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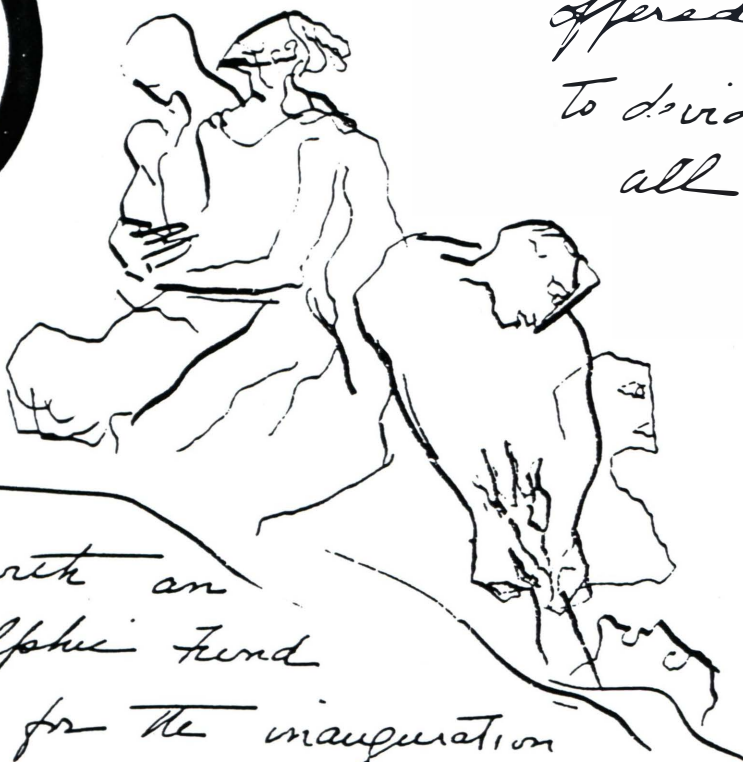
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Pietro Lazzari

who has

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being raised for the inauguration
this June of a World Treasury
of Art on the slopes of Mount Parnassus
in the true democratic spirit of
the ancient Greeks whose allegiance
to universal culture and the rights
of the individual was born
27— 2000 years ago at Delphi.

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OUR COVER

Not every Fortean will recognize himself as the hub, spokes and motive power of the world, as pictured on our cover, but that is what the design is getting at, as I understand it.

The individual is the all-important unit. Each is his own universe. Living is the chiefest of the arts, and the aim of the organization which has nailed this new Jolly Roger to its masthead is to see that opportunity is not lacking anywhere on Earth for individuals to realize their fullest creative potentials as universe builders and movers.

The design is the symbol of the World Citizens movement, which claims a registration of about 600,000, and more coming in all the time. It was given to me by MFS Caresse Crosby just before she took off for Delphi, Greece.

As we go to press, no report of the ceremony in Delphi has reached us, but the intention was to dedicate a footprint, and to dedicate the soil on which the print was pressed, to the ideal of World Citizenship. That was supposed to have taken place May 24, old style, which was June 1, 23 FS.

If the purity, nobility and inherent grandeur of

this concept could have been impressed upon the British mind in time, doubtless the coronation would have been called off, as being too provincial, too anticlimactic, too greatly shrunken and dwarfed by contrast, for adults of good-will to stomach.

It is no more than a petty irony that Garry Davis was pounding on the gates of Buckingham Palace from about May 8 to May 22. He was not trying to tell the Queen about Caresse and her footprint in Delphi. Garry lost interest in World Citizenship a long while ago, and the less said about him the better.

The land surrounding the footprint was bought by MFS Crosby from the Greek Government, if I have my facts straight, and an article exists in the present Greek Constitution favorable to the "mundialization" of Greek soil, within reason.

It's a pretty spot too, called the most beautiful in Greece, 1000 feet above sea level, overlooking the Gulf of Corinth, within sight of Parnassus, just around the corner from the famous oracle: a Minoan city is said to be buried under the footprint: and on this site MFS Crosby means to see erected a building or buildings to be called The World Treasury.

In Caresse's own words: "... from this beginning the free world may take spiritual and actual form, and a chain of footprints be ceded 'round the globe, which will grow and expand until frontiers are crossed and barriers between peoples abolished. Here in Delphi this World Treasury will be consecrated to the belief that civilization can prosper only when man himself becomes the unit for unity, in a free world.

"The National pattern is outmoded. National leaders have failed us. It is for man the world citizen to mould a future nearer to the heart's desire. Men everywhere seek some higher unifying allegiance than any now offered them. Ahead all seems confusion, but—hand into hand, men and women of goodwill may everywhere join our effort. *Where there is no vision the people perish.* No 'ism' is good enough. What the world needs today is a world ideal.

"This effort—to be pure and sure—must not be subsidized by one person or one group or one nation alone. It is my hope that the World Citizen, believing in *himself*, will now come forward to make some offering, however small or great, so that this Treasury of mind and spirit may soon rise as an expression of civilized unity in a free world. All values are acceptable—an ounce of salt or an ounce of gold—your thoughts and reactions will be welcome."

Address: MFS Caresse Crosby, World Treasury, Delphi, Greece.

Several universities in the USA have given to their architecture classes the problem of designing the World Treasury, and if any Fortean architect (such as Frank Lloyd Wright, for instance) has any suggestions, send them along to YS.

Pertinent to an appropriate design is the detail that Delphi was the headquarters of the Amphytonic League, some 2000 years ago, the first democratic council of historic times, first to draw up a "document of Human Rights". Here Socrates declared himself, "a citizen of the world".

Already, this summer, Caresse is opening an art gallery in Delphi, and there will be represented all those artists—wild and tame—Glasgow, Condon,

Betty Parson, Steinberg, Dal Austin, Romare Bearden, Pietro Lazzari, Aspro, Nino Marini, Roberto Fossola, Dali, Jiacommetti, et al—who have been her friends and colleagues, her court and her confederates, in ever increasing numbers since the days of *Le Moulin du Soleil*, not far from Paris.

If you would read more about that Mill, and Caresse, and Crosby, the "4 Z'ARTS" balls, and the funny world we lived in through the 20s of the "Christian" era, read *THE PASSIONATE YEARS*, an autobiography, by Caresse Crosby, from the Society, \$5.00.

As every reviewer of the book has noticed, Caresse invented the bra, and founded the Black Sun Press, which brought important experimental literary work to international notice.

More recently, she has been twice around the world, speaking in five or six languages wherever a radio or a hall was available, to unite Women Against War, and she has made mighty progress.

