

'A Filthy Habit'

The Psychic Leeches

By Charles Petit

Beware the psychic vampire. He — or she — will drain off your precious astral energy, leaving you a pale husk.

That was the word yesterday from Robert R. Leichtman, 38, one of a group of people who say they are psychics and are here for a show called "Psychic 74" tomorrow at the Masonic Memorial Auditorium.

Leichtman is billed as an M.D. — specializing in internal medicine — who gave up his practice in Michigan in 1959 and has since devoted himself to exploring the psychic world.

His favorite topic is those psychic vampires.

"There are two kinds," he said. "The quiet ones, and the talkative ones."

Either way, he said, these persons latch onto a victim — or a whole group of victims — and extend invisible tongues of "aura" that suck like leeches at psychic energy fields that don't belong to them.

"A filthy habit," said Leichtman tidily, "and dangerous. It can kill someone who is already sick. I've seen patients die 30 minutes after being visited by a vampire in the hospital."

So that innocent persons know what to watch out for, he described a few characteristics of the psychic vam-



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DAVID JOHNSON
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pires.

The quiet ones, he said, often come into a group situation — such as a party — looking withdrawn, timid, and a bit unhealthy. But that changes — they soon get talkier, healthier, and more energetic.

Meanwhile, the victims are getting tired, he said.

The talkative ones, he said, come in talking, and just keep it up while listeners get more and more tired, exhausted, and pooped.

Someone told him that his description sounded exactly like that of a common bore. The difference, he told a press conference yesterday, is that the next day, the vic-

tim still feels tired.

The only thing to do when one meets a psychic vampire is walk away — and hope the forces on "the other side" will take care of the evil doer.

With Leichtman at the promotional press conference were three other psychics — two clairvoyants (like Leichtman) and a healer.

They all agreed with the theme of the program — psychic phenomena is real (sic).

And, they said, it is within the reach of the common person.

David Johnson, a clairvoyant from Monterey, said

he uses his psychic abilities to amplify his creativity as a painter and sculptor. He also lends his services to police agencies occasionally, he said, helping come up with sketches of criminals.

The other clairvoyant was Richard Huntington, 32, of San Francisco, who provided a prediction: the Oakland Raiders he said, will win the Super Bowl.

Johnson and Leichtman gave their new year's predictions, too. Leichtman predicted that President Nixon will develop stomach trouble early next year and resign in March, and that a major scandal is brewing linking a top government intelligence agency to clandestine operations on behalf of big business (one a "big communications company", he claimed.)

Johnson said he sees an era coming soon, maybe next year, in which "something" will cause young men to die and older men to resort to harems in order to keep the population up.

When a newsman expressed skepticism about the whole thing, one of the performers in the Sunday show said bravely, "You ever hear of a psychic attack?"

Tickets for the show cost \$5. For information on hours and the full slate of speakers, phone 775-2021.