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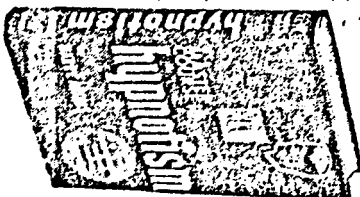
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—The Butler in William Archer's "The Green Goddess", quoted in Journal of Parapsychology

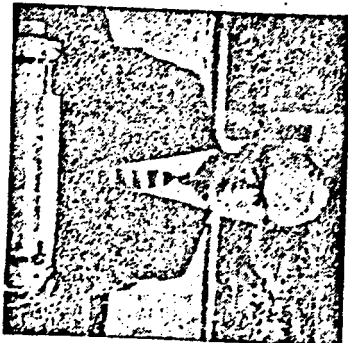
THESE QUEER THINGS

FROM TIME to time serious critics accuse FATE of being no more than a collection of oddities. They object because we don't offer more theories and tell reader how things are.

The fact is, we don't know how they are and we don't believe anyone else does, either. Even a man like Prof. Leonid Vasiliev, the Soviet physicist, after a lifetime of research into telepathy, admits there is no acceptable theory of how it works.

From the monolithic mass of our ignorance, nevertheless, bits and pieces rode away and what was unknown yesterday may be known and accepted today. But it is a slow process and we suspect that the vital mass of our ignorance increases. Every answer seems to bring two new questions.

We don't consider this discouraging; on the contrary the world gets



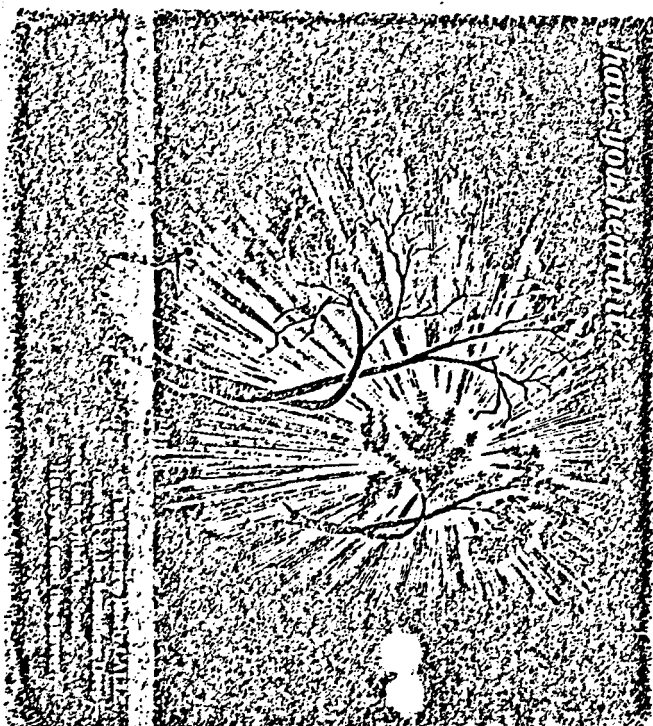
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THE SHREDDING CLOTHES

IN WILMINGTON, Del., as we write, state officials are investigating reports of mysteriously disintegrating clothing. For several weeks in January clothes and furnishings in a number of homes had been disintegrating.

Joe Kilby, a sanitarian with the State Board of Health, investigated three cases and expressed his bewilderment. The people he investigated bought their clothes at different stores, the clothes were of different materials, and different methods were used by their own-



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ers in washing and drying them. "It's a mystery to me," Kilby said. Meanwhile, Mrs. Jean Smith, a senior majoring in textiles at the University of Delaware, was planning a scientific study of one of the homes to try to come up with the answer.

MONEY EVERYWHERE

LITTLE MYSTERIES spring up all the time. Like the lucrative problem confronting the James Buck family of Lincoln, Neb., late last summer. They kept finding money around the place and no one, as far as we know, has learned where it came from.

One day Mr. Buck found \$40 in the corner of the garage. A few days later \$10 showed up on the floor of the car. Then \$18 was found under the family bathtub.

As Buck was leaving for work one day his wife found a \$50 bill just inside the front screen door.

CURSE AT WORK

WE THOUGHT we had heard the last of King Tut's curse but it keeps bobbing up. Most recently it was mentioned in Charlie Rice's Punchbowl in the January 5 issue of *This Week*.

Charlie Rice talked with Tom Terriss, who he believes to be the only surviving witness to the opening of King Tut's tomb. Terriss is

a veteran English actor-director who was making a film in Egypt at the time of the expedition. Terriss told Rice that after the tomb was opened Lord Carnarvon presented him with a small statuette of Tutankhamen. Almost immediately he developed a strange case of leg paralysis which doctors in Egypt and London could not help.

New York physicians did help him and he went on to Hollywood where he almost went broke. One night his wife cried out that the statue was at fault and the next day he donated it to a museum.