In 1950 she sponsored House Resolution 7596, before the United States Congress, a bill which proposed to sell PEACE BONDS instead of "war" bonds, and to devote the funds to education, culture and other worthwhile phases of national life. You can guess how far the bill got.

But Caresse is going places in Delphi, and all over the world "mundialization" has set in. She herself has mundialized villages in Italy, France and Greece, and other World Citizens have done the same elsewhere.

If you think the movement is not very significant, not very widespread, not very popular, let this quotation from the *Economic Council Letter* disabuse you. Douglas Reed, writing in Letter No. 312, June 1, 1953 old style, (Copyright 1953, National Economic Council, Inc.) has this to say: "World Government" is today's phrase, as "National Socialism" and "Communism" were yesterday's . . . (How do you like those for semantics?) . . . This will not appear a "crackpot" or "screwball" scheme to any who consider that it has in forty years grown from something very small to its present shape of advanced realization . . . The One Worlders, I estimate, need more vigilantly to be watched than even the Communists; and home defense in the West needs to be directed against them even more than against bombs."

Obviously Douglas Reed is worried!

SUPPLEMENTING "SAUCERS"

Follows here, further notices of "meteors" to supplement and continue the list begun on p. 206, of DOUBT #40. None of the following uses the terms "saucer" or "disk".

1938, Sept. 1. Los Angeles, Calif. observed by MFS Markham.

1949, Oct. 26, over New York-Pennsylvania.

1950, July 24, Blackhall Colliery, England. Fireball struck chimney, threw a woman several feet. Described as a "blue ball of flame".

1950, Aug. 8. L.A. to San Diego, Calif.

1950, Sept. 20, South of St. Louis, Mo. ("Exploded over Memphis")

1950, Sept. 21. Wyoming and Colorado.

1950, Oct. 4. Paducah, Ky., Nashville, Tenn., Crawfordsville, Ind., St. Louis, Mo.

1950, Dec. 13. Meteorite came through roof of car, St. Louis, Mo. Called the first meteorite found there in 25 years.

1952, June 2, Vancouver, B.C.

1952, Nov. 13, over British Cameroons, from Yola to Bansa, which is 250 miles.

1952, Nov. 24, Berwick, England. "Ball of fire rolling uphill."

1953, Jan. 4, over San Francisco.

THIRD DIVISION

Completing the picture OF THE NEWSPAPERS for the time period covered by the "saucer" report in DOUBT #40, here are the celestial phenomena noticed which were called neither "saucers" nor "meteors" but went largely unidentified.

1947 = 17 FS

Nov. 19, over Manitoba, called "a balloon".

1948 = 18 FS

Feb. 19, over Norton, Kans. "ball of fire exploded".

Feb. 22, Arcadia, Calif. Flash of light and roar.

July 25, in a Glasgow, Scot. paper, said "wingless air monster" seen over Montgomery, Ala.

Aug. 24, Sweden, "sky octopus".

Dec. 13, off Berwick, England. "three distress flares"—nothing found.

1949 = 19 FS

Feb. 1, Tiverton, Devon. "blue-green ball of fire"

April 7, Indianapolis, Ind. "ball of fire"—left "about a ton of black material that has a glassy sheen and is so hard it resists a blow torch and the hardest drill"—in a back yard. The Indianapolis *Star* put forward its "own astronomer", whom it does not name, who denied that the light was seen or that the stuff fell.

MFS Setty, of Indianapolis, made a personal investigation and sent us a sample of the material. He cites Mr. Elmsley Johnson, astronomer, who calls it "glass slag", and the Fairmount Glass works, which says it is not glass slag. Damned if I know what it is.

April 8, Seattle. Ball of fire.

July 22, Chattanooga, Tenn. Bright object burst into three.

Oct. 14, Buffalo-Toronto area. "blinding bluish white blaze of light".

Oct. 24, Hymers, Ont. Streak of fire "performed a loop".

Oct. 26, Buffalo, N. Y. Ball of fire.

Oct. 31, Burbank, Calif. "weird, comet-like aircraft"

Nov. 15, St. Martin, England. "cloud of smoke descended into the sea"

Dec. 12, Victoria, B. C. "pencil shaped object"

Dec. 29, Hamlet, N. C. "silver sphere" pursued by pilot

Dec. 30, Centerville, Iowa. Long white streak.

1950 = 20 FS

Jan. 5, Lassen Count, Calif "flash of light"

Jan. 11, Tucumcari, N. M., and Gage, Okla. Lights that changed colors.

Jan. 13, Dorset. "thin red streak burst into red flash"

Jan. 19, Seattle. Called "aurora" by observers, but the Weather Bureau said trolley wire flashes.

Jan. 19, Bend, Oregon. "seven fingers of light"—called aurora by observers, but an unidentified something "ruled that out" because the lights were to the S, and *everybody* knows that the other name for "aurora" is *Northern Lights*!

Feb. 1, Tucson, Ariz. "long black plume of smoke" pursued by a plane but not caught.

Mar. 2, Portland, Ore. Light streak.
 Mar. 5, Germany (Westphalia) "green rocket"—something similar seen Jan. 19.
 Mar. 24, Arcata, Calif. "brilliant flash—emanating from the ground and mushrooming into the air". MFS Bishop remarks—"obviously a herd of fireflies all blew fuses at the same time".
 Apr. 3, off Scilly Islands, England. "three white rockets"—nothing found.
 Apr. 11, Buffalo, N. Y. "object with four or five flaring exhausts"
 May 22, Halifax, N. S. Three shiny objects with wings.
 June 12, Buffalo, N. Y. "round ball of light"
 June 21, Hamilton Field, Calif. "object spouting green flame", called "interloper".
 June 25, New Orleans, "great ball of fire".
 June 29, Denver, called a "sky-hook balloon".
 June 30, Phoenix, Ariz. "Balloon"
 July 2, Helena, Mont. "brilliant banana shaped object".
 July 3, Fairbanks, Alaska. "apparently a guided missile"
 July 28, Isle of Wight. Brilliant white light, likened to a rocket.
 July 30, Springfield, Ill. "like a blue streak and had a trail of reddish flame" struck the propeller of a plane flown by Jim Graham. Did not rock the plane, "brightest light I have ever seen in my life".
 Aug. 2, Midwest—from Springfield, Ill., to St. Louis, Mo., more blue-green streaks like Graham's.
 Sept. 7, Anchorage, Alaska. "pillar of flame".
 Sept. 19, Poplar Bluff, Mo. Thought to be a balloon by day, but after nightfall it lighted up like a star!
 Sept. 26, Windsor Locks, Conn. "Like a plate"—also—"somewhat translucent"
 Oct. 18, Anchorage, Alaska. "hovering blue light"
 Oct. 23, Toronto—vicinity James Bay—"stationary red light"
 Nov. 6, London, England. "bluish or purple light"
 Nov. 7, Timmins, Ont. In a snowstorm—"a brilliant little sun" or "a shiny tear drop shooting— from east to west"
 Nov. 10, Middletown, N. Y. Ball of fire.
 Nov. 22, Pasco, Wash. "shiny cigar shaped object"
 Nov. 27, Huron, S. D. Light which changed colors.
 Dec. 1, Anchorage, Alaska. Blue-white light.
 Dec. 4, (Saturday before) North Wales. "like a very bright electric light bulb".
 Dec. 5, Govan, Scotland. "about 20 ft. long and pinky red."
 Dec. 11, London, Eng. Silvery cigar—lighted on one end.
 Dec. 12, Anchorage, Alaska. "white flash—apparently caused an explosion or fire near Mt. Sanford."
 Dec. 30, Clairton, Penna. "brilliant light floated slowly to the ground." A two-inch tube of metal was found after light burned out.

