmer's own personal opinion and of those things in SEARCH (and in all our other magazines, such as FLYING SAUCERS, FORUM, THE HIDDEN WORLD, etc.

Let's get to these questions, and our answers to them:

First, did Ray Palmer encourage Richard Shaver to write his "Mystery"? The answer was yes. Ray Palmer ALWAYS encourages the expression of the different and the unusual. But that he DIRECTED Shaver's writings, which she thinks happened because she is able to see how editor Ray Palmer handles manuscripts and writers, is NOT true. He only drew

it out of him, bit by bit, sometimes by devious methods. But the Shaver Mystery is Shaver's truth, as he sees it! Not Ray Palmer's "make a buck" stunt. She points out that both Shaver and Palmer made money by this Mystery. In some respects, true. In others, false. The average result has been a modest salary which has fed and clothed the respective families. But one thing did happen -- the \$50,000 your editor saved since age 16 to 40, to go into business for himself, was LOST on the Shaver Mystery! He lost his shirt on the magazines OTHER WORLDS, SCIENCE STORIES and UNIVERSE in which he tried to duplicate the great success of the Mystery in AMAZING STORIES.

Sharon considers the Shaver epic to have no sound basis, only Ray Palmer's clever editorial imagination, based on fantasy, rather than fact. She hasn't studied the Mystery, related it to mythology, to science, to philosophy, to history, etc. No one who studies can come up with her initial impression. But that is a problem -- how to get her to study? How to MAKE HER THINK about it, rather than just dismiss it? A word from us, and the result is a laugh of derision. But what else can you expect? She wants facts. So she asks more questions:

Does Ray Palmer believe in deros? Then we gave her the def-

inition of a dero; a detrimental robot whose thinking is damaged by radioactives, the way in which he was brought up, or the environment in which he lives. Sharon doesn't know that such men as Einstein, Lindbergh, many physicists and chemists, have proved that radioactives do cause the symptoms of insanity and of disease and old age in human beings. Once she is interested enough to think and examine, she will do as we did, find out for herself. That is the important thing -- to FIND OUT FOR HERSELF! But to give her the incentive, we must REACH her. It has to be done by something unusual. A three-ring circus ringmaster type of approach, which is EXACTLY WHAT RAY PALMER HAS BEEN LABELED THROUGH THE YEARS!

So, in that respect, we are all slightly (or more) dero in our thinking. That brings us to the admission by Ray Palmer that he himself is a "dero", and that he is leading his readers on a path of no end. No end indeed! Rather toward a vast vista of unending possibility. But because his brain, like all our brains, is not undamaged by the exposures to radioactives in our food, water, air, and by exposure to physical ailments and disease, he does not think STRAIGHT! He makes many mistakes! The mistakes his friends and employees (Sharon included!)

POINT OUT TO HIM ARE LEGION! They called the business of allowing Sharon to write her last editorial the height of stupidity. They thought Sharon should be fired for such lese majeste. And the idea that Ray Palmer himself asked her to do it made him so suspect that we doubt if he has much local respect of his mental powers left. Perhaps this actually WAS evidence of the dero in Ray? It would be, if he couldn't answer that editorial! And that is what we are doing now -- and what we INTENDED TO DO from the start.

Ray Palmer knows his shortcomings! He has lived a life of doing things wrong! That's how he learned what he knows today. Nobody learns from doing things perfectly! We learn only from mistakes. Ray Palmer seems to have made more than average. At least he is constantly told of these mistakes. For instance, his willingness to discuss sex even in relation to angels and heaven seems to be an example of this. Most people are sure his thinking is dero if he maintains that angels enjoy sex -- because somehow there is an unthinking attitude toward sex as a "dirty" thing, and thus nothing to be found in the angelic realms. The trouble is, they refuse to think about it! Why? Because they are "correct thinking"? Or is it because they are intolerant of ideas that offend a tradition whose derivation has

been forgotten, or even to consider that the tradition itself may be the work of a sexually maladjusted person in the first place! As for Ray Palmer liking beautiful women, show me one man who would shut his eyes when one walked by. Ray Palmer admires honestly, he never leers!

Deros in politics? No comment. It should be so obvious as to be painful!

Yes, people who run the governments are doing it (in the main) with damaged brains (because we all have damaged brains). It is only a damaged brain which can aspire to be a king, or a dictator, or a "ruler of the world" ala Alexander or Hitler. When you look at a government official on television, and listen to him LIE STRAIGHT INTO YOUR TEETH, you can only be charitable and say he is either mentally ill, or he has suffered brain or (and difficult to explain to Sharon) psychic damage.

Martin Luther King? If you ignore his intonation, and his hysterical presentation, those of us who remember the rantings of Hitler on radio in the early '40s are stunned by the identical SOUND of his voice! Those who listen to him don't hear his WORDS of peace, they react like a mob to his SOUND of violence. The truth is that wherever King goes, riots follow. By a man's fruits, judge him not by

his words, but his acts. And I KNOW this to be true, because I am a lifelong friend of the Negro. I remember in particular, with a great deal of nostalgia, one Negro with whom I went through years of torture in a tuberculosis sanitarium and who died in my arms. A real MAN! And He is the Negro for whom I fight for equality with every word I write in SEARCH. King would rob this man, and the twenty-million of his kind, all good people, of their equality, by stirring them to violence that can only result in setting back his cause by hundreds of years, if not forever. There is no room in Ray Palmer's world for rule by violence, or intimidation, or demonstration. The WHOLE TENET of SEARCH is THINKING! REASON, rule by LOGIC. If you are one of those who are swayed to violence by the words of King, THINK about it! Isn't it the SOUND that makes you twist your face in hate, and makes you double your fists?

Religion? Without thinking? Ray Palmer cannot conceive of a thoughtless dogmatic acceptance of reason, it is unreasonable, and certainly deroistic. Anyone who stands before a group and claims that by the simple act of "coming forward and proclaiming", something called "salvation" will result, is indulging in a claim he can't back up. Who is ANY MAN, that he can claim the power to

"save" others? What man can call himself the ticket-taker to heaven? What man knows the heart of another? Once more, although there is no doubt that Billy Graham is as sincere as Shaver, he cannot produce his heaven on order, no more than Shaver can produce his *terro*. Any thinking person can look at the world around him, know God, and realize that his salvation is up to his own doing, his own acts. How can you look at the universe and *DOUBT* that you are a part of it -- and believe that it is up to somebody else to give you entry to it?

Sharon says Lauer indulges in generalities. Our editorial of last month clarified that. Sure she does! But whereas other people are ALL generalities, she is at least 10% specific. And if that is a USUAL score in prognostication, your editor is a heap of fortune cookies with a crystal ball for a head! It isn't whether or not Dorothy can predict the outcome of a horse race -- the question is, has the human mind some access to future events, or not? Do we have POWERS beyond the five senses? Our experience with people such as Dorothy Lauer has convinced us that such is the case.

Sharon judges Ray Palmer by his size also. She says that if a ruffian entered the office and tried to kill her, Ray Palmer would (a) be physically unable to prevent

it and (b) chicken. (She'll point out she didn't say he was chicken, but Ray Palmer rather believes she might think so, because she has seen him so often fail to press a point aggressively when dealing with other people -- which is because there is something in Ray Palmer which does not allow him to take advantage of an advantage, if you get what he means by that!). Maybe Ray Palmer is chicken; he doesn't know what he'd do in such a situation. Most likely he would react as he has done several times in the past and won a fight before it really got started by some unthinking but highly effective action (which might be in the "below the belt" classification). Certainly, however, he would not stand idly by while ANYONE was in danger. And he's been injured physically so many times he has become innured to the thought of injury. He has a "this too will pass" philosophy.

The last thing Sharon mentions touches on a subject that has all the elements of a Hitchcock horror movie in it. She says the last two people who had a book published by Ray Palmer have died before it was completed. The truth of the matter is that each of these was a sad experience, and Ray Palmer wished neither of them well. Years ago, when Richard Shaver bought a house at Lily Lake, Illinois, he became the victim of an unscrupu-

pulous real estate operator who bilked him out of \$12,000.00. Ray Palmer, in attempting to set the matter straight, suggested (and actually initiated) the use of a lawyer to recover the money, which was patently obtained by fraudulent means. Shaver said that the problem would be solved by the dero, who would "put a ray" on the real estate operator and "fix his clock". They DID! His "clock" stopped "ticking", and he died of a massive heart attack and brain hemorrhage. One of these could be a coincidence. But Ray Palmer witnessed no less than three instances of this kind, ALL PREDICTED by Shaver. Then once, Ray Palmer tried it himself. He still thinks the man deserved what he got, but he wonders how potent the "death wish" actually is? Can you really "wish a man to death"? Ray Palmer is more convinced now that even an idle or thoughtless wish for disaster to occur to another may well be answered by some "force" that may be what Shaver calls "rays". Words (or thoughts) uttered in anger may well be implemented by deeds, engineered from some mysterious land of evil twilight.

Think about it? How many of us may be unconscious murderers, the cause of the death of another human being, unknowing of the fact, merely because we are careless in the use of powers we may

vehemently deny exist? What if it is true! Perhaps there is some basis for the belief of certain religious sects that you should "wish an enemy well", or as in Christianity, to "turn the other cheek"?

Many times Shaver has said that the cavern people, watching over ray machines, read our thoughts, and either idly, or maliciously, or even with good intent, act to translate those thoughts and desires into reality. It's like praying -- maybe there is something that answers prayers, even prayers that are no good for you, or for anyone else. Your editor has actually heard supposedly devout persons praying in church for "the lightnings of God to strike dead the one who has wronged them".