"And do you know, not two hours after I got rid of it, I was offered a \$35,000 contract from RKO."

Terriss says that he believed in the curse then but today he thinks it's "a lot of hokey."

He isn't really troubled with curses now, he says. He's 91.

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PROBABLE POLTERGEIST

LAST SPRING we investigated an alleged poltergeist in Edmonton, Alberta. We did not report the matter because, since this was an extremely noisy type of manifestation, we have been trying unsuccessfully to obtain a tape that was made of the weird sounds.

The phenomenon began in January, 1963, in the home of Harry Sydora, 50, an unemployed janitor with nine children. At first the

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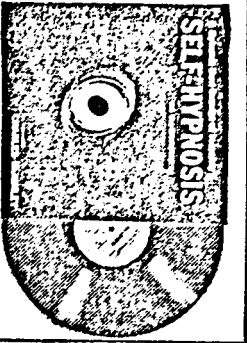
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cabin at Coulterville, Mariposa County, Calif. They both used the title of reverend, as ministers of the Universal Church of the Master, which the Fresno *Bee* describes as a "spiritualist group."

Mrs. Atkins died Wednesday, January 22, of a heart ailment according to the autopsy surgeon. Her death was investigated by Under-sheriff Norman Garrett.

Mr. Plebank told Garrett that two days before Mrs. Atkins died she had given him \$7,100 in Canadian money and he had exchanged it for American money. Because Plebank had no proof of the gift, Garrett advised him to turn the money over to the public administrator and put in a claim for it. This he did on Thursday.

On Friday, Plebank called the public administrator, District Attorney Dean Lauritzen, and said that mysterious voices had informed him that a fortune was hidden in a chair cushion in the one-room cabin.

Before the voices spoke, he said, bright green lights had danced and played on the wall of his bedroom. Sheriff O. M. Whitley went to the shack and ripped open the cushion at the insistence of Mr. Plebank. \$73,464 in Canadian money spilled out of the cushion, most of it in \$1,000 bills.

Officials were investigating the strange case, as puzzled as Coulter-

ville residents who had thought Mrs. Atkins was dependent on Mr. Plebank's social security check of \$64 monthly.

One night late last December Trospser woke from a terrifying dream—so terrifying that it took him several minutes to realize it was only a dream. He dream he had suffered a heart attack.

IMAGINATION

GUY TROSPER who had been in motion pictures for years, became a screen writer in 1941. Among other accomplishments he was script-writer and producer for *Birdman of Alcatraz*, one of the 10 best films of 1962.

The nightmare was so per got out of bed and called a physician to discuss it. After a brief conversation he returned to bed. In the morning his wife Beverly went to wake him. She found he dead of a heart attack—a heart attack this time. Was Trospser's dream an unconscious realization that he was ill? Or was it pre-cognitive?

Almost 2,000 years ago a mysterious white man walked from India, to be among the American Indian Nations...

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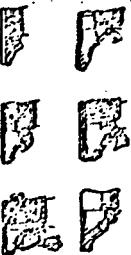
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The next fall the gander returned, bringing with him 12 more geese. Gambill fed them and they became as tame as barnyard fowl. By the following autumn they returned 100 strong. Each year the flock increased and Gambill gave his ranch to the state. It became a wild goose refuge and each year more than 3,000 wild geese winter there.

In the winter of 1961-62, Mr. Gambill died in a Paris, Tex., hospital. The geese took to the air the night he died and circled the hospital, round and round, honking and calling.

HEAT AT YOUR FEET

NOW HERE is something that can be measured and verified, so belief need not enter in. It is either true or not true.

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It seems that George Bozeman opened a restaurant in Chattanooga, Tenn., last September 24. On opening day he thought the place must be on fire. Fire engines came rushing to the scene but there were no flames, no smoke, no steam—yet the building's concrete foundation was burning hot.

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As he was speaking the floor got so hot the mastic under the floor tiles melted and the tiles came loose.

Days later the foundation still was hot and Fire Chief Burnes proposed they drill through the floor to try to find out what was wrong. But Mr. Bozeman had had second thoughts. "Oh no," he said. "The heat warms my customers' feet and I won't have to pay any oil bills."

MULTIPLYING MYSTERIES

BY WAY OF demonstrating the thesis that mysteries develop faster than they can be solved, we report on three new astronomical observations which pose great new problems.