1951 = 21 FS

Feb. 27, Craigmore, Scotland. A light hovered in the sky seven minutes.
 June 12, Portland, Ore. A pilot at 12,000 feet saw a "rain of metallic bits" below his plane, "somewhat like a flock of tracer bullets".
 Aug. 15, Oslo, Norway. "guided missile"
 Oct. 2, Hogsburg, N. Y. "a dark brown rubber or plastic sphere, powered by a motor driven propeller", landed near St. Regis, then took off and vanished,

acto four observers.

Oct. 18, Ottawa, Can. "looked like three stars together".
 Oct. 21, Phoenix, Ariz. Flash of light.
 Nov. 9, Middletown, N. Y. Ball of fire.
 Nov. 17, Reading, Pa. "Three circles of light spinning counterclockwise."
 Nov. 25, Boyle, Alberta. Streak of light.
 Dec. 1, Tucson, Ariz. Flash of blue light.

1952 = 22 FS

Jan. 5, Watsonville, Calif. "Cigar-shaped with tail like a string of beads."
 Jan. 5, Fresno, Calif. Ball of fire.
 Jan. 6, Perthshire, England. Streak of blue light.
 Feb. 14, London, Eng. "cigar-shaped rocket"
 Feb. 20, Long Beach, Calif. Balls of fire.
 Feb. 26, Richmond, Calif. Balls of fire.
 Mar. 25, St. Paul, Minn. Ball of fire.
 Apr. 12, Minneapolis, Minn. "object showing a peculiar glow".
 Apr. 17, Hamilton, Ont. "A blue sausage"
 Apr. 18, San Francisco. Three vapor trails.
 Apr. 18, Edmonton, Alberta. "Bright yellow light."
 Apr. 18, Hamilton, Ont. "Giant whirling smoke ring."
 Apr. 20, London, Ont. "Ball of fire" or "dark cylindrical object" leaving a vapor trail, shortly before noon.
 Apr. 20, Hamilton, Ont. "50 to 60 dim orange lights flying in V formation."
 Apr. 24, Austin, Texas. "Strings of glowing pink objects."
 May 11, Malvern Hills, England. "A bluish-green, phosphorescent bubble-like sphere—with a misty green halo."
 May 14, East Moline, Ill. "looked like a balloon."
 May 19, Pisa, Italy. "Luminous oblong object."
 May 27, Provost, Alberta. "Oval red object slightly smaller than moon, with two streaks across it."
 May 29, On the California-Oregon border. "Bright flashes lighting the entire sky."
 June 1, Cannon Beach, Ore. "Light like an inverted cone."
 June 13 (On the Saturday before Whit Sunday, whenever that may be, over Derna, wherever that may be) "a soft orange yellow light" followed an erratic course. *Evening Chronicle*, Newcastle, Eng.
 June 15, Richmond, Va. "mysterious, weird, shiny object" spinning like a top.
 July 17, Cornwall, Can. "Flashing pink light trailing white smoke"
 July 18, Yreka, Calif. "cigar-shaped light, purple, pink and green"
 July 18, Toronto, Can. "a second sunset"
 July 18, Colorado. "four strange objects which resembled moving planets"
 July 27, Berkeley-Oakland, Calif. "large orange object giving off sparks"
 July 28, Nuevitas, Cuba. Four strange luminous objects.
 July 28, Washington, D. C. Jets chased radar blips—but the *Buffalo Evening News* did NOT mention "saucers", thereby making itself almost unique among American newspapers.
 July 29, Riverside, Calif. "strange light, yellowish tail".
 Aug. 6, Augusta, Ga. "shapeless incandescent flash of light".
 Aug. 6, Washington, D. C. Jets sent to intercept

radar blips, but the Manchester *Guardian* account does not say "saucers".

Aug. 15, Winnipeg, Man. "At least 25 flights of dot-like missiles"—thousands in the first flights—300 in the last—in crescent formation, came from the S." Show lasted from 9:45 p.m. to 12:45 a.m.

Aug. 24, Chicago-Elgin, Ill. Jets chased a brown light which "blinked out".

Sept. 13, Covington, Va. Ball of fire.

Sept. 16, near Bornholm, Denmark. "Flying body leaving three glowing trails."

Nov. 26, Edmonton, Alberta. "Long silvery streaks."

Dec. 6, Off Hastings, Eng. "green flare seen"—nothing found.

Dec. 12, Los Angeles. "five flashes in rhythmic succession about 10 seconds apart".

Dec. 19, Vancouver, B. C. Light "flashing an SOS". Nothing found.

1953 = 23 FS

Jan. 6, Dallas, Texas. Colorful object shaped like an arrow-head watched for about two hours.

Feb. 4, Saugerties, N. Y. "Red light."

Feb. 14, Marion, S. C. Flying lights hovered overhead, three times in 15 days.

Apr. 17, off Anglesey coast, Eng. "three red flares"—nothing found.

Apr. 29, off Land's End, Eng. "flame rising from the sea"—nothing found.

In the following—one or another element of documentation is missing.

May 5 (no year), Sydney, Australia. "cigar-shaped object".

Dec. 3 (no year), Waukegan, Ill. What appeared to be a plane fell into Lake Michigan. Nothing found.

Aug. 1 (no year), Youngstown, O. Drifting crewless balloon.

(No date) Phoenix, Ariz. Flash of light.

(No date) Over South Seattle—at least 30 people said they saw something "explode" in the air, but the cops said they had probably seen "a piece of light sheet metal blown into the wind from a near-by dump".