Do you want to meet a dero? THESE kind of people are dero! They exist! Deros are human beings (both alive and dead; your editor says!) who wish others far from well! We are all dero to a degree (slaves of death and of destruction and disintegration) because of our environment. We live in a dark, mysterious, terrifying world of miasmic poison which has made us "cafard", or subject to madness. We are not entirely sane. And when we are unthinking, we are dero. A dero does not think! -- and when he does try, it always comes out bad! It comes out bad because thinking is electric, and

most of us have the electricity in our brains "polarized" by the radioactive field of the sun (living in the sun is living in "sin" - sun-in), and positive becomes negative in the process, so that a good thought transforms into a bad thought simply by the "disease" of the polarization that occurs in transit through the circuits of the neural pathways of the poisoned brain tissue.

Shaver says a dero is both this, and a mad dwarf in an underground cave. Sharon thinks it is only the mad dwarf, and she challenges us to produce one. We cannot. But that does not mean that he may not exist. Likely, most likely!, he does. But we can produce the human dero, and in your editor's own opinion, we need not go further than himself. There is an old adage: "Man, know thyself!" Only an egotist of the highest order would presume to say he is entirely tero! Your editor hopes he is more tero than dero, but the very definition of dero makes him enough dero to want to rid himself of the poison that makes him less than admirable.

So, when Sharon asks if your editor thinks YOU are evil, he has to answer yes, to a degree. To be evil is to be the opposite of live. If we tend to do things that are detrimental to our living, we are dero (self destructive, or a slave to death). That is the meaning of the term. It is Shaver's definition,

derived from the alphabet, but we think it is a realistic one, and the answer to the many problems that face us on this planet. If we could find some way to eliminate the "de" influences which render our brains "cafard", we would become tero, willing slaves to life! Te, integration, growth, advancement. Ro, subject to. Tero. Persons who "grow" in all the ways that are good. Dero. Persons who "grow less" in all the ways that are bad. There is no standing still, no status quo.

But how can we try to think good thoughts and advance from de to te, if we don't know how to think! To think is not to "believe" and "accept". To think is to probe, analyze, subject to proof, philosophise, even to create (by imagining). To accept on faith is the opposite of thinking. To refrain from questioning (even in respect to God), is to surrender to de (or if you wish, to "give yourself to the devil").

Sharon wants everything to be literal. The world is not literal -- it is a vast mystery, and nothing can be placed in her hand with any surety that it will remain there solid and demonstrable forever. But she does not need to have all the surety -- if she learns to think. Once she knows that to think is to be (I think, therefore I am), she will stop asking questions that challenge, but ask those that satisfy her own curiosi-

ty. She will ask because she wants to know, not because she doesn't believe! And convincing her of this, your editor needs YOUR help. She needs to come in contact with you. And MOST OF ALL, your editor and SEARCH, needs to come into contact with her and people like her, in order that the purpose of Ray Palmer, will not "die on the vine" of "de" influences that have aged the magazine to the point of senility. We need new blood, and we need to exert our "te" influence on those newcomers.

Let them challenge us! But let's give them answers -- by showing them how and where to find them out for themselves! We were young, once, and we pooled our thoughts and our experiences and our knowledge, so that today we feel that we are not entirely adrift on the sea of life, headed we know not where. That must be a continuing process. Ray Palmer is not ready to give up yet! He thinks he has something to offer these youngsters, and he wants to give it to them now, just as he gave it to them when he was twenty! We are as young as we think. Maybe we don't dance the frug, but didn't we dance the black

bottom and the carioca? Is there any difference? If your editor can't lick 'em, he can join 'em. What SEARCH needs (and YOU need!) is a "new sound", a new beat, an alignment with the times. These kids are our flesh and blood, not some creature from another world. Nor are we "foreigners".

Your editor expects modern youngsters to "outthink" him in the future, because he believes the new "crop" of human beings is superior to the old. They are healthier, more resilient, tougher, bigger (more than 4'10'!) and brainier. They face a world correspondingly tougher. Your editor would like to see them rise above their environment and make it big. He just thinks he ought to help a little, rather than sit idly back and bask in his non-existent superiority.

And because we think this, SEARCH is going to go through an evolution --not a traitorous desertion of the old-timers, but a brand new three-ring circus that will get everybody on their feet. So don't be surprised at anything you see in SEARCH from now on. We're going to STAY where the action is! -- Rap.





EDITORIAL



The November editorial written by Sharon did not bring the results Ray Palmer was looking forward to getting. First of all, in that same issue he expected many sympathy letters from his readers because Richard Shaver unjustly accused him of changing most of his material so that the articles did not represent what Richard Shaver had intended them to.

Then Sharon's editorial brought only one letter saying they were going to refuse to receive the magazine. Then in the same letter, decided the magazine would be continued but Sharon's editorial would not be read. A few letters came into this office saying that Sharon was doing a real good job at writing.

Poor Ray! He can't figure out what happened to his readers. No one stood up for him. Not many people tore him down either. He wonders if he is losing his touch. He wonders also if you readers already knew these things about him and believed them.

He got a letter from one disturbed reader because Ray said he was a dero. This man had always considered himself to be a tero until he read that editorial. Now he has switched to the dero instead of fighting for what he believes to be right. No wonder the teens don't know which way to turn. It is getting bad when adults don't want to believe that they do things which are good and must turn around and become evil. This editor realizes that this is only one man who this is being based on. One man who spoke up. How many more are there that are just sitting back who feel the same way but don't express themselves?

Why must a man, or anyone for that matter, who thinks he is good or represents some type of good, must change his thinking because of this other man and decide that he has been evil all the time. It's ridiculous.

Take for example the individual who tears down churches verbally

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and absolutely refuses to believe that a god exists and preaches to his children that there is no god. Then when that same person is in a car accident or has a heart attack which leaves this person on a death bed is suddenly shown the light and now is positive a god does exist and that all the sins he committed in his lifetime are now forgiven. This person then dies happy because he knows that he will go to heaven because he had five minutes to realize he had to do something quick because his time was up. Yet all his life there was no god.

People don't believe what they are told. They just seem to accept them as fact. Then when the moment comes which is a matter of life and death their beliefs can easily be thrown aside.

Ray says that he does not want you to believe everything he prints but wants only to start you thinking. It looks like he is wasting his time. How many of you readers really believe what he says without questioning it? Many of you must!

Dorothy Laur has sent in a reply to the comments written about her in the November editorial by Sharon. Dorothy for some reason feels that her letter will not get published. Watch for the next issue and see if we are brave enough to take her criticisms in front of all the readers of Search. This editor has the funny feeling that she will be wrong again.

A PLANET WITHOUT ANIMALS?

Alex Saunders

WHEN A terrestrial space explorer lands on another planet, the object that would keep his excitement at fever pitch would undoubtedly be one thing: alien life. His preference would be intelligent beings with whom he could communicate, exchange ideas, possibly acquire scientific knowledge and rich wisdom.

If, however, such beings proved non-existent, there would be an intense search for animals to study. Were none to be found, then gladly would he settle for insect life. Anything that lived, here on this un-earthly globe, would be welcomed and cause great rejoicing. The key word is "unearthly" - life that was not conceived on Earth.

But does our hardy explorer have to risk the perils of space and initial planetary exploration in order to view the fantastic shapes of alien animals, for example? No, not really. Fantastic indeed are many animals native to our own

globe.

Take wildlife such as the orang-outang, Atlantic walrus, polar bear, pygmy hippopotamus, giant panda, whooping crane and all five species of rhinoceros. Not to forget, among many more, the American bald eagle, national emblem of the United States since 1782.

The tragic thing about these very creatures is that they may well become extinct. Not thousands of years from now, but before this century's end. And this includes close to a thousand priceless species!

The alarming rate with which wildlife is disappearing throughout the world is causing great concern. Premier Nehru of India felt the anxiety acutely before his death, particularly for the dwindling Asiatic lion, once so plentiful in Asia and Asia Minor.

Why this shrinking of wildlife? Is it a natural event, or is man somewhere in the picture?

Indeed man is involved, and the wildlife shrinkage can be said to be due to human population pressure. The reasons are not complex. His forceful intrusion into the natural habitat of wildlife is done to create more farmland to feed an ever-enlarging population.

Canada's enormous foreign wheat deals (to use an example involving my own country), makes the draining of marshland a real necessity if more wheatland is to be

proved. The result to waterfowl is a definite decline, with their eventual extinction a grim possibility.

The building of dams causes havoc to wildlife. The resultant floods can destroy the breeding grounds of an entire species of birds.

To believe that the survival of a breed is assured by vast numbers is erroneous, as history will attest. A good example is the passenger pigeon which once darkened the skies of eastern North America.

So numerous were they that in the early sixteenth century they were said by the Jesuits to have seasonally overloaded the trees. By 1870 they were considered such a delicacy that hundreds of people were employed netting them for the gourmet market.

Their extinction occurred on September 1, 1914, when the last of the breed, Martha by name, died in the Cincinnati zoo.

Then there was the bison. This bulky wild ox at one time roamed fully one third of the North American continent. By 1885 they were close to petering out, a shameful situation brought on by many men, including Buffalo Bill Cody.

Only one major herd existed in 1907, and this was privately owned. Their purchase did not interest the U.S. government. Canada felt differently. The herd - totalling 716 - was moved to Wainwright, Alberta,

after a spectacular roundup in Montana.

Now they exist in the thousands, proving that the preservation of a declining species can be solved. And it can be done in many ways.

First, this world-wide crisis for many species is something unthought of by most people. What is desperately needed is a massive education program to develop a universal respect for our partners on this planet. So believes the managing director of the Canadian Audubon Society, Patrick A. Hardy.

Barry Conn Hughes would be in complete agreement. For in his article, "Doomed!" in the June 18, 1966 issue of THE CANADIAN Magazine (from which much of this article was conceived) he writes:

"Part of the job lies in keeping the parks and preserves we already have inviolate from intrusions by commercial interests. Part of it is in creating new reserves. Part of it is in worldwide protective legislation."