1. A mysterious star-like object pinpointed by the Parkes radio-telescope at Sydney, Australia, is un-

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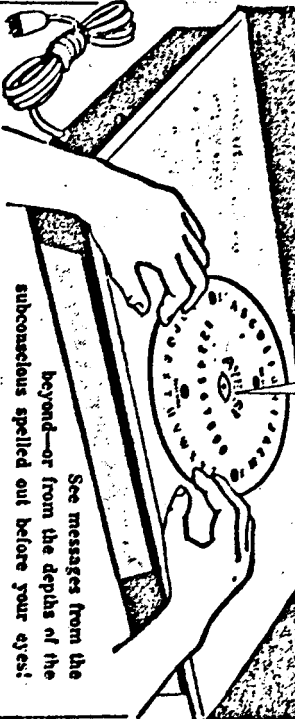
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2. A new method of rocket astronomy has revealed what seems to be a "neutron" star. So far neutron stars have only been postulated.—Dr. Hong-Yee Chiu of NASA estimates there are 100 million such objects in our galaxy. However, they are so small as to be all but impossible to see since they would be only five or 10 miles in diameter. Such a neutron star, however, would weigh as much as our entire sun. This densely packed material would have the unimaginable weight of 10 to 100 billions per cubic inch. Confirmation that neutron stars really exist would confirm the abilities of rockets to observe strange things in space.

3. More speculation now has been printed on the nine recently discovered enormous but unidentified objects mentioned here recently which seem to be billions of times brighter than average stars. Old photographs have been studied and it now appears that one such object, 3C-273, may be as

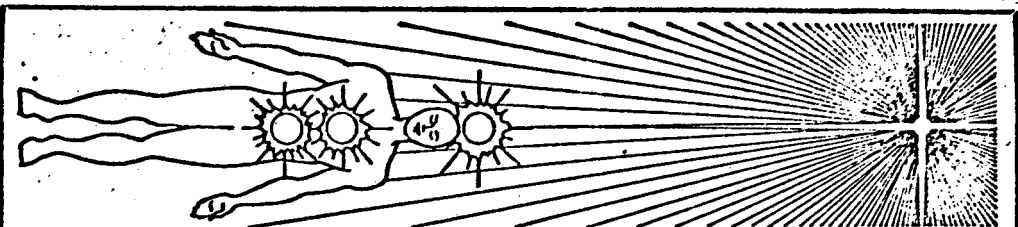
much as 3,000 light years wide, yet it seems to pulse on a 13-year cycle. Question: how can anything so big pulse in intervals shorter than the time for light to cross it?

In our own galaxy no stars appear to be more than 65 times as heavy as our sun and it has been suggested that anything larger would break up. Another proposal is that such a star might collapse in upon itself, producing a mass so small and condensed that its gravity might not permit anything to escape from it—not even rays of light or radio waves. Then the object could be detected only by its gravitation effect on other bodies.

The distances from earth of many of these huge bodies in space that seem to be speeding away at enormous velocities—as much as 55 per cent of the speed of light—are estimated by the red shift—that is, the shift of their light toward the red end of the spectrum. It has been suggested however that the red shift may be due to an extremely powerful effect of gravity rather than to speed. If that should be true, the objects thought to be billions of light years distant really may not be far away at all. All this is speculation only.



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GREEN THUMB

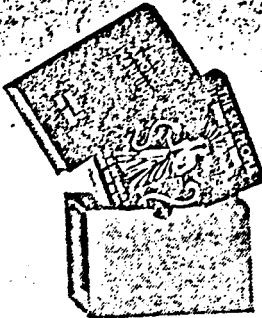
DELA ROGERS St. Johns has offered her testimony to the efficacy of mental influence on plants in an article in the now defunct *American Weekly*. She was living in Carmel, Calif., in a house loaned her by friends Harlan and Ruth Ware. Under the eaves of the house were 20 square cedar boxes filled with dirt in which the Wares had planted begonias before they left for the East.

The Wares had charged her with taking care of the begonias and she concluded she was doing a poor job. "There was nothing to be seen but a few brown sticks in each box," she wrote. "Yet I had watered them, climbed on a ladder and dug around them, fed them out of bottles and with all kinds of patent foods out of a spoon."

She decided she simply did not have a green thumb. She remembered regretfully that her dead mother had had a green thumb. "So in one of those throwaway lines I said, 'Nanna, if you do understand and forgive me, give me a thumb with these damn begonias, will you please?'"

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THE CURSE

PRONOUNCE a curse on those who touched God's acre and on their sacrilege and the terrible thoughts in their minds. May their days be of anguish and sorrow and may God have mercy on their souls."

The man pronouncing this curse stood dressed in the vestments of the Church of England, his arms outstretched before the altar of his 900-year-old St. Nicholas Church at Bramber, England.

Outside, the churchyard had been vandalized. Stones had been ripped off graves; figures of angels had been uprooted, their heads broken off. Black magic symbols were chalked on the church walls.

It was the second time within the month that black magic rites had been performed in a church of the Sussex area. At Westham, 40 miles from Bramber, a vicar found four men making incantations before his altar.

The Rev. Ernest Streete, 76, had pronounced his curse on Sunday,

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January 5. When he and his flock surveyed their churchyard the following morning they found the damage had been repaired mysteriously during the night. Crosses and angels heads had been replaced, grave-stones were back in position.