Besides the above, we have some letters from members who have seen things in the sky. They will be presented as space affords.

Also, a record running concurrently with all the above covers BOOMS, unexplained blasting sounds, and to wrap up the last tag ends, "objects found on the ground" through the same period.

As stated in DOUBT #40. Photostats of any datum may be had at \$1.00 per exposure. Small pieces may be shot in groups, multiple data for the minimum price.

WE LOSE FRED

Custom is to put a heavy black border around a name, and to say, within the rectangle, that this one's mortality has been proved on such a date.

You can't do that with Fred Hammett. In his death, April 17, 23 FS, we see an outstanding example of Fortean immortality.

YS submits that the durability of the human soul depends upon itself, that it may or may not be immortal. Some are, some are not.

The soul of anything is its irreducible essence. The spirit of any living thing is that kernel of it which makes it strictly itself, the unique, idiosyncratic part or whole which establishes identity, good or bad, lovable or hateful, memorable or not. This—I think

—is at the base of our Religion of Self Respect. I do not beat it out thin or spin it out fine. Each may do that for himself.

Fred Hammett's irreducible essence was a lively, virile thing that will outlive the mere memory of man, because he has made an indelible record of his self, his thinking, his attitudes, his philosophy, his Forteanism.

Below is the outline of his career, based upon his biography in *Who's Who*, amplified by Mrs. Hammett, who has accepted Honorary Life Membership in the Fortean Society.

After the outline YS appends some contributions to the archives made by Fred through the years. He joined the Society as a corresponding member in the year 8. In the year 16, upon the death of Booth Tarkington, he accepted the post of Honorary Founder. He is followed in that place by Anton Julius Carlson.

Frederick Simonds Hammett, biologist, born Chelsea, Mass., Nov. 18, 1885. A.B., Tufts, 1908; M.S., R. I. State College of Agr. and Mechanic Arts, 1911; A.M., Harvard, 1914, Ph.D., 1915; m. 3d Dorothy Wall Smith, Mar. 27, 1931. Asst. in chemistry, Tufts College, 1907-08; asst. chemist, R. I. Agricultural Expt. Sta., 1909-1912; teaching fellow in biochemistry, Harvard Med. Sch., 1913-15, asst. in comparative anatomy, 1914-1915; prof. biochemistry and physiology, U of Southern Calif., 1915-17; instr. histology, Harvard Med. Sch., 1917-18; fellow in biochemistry, Wistar Inst. Anatomy, Phila., 1919-22, asst. prof., 1922-27; dir. research, Research Inst. of Lankenau Hosp. 1927-1947. dir. and trustee Marine Field Sta. of same, N. Truro, Mass.; lecturer in zoology, U of Pa. Mem. Assn. of Harvard Chemists, Fellow A.A.A.S.; mem. Am. Soc. Zoologists; Am. Soc. Biochemists; Am. Physiol. Soc.; Am. Genetics Assn., N. Y. Acad. Sci.; Phila. Co. Med. Soc. (hon.); Boston Soc. Natural History; Fortean Society (hon. founder); Soc. for Study of Growth and Development (honorary member); member advisory council Yenching Univ. Peiping, China. Founder and Editor of *Growth*. Author: "The Nature of Growth". About 200 scientific papers—and many papers on Ancient Hindu Concepts.

Dr. Hammett was the father of two sons, Richard Lewis, and Frederick Simonds, Jr.

In the Society archives are these high spots.

GROWTH, a journal for studies of development and increase. Founded and edited by Dr. Hammett, the year 6 FS.

8 FS. The ideas of the ancient Hindus concerning man, reprinted from *Isis*, Bruges, Belgium.

9 FS. The ancient Hindu cosmogony as a source of sensory classification antedating the modern, reprinted from *Scientia*, Milan, Italy.

15 FS. Seasonal changes in obelia colony composition, reprinted from *Growth*, Dorothy Hammett, his widow, is named as co-author, and in this paper Charles Fort is quoted, and cited in the bibliography.

16 FS. Correlations between the hydranth components of obelia colony populations, reprinted from *Growth*. Again Fort is quoted and cited.

17 FS. The column signed "Spartacus" appeared in the Provincetown *Cape Codder*.

In September, 17 FS, Hammett wrote to YS:

"Had to deposit my magnum opus on rates of basic activities in Am. Documentation Inst. Wash. No Ed would publish!! Too expensive!! Funny!! But there

it is. Document #3142. \$3.96 on microfilm."

18 FS. He recommended to the attention of all Forteanas the book, *The Wicked Book of Brother Barnabas*, pub'd by Richard R. Smith, N. Y. 1940.

18 FS. He wrote:

"Propound this paradox to the pundits.

"Hydrogen or Helium = Matter

"Matter falls to Earth by Gravity (sic)

"Why do balloons rise against the pull (sic) of Gravity?

"Is the gaseous layer of Oxygen, Nitrogen, Carbon Dioxide, Argon, Helium, etc. held on the Earth's Surface by Gravity?

"Hunh? Why do balloons filled with Hydrogen and/or Helium defy (?) Gravity (?)

"Ain't Science wonderful? Newton: Einstein: etc.?? Pitiful little mind of man. Explains everything except the paradoxes!

"And Time: duration or sequence?

"How God must laugh."

18 FS. Possible influence of cosmic energy cycles on growth, reprinted from *Federation Proceedings*.

Data, mostly from the magazine, *Science*, came in a steady flow, with cryptic critical comment in Hammett's hand in the margins. He was especially amused by *Science*'s new "atomic" and "radiocarbonic" clocks and measurements of age.

In September, 21 FS, he wrote:

"Van Bush said on March of Time via John Daly (recently) that Hitler cornered all the heavy water (Deuterium oxide).

"A false for we had 10 men here from Norway to see what it did to growth in 1939.

"We—meaning Harry Barbour (Yale Arct) and me.

"Van Bush: Compton: A. N. Richards said my plan (in 1944) to isolate, identify, investigate the cancer producing milk factor (transmissible agent of Bittner) was impractical. Thus possible help delayed for years. Since such study requires a team of integrated workers, ain't science (scientists) wonderful. No integrated work on this lead being done yet, 15 years after discovery."

Cancer was the cause of Hammett's death.

For the delection of his shade, this datum, from Mitchell: The Washington Academy of Sciences picked (3-14-53) Dr. Harold Lyons to receive its annual award. Dr. Lyons has "rigged a clock mechanism geared to the vibration of atoms, which never vary . . . accurate to within one part in 10,000,000,000."