Man is not so insensitive that he cannot appreciate the sanctity of life. He must be made starkly aware of the critical situation. Surely, deep in his heart, he would not want much of the wildlife he enjoys to go the way of the dodo?

Mauritius in the East Indian ocean was the dodo's main habitat. Then came sailing ships and the discovery was made of a gro-

tesquely clumsy specimen, a flightless, forest-dwelling bird somewhat larger than a turkey.

Rats from the ships caused much destruction in their attacks on the eggs. The ignorant and stubborn club-wielding sailors were no better, and the inoffensive dodo died out about 1681.

That the same thing can happen to many other species of wildlife has been a great worry to a certain type of person throughout the world - the conservationist.

One was the late King George VI, who said, "The wildlife of today is not ours to dispose of as we please. We have it in trust, and must account for it to those who come after."

Others are the Duke of Edinburgh, president of the British National Appeal for the World Wildlife Fund. Honorary president of the same organization in the United States is Dwight D. Eisenhower.

Elspeth Huxley has expressed her sensitive feelings with these fine words: "We want to preserve wildlife, not so much to help animals as to enrich mankind."

If this serious problem is to be solved, it had better be done in double quick time. Because in the words of Holland's Prince Bernhard, who is also President of the World Wildlife Fund, "when it comes to wildlife, it is not merely the eleventh hour - it is ten minutes to twelve."

Predictions For The Year 2000

LANDINGS ON Mars by 1980s and exploration of Jupiter by observation from spacecraft orbiting the planet may be overshadowed in real value by benefits to mankind in medicine, transportation and materials fabrication resulting from our space efforts.

These are the views of R. Walter Riehlman, special consultant to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The former representative served on the Congressional Committee of Science and Astronautics since its start in 1957.

His predictions for the year 2000 are enclosed in a time capsule to be displayed in the lobby of Mutual Of New York's MONY Center skyscraper now under construction in downtown Syracuse, N. Y. The building is being erected by Mutual Of New York and will house the life and health insurance company's electronic data processing operations.

Riehlman pointed out his forecast is predicted upon the maintenance of world peace and the importance the United States continues to attach to space exploration.

He continued, "the first lunar landing will be accomplished by the end of 1968 or early 1969." By 1975,

R. Walter Riehlman

we will have explored the moon's surface and gathered whatever scientific information is possible. Stations will be established there which will provide facilities for exploratory purposes. These stations may be used for stopover periods before going on to other planets. With advanced techniques in propulsion, these trips will be made in hours rather than days. For more distant exploratory trips in space, nuclear and electric power will eventually be available. Rendezvous will be perfected, several spacecraft will be joined together, providing for the transfer of personnel and provisions from one craft to another similar to coupling cars on a train. The problem of weightlessness, through the creation of gravity within the spacecraft, will be eliminated. These orbital bases will allow several men to live in comfort and convenience in space for long periods of time. Eventually, spacecraft will be available for ten to fifteen people.

"During the 1980s, man will be landing on Mars. By the turn of the century, we will have explored Jupiter by observation from spacecraft orbiting that planet. Because years are consumed in making these trips, waste matter from the human body will be reconstituted in useful form. No doubt a similar process will be used for the same purpose on earth in a period of future time.

"By using remote sensors, we will be able to control weather and evaluate the production of food and the lack of it all over the world; thus, starvation could be curtailed. The control or prevention of hurricanes and tornadoes is a possibility.

"In the not too distant future, we will have immediate coverage of world activity by direct television transmission from space. This will be one of the greatest advances in bringing the world to each of our backyards and will no doubt be a deterrent to aggression, since no move of military significance could be accomplished without the world having immediate information. With this advance in communications, cables under the ocean and on land will be practically eliminated.

"The spin-off for the benefit of mankind in the fields of biology, transportation, and the fabrication of materials, will be beyond the comprehension of anyone at this time. Most significant of all may be the benefits occurring to the human race because of the information gained through the strain and stress on the human body during these space accomplishments. It is my belief that this information will assist our medical profession in developing new ways to control some of our deadly diseases, and extend the span of life," Riehlman concluded.

ABOUT CAVES AND OTHER SECRET HIDING PLACES IN THE WORLD

George H. Wagner, Jr.

ONE OF the most interesting caverns in the United States exists below the Falls of St. Anthony, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The cavern is of great length, and according to Alexander Bradford (AMERICAN ANTIQUITIES, New York: 1843), its walls "contain many hieroglyphical figures, so covered by moss and defaced by time, as to be traced with great difficulty."

The same author, also, reported that small stone coffins between two and four feet in length had been discovered on the Merrimac River in Missouri--and that similar coffins had been found "in Tennessee and in other parts of the western country." The skeletal remains found in these coffins seem to have been those of normally-sized Amerinds, with their bones disconnected and rearranged, so as to fit into the small space. The thought intrigues me that these coffins may have been far more ancient than the Amerinds, as we know them, and may have originally been constructed and used by a very early pygmy race; perhaps they were

discovered and re-used by the Amerinds of more recent times.

Bradford's most interesting report, however, concerns the Illinois state salt works. Here, Bradford said, "occurs a large excavation, four hundred feet in circumference, in which a deep well has formerly been sunk. In digging at this place, ashes, and fragments of pottery were discovered in great abundance; and a drain has been found, so connected with the works, as to justify the inference of its being intended to carry away the surplus water. The earthware found there is at vast depths below the surface, and it resembles in comparison the specimens occurring in the ancient mounds." How deep 'vast' is I do not pretend to know, but it brings to mind something written to me recently by one of my correspondents, Nomur Azerlene. He stated that about 75 miles northwest of Portland, Oregon, between Portland and the Seattle earth-faults, "far down in the earth, where the earth once 'folded over' is the remains of a splended city." More recently, Azerlane told me that the city was eight or ten miles (repeat: miles) underground, "a coastal city with a fine harbor; it boasted more than a million inhabitants and had an excellent space port."

Search readers may not know that at least two secret chambers have been recently unearthed beneath the Alamo. Students from the

University of Texas, digging in the Alamo's Well Courtyard, found the remains of two rooms, dating from the early 1700's. The discovery, reported in the July-August, 1966, issue of THE GOLD-BUG NEWSLETTER, was accompanied by the location of other artifacts, including 'Indian pottery, wire nails, etc. In one area, a piece of green cloth was found which it is established dates to Civil War times at least. Evidence of the original walls has been uncovered along with an early kiln. Other artifacts include a derringer, bones, buttons, wagon parts, and a host of other objects."

Shaver's caves and their treasures were very nearly discovered by the mad Emperor Nero, about 60 A. D. Travellers brought to Nero in Rome stories of a series of caverns in North Africa filled with gold, jewels, and all manner of precious plate--doubtless the same caverns later entered by Aladdin and the African magician. Nero, had been rapidly and recklessly depleting the Roman treasures with the most wildly depraved pleasures- the least of which were sponsoring endless gladiatorial displays, building huge statues of himself, and constructing a small "ocean" in the party-room of his palace, and supply this ocean with a fleet of ships. Such behavior having nearly bankrupted the Empire, Nero outfitted an expedition to go to North Africa, with

instructions to locate these tunnels, and to ship their valuables back to Rome. The expedition proved in vain, however, and the explorers returned empty-handed.

What must have been either deros, or teros, or perhaps both, were often come upon by German miners in the middle ages. Small man-like creatures called Kobolds, were often seen in mines, where, said Sir Walter Scott (LETTERS ON DEMONOLOGY AND WITCHCRAFT, New York: 1845), "they seemed to imitate the labors of the miners." They were sometimes malignant; at other times they were friendly, taking miners under their protection, and leading them to strikes of precious ore. Webster's New International Dictionary (Springfield: 1917), defines the Kobolds as a "gnome or goblin haunting underground places, as mines or caves."

The present plan to "X-ray" the pyramids, reported in SEARCH and elsewhere, intrigues me. Occultists have maintained for decades that secret, undiscovered chambers were still to be found in the pyramids and in the Great Sphinx, only to be ridiculed by more "conventional" Egyptologists. The Roman historian Ammianus Marcellinus, quoted in Mme. Blavatsky's THE SECRET DOCTRINE (Wheaton: 1952), wrote of the pyramids that "there are also subterranean passages and winding re-

treats, which, it is said, men skillful in the ancient mysteries, by means of which they divined the coming of the flood, constructed in different places lest the memory of all their sacred ceremonies should be lost." A very curious book, THE PHOTODRAMA OF THE CREATION IN WORD AND PICTURE (New York: 1913), contains an illustration that details the secret chambers of the Great Sphinx. According to this picture, the statue contains five secret chambers, and six connecting corridors or shafts. There are two chambers in the head, reached through a shaft cut down into the top of the head. A large pillared hall exists in the body; underneath this are two more chambers, one pyramid-shaped and containing the mummy of the Pharaoh Menes. Another shaft leads still lower; therefore, there may be other chambers not shown in the picture, deep down in the bedrock of the Giza plateau. Robert Wilson (HISTORY OF THE BRITISH EXPEDITION TO EGYPT, Philadelphia: 1803) was of the opinion that there was no entrance into the Great Sphinx through the head, "as the neck is found to be solid." However, since Wilson admitted that the top of the Great Sphinx's head is, in his words, "hollowed out," might not the solid matter of the neck be some sort of plug or sealing material meant to conceal the entrance shaft?

Westinghouse To Study Earth Lighting System

THE WESTINGHOUSE Defense and Space Center will be awarded a contract to study the possible development of an earth orbiting, light reflection system for night military operations it has been disclosed.

N. V. Petrou, vice president of the Westinghouse Defense and Space Center and general manager of the Center's Aerospace Division, said, "The study may pave the way for an eventual design of an orbiting satellite with a reflective mirror-like surface to provide a light source over land masses at night."