Whereupon the Reverend Streete withdrew his curse.

RINGS ON HER FINGERS

ONE OF THE continuing mysteries of archeology is the extent of Phoenician explorations of the world's seas. What we know about them comes mostly from other sources because the Phoenicians kept their great voyages as trade secrets. They did not want their rivals to know where they went or how, or what they traded at different far ports. Their stories often were designed deliberately to mislead Greek and Roman traders.

The myths of unknown monsters and mysterious dangers in the far seas which delayed ocean explorations for centuries probably were invented by them. Their silence is all the more strange because the Phoenicians are believed to have invented alphabetical writing. However, they wrote on perishable materials rather than on stone and their own writings were mostly destroyed. Most of what we know about them has come to us from their mortal enemies.

I SEE BY THE PAPERS

Recently at Sidon, Lebanon, however, a tomb containing the skeleton of a crowned Phoenician woman was discovered in a cave 60 feet below ground. It is believed to be part of a royal Phoenician cemetery and lies beneath a more modern cemetery from Roman and Byzantine times.

More information on Phoenician times is expected to come from this discovery. The skeleton was wearing a gold crown encrusted with precious stones. A neck pendant bore the image of a crowned woman. There were four rings on each of the 10 fingers, gold bracelets about the ankles, a bronze mirror and 10-inch clay statue of a woman.

Three scientists of Western Reserve University have detached a live brain from a rhesus monkey and kept it functioning. "What does this mean?" asked Dr. Robert J. White, one of the experimenters. "We have a brain totally disconnected from its body, still alive. Is it thinking?"

SPECIAL NOTE

JANUARY, 1964, is the first month in 16 years, that FATS readers failed to send us a single UFO clipping, although we did receive news of apparent meteors. What does this mean?—Curtis Fuller

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Beanfall

IN SAN FERNANDO

The small white beans were scattered on streets and yards after the rain. Had they fallen from the sky?

By Raymond Bayless

ON JANUARY 23, 1964, Station KGIIL, 13325 Van Nuys Blvd., San Fernando, Calif., reported during a news broadcast, that numerous small, white beans had mysteriously appeared the day before, on January 22, in the town of San Fernando. I immediately drove to Station KGIIL and interviewed the announcer of the news item. He gave me the original slip from which he had read the story:

"San Fernando—City officials today are unable to determine the source of thousands of small, white beans which appeared after yesterday's rainfall on Hagar, Maclay and Library St. One source feels the beans fell from a passing cloud."

I was told at the station that this information was given to them by a policeman of the San Fernando police force—the officer was not named. I also was told that a particularly noticeable fall had occurred at the intersection of Maclay and Library Streets.

Mr. Dudley Williams, 6816 Valmont Ave., Tujunga, Calif., was introduced to me by the station manager and he told us that he had found many of the white beans in his yard after the rainfall. Mr. Williams, after discussing the oddity of the occurrence, telephoned home in our presence to ask if the beans were still there. He was told that they were and said he would send specimens to me as quickly as possible.

At about 4:45 P.M. that same day, January 23, I visited the intersection of Maclay and Library and inquired about the reported fall at two stores on either side of the street. In each case the clerks denied having seen any beans.

On the morning of January 24 I called Mr. Wallace, Superintendent of Public Works, San Fernando

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FATE BEANFALL IN SAN FERNANDO

and he questioned his force of street sweepers regarding the beans. All reported that they had not seen any on the city streets.

These negative reports possibly can be explained if we assume that the beans fell comparatively lightly in the city and if so I doubt very much that a man guiding a street-sweeping machine would have noticed the beans on the pavement. Also, both January 22 and 23 were windy days.

Further, this fall is representative of an enormous number of falls of strange objects. For example, another case which I investigated through correspondence took place near Blackstone, Va., August 2, 1962. Here, too, there was a heavy fall of small, white beans, or peas, during an unusual downpour. They fell on the farm of Mrs. H. G. Gamble and were reported to fairly cover the ground.

I telephoned Mr. Williams' home two days later, January 25, and discussed the happening with Mrs. Williams. She stated that the beans had appeared in the yard after the rainfall, but she did not know at what time they first had appeared. She said they had picked up about 30 of the beans and described them as "little navy beans—little white beans."

On January 27 I received a package of beans which the Williamses had mailed to me. They sent 26

beans as representative specimens with the following statement:

"These beans found on January 22, 1964, in an area approximately 10 feet by 10 feet. This was following a good, general rain the preceding night.

Dudley Williams
6816 Valmont Ave.
Tujunga, Calif."

Mr. Williams said he first had seen the beans in his back yard at 8:00 A.M. on January 23. I found this yard completely enclosed by a fence and separated entirely from the front of his home. We located more beans directly under the edge of the roof and nearby. This roof edge is lower than all other sections and consequently the rain drains onto the grass from it. Unfortunately, we were unable to climb onto the roof to see what beans remained up there.