FORTEANA ca 1500 BC

Proudly we present the first Egyptian hieroglyph as translated (transcribed) by Boris de Rachewiltz, as promised. Boris writes:

"I send you some of the promised Fortean hieroglyphs, which I hope will interest you. Others of the same kind will soon follow.

"The transcription I send is from an original papyrus of the New Kingdom that I found among other papers and documents of the late Prof. Alberto Tulli, former Director of the Egyptian Vatican Museum. He brought those documents from Egypt, but his death left them untranslated and unpublished. It is due to the courtesy of his brother, Mons. Gustavo, of the Vatican Archive that I had the opportunity to translate them.

"The present transcription is a part of the Royal Annals of the times of Thuthmosis III (1504-1450 circa b.c.) and the original is in very bad condition. The beginning and the end are missing, its writing (in hieratic) is pale and with several lacunae that I have reproduced in my Hieroglyphic transcription with progressive numbers. A little comment will follow my translation. Of the whole papyrus (cm. 20 x 18) I have chosen the best preserved and perhaps the most interesting part. But it is up to you to judge it. And now, the

TRANSLATION

"In the year 22, third month of winter, sixth hour of the day (. . . 2 . . .) The scribas of the House of Life found it was a circle of fire that was coming in the sky. (Though) it had no head, the breath of its mouth (had) a foul odour. Its body 1 "rod" long and 1 "rod" large. It had no voice. Their hearts become confused through it: then they laid themselves on their bellies (. . . 3 . . .) They went to the King . . .) to report it. His Majesty ordered (. . . 4 . . .) has been examined (. . . 5 . . .) as to all which is written in the papyrus-rolls of the House of Life His Majesty was meditating upon what happened. Now, after some days had passed over those things, Lo! they were more numerous than anything. They were shining in the sky more than the sun to the limits of the four supports of heaven. (. . . 6 . . .) Powerful was the position of the fire circles. The army of the king looked on and His Majesty was in the midst of it. It was after supper. Thereupon they (i.e. the fire circles) went up higher directed to South. Fishes and volatiles fell down from the sky. (It was) a marvel never occurred since the foundation of this Land! Caused His Majesty to be brought incense to pacify the hearth (. . . 9 . . . To write?) what happened in the book of the House of Life (. . . 10 . . . to be remembered?) for the Eternity.

"As you can see from it, flying saucers made their first (?) appearance, in the 22nd year of the Reign of Thuthmosis III, i.e. about 3,500 years ago. The first lacuna of the papyrus is the end of another marvel. I think that this papyrus was part of a book preserved in that mysterious institution called House of Life (of which Sir Alan Gardiner has written) that I am actually deeply investigating. In it magic rites were performed and a special group of scribas was trained. And are some of those scribas to notice the first appearance of the fire circle in the sky. Two things have to be noticed: it left after it a foul odour and it was not making any noise. Its measures were of 1 rod i.e. 100 cubits. As a cubit corresponds to about 20.6 inches we might judge that the fire circle was large and long, about 50 meters. During their second appearance they were very numerous and shining, and fishes and volatiles fell down from the sky? And their movement through the sky, from North to South, was regular, and more than that powerful! Therefore the King thought that the best thing to do was to pacify the hearth of Ammon Ra, Lord of the Thrones of the Two Land (i.e. Egypt).

"The numbered lacunae are of course much longer in the original."



OUR 99 PER CENTER

For some years the name of J. T. Boulton reposed in unassuming quietude upon the Fortean rolls—a sleeper!—a 'possum!—a Tannhauser in Chips' clothing! He fought no duels, he swam no Channels, he sent us no larvae picked up on a windless day, but—as suddenly as the Ides hit March—he burst his chrysalis and now stands at the head of the class, and the phrase is used advisedly. J. T. Boulton is Head Master of the Creighton School, Carlisle, England.

The first intimation we had of our member's double life came from Russell who culled a page of what he called "Boultonisms" from letters. Here they are, and you may well imagine our amazement.

Genius: the highest human approach to common-sense.

Duty: action not creditable in the commission but discreditable in the omission.

How can one have the right to speak unless one is or has been mad? Unless there is a right to speak falsely, there is no right to speak. If there is a duty to speak truly, it is a duty to be dumb. To write these things I cannot but be naive, cannot but be sophisticated—yet true naivete and true sophistication are one. This is no more than to say that Truth is One and contains All. Nevertheless, naivete and sophistication remain different. For the matter of that, neither of them exist—that's why there are names for them. Anything which has a name does not exist. That is why men had to give a name to it: to give it an existence for relative use.

From the vantage-point of love one best sees Hell. From the vantage-point of love one best bears Hell. From the vantage-point of Hell one best sees Love—but cannot bear it. The peculiar and distinctive

feature of the denizens of Hell is their alternate rapt attention and rapt inattention to all heavenly matters: of the denizens of Heaven, their capacity for seeing Hell, and bearing it, and loving it.

Either there is Truth and there you are, or there is no Truth. But if the second conclusion stands it must itself be an impregnable Truth. So that whether there is Truth or whether there is not Truth, there is still Truth.

If spiritual problems ever are solved it is by the realization that they do not exist.

To that, the writer added the explosive observation that, "I am one of the few Headmasters, I should imagine, who have read extracts from Fort at Morning Service!"

YS has not been the same man since.

A little later, MFS Boulton sent us a printed program of the doings of the "Creighton School Prefects' Club" on which appeared the announcement that he would address that portion of his faculty who were members of the Club—on the subject of Charles Fort. That was last December. Since then Brother Boulton set himself to import a dozen copies of THE BOOKS into Carlisle, and YS inquired if the purpose was to incorporate Forteanism into the curriculum, to which the Head Master replied, "I have no scheme for working Fort into the school curriculum. The idea is to have copies for (i) School Library, (ii) distribution to members of top form for reading during their last year . . . I rather feel that Fort would not insist on anything further, and might even agree that once he was imprisoned in a curricula, that would be the beginning of the end!"

Since that is exactly what Fort would have said, the pro-Boulton data keep piling up.



Besides recommending good books, the Head Master contributes Fortean articles to the *Carlisle Journal* and other papers, stirring up lively correspondence and controversy upon Fortean topics, and in every other way comports himself in a 99 per cent Fortean manner, a magnificent example to us all.

His most-to-be-copied practice—which YS recommends with all his heart—is the finding of data in books instead of daily papers.

With the following choice selections this introduction to Head Master Boulton closes, but you will hear more of him, much more.