The feasibility study will last 90 days, Mr. Petrou said. He estimated the contract value at \$125,000 and explained that the study is being undertaken for the Department of Defense and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. H. M. Watson of the

Aerospace Division has been named program manager for the study.

Extensive studies have already been made into the field of orbital light illumination for military and nonmilitary purposes.

"Our studies go back over a few years when our engineers began to consider the concept and design for such a technique to supply energy wherever it is needed on earth," Mr. Petrou said.

When this concept is fully developed, it could lead to man's ability to better control his environment, especially in the areas of climate control, increased crop yields, communications and artificial illumination.

(Editor's Note: It could also lead to a focused-sunlight weapon of fearful potentiality for devastation. Could it be that the Department of Defense hasn't thought of the study in this sense?)

THE "GOD" DEATH FORGOT

What Philosophers And
Buddhists Say About God

George Cardinal LeGros

"**G**OD IS dead!" So chant the bearded beatniks, college "intellectuals", and Communist crackpots proudly marching in the vanguard of the Great Society.

To them it's a big joke. But the joke is on them. "God" is not "dead" because "God" never lived. "He" is a chimera of the mind - a phantom of man's ignor-

ance and fears.

Every true mystic knows, as a matter of simple logic, that there is no room in the cosmos for an extra-cosmic diety. Where could "He" stand, where could "He" dwell, as something apart from total manifestation?

One of the greatest of Adepts, writing in The Mahatma Letters, page 52, has this to say: "We deny God both as philosophers and Buddhists. We know that there are planetary and other spiritual lives, and we know that in our system there is no such thing as God, either personal or impersonal.

"We believe in MATTER alone, in matter as visible Nature and matter in its invisibility as the omnipresent Proteus with its unceasing motion which is life, and which nature draws from herself since she is the great whole outside of which nothing can exist.

"The existence of matter then is a fact; the existence of motion is another fact, and their selfexistence and eternity or destructibility is a third fact. And the idea of pure spirit as a Being or an Existence - give it whatever name you will - is a chimera, a gigantic absurdity."

Man's cowardly dependence upon a supposititious "God" lies at the root of all his woes. Only when he looks within himself and recognizes the spark of Divine Life which

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is he, will life become, instead of a wearisome ordeal, a glorious challenge. Because - unless every great sage and seer of the past, including Jesus the Christ, was wrong - man is divine, a child of Infinitude, a pilgrim of Eternity.

Life is a bridge to cross, not a wilderness in which to wander. It represents a little day-journey in an unending voyage through timeless duration. And each life is another incarnation of the divine spark which is man; it means another chance for the deathless soul to learn to grow, to flower, to pay off old debts, and to give its individual strength to the stupendous ongoing tide of universal progress.

And by "progress" is not meant the technological gadgets and grotesqueries which threaten the very life of civilization, but the progress of man's spiritual mind and heart - progress out of humanity into godhood.

We have a long way to go, but there is hope for us all. Even in the blackened soul of a tyrant - in the soul of a mass murderer

like Stalin who blotted out ten million lives - dwells a tiny flame of godhood. And after ages of agony - in lives to come and between those lives - such a monster will have his chance to turn toward the Light of Compassion and Truth, and rejoin the human race.

Meanwhile, life marches on, and we follow, in or out of step as the case may be, but always learning, growing wiser, seeing, with every forward step, a little deeper into the multiplying illusions that the world mistakes for realities.

Indeed, to the awakening intellect, it seems that one, walking this earth, actually moves through the winding corridors of a lunatic asylum. Politicians, scientists, educators, writers, militarists - all to whom the unenlightened look for guidance - are, in truth, mad. And they are mad because, lacking spiritual wisdom, their only support is half-knowledge based on experience and experiments which have no roots in reality.

Our only escape, sanctuary, salvation, is to be in the world but not of it. We must eat, drink, sleep, and do whatever tasks our self-created destinies indicate, but our anchorage must not be here in the howling madhouse of the world lest we, too, go mad.

We must look to the god within us, surrender to him, become

an expression of him, live as he would live if he were we. Then we transcend this world and its insanities, and step into the luminous world of the gods where peace and love and happiness forever abide. Thinking it all over, there is, actually, nothing else to do. Says the Bhagavad-Gita:

“With thy heart place all thy works on me; prefer me to all else, exercise mental devotion continually, and think constantly of me. By so doing thou shalt by my divine favor surmount every difficulty which surroundeth thee; but if from pride thou wilt not listen to my words, thou shalt undoubtedly be lost. And if, indulging self-confidence, thou sayest ‘I will not fight,’ such a determination will prove it-self vain, for the principles of thy nature will impel thee to engage.

“Being bound by all past karma to thy natural duties, thou wilt involuntarily do from necessity that which in thy folly thou wouldst not do. There dwelleth in the heart of every creature, O Arjuna, the Master - Ishwara - who by his magic power causeth all things and creatures to revolve, mounted upon the universal wheel of time. Take sanctuary with him alone, O son of Bharata, with all thy soul; by his grace thou shalt obtain supreme happiness, the eternal place.”

And Ishwara, the Master, is the Higher Self, the Christ, the Inner God of you, of me, of all men.

PRYING INTO THE UNKNOWN

By

Will Carson

and

Jeannie Joy



(Unionville, Nev., April 12, 1966) - We thought you might enjoy reading these old newspaper accounts from out of our file, also that they would serve as a fittin' preface to this hasty go-round with things obtuse, dealing today mostly - but not altogether - with ghosts, including the "haunt" we

promised you in the last edition.

We have always been highly skeptical of the reality of ghosts as being the spirits of the departed (poltergeist activity being something altogether different, and quite real). Yet we certainly aren't prepared to debunk even the most fantastic ghost story. Our doubt

is an instinctive one - since we've never seen proof that spirits don't return. So we can only present evidence as it occurs or is offered us and let you draw your own conclusions, without ourselves leaning pro or con.

The evidence in favor of the reality of ghosts is impressive, to say the least. We can turn anywhere for it. But let's only look at those that are based on the best of authority.

Carl Sandburg, for instance, is regarded one of our most revered historians. The following is based on Mr. Sandburg's version of a story whose ghostly heroine is referred to in the *LIFE TREASURY OF AMERICAN FOLKLORE* as "... one of the most enduring and romantic . . .", related by Carl Carmer in his *Dark Trees to the Wind* (Wm. Sloane Associates, 1949). Here we'll call it: "LILY".

One Indian Summer day in the late 40s two Hamilton (N. J.) college Jrs., on their way to a dance at Tuxedo Park, picked up a pretty young blond who was waiting beside the road. She was wearing a low-cut, sequined lavender party dress and said she was going to the square dance at Sterling Furnace. But they talked her into going with them instead to Tuxedo Park, where she made quite an impression with her wistful charm and dancing ability. Later the same boys drove her home, one of them

offering her his tweed coat against the cool night air.

She directed them over dirt roads that led through the woods and finally bade them stop near a ramshackle shack, declining their offer to see her to the door, but promising to see them again soon.

They were almost home before the one boy remembered his coat, and they decided to return for it the following day. It seemed like a good excuse to see the pretty girl again, anyway, and on the morrow they found their way back to the little woodland shack. They were met at the door by an old woman who asked if they were old friends of "Lavender's", which was the girl's nickname.

Afraid they might get her in trouble if they admitted they had only picked her up the day before, the boys told the old woman yes, they were old friends, to which she replied:

"Then you must not have heard that 'Lavender' - or Lily, which was her real name - died, nearly ten years ago."

Their protests only brought the boys further affirmation that the girl they were seeking indeed had long been in her grave! Shaken and dubious, they started home. A short way from the shack they found a cemetery and "just for the hell of it" stopped and went to investigate.

They found a little headstone

marked simply "Lily", and on the earthen mound before it, neatly folded, the tweed coat!

This account by itself, being accredited to the honored Carl Sandburg, would seem to bear our credence, yet we find a probable prologue in yet another incident which is on official record. This too is cited by Mr. Sandburg who first sees the likely connection between it and the above tale.

Mr. Sandburg finds, from an altogether different source, that about ten years previous to the night the two boys picked up the "Girl in the Lavender Dress", in the Ramapo Hills of New Jersey there was much gossip among the hillfolks concerning a certain young woman; "gay; amoral; hot-tempered" were the whispered epithets, though admittedly she was enviably attractive - "lithe" and "tawny" with "hyacinth eyes and wheat-yellow hair." The combination was devastating to the local hill-boys, and the village postmaster, who doubled as Sunday school teacher, reported that the girl effected his class "like a slow pestilence" - one after another of his boys being absent for a month or even two months at a time. Sometimes he would see the love-struck boy blissfully wandering the hillsides with the seductive young woman, picking berries or on their way to some dance.

But only once did the post-

master-Sunday school teacher get a close look at the girl, during a prayer meeting at the church when some old clothes were to be handed out to the needy. Among these was a filmy, sequined lavender party dress, which rather embarrassed the parson as he held it up for someone to claim. For a moment there were no takers, until a young woman came swiftly and silently from the back of the church and snatched the dress without a word and hurried from the church. Everyone there recognized the girl, and thereafter she was never seen wearing anything but that low-cut flimsy gown, even in the coldest weather.

And then one day, about 1939, she was found frozen to death, as she had tried to walk to her cabin home in the woods from a bus stop on a freezing winter night, clad only in that lavender party dress.

The girl in the lavender dress is today - according to AMERICAN FOLKLORE - one of our most popular ghosts, who is seen somewhere in the United States every year.

Here then is a tale with documentation impressive enough to satisfy the most document-conscious investigator - except that it is a "ghost story" - and these are things that have a way of sticking in the craw of anyone who considers that he is in the throes of "intellectual cogitation", which

some people think they are most of the time, including us.

Which brings us to the account of a haunting that we promised in two former editions.