Mr. Williams later questioned his neighbors to discover if the beans had been placed, or fired, into the yard. His interrogations proved negative.

After leaving the Williams' home I stopped at a gas station and was told that more beans had appeared in an area close to the Tujunga wash. Arriving there I questioned several people who directed me to an area—quite barren and arid—where I found more beans scattered on the ground. I also discovered approximately 10 beans on the roof

of a nearby ramshackle wooden shed. There was no further information except that persons living in the vicinity told me that the beans had appeared immediately after the rainfall.

On February 1 I met Mr. Paul Bjorkman of San Fernando and together we toured the area where the beans reportedly appeared, but we were unable to discover any verifiable incident to prove that they had indeed fallen from the skies.

IN REVIEWING the entire case I feel quite sure that a fall of beans did occur, despite the fact

CLAIRVOYANT SOLVES A CRIME

THE ATTACKER of a girl recently was apprehended in the Netherlands as the result of a description given Dutch police by Gerard Croiset, 54, a clairvoyant noted for his successes in locating missing persons. The case was reported in the London Sunday Express by its Amsterdam correspondent, David Ellades.

The police were without clues as to the identity of appearance of the girl's attacker until Croiset furnished a word picture which he said he had obtained through his clairvoyant ability. Among details of

that the street-sweeping force did not see them. It is hard to imagine that a member of the police force would take the trouble to invent a tale of this particular nature. The statements of Mr. Williams further the policeman's account and the actuality of the fall. The reality of the beans is beyond dispute (some were sent in to the FATE office) but, of course, their origin is the real matter of interest.

The Los Angeles Times plans further publication of reports on the case, but at this writing the additional evidence is not available to me.

the attack given the police Croiset were that the man involved was about 30 and had a deformed left ear.

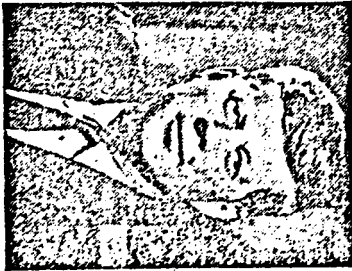
For four months police searched without result for a person of that description. Then they noticed it fitted a man who had been arrested on another charge. He was 29 and had a puffy and scarred left ear.

Under intensive grilling, the suspect broke down. He admitted the assault and gave details about the crime which police said agreed with statements made earlier by Croiset.

PREMONITIONS OF KENNEDY'S DEATH

Apparently even the President had forebodings of disaster. "I wonder if they'll shoot me in church," he said to a newspaperman last summer.

By John C. Ross



TWENTY MINUTES before President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas last November 22, operators in the Oxford, Calif., division of the General Telephone Company heard a strange woman's voice whispering: "The President is going to be killed."

The voice was eerie and difficult to understand. It came from a person who seemed emotionally disturbed. Several other statements

were incoherent and not understandable to the operators. This is but one of a number of astounding premonitions of the President's assassination gathered from various sources by FARE's readers and staff. Curtis Fuller's column, "I See By the Papers", in the March issue of FARE listed several of these—by Jeanne Dixon, the Capital Seer; by John Pendragon, the British astrologer; and even by Billy Graham. FARE's letters col-

umns also have carried personal communications from readers with similar premonitions. This article represents the first general report from published sources, however.

The report on the Oxnard, Calif., case came from Ray Sheehan, manager of the Oxnard division of the General Telephone Co. He concluded that the woman who muttered the prediction had "stumbled into our operator's circuits" possibly by misdialing.

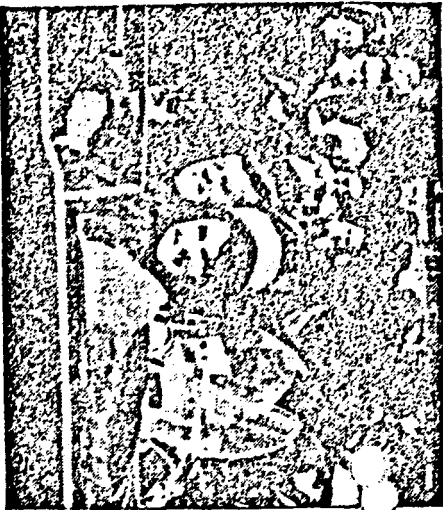
After the President was shot the call was reported to the FBI but there was no way to trace it. All that is known is that it originated in the Oxnard-Camarillo area, 50 miles north of Los Angeles.

When the call was received at 10:10 A.M. PST, one telephone supervisor called another onto her line and both heard the woman say the President would be killed. The President was shot 20 minutes later.

In Glendive, Mont., Donna In, a freshman in Dawson County Junior College, was leaving her class on the day of the assassination as the 12 noon bell rang. Suddenly she stopped and cried out at the top of her voice:

"The President is dead."
Donna did not have a radio and had no way of knowing the President had been shot. It was 10 to 15 minutes later that the shooting was confirmed on the campus.