The anomaly of a Fortean viewpoint in the work of Chesterton is exemplified by this quote from *The Everlasting Man*:

"Professors and Prehistoric Men . . . He produces his little bone, or little collection of bones, and deduces the most marvellous things from it. He found in Java a part of a skull, seeming by its contour to be smaller than the human. Somewhere near it he found an upright thigh-bone, and in the same scattered fashion some teeth that were not human. If they all form part of one creature, which is doubtful, our conception of the creature would be almost equally doubtful. But the effect on popular science was to produce a complete and even complex figure, finished down to the last detail of hair and habits. He was given a name as if he were an ordinary historical character. People talked of Pithecanthropus as of Pitt or Fox or Napoleon. Popular histories published portraits of him like the portraits of Charles the First and George the Fourth. A detailed drawing was reproduced, carefully shaded to show that the very hairs of his head were all numbered. No un-informed person looking at its carefully lined face and wistful eyes would imagine for a moment that this was the portrait of a thigh-bone; or of a few teeth and a fragment of a cranium."

From *Commander Campbell's Scrapbook*, a volume about a thousand things. The book has occasional mild affinities with Lieut.-Commander R. T. Gould's books. Campbell (who is mentioned once in "Doubt") was a Brains-Truster along with Gould.

"During my five years as a member of the B.B.C. Brains Trust I met nearly every British Scientist of repute. And I came to the conclusion that old Omar Khayyam, the poet, knew what he was talking about, for while I heard 'great argument' I nearly always 'came out by the same door wherein I went'. The predominant impression was that these men of learning seemed to rely on what someone else had said. Sir James Jeans said this: Dr. Bragg said that: Sir Arthur Keith or Sir Arthur Eddington emphasized something or other. It would appear that in their minds there was no room for freedom of thought. For my own part I was glad not to be hampered with all this knowledge, for at any rate I did think things out for myself, and my views were not coloured by statements made by great men.

"The reason I put forward this criticism is that science makes a complete volte face every few years! It amounts to this, that there is dogma in science just as, unfortunately, there is in religion. If you are a scholar you will get the current dogma thrust upon you, but if you are what I might call a freelance, you will be entitled to think out your own scheme of things. This may take you a long way and give you deep satisfaction, even though the professional scientists may label you an ignoramus. It's very possible that was the designation I got in those conclaves!"

Someone, I feel sure, must have already pointed out to Forteans the following lovely passage from Ambrose Bierce's story 'The Baby Tramp' *Can Such Things Be?* (It is very pleasant to think of this 'rapport' between Bierce and Fort!):—" . . . even in Blackburg, where things certainly did occur that were a good deal out of the common. For example, ten or twelve years before, a shower of small frogs had fallen, as is credibly attested by a contemporaneous chronicle, the record concluding with a somewhat obscure statement to the effect that the chronicler considered it good growing-weather for Frenchmen.

"Some years later Blackburg had a fall of crimson snow; it is cold in Blackburg when winter is on, and the snows are frequent and deep. There can be no doubt of it — the snow in this instance was of the colour of blood and melted into water of the same hue, if water it was, not blood. The phenomena had attracted wide attention, and science had as many explanations as there were scientists who knew nothing about it. But the men of Blackburg — men who for many years had lived right there where the red snow fell, and might be supposed to know a good deal about the matter — shook their heads and said something would come of it.

"And something did, for the next summer . . . " etc.

OUR NEW HON. FOUNDER

The Founders of the Fortean Society numbered eleven, on that fateful January 26, 1931, which marked the beginning of the Fortean Era, and the practice has been to keep that number always the same by electing an Honorary Founder to the place vacated by one of the original Founders, or by one of their successors, as occasion arose.

Four of the original eleven have died in the past twenty-two years, and two of the Honorary Founders



also. Whenever the sad necessity occurs to replace one of our confirmed rebellious spirits we study the rolls of the members and the Accepted Fellows with all the diligence and conscience we can bring to the task, seeking to strengthen the Fortean position, at the least, by replacing the qualities we have lost and, if possible, enhancing them.

It is not always possible or even desirable to replace a writer with a writer, or a sailor with a sailor: the woods is as full of writers as the sea is full of serpents, anyway: but when we lost Frederick S. Hammett, the living bridge between Forteanism and capital "S" Science, our foot-in-the-door of Orthodoxy, it certainly was behoofal upon us to find a proper man of science to fill his place if we could.

You will agree, one feels sure, that the aptness of our selection could not be neater, and that the Society is to be congratulated upon the new Founder's acceptance. The new HFFS is Anton Julius Carlson, to whom no further scientific or academical honors, beyond those he has already received, could possibly befall. Now that he has the blessing of the Damned as well, he is indeed a complete man.

This is Dr. Carlson's list of achievements and associations.

A. B. Augustana College, 1898

A. M. Augustana College, 1899

Ph. D. Stanford University, 1902

Research Associate, Carnegie Institution, 1903-1904;

National Research Council

Department of Physiology, University of Chicago 1904-1940, Frank P. Hixon Distinguished Service Professor of Physiology (Emeritus).

Member: National Academy of Science
American Medical Association
American Physiological Society
American Institute of Nutrition
American Institute of Chemists, etc.

Past President:

American Association for the Advancement of Science
American Biological Society
American Physiological Society
Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology
Institute of Medicine
American Association of University Professors, etc.

President:

National Society for Medical Research
Chicago Committee on Alcoholism
Gerontological Society, Etc.

Member: Medical and Research Committee of the National Foundation of Infantile Paralysis;
National Research Council, etc.

Consultant:

U.S. Food and Drug Administration; U. S. Public Health Service; O.S.R.D. Lt. Col. Med. Corps. U.S. Army, 1917-1919.

Member: Biological and Medical Societies of France, Germany, Sweden, China, and Argentina. American Relief Administration in Europe 1918-19.

Lecturer in China in 1935, under the auspices of the Rockefeller Foundation
Member, the International Congresses of Physiology in Vienna (1909); Croninge (1913); Edinburgh (1923); Stockholm (1927); Boston (1930); Leningrad and Moscow (1935); Liege and Copenhagen (1950).

Honorary Degrees of M.D., LL.D., Sc.D., from eight universities and colleges, U.S.A., and Europe; Distinguished Service Medal and Citation, American Medical Association.

Published:

Two books: (1) Control of Hunger in Health and Disease.

(2) The Machinery of the Body, and some of 200 research reports.

From 'St. Paul Dispatch'
12-12-52

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Realistic plastic version of the real thing! Tripod mount lets gunner direct fire from ANY angle. A repeater lock permits steady burst of fire. Box is a target....

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FIRST PRIZE

It's that man Mitchell again, with this, from the N.Y. *News*, 11-23-52 old style. The Vancouver, B.C., *Sun* wanted to know if any of its readers cared what was going on in Korea. The ed ran the same news story verbatim on the front page of his paper three days in a row and not one reader wrote to him or called him up about it.

Second place to MFS Sharpless:

In the year 19FS, an amateur astronomer, Godfried Bueren, in Osnabruck, Germany, ran an ad in the papers stating that sunspots were "valleys on the sun's surface which have cooled off enough to allow vegetation, and consequently the dwelling of animals and human beings." He offered 25,000 marks to anyone who could prove him wrong.

"Experts" of the Hamburg Astronomy Society submitted their "proof", claimed the money, and when they didn't get it took the case to court. The court accepted their "proof" and ordered Bueren to pay. He is appealing the decision. Philadelphia *Inquirer*, 5-12-53 old style.

Third place to MFS Clayton, who has been here before. See the illustration. He writes, "Could this be referred to as Advertising Cum Laude? (signed) Jack (Puzzled) Clayton."

The quality of the material among the runners-up is higher than Mt. Everest, but YS knows you will top it in time.

Billy Graham, a religious fanatic let loose upon defenceless enlisted men around Pusan, Korea, was preaching there at night. "When he called for sinners to step forward to repent the street lights failed (SIC) . . . and the rest of the meeting was called off." N.Y. *Times*, 12-17-52 old style. Cr Mitchell. If the GI who pulled the switch will identify himself to YS, he will receive Honorary Life Membership in the Fortean Society.

Analogous is an entry from MFS Steinberg, which notices that the churches of Burnham, England, have recently been reclassified as "business premises" for the purpose of determining the rate to be charged them for electric current. N.Y. *Post*, June 10, 53 old style.

Also in vein: the Lutheran church in Harrison, N.J., where a juke box which plays hymns has been installed for the delectation of worshippers who visit the joint when the choir is off duty. Cr Spingola and Anon. In a photo of the selector printed in

Mechanix Illustrated, Jan. issue, the sex appeal is added. A good-looking babe has her face against the thing as her varnished finger nails attempt to caress *Rock of Ages* out of it.

MFS Milton Smith found this in the Jan. 7, *Christian Century*.

Shortly before Christmas, in St. Stephens Episcopal Church at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, Dr. William G. Pollard was ordained a deacon in the ministry of the Protestant Episcopal Church. Dr. Pollard is the executive director of the Oak Ridge Institute of Nuclear Studies. He will continue in that post, while serving on Sundays in a church in the community near Norris Dam. The press reports that from now on he will run Oak Ridge's research on atomic energy clad in clerical garb, Roman Collar and all. Smith adds:

Christian Century's editorial spokesman, obviously a gentleman of the old school and a decent fellow at heart, proceeds to comment with evident embarrassment on the above report. His misgivings will doubtless be sharpened further by the contents of today's newspapers. The faithful of the Rev. Dr. Pollard's little flock happily boast that their new product will rot the bones of entire populations, make every fetus a monstrosity, and render the planet uninhabitable "to all higher forms of life". Some of the rest of us just went to the wrong Sunday School, I guess.

In March the Vatican was steamed up by "illicit" inroads upon its classic racket of conferring orders and decorations "usually at a price". Acto *L'Osservatore Romano* these are "fraudulent knightly orders" and the people who pay for them are "victimized". Cr Mitchell who heads it, "Look Who's Talking!"

The capital of Greenland, Godthaab, and environs was quarantined 11-22-52 old style because 3 cases of polio were diagnosed, "the first three cases to occur in the colony for years". The first three to occur since US Army docs began yanking Greenland tonsils? Cr Mitchell.

An AP despatch from Seoul, Korea, Jan. 8, stated that although "influenza is not now a problem in Korea, every American soldier and airman will be vaccinated soon".

One week later, Jan. 15, the Pittsburgh *Post-Gazette* printed this plea: "There is no influenza epidemic in Pittsburgh but there is every reason to believe one is on its way. (No reason given.) So to

play safe, it might be a good idea to consult your family doctor about a flu shot." Members will recall that the *Post-Gazette* is the crusader who tried to close the Drosnes-Lazenby cancer clinic and failed to do so. The clinic beat the rap in court and is still open and helping people.

A boy *ae* 7 died one minute after an "anti-tetanus" injection, Wilmington, Calif., July 11, 52 old style. Dr. Harry L. Deutsch of the Coroner's office explained: "While death from this cause is infrequent, it is not entirely rare." *LA Times*.

In Victoria, B.C., 12-29-51 old style, "City authorities" were feeding school children "diphtheria immunization toxoid" in caramel flavored candy. We have not heard if any of them survived. *Cr. Bristol*

In Tacoma, Wash., 2-8-52 old style, the civilian defense goons were trying to lure locals into the service by offering to give them uniforms. *Cr. Bristol*

In New York City's air-raid drill of 12-13-52, a man was shot by a policeman for refusing to take shelter. "The slaying took place after (Caesar) Flores reportedly lunged at the policeman with an eleven-inch butcher knife." It was then allegedly discovered that the man was "an ex-convict". "An investigation of the shooting has been started by Chief Assistant District Attorney George Tilzer of the Bronx."

In a whirlwind finish, Mitchell adds:

An explosion in Muncie, Ind., where "a quantity of ethylene gas (is) used in ripening bananas."

A quote in *Newsweek*, 1-12-53 old style, naming Dr. R.B.H. Gradwohl of the St. Louis Police Lab. He says — "the common precipitation blood test can't distinguish between a man and a chimpanzee."

Morton Feldman of the N.Y. *Journal-American*, 5-17-53 old style, attributed to "juvenile mischief" the finding of one-ton boulders on the N.Y. Central R. R. tracks.

Art Bergmann, writing in *Newsday*, Garden City, L.I., points out that a scourge of "fuzzbills" — a bug which is infesting Suffolk County by trillions, as of 5-9-53 old style — is a brand new species. C. T. Williamson, head of the Mosquito Control Commission admits they are immune to any known poison, but he calls them "blind mosquitos" or "common gnats". Writes Bergmann: "He uses the term *common* loosely, because this type of gnat, as far as is known, has never turned up to torment anyone before in the world."

Newsday is a pretty good paper, apparently. Its district office in Lynbrook was set afire 2-2-53 old style, and a reward of \$1,000. is posted for information leading to arrest and conviction.

Newsweek, 6-1-53 old style, notices that Dr. Wallace E. Howell, who was paid \$100 a day by the O'Dwyer administration for trying to make rain is now working for amusement park owners, trying to stop rain.

In this connection, MFS Elsander sends a datum from the *Newcastle Evening Chronicle*, 10-27-52 old style. Gordon Clauser, a US airman, flew off Florida to "seed" clouds in an approaching hurricane, hoping to stop it. Neither he nor his place has been found.

The INS sent this to Hearst papers, 2-21-53 old style: "The scientist who built the . . . first . . . cyclotron disclosed today that United States nuclear scientists have produced animals which he said are 'new and different' from any known to man."

"Dr. Alexander Ruthven, former president of the

U of Michigan, declined to elaborate about the strange new animals he mentioned, clamping a security lid over that phase of atom research." Which is the easiest out available, these days, eh?

On the other hand, MFS Bonavia sends a datum: Claude E. Shannon of the Bell Telephone Lab told folk at Case Inst. of Tech., 4-10-53 old style, that "One of our leading mathematicians, Von Neumann, has set up an abstract model of a certain machine . . . (which) will collect parts from its environment and assemble them to produce a second machine of the same type, which then starts collecting parts to start a third machine, and so on ad infinitum."

Many members sent in the 12th moon of Jupiter, which — like 3 others — revolves the "wrong" way. MFS Faulkner wrote to the *Times* about it. They printed her letter with pointed excisions.

Also from numerous alert came notes upon the Abominable Snowman, in connection with the several assaults upon Mt. Everest. Col. John Hunt, leader of the British expedition, which has since reported success, is quoted as "believing" that the critter is "some undiscovered creature half-way between ape and man."

FORTEAN JACK-POT

Merely enumerating the Society's world-wide strides in the past few months must hearten every sincere Fortean.

In Delphi, Greece, MFS Caresse Crosby puts her foot down, and raises a symbol we can admire.

In the academic halls of an English public school, the Head Master, MFS Boulton, makes THE BOOKS available in quantity to his upper classmen, and himself addresses the faculty club of the institution on the subject of Charles Fort.

Here at home — into a breach we might well have despaired of filling — steps "Ajax" Carlson, dean of American scientists, winner of more kudos from his orthodox colleagues than any other living man, and now, Honorary Founder of the Fortean Society.

From South Africa comes the acceptance of Fellowship with us from Justice Leo Greenberg of the Appeal Court, Bloemfontein, Named Fellow for rejecting, as evidence, testimony taken from witnesses under the influence of so-called "truth" drugs.

These triumphs for the Fortean philosophy, and the several others noticed elsewhere in this issue of DOUBT, add up to a pretty total of progress, but now our cup runneth over. Here is a fall of manna that will make you turn handsprings.

It is a book — easily the most important book published since the Fort omnibus, transcending Korzybeki and all the rest in its potentialities and implications — a MUST book for every Fortean. It is PRESCRIPTION FOR REBELLION, by Robert Lindner. The author does not mention Fort or the Society, but he has put the very essence and epitome of Forteanism on paper, in a clear, succinct and imperative warning to the world that this is the way of life, the meaning of man, the purpose of existence and the only hope for civilization.

Dr. Lindner is a psychologist, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst. His career has taken him from training under Theodor Reik to the New Jersey Department of Institutions, to Post-Graduate School of Medicine U of Pennsylvania, to the post of Chief of

the Psychiatric-Psychological division of the Federal Penitentiary, Lewisburg, and on and on.

He has written two other books, but YS had not read them when MFS Wheeler said: "Hold onto your hat — and get *Prescription for Rebellion*." Thank YOU, Brother Wheeler!

Here are a few gleanings:

"This volume is designed to sound an alarm. It aspires to make a diagnosis of a sickness that debilitates our civilization . . . the idea, in a sense characterizing the time, hangs like a pall over the entire world . . . the idea that the best way of life is the way of adjustment . . . Essentially, this concept enjoins men to conform, to adopt an attitude of passivity and a philosophy of resignation. It requires that each of us make such effort as he can to align his thinking, feeling, and acting with situations as they are presented to him: that he recognize and submit to existing 'realities' ordinarily described as inevitable: that he make peace with things as they are: that he perform such actions and engage in such behavior as will result in the adaptation of his self to conditions: and, finally, that he abjure all protest not only as vanity but also as harmful."

That is the disease Dr. Lindner sets out to cure, and if that isn't precisely what we've been up to for the past 22 years, if Forteanism isn't the specific indicated, then YS doesn't know his elbow from second-base. But the beauty of this book is that it will reach the pundits we never could get to. It may save a lot of us from pre-frontal lobotomy. It's going to shake the judges on their benches and bring new hope to thousands of human grubs and slugs.

No fooling, here's the physic that will make the Declaration of Independence work.

Buy it! Buy two — send them out for Christmas cards.

Prescription for Rebellion, by Robert Lindner, from the Society, \$3.50.

RUSSELL'S BEST

Russell reports thus, on a lecture by Professor W. H. Skinner, lecturer in nuclear physics at Liverpool U., "on the subject of atom bombs, past and present, bigger and better ones in future, estimated areas of destruction, various possible ways of increasing the number of casualties".

Chairman, at end of speech, "Any questions?"

Me, standing up, "How does the professor know he's sane?"

Chairman, sitting down and ostentatiously consulting watch, "This meeting is over."

Elderly spinster, buttonholing me at exit, "I wouldn't be surprised if you're a communist."

Me, sweetly, "I wouldn't be surprised if you're a virgin."

Russell's second-best is a letter he wrote to Named Fellow Clarence H. Willcok, mentioned elsewhere in this issue. When we in N.Y.C. informed Willcok of his designation, he wrote to Russell to learn more about us, and this was Eric's reply to him:

"You take me by surprise, like a cameraman recording September Morn. I have had no part of what Thayer has done to you — or proposes to do. Your fate is that of anyone recommended by members of the Society as one who has done something to uphold the Religion of Self Respect. Your least consolation, is that it will put you in good company.

As for our activities, we are in a perpetual frenzy of bashing top hats, chipping noses from statues, melting models, painting crossed eyes on photos of the eminent, slicing udders from sacred cows and passing water upon dignified processions. Metaphorically speaking, of course. This makes us Very Evil in the opinion of the orthodox. You are trapped by the fact that the virtuous are admitted by the naughty."

Besides those —

Theft of a lie-detector, from the psychology department of Fenn College, Cleveland, Ohio. *Daily Express*, 3-3-53.

Discovery by Rep. George Bender of Ohio, that as of January, 22 FS, the State of Ohio had never been admitted to the Union. *Liverpool Echo*.

A note in that same paper, 12-30-52: "Germans may now send food and clothing to friends in Britain, by arrangement with CARE a non-profit-making organization set up in the United States."

In this connection we have a datum from MFS Blossom, citing statistics on the