When the old frame school house in a nearby town was auctioned, Mr. and Mrs. B., as we'll call them, bought it with the intention of moving it to their property and remodeling it into a restaurant. The structure was duly jacked from its old foundation, hauled 125 miles and installed in its new location. The remodeling was begun and a small cafe opened in one corner to help the project pay for itself, and the B.'s quickly built a nice little following, mostly of truck drivers, who took an interest in this independent enterprise. The B.'s were well on their way to having a nice, lucrative little business all of their own - until strange things began happening.

At first it was only little things, like footsteps or knockings and other inexplicable sounds, which, however, could be attributed to natural causes - the wind, settling, etc. - and the B.'s thought little or nothing of it, or joked about it. Even when they both began hearing their names called in a man's voice, when either was alone in the old building, they were sure someone was pulling practical jokes on them, although being located quite a ways out of town, as they were, with no close buildings, it would

have been difficult for anyone to approach without being noticed.

As these disturbances increased, without any explanation, the B.'s began wondering - and then they remembered the Prince Albert tobacco can they had found in the walls of the old school and had saved as a curio because of the note it had contained.

Obviously written when the school had been built, shortly after the turn of the century, the note must have been left there by one of the workmen. Although we saw the note ourselves, we did not - nor did we have permission to - record its exact message. It has been a couple of years, but as best we remember it, it was an entreaty by someone who was being cheated somehow out of something that was rightly his and who knew there was nothing he could do to prevent it, but who sought a sort of posthumous redress by having the deed eventually exposed when the school was razed, which he must have known would have been long after his time, for the note requested that its message be made public and that in so doing, the wrong would be righted. The names involved were not familiar to any who have had access to the note, but might be to certain persons in the area if the message were made public as requested.

So far, this has not been done. After all, who would take seriously

an old note found in an old can in an old building? The B.'s, as we said, only gave it a second thought after the strange things began happening in the old school which was to be their restaurant. It would seem to fit the pattern of so many alleged "haunting" - the spirit who couldn't leave certain premises until some matter had been finally settled, etc.

But whether or not there was any connection between the note and the disturbances in the school house, the episode which was to follow can be verified - as we said before - by many persons, some whom we know personally, including truck drivers who, like the "hard-headed American 'drummer' or traveling man," cited by the editor of the old *Globe-Democrat*, would be among the last in the world to be accused of believing in ghosts.

It happened one night while Mr. B. was alone in what had been the cloak room of the old school and now made into sleeping quarters. He was suddenly attracted to the inner wall by a "bluish light" which, as he looked, grew brighter and brighter until - as Mr. B. will swear - the wall itself became TRANSPARENT!

He could see through it to the room beyond . . . he could see his wife in there, nonchalantly finishing some last-minute chore.

Mr. B. is not one bit ashamed

to admit that he was plain scared and that he wasted no time getting out of that room and going to his wife - who was doing just what he had seen her doing through the wall - and babbling to her what had happened. She tho't he was crazy at first, or maybe drunk, and at length he was forced to concede to the former and proceed to the latter! At least, we can imagine the scene as a shaken husband tries to explain to a skeptical wife that he has just seen her through a solid wall which suddenly had become transparent!

But Mrs. B.'s skepticism was short-lived, for soon the blue light and the vanishing wall became a common phenomenon in their place, and witnessed by a number of their patrons!

Most persons reading this must agree that there are times when you know whether someone is telling the truth or a lie - especially when a number of people are involved who have no slightest reason to tell you any falsehood, let alone collaborate on an elaboration. This is one such case, and our own skepticism - which is inevitable in any such fantastic claim - is toward a matter of interpretation. We don't doubt, in other words, that these good folks saw what they claim to have seen, but we do wonder if there isn't something misinterpreted in the telling (to us) or omitted which might give

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us a clue toward a logical explanation. As it is, we can think of none. Can you?

But we're not through with our tale - not quite.

The B.'s no longer occupy that old school house. They still own it; it still sits there beside the road, only partially remodeled; but it's vacant, abandoned . . . the occupants literally driven from it by weird occurrences that finally became more than they could stand. The B.'s have a new place, within sight of the old - where they now go only very reluctantly when it's absolutely necessary. There is no reason to suppose that the phenomena don't continue, but no one goes there to find out. W. C. talked Mr. B. into taking him there late one night, but nothing occurred.

What about the note in the tobacco tin and its possible connection with the "hauntings"? We've discussed the thing with the B.'s many times, and they have agreed that perhaps if they published the message, as it requests, the "ghost will be laid" - but actually doing it is something else . . . something that would be done in a ghost story, not in real life! You don't walk up to a newspaper editor and say . . . well, what *WOULD* you say!?

A second consideration - and which also contributes to the validity of the story itself - is the fact that the B.'s do not want the

publicity that might come locally from any full exposure of the matter, which, however, as far as we can see, could only be to their profit at their new place. Yet, on second thought, we can understand why this sort of publicity, even if monetarily profitable, might prove repugnant to persons of any finer discrimination.

One final testimonial to the old school being authentically haunted: After the B.'s had moved to the new place, they happened to meet a school teacher who used to teach in the school they had bought. They told her their story, and she verified that strange things indeed had occurred there even while it was in use. "I used to be afraid to stay there alone after the children had gone," she said. Apparently she had heard unnatural sounds, but had not witnessed the blue light and the transparent wall. This latter seems to have been a last minute desperate attempt by the spirit, before the building was completely remodeled and lost whatever quality old buildings must have in order to play host to a ghost!

And now the B.'s wonder, as do we, if it may not be our spiritual civil duty to release an earth-bound spirit!

Well, this is what you might call a "living" ghost story, in that it is still being enacted, seeking a conclusion. We intend to pry

into it further - to try and witness the phenomena themselves and to talk the B.'s into agreeing to a full report, including names and location.

And now we have another Nevada "haunted house", this one located by our good friends, the unimpeachable T.'s former newspaper editor and reporter, whose credit is beyond reproach. This one is located on the Owyhee desert north of Tuscarora, Nevada, and the T.'s plan to return to it this summer and spend the night. We hope to have that story for you in

the near future, too, plus a copy of the excellent photo the T.'s took of the place this spring.

(Jordan Valley, Oregon, April 18, '66) -

MYSTERIES OF "THE VASTY DEEP"

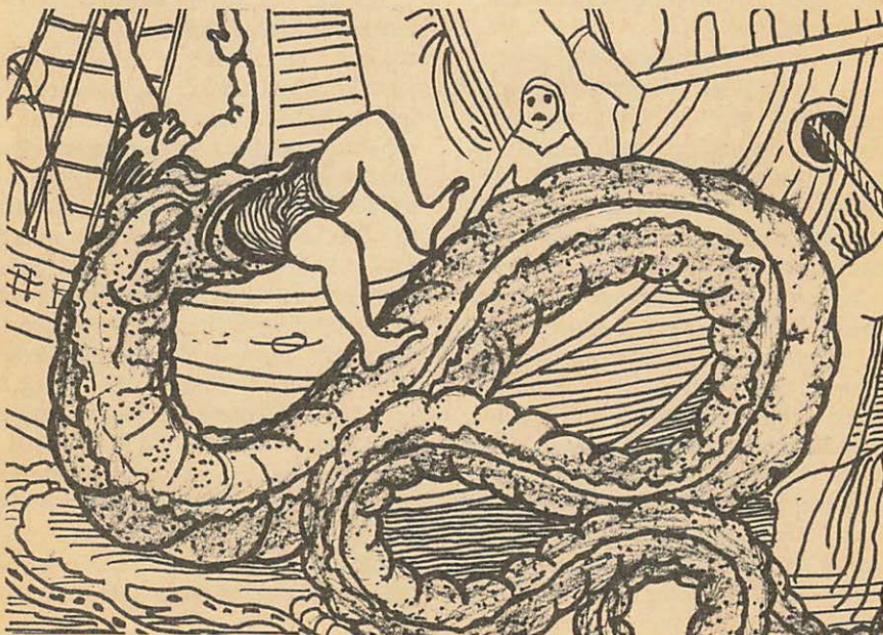
"A Monster - Bred of the slime, like worms which are bred from the muds of the Nile's bank,

Shapeless, a terror to see; and by night it swam out to seaward,

Daily returning to feed with the dawn, and devoured of the fairest,

Cattle, and children, and maids, till the terrified people fled in-

Detail from an old print illustrating Pliny's serpent.



ward."

This excerpt from an ancient poem (author unknown) seems to tally with our own speculations about the alleged "monster" of Walker Lake, Nevada, in that it is "Bred of the slime", for as we suggested, the latter, if such truly exists, might be a prehistoric creature (ichthyosaur, in this case) the egg of which somehow was preserved in the composite silt at the base of Walker Lake and, somehow, "hatched" in recent times - since we know from recorded fact that both reptilian and amphibian eggs have been found still alive that could only have been entombed (hermetically sealed) many years previously.

According to the latest reports, the Loch Ness serpent has been veritably verified, and the necessary scientific explanation is that "Nessie" is a sea-going survivor of the reptilian age, who should have gone out with the Jurassic, but didn't. (There are always nonconformists, "rugged individuals", in the animal world!)

Since we know, from fossil remains, that earth once teemed with very real monsters far more hideous than anything modern man ever dreamed up, and that many prehistoric sea creatures tho't long to have been extinct have been found in modern times very much alive and reproductive, perhaps then we should accord more cre-

dence to those ancient "fables" such as the celebrated kraken, theme of many an ancient romance, and others.

Aristotle, Pliny, Aelian, Aldorandus, de Montfort, are among the earlier writers who tell of gigantic polypi capable of entangling ships and seizing men and even whales. "Polypi" today are very real deep-sea creatures (giant sea-squid and octopi, or "cuttle fish", actually mollusks, well-known today) which a few years ago were regarded just as "mysterious" as today we regard "Nessie" and other reported "sea serpents" or "monsters". The following account seems to illustrate this premise:

In December, 1861, the steamer "Alecto" encountered, between Madira and Teneriffe, a monster polypus swimming on the surface of the sea. It was from 16 to 18 feet long without counting the eight formidable arms which encircled its head. Its color was red; its eyes, which were placed on a level with the top of its head, were prodigiously large and glared with frightful fixity. Its mouth, like a parrot's beak, was nearly a foot and a half wide. Its body, swollen towards the center, presented an enormous mass, whose weight might be 4400 pounds. Its fins, situated towards its tail, were rounded into globes of a great size.

The vessel was stopped and all preparations made to catch the monster, slip knots were made, guns were got ready and harpoons prepared. But at the first balls fired the terrible animal dived under the vessel and quickly appeared on the other side.

The ship kept up the chase for three hours. It would have been fatal to lower the boats. Harpoons penetrated the creature's soft flesh, but flew back without retaining hold. Several shot struck it, but seemingly without injury. At length one struck it causing it to throw forth a great quantity of froth, blood and glutinous matter, which smelled of musk. Just then the sailors got a slip knot around it and attempted to haul it aboard, but its tremendous weight caused the rope to cut through the flesh, and only a portion of the tail was saved.

The story of this singular encounter brought forth stories of similar encounters by other vessels in other waters, and quite a discussion ensued, which led to the belief that these polypi may exist of a size calculated to throw a shade of truth over ancient fables. (From an anonymous account.)

Here, of course, is simply the attempted capture, a hundred years ago, of a creature which today we know to be quite real, but which then was a "borderline" matter - and we can imagine the resultant

newspaper accounts and the reaction among the common "land-lubbers"!

As we do today, the reporters of this incident collimate it with the "ancient fables" for a possible "shade of truth". Consider also the following:

Rang, the naturalist, has met with polypi in the Pacific, with bodies the size of barrels, but their arms were short. Ehrenberg tells of an Ophicoma (snake-like substance) brought to light by the deep-sea soundings of the English ship "Bull Dog" off the coast of Greenland, which might serve to give some show of truth to Pliny's story of giant polypi thirty feet long and weighing several hundred pounds. In 1853, a similar animal weighing 220 pounds was caught near Jutland and recognized as a cuttlefish. When captured, it was engaged in a battle with a whale.

What of this sea-serpent of Pliny's?

It flung itself on ships, capsized them with its tail and devoured their crews. It had horrid teeth, the head of a wolf-dog with pricked ears, and a body of tortuous folds covered with yellow scales. In the North of Europe the belief in Sea-Serpents is universal. It was in Denmark that the story of the Kraken originated. The Norwegian sailors have enlarged upon it. They sometimes cast anchor in water a hundred feet deep and find it only

thirty. They immediately put for shore for they know it is the Sea-Serpent, a mile or more in length, that obstructs the bottom. When far enough away for safety, they look back and behold the disturbed monster shooting forth numerous spikes and shining horns. These are the arms of the Kraken. The Scandinavian Sea-Serpent assumed the enormous length of 600 feet.

In England and the United States belief in the Sea-Serpent is popular. One is described as having been seen in Boston Harbor in 1817. It had a serpentine form and extreme agility. In 1819, one was seen off Nahant, which displayed fifteen distinct curves of its lengthy body above the water at one time. Its length was estimated at sixty feet. Many similar sights were seen about this time.

Then, stories of Sea-Serpents were unpopular till 1857, when Captain Harrington saw a monster with a head like a barrel, on whose top was a crest. It was 200 feet long and kept the sea agitated for 100 feet around. It was dark and covered with white spots.

In 1848, one was spied from the ship "Peking." It was of enormous length, had head and neck of monstrous size and covered with a mane, and appeared and disappeared in the water. A boat was lowered, armed with ropes and hooks. It approached the head of the monster and made fast to it.

Pulling toward the ship, the animal seemed to lash the water and perform as if it were fighting for its life. The body was very active, on near approach it seemed loaded with marine parasites. It proved to be a monstrous algae, seaweed, upwards of 100 feet long and four feet in diameter, to which the action of the waves had contributed motions like a serpent. Other vessels encountered this same "Sea-Serpent" and told wonderful stories of it.

While it is true we are all influenced, more or less, by traditions, and that seamen, taught from childhood to credit the existence of terrible ocean monsters, readily give to a mass of floating sea-weed the form and semblance of a great serpent, we are still left in doubt as to the existence of such creature, for within the year 1886 many appearances of an animal with the semblances and proportions of a gigantic serpentine monster was noted on the Atlantic Coast of America, under circumstances so favorable for observation and with such detail, as to make the story of its presence and size a species of diablerie if it were a pure hoax. (Boyd)

(Here in Nevada, where this is being compiled, at least one other "sea-serpent" was "laid" - exposed as a fraud of Nature. The white man had long heard from the Piutes of a "gigantic serpent" that

dwell in Pyramid Lake - this is only about 75 miles from the above-mentioned Walker Lake and once part of the same prehistoric Lake Lahontan - and the newspapers made much of it, until on Oct. the 23, 1869 when an engineer for a borax company, named Spence, approached Pyramid Lake and was stopped by some friendly Indians who warned him not to go near it as the serpent had recently been seen on the surface there.

Spence was not the sort of man to take this sort of thing seriously, however, and he continued to the shore where he made his test samples for borax content, and on the 30th, along with his reluctant assistants, he set out in a sailboat. When they were in the middle, one of the men screamed, nearly capsizing the boat.

A short distance away, apparently dozing on the surface, they saw what appeared like a giant serpent - at least 300 feet long! It seemed to have black and white scales and a coppery sheen. In spite of their fear, Spence ordered his men to approach closer - saying it was too late to escape now anyway! And when they were within a rod or two of the monster they realized that it was actually a huge mass of copper-colored worms which were fastened upon each other and rolled up into the shape of a serpent - possibly they were fly larvae such as the Mono Lake,

Calif., Paiutes harvested for food - which the slightest breeze would break apart and disperse, thus accounting for the appearance and disappearance of the Indians' "serpent". - (From Pioneer Nevada, Harold's Club, 1956.)

We have some very real sea monsters today, of course, in the ophisure, for instance - truly a sea-serpent - not to mention moray eels, barracuda, sharks, killer whales, etc., all of which yearly account for the death of many swimmers and fishermen. The devil fish as we know it today is a relatively harmless member of the ray family, but formerly applied to the octopus, or cuttle-fish, and before very much was known about these creatures, the human imagination - even of some of the greatest writers of their time - had them something quite horrible, as consider the words of Victor Hugo:

"To believe in the existance of the Devil-Fish one must have seen it. Compared to it the ancient hydras were insignificant. Orpheus, Homer, Hesiod, only imagines the chimera: providence created the octopus (Devil-Fish). If terror were the object of its creation, it is perfection.

"The Devil-Fish has no muscular organization, no breast-plate, no horns, no dart, no tail with which to hold or bruise, no cutting fins, wings or claws; no

prickles, no sword, no electric discharge, no venom, no talons, no beak, no teeth. It has no bones, no blood, no flesh. It is soft and flabby, a skin with nothing inside of it. Its dusky hue can neither be imitated nor explained. It might be called a beast made of ashes which inhabits the water. Irritated it becomes violent. It is a spider in form, a chameleon in coloration. Seized by this animal you enter into the beast. The hydra incorporates itself with the man, the man is amalgamated with the hydra. You become one. The tiger can only devour you, the devil-fish inhales you. He draws you to him, into him; and bound and helpless, you feel yourself slowly emptied into the frightful sac, which is the monster.

"To be eaten alive is more than terrible, to be drunk alive is unexpressible."

Mr. Hugo draws as horrible a monster as ever stalked our imagination - but it certainly is not a true description of an octopus' habits, although one species, *O. punctatus*, are known occasionally to attack divers and the larger ones are quite capable of causing a man to drown.

But the above accounts illustrate how we are tempted to romanticize - even monsterize - anything we know little about and that will lend itself to it. The truth is most always something less than

monstrous or even sensational. Will that be the case, too, when we learn the truth (if we ever do) about today's mysteries? (Sea serpents, UFOs, "abominable snowmen", etc.) Or will man someday find himself actually face-to-face with that true enormity, anomoly, that he has ever anticipated?

(Helena, Montana, 4-22-66) -

POE AND THE POLAR OPENINGS

Of all the credit and discredit that's been printed of late years regarding the alleged hollow earth and the polar openings that lead into it, we wonder why the name of Edgar Allan Poe has not appeared. Almost a century before Gardner or Reed and, in fact, when Jules Verne was only nine years old, Poe published his longest tale, *The Narrative of Arthur Gordon Pym*, in which he tells of a fantastic land located in the center of the earth and which is reached by a hole at the pole.

The first part of this narrative was based on authentic fact - that is, accounts that are officially on record, and not too fantastic - while the latter portion, dealing with the hollow earth, is naturally not officially or scientifically acceptable. But an interesting thing occurred, due probably to the narrative's unwieldy length. Among other persons, Horace Greely endorsed the Pym adventure before finishing the book - before reading

the "fantastic" last chapters - verifying it as a true account; and so, others who read the entire narrative had it that the whole thing was a true story - hollow earth and all - because "Horace Greeley said so, and if Horace Greeley says so it must be so!"

Edgar Allan Poe is one of America's first and foremost literary giants; he defined the short story, invented the detective story and wrote some of its best examples - among other things. He was a vitriolic critic, of himself as well as his contemporaries. He was scrupulous to a fault in his art.

In the face of this we ask WHY would Poe write an extensive narrative based on fact and then end it with such a sudden bathos of fantasy - if fantasy it was? Such artistic infidelity seems totally out of character for Poe, the writer.

But before you think we're trying to bend a point in favor of a theory, let us explain that our interest in the hollow earth theory is rather an indirect one, or, you might say, academic. What intrigues us, specifically, is the antiquity and universality of this theory and - like witchcraft - its psychological significance.

Pursuing this line, we wonder about the many other "proofs" that might be used by the propagators of the (literal) hollow earth theory. For instance, the Navajo

origin myth teaches that the fore-runners of The People came originally from "below the surface of the earth." (Kluckhohn & Leighton, *The Navajo*, Doubleday & Co.) These ancients are regarded as having been possessed of supernatural powers, reminding us very much of the Greek and Roman gods, for these "Holy People" are thought, among other things, to have created the early Navajos, after moving from their subterranean world (or, actually, as they believe, a series of twelve underground worlds through which the Holy People retreated, upward, from "witchcraft" practiced by one or some of their members - a dero with ray?). They were driven finally to the "surface world" by a "great flood" and there created the present "surface people" and gave them all their knowledge, after which they, the holy ones, departed for "permanent homes" in all directions, including "the zenith and the nadir."

But some of these "Holy People" remain in the underground world today - they being "holy" only in literal translation, and are "powerful and mysterious", traveling about on "sunbeams - on the lightening" and are apparently more nefarious than benign toward the surface people.

It all sounds familiar, doesn't it? We also have the related myths (?) of the neighboring Pueblo In-

dians with their chthonian gods, including Masewa who led his people when "they came out through a hole in the north called Shipap," (Pueblo Gods & Myths, Hamilton A. Tyler, Univ. of Okla. Press).

Mesewa was succeeded as leader of their people by his brother, incidentally, whose name was Oyoyewa - which is quite similar to Yahweh (etc.) - in case someone is interested in pursuing it.

(Boise, Idaho, May 1) - By the time you read this we will be on

the opposite side of this fair planet - the time draws nigh. We see now that we won't be able to submit "Neridis" before we leave, so it may be some time before you get to draw your own opinions regarding this fascinating but fantastic account. We intend, however, to look up one Jean Akua, who sent us the Ms. when we stop in Honolulu, and perhaps we'll learn something more that will help us to understand why someone would write such an account - if it isn't true.

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tives, occultists, metaphysical students, etc. My library is quite old and large, for the most part devoted to the mysterious and the unknown, with books dating as far back as the Seventeenth Century. I am especially interested in such subjects as are covered in SEARCH MAGAZINE, and consider myself well informed on these subjects. George H. Wagner, Jr., P. O. Box 1458, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201.

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Dear Ray:

I disagree with Shaver when he says, "The day of the free-lance writer is over. He went out with the advent of TV. This is nonsense - the day of the free-lance writer is with us as it never has been before, immeasurably helped by television. Mr. Shaver should read a few of the writer's publications and handbooks - such as, THE WRITER, WRITER'S DIGEST, WRITER'S YEARBOOK, THE WRITER'S MARKET, and others - and see how very many markets beg for free-lance material.

There is nothing that intrigues me more than the present plan to "X-ray" the pyramids, a project which I have discussed in my enclosed article. However, it should be noted that Sax Rohmer's THE BROOD OF THE WITCH QUEEN and H. P. Lovecraft's IMPRISONED WITH THE PHAROAHS, both classic horror-fiction, deal

chillingly with unknown passages in and beneath the pyramids and the Great Sphinx. If memory serves, Pliny the Elder maintained that the mummy of a king was buried in the Great Sphinx.

In regards to Joseph Smith and the Mormons, it has been proposed that the Americans were settled by raftsmen from Atlantis, Chinese-resembling men who spoke a form of rudiment Japanese. According to this theory, the descendants of these Atlanteans with their great log rafts (measuring twenty by sixty feet) were the Mound builders, though these people came to be as we know them only after many, many succeeding centuries. This theory is fully recounted in PREHISTORIC TIMES: Or, Milestones in the Evolution of Men, by Hattie Tirrell, Anne Leonard, Eleanor Foster, and Frances Estes (Boston: 1923). George H. Wagner, Jr., Post Office

Box 1458, Cincinnati, Ohio 45201.

Hello Ray:

It's been nine or ten years since I last submitted anything to you for publication --- a lot of water under the bridge, a lot of evaluation, formulation, and activation, so to speak.

The instigation of the following, is the article, "Shaver Versus Palmer" in the November issue of *Search*, in conjunction with other articles of late that perturb me.

For instance, in today's *Sacramento Bee*, in their Parade section is an article, "Is The Government Watching You Too Closely?" by Jack Anderson, wherein were expressed grave concern over the tactics and utilization of ultra-super electronic equipment, invading privacy and mind. In his opening paragraph, Mr. Anderson intimates that it smacks of George Orwell's book, "1984".

In the May, 1966 issue of *Esquire* magazine, in the Science section are several articles relative to the tightening brainwashing and mind control techniques abroad in this vast land of ours - all of course, by their advocates, for some good, sound justifiable cause (not by the authors, however, apparently they can see farther than their nose).

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other worldly people, bear weight, but, he will have to align his sights on a target a little closer home - or else there will come a time that he may become so enmeshed in "things" that he may not be able to express himself (be allowed), or better yet - he won't have the "desire" or "mental ability".

As long as he keeps the story way out in left field, it makes good reading - ludicrous entertainment.

But driving hard rights and lefts into the mid-section of the perpetrators incurs attitudes best expressed as you did in the last paragraph of the article: (Shaver Vs. Palmer).

"As for me, I don't intend to

square off with the dero again; you see, I'm chicken! I KNOW the dero are real, and I KNOW what they can do!"

Well, different personalities react to different situations in different ways for different reasons.

As for me, I call 'em as I see 'em.

Abraham Lincoln said: "Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with them while they are right! Part with them when they are wrong!"

It is my humble opinion, that to capitulate or condone tyranny, in any form is to desecrate the universal cosmic laws, laws of the land, and the purpose for which

we are here.

In the summer of 1962, my youngest son and I rode the freights back to Chicago from the Coast and I stopped in Amherst, especially to personally tell you a true story. Upon reconnoitering the situation, I deemed it advisable merely to pay my respects to you and go on east.

In dealing with the "deros" one must live by his wits, keep his nose clean, anchor himself to the "Pearls of Great Price", and live it as you see it, fearing nothing.

To come by the foregoing, takes a lot of prayer, study, evaluation, formulation, activation, and standing by your guns, come hell or high



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Some died that others might live!

As Paul Brunton says in his book "The Wisdom of the Overself" on page 88:

"It is here in this physical world that man has to fulfil his spiritual destiny and realize his higher individuality, and nowhere else. For it is only through the maturity of wakefullness and by means of its paramount contribution that man is able gradually to become conscious of his Overself."

The correlation of all religion, all philosophy, all pertinent thought, is summarized in the Golden Rule:

Hindusim - "This is the sum of duty. Do naught unto others that would cause you pain if done to you." Mahabharata 5:1517

Judaism - "What is hateful to you, do not to your fellow man. That is the entire Law. All the rest

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is commentary." Talmund, Shabbat 3/a

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Confucianism - "Do not unto others what you would not have them do unto you." Anslects, 15:23

Christianity - "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye even so to them: for this is the Law and the prophets." Matthew 7:12

Islam - "No one of you is a believer until he desires for his brother that which he desires for himself." Sunan

The Christian Beatitudes and the Rosicrucian Code of Life, (Page 153, Rosicrucian Manual) have had terrific impacts on my thick head. Chapter 13, I Corinthians, has left its mark.

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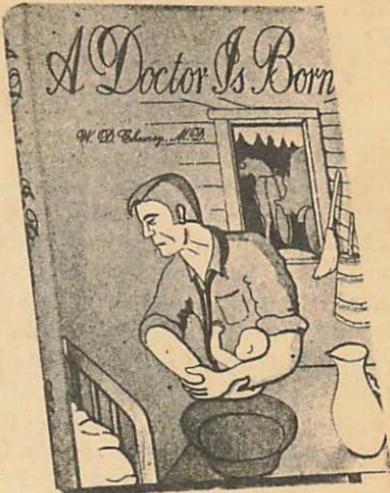
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Dear Sir:

The article "Is The Government Watching You Too Closely?" by Jack Anderson, in the Parade section of the Bee, Sunday 18th, depicting the invasion of privacy and mind with ultra-super electronic equipment truly smacks of George Orwell's book, "1984", as Mr. Anderson so aptly opens his article.

In February of 1957, I went to work for the Vet's Administration, at Palo Alto, as a hospital orderly. During the course of one of our classes, the instructress was citing some of the "symptoms" or complaints of the "paranoid". I happened to mention that it was possible for these folks to come by their "ills" in other ways. I quoted out of M. C. Poinsot's "Complete Book of the Occult" wherein it stated: "that any known physical or mental ailment could be induced" and went on to give some illustrations.

Right then and there, I was hustled over to the superintendent, relations severed and off the premises in 2-3 hours' time.

Americans! go on back to sleep. You've been overwhelmed and out-gunned.

In the long run, the desecration of

your Constitution, your Bill of Rights, your democracy, for evil, is going too far to outweigh any good that occurs from exposing deceit.

Deception bears very ugly connotations!

Any atrocious, diabolical, negarious, clandestine modus operandi whose capabilities include complete mind control (for good or evil), is going to have your head in a vice from which it will never be extracted and you won't know what's going on. Sincerely, Irwin G. Yarbrough - PS Caryl Chessman didn't wreck your Constitution.

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"Truth crushed to earth will rise again." William Cullen Bryant

"No lie you can speak or act but it will come again, after longer or shorter circulation, like a bill drawn on Nature's Reality, and be

presented there for payment - with the answer, no effects." Thomas Carlyle

"I have sworn upon the altar of God eternal hostility against every form of tyranny over the mind of man." Thomas Jefferson

Historian Charles Beard's summary of the lessons of history:

1. Whom the Gods would destroy they must first make mad with power.

2. The mills of the God grind slowly, yet they grind exceedingly fine.

3. The bee fertilizes the flower it robs.

4. When it is dark enough you can see the stars.

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Do not "hang a man" for the

thoughts that may cross his mind - even his acts - "1984" - "2 plus 2 equals FIVE".

Dr. E. Stanley Jones, a friend and careful student of the late Mohandas Gandhi, enumerated Gandhi's important contributions to civilization:

1. A new spirit and technique (Satyagraha "truth force" or non-violent resistance)-

2. The emphasis that the moral universe is one and that the morals of individual, group, and nation must be the same.

3. His insistence that the means and the end must be consistent.

4. The fact that he held no ideals he did not embody or was not in the process of embodying.

5. A willingness to suffer and die for his principles. Very sincerely, Irwin G. Yarbrough

Ray, I have seen abuses in the program with which I dissent, and which have catastrophic forebodings for man's future.

Man is a technological giant and a spiritual pygmy, full loaded with human frailties. All of his technological progress, his teleological concepts, his self-realization, and his desires to evolve, are in comparison, pathetic and alarming, in view of his powers to exploit and destroy.

It is a most bleak outlook for the individual who has his eggs in the one basket of this Valley of Sorrow - this mundane life.

This is a nation founded on great, inspiring and noble foundations, but God forbid, we are straying and acquiescing to principles that will bring about the cessation of our greatness and liberties.

No, Mr. Shaver, in my humble opinion you should align your sights on a target closer home, or at least to include a target nearer home, or to further rephrase, be cognizant of other possible targets.

You know, it wouldn't hurt to browse through: Law, Liberty, and Psychiatry, Dr. Thomas Szasz; Rape of the Mind, Dr. J. A. M. Meerloo; Battle for the Mind, Wm. Sargent.

Many men have fought, bled and died for a belief.

Me, as a old 53-year-old hobo - all I've got is my opinion and a conscience.

As a closing after-thought, if we circumvent the Old Roman Law, of having the accusers face the accused, in its entirety, we are guilty of placing an atom bomb under our whole democratic process. Irwin G. Yarbrough, 2884 Del Pass Blvd., Sacramento, Calif.

Dear Mr. Palmer:

Just on the face of it, sir, I think your editorial in the November 1966 "Search" Magazine was in error in a number of points where you said things that reflected not so favorably on the statements which

had been given by Dorothy Spence Lauer. It would appear to me that you had been influenced by some shallow remarks of some of your associates.

I certainly do not mean to criticize negatively those associates at all, but I do say that some people who have not had much experience are inclined to miss the point of the often profound and very helpful few words that go into those various readings of Mrs. Lauer. When some of those inexperienced people - who are very nice and very sincere - start in to exercise what they may call their "objective" approach, I think sometimes they go overboard and don't think it necessary to read those words a second time. I can just hear them say: "That doesn't apply to me." But does it?

I have had more than a dozen readings by Mrs. Lauer, whom I first contacted through the pages of your magazine (although it was only recently that I became a subscriber); and they were not only very helpful, but accurately indicated my present condition in respect to one thing and another, and warned of things to guard against in the future - which warnings proved only too true. And Mrs. Lauer's warnings were very timely, provided that I would keep them in mind. In some cases I was able to avoid trouble this way, - and I mean, TROUBLE. This really covered a

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My advice to some of those who had readings from her, is to review those readings and learn from them. Do not lightly cast them aside when something is said which sounds improbable or is not understood. Seek out the meaning of anything which you do not understand. Keep it in your mind, - PONDER over it. More is there than meets the eye at first glance. Howard Hammitt, Jr., 115 Height St., Apt. 8 San Francisco, California 94102

- Apparently you agree with this editor 100% about Lauer! However, it may surprise you to learn that the "shallow remarks" of my associates (you mean Sharon) are really done at my direction! If you will read my editorial in this issue, you may be in for a few surprises. I was in for a few myself, on the reaction to the last issue of SEARCH. Yes, I find that Lauer has to be read many

times, at different times, to discover how much she has on the ball. What better way to convince those who ask her for advice than the way we did it? Now you know that that "first snap judgment" is inadequate. I proved it to you by having Sharon make such a judgment. But if we can't convince newcomers of our validity, then what have we got that is so good? I have placed Sharon in the position of a challenger (against her will, by the way, as she herself questioned my wisdom in asking her to write her last editorial), because I am beginning to wonder if Ray Palmer can actually meet such a challenge? What do you think? One thing is

sure, Ray Palmer has not relinquished control of his magazines, he is only now beginning to launch out on a program which should prove of vital satisfaction to all our readers, not just a few "old pros" like you and I! I am much concerned with the youth of today, and terribly disturbed to know that I am not reaching them adequately. I am asking for help from you who have been with me so many years. It was you people who taught me all I know, now we need to teach the new generation what we know. And we don't reach them by ignoring them or scorning them. Maybe they are SMARTER than we are, and will see through anything we



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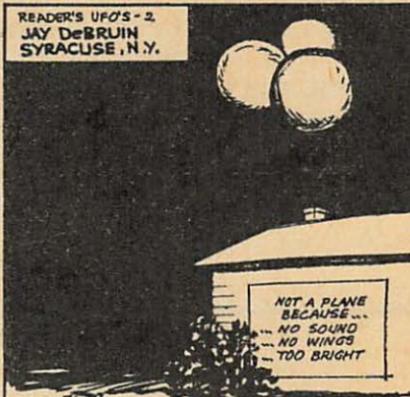
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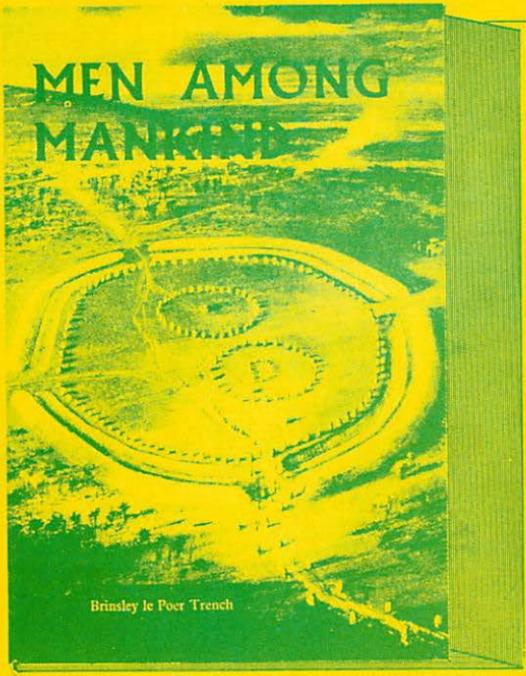
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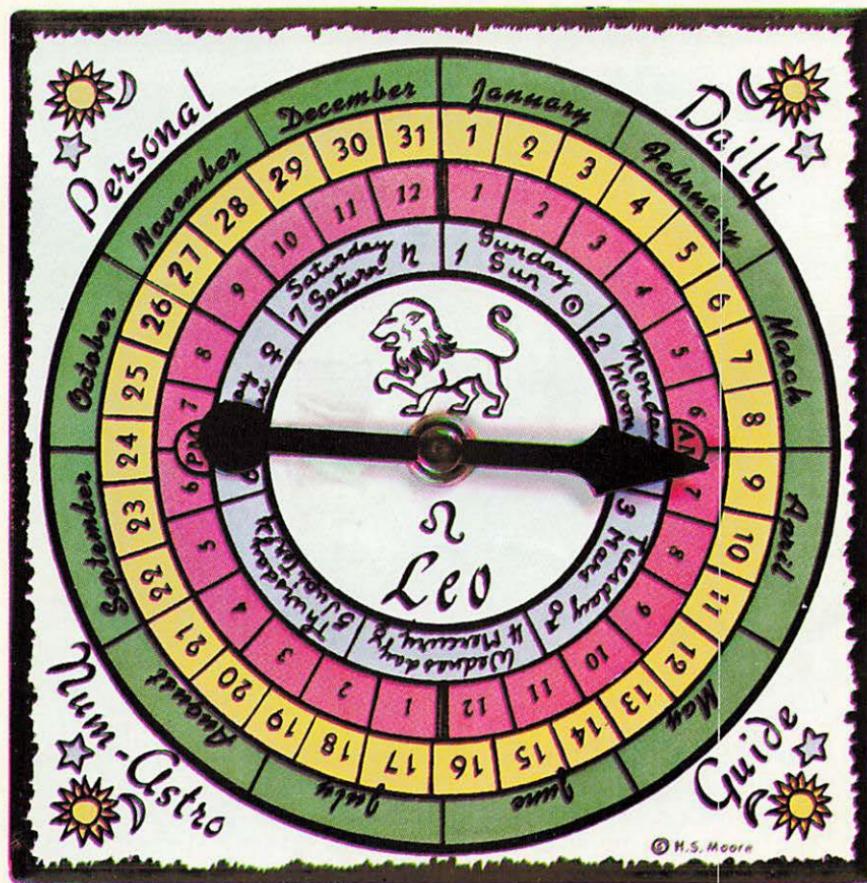
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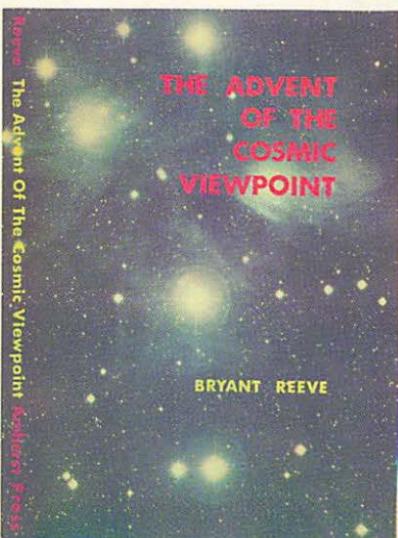
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