Moments before he was shot, President Kennedy, with Mrs. Kennedy beside him in open car, waves to Dallas crowd. Only seconds after this photograph, shots rang out and the President fell dead, clutching at his torn throat. UPI photo



All she could say later was: "A queer feeling went through me. Before I realized what I was saying it just came out." * * *

ONE OF THE saddest of the premonitions of President Kennedy's death came from Ricky E. McDowell, 8, who lay in Doctor's Hospital, Columbus, Ohio, dying of leukemia. Ricky had been in a semi-coma for 48 hours prior to the assassination.

He woke about 7:00 A. M. on November 22 to find his mother Betty by his side. He told her a strange story. He dreamed, he said, that President Kennedy had died. Mrs. McDowell assured Ricky that the President was well and alive—and so he was for a few more hours. Ricky himself died December 28 without ever being told how accurate his dream had been.

Because of the 20-year intervals of the conjunctions of Jupiter and Saturn, and because every president since William Henry Harrison who was elected in the 20-year intervals since 1840 has died in office, astrologers have regarded the President's term as an ominous one. Huter's *Astrological Calendar*, published in Germany 18 months before the assassination stated: "The horoscope of U.S. President Kennedy shows health defects and at one time the danger that a fanatic is preparing his assassination."

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Astrologer Dal Lee, in the *Astrological Guide* on sale at newsstands during October, wrote: "At this time we prefer to confine ourselves to a word of caution to the President. He should guard his health and safety. . . . We wish November will be an easy-going month for him, but the aspects forbid it."

David Williams of Bayside, N.Y., was for 42 years manager of cable purchases for Con Edison of New York, until he retired last May. Williams had studied many different kinds of cycles, including astrological cycles. Based on astrology he predicted Kennedy's death in a written statement signed by T.F. Harrigan, Con Ed's assistant manager of stock control; by Ed Hess, manager of equipment purchases, and by four other men.

The November issue of *American Astrology* had indicated that the month would be a dangerous one for the President. An article by Leslie McIntyre described the relation of Mars to Uranus and stated: "In the past such configuration has coincided with personal danger to the head of state. All the more so in this case in view of the natal trio of Mars, Mercury and Jupiter. . . . November" is obviously fraught with perils of several varieties. . . ."

PREMONITIONS OF KENNEDY'S DEATH

A Dallas resident wrote a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lee of San Francisco, her relatives. The letter was postmarked at 11:30 A. M. November 22, and was reprinted in the *San Francisco Chronicle* of November 27.

"We are worried for President Kennedy when he arrives here tomorrow," said the writer in a message dashed off the night before the assassination.

"There are placards all over town calling him a traitor. . . . They are brainwashed by our newspapers, who are daily hammering about Washington as if it was some sinister foreign power."

"I think Kennedy is in greater danger here than when he was traveling all over Europe."

The San Francisco Lees declined to identify the letter writer, fearing reprisals against her.

A rather strange coincidence occurred in Nampa, Calif., where a one-act play festival was underway in the Nampa High School's Little Theater. On the morning of November 22, drama students from Cambridge High School were presenting the play *The Last Curtain*, which is based on the assassination of President Lincoln.

When the play was in its final woman's word came of the latest assassination.

Was this a coincidence? One of the great problems, of course, is

what is a coincidence and what premonition?

A strange thing occurred in the printing of 1963 calendars with one of the big companies, for example. In this calendar, the dates of the national holidays were printed in special colors. For some reason, the date November 22 was also printed in a special color, although that date is not a holiday and was the only date in the calendar with this error.

The problem of coincidence in individual predictions must probably be weighed by the detail surrounding the prediction. The following prediction seems too accurate to ascribe to coincidence.

"Fletcher", the control of Arthur Ford, America's most famous living medium, predicted President Kennedy's death nearly a year before hand, according to Ruth Montgomery, the syndicated columnist from Washington, D. C.

Ruth Montgomery reported in January that she had joined eight Protestant ministers and a medical doctor at a seance conducted by Ford in the pastor's study of a Washington church. During the seance, at which several veridical messages were given, "Fletcher" reminded those present that a year before he had told Miss Montgomery that the President would die.

Miss Montgomery had tapped the

sitting and she checked the tape. The voice of "Fletcher" on the tape predicted that President Kennedy would lose his life and he saw him "falling in a moving vehicle." "I had forgotten this," Miss Montgomery wrote, "because I interpreted that to mean an airplane crash."

During the January seance, "Fletcher" introduced a "discarnate" entity whom Miss Montgomery recognized as purportedly the late Dr. Floyd McCallfree, director of research for the Republican National Committee during the Nixon campaign.

"He's here," Fletcher said, "because he said he is interested in the probability, which is more than a probability, that Nixon will be the Republican nominee this year."

Fare readers might take note of this prediction.

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CERTAINLY the most ominous—by correct prediction of the assassination of President Kennedy was that of Mrs. Jeanne Dixon of Washington, D. C. Her prediction was reprinted in the October issue of *Fare* in the excerpt from Jess Stearn's book *The Door to the Future*, and was discussed in March *Fare*. Since then, more information on Mrs. Dixon and the circumstances of her predictions have become known.

In Washington, Jack Anderson,

of *Parade* recalled that he had interviewed Mrs. Dixon eight years before and had published a prediction by her in the May 13, 1956 issue. "As for the 1960 election," he wrote, "Mrs. Dixon thinks it will be won by a Democrat. But he will be assassinated in office."

Three weeks before the assassination, according to Anderson, Mrs. Dixon was lunching with a Washington society woman, Mrs. Harley Cope. Mrs. Cope told Anderson that Mrs. Dixon's face suddenly clouded and she blurted out, "He's going to be shot." When the startled Mrs. Cope asked who was going to be shot, Mrs. Dixon replied "Why, the President, of course."

John Gold, Washington correspondent for the *London Evening News*, wrote that he had talked with a dozen reputable men and women who reported that in the two or three weeks before the assassination Mrs. Dixon had repeatedly referred to an impending tragedy in the White House.

One was Charles Bentler, a former U. S. Naval officer and retired White House bandmaster. Bentler told Gold that on the Tuesday before the assassination Mrs. Dixon suddenly startled friends with whom she was dining by saying, "The President is going to be shot." Two women lunching with Bentler and Mrs. Dixon verified the statement.

Mrs. Dixon said that she had seen a "dark cloud" hanging over the White House and was heard to say on one occasion, "The veil is drawing nearer."

The witnesses who reported Mrs. Dixon's predictions usually stated they did not believe in psychic phenomena. One of them is John Teeter, executive director of the Damon Runyon Cancer Fund. He stated: "All we can do is to say exactly what occurred."

Mrs. Dixon was so sure the President would be shot that she contacted a personal friend close to the family and asked her to warn him.

She told the *London Evening News* Gold: "It was during the final days that I got most worried about Kennedy. Over the weekend I drove past the White House and I had a vision of the building draped all in black. It got worse over the next few days. On Tuesday, while having dinner, I saw the President shot before my eyes. He was struck in the head. That was when I called out, 'The President has been shot.'"

"On the day of his death I was having breakfast with an old friend and by this time the White House was completely veiled in black."

"I said, 'Charles, this is the day—this is the day it has to happen.'" Mrs. Dixon is not a professional fortune teller. On the contrary, she is a well-to-do business woman who

with her husband, James, runs a real estate firm specializing in expensive Georgetown property. She believes that her talent is a gift and must not be commercialized upon.

She dislikes to make unhappy predictions and will not "warn" sons of impending tragedy, unless she believes it can be averted. She was saddened by the fact that her warning of the attack on President Kennedy was not taken seriously. "Oh, how I wish I had been wrong," she told *Parade's* Jack Anderson.

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IS IT POSSIBLE that President Kennedy himself had premonitions of his death?

Drew Pearson wrote that a little over a year before the assassination the President had a "soul-searching" conversation with Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg at the time that Justice Felix Frankfurter read from the Supreme Court.

Kennedy had offered Goldberg the Supreme Court appointment and "obviously hated to lose him as Secretary of Labor," Pearson reported.

"It's like cutting off my right arm to have you go," the President told Goldberg.

Goldberg replied that he was perfectly willing to stay on as Secretary of Labor until there was another court opening. "You'll probably appoint a majority of the court before you're finished," Gold-

Berg is supposed to have said.

Then Pearson concluded:

"But the President demurred. Looking out the window and away from Goldberg, he said, 'I don't know that another opportunity will present itself.'"

"Then after a pause he added: 'And you'll be here a long time after I'm gone.'"

In a similar vein the Hearst Headline Service reported from Hyannis Port, Mass., the belief that the president had a premonition of being shot.

It was the practice of newspapermen covering the summer White House at Hyannis Port to attend mass at the same time the President did. They usually occupied the pew behind his at the church.

During the summer of 1963 the late President was leaving the church where he had heard mass with a newspaperman friend when he remarked:

"I wonder if they'll shoot me in church."

While his friend was still gasping at the thought, the President added: "Well, if they do they'll probably get one of you fellows first."

The President's words last March 3, when he visited Arlington National Cemetery, may have been unintentionally prophetic. Paul Fugua, 23, a guide at the Curtis-Lee mansion which sits on high ground surrounded by the sprawling cemetery,

described Mr. Kennedy's visit to the Associated Press.

It was a beautiful day, and Mr. Fugua was showing the president around. "I told him if I lived in the White House I'd move the White House out here, the view is so beautiful. The president said yes and added:

"I could stay up here forever." Reports of these premonitions by the President himself mount until they are almost reminiscent of the sadness felt by Abraham Lincoln—and for the same bitter reason.

James Reston, political commentator of the New York Times, says that last June, when the Civil Rights riots were at their height, with tempers and passions flaring, Mr. Kennedy addressed representatives of a number of national organizations.

After discussing the problems that confronted him on every side, the President astonished his listeners by ending his talk suddenly and taking from his pocket a piece of paper containing the famous speech of Blanch of Spain in Shakespeare's King John. The President read this poem to the audience:

*The sun's o'er cast with blood:
Fair day, adieu!
Which is the side that I must
go with?
I am with both; each army
hath a hand;*

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*And in their rage, I having hold
of both,*
They whirl asunder and dis-
member me.

JAPAN'S WORLD-CONQUERING NEW RELIGION

ONE OF THE strangest products of the post-war religious world is the Soka Gakkai Society of Japan, an organization of fanatic Japanese Buddhists who have announced their intention of conquering Japan, America and the entire world with their unusual mixture of religion and politics.

Soka Gakkai, written with four Chinese characters which mean create-value-learning-society, has become a source of concern both to political leaders and officials of older religions. Its main goal is said to be to establish a "third civilization" free of capitalism and communism.

In a newspaper called *Seiryō News*, its official organ, Soka Gakkai publishes cartoons and articles which seek to combat the influence of American Christianity. The Roman Catho-



lic Weekly, America, TV has branded Soka Gakkai as a movement of "present power and potential danger." Other Buddhist sects in Japan are said to be organizing to fight it.

In 1945 Soka Gakkai had only a handful of followers. Today it claims a membership of 10-million throughout the world. In America, its representatives state, it has 4,000 followers in Los Angeles alone.

According to Dai Saku Ikeda, its president, Soka Gakkai has a membership of one million youths. The movement has gained its largest following among the poor and friendless of Japanese society. It has made a headway among poor, unsuccessful people in Japan, although it has won converts among American service men through their Japanese wives



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Resting the Fingertip Vision of PAT STANLEY

A Michigan housewife also displays the ability to identify colors with her fingertips—but with differences.

By Pauline Salesman

MRS. PATRICIA Stanley, of Flint, Mich., can see with her fingers, too.

The July, 1963, issue of *Fate* presented the report of a 22-year-old Russian woman, Rosa Kuleshova, who can read with her fingertips—and it was received very critically by parapsychologists and other scientists.

But now a Michigan housewife has been found who can identify colors in the dark with her fingertips, according to Dr. Richard P. Youitz, a psychology professor at Barnard College who is listed in *Who's Who In America* and who has spent some 60 hours testing the fingertip "sight" of this woman. Mrs. Stanley first discovered her

unusual ability when she was a senior at the Owensboro, Ky., high school in 1939.

Miss Mary Barrett, the science instructor, had given a blindfold test to her class, asking them to identify common objects by feeling them. One girl, Patricia Ainsworth, was particularly good. In fact, she not only identified the shapes but also the colors of the objects she handled. Miss Barrett, and her friend Dr. Marlon Gillim, who taught psychology in Owensboro at that time, repeated the test. This time they not only blindfolded Miss Ainsworth but also tied a bag over her head. She still identified the colors. However, Patricia Ainsworth soon was graduated and no-



Team of ability of Mrs. Patricia Stanley to identify colors with her fingertips show 16,000 to one odds against chance.

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body followed up on her strange ability, although at the time the whole high school had been much impressed.

Then in January, 1963, the story of Rosa Kuleshova broke upon a disbelieving world. The case had been confirmed by the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Further Russian work even had suggested that about one person in six had this ability to "see" with the fingertips. But these reports were from Russia and American experts were highly skeptical—most of them still are.

Among the skeptics was Dr. Youitz. One day he was discussing the Soviet report with his colleagues in the faculty lunchroom. It was then that Dr. Marlon Gillim, now professor of economics at Barnard recalled an incident that had occurred while she taught in Owensboro, Ky., in 1939.

Dr. Youitz says he thought ^{as a result} this for at least two weeks before he decided to do something about it. He states that it was the nagging question of "Are you open minded or not?" that finally made him ask Professor Gillim to write Miss Barrett to try to locate Patricia Ainsworth.

Evidently Pat Ainsworth was the only person in that 1939 test session who remained unimpressed. She hadn't, up to that day, dreamed that she possessed the rare ability of being able to "read" colors with her fingertips, and apparently she couldn't have cared less.

In 1945 she had married Stanley, a young serviceman stationed in Mississippi. At the end of World War Two the young couple had been graduated from the Rankin Business College of Roanoke, Va. Then they moved to Michigan living in Lincoln Park and in Detroit for the next 10 years. Ferris Stanley was employed at the Terstedt Plant of General Motors Corp. in Livonia during this time. In 1948 he was made an inspector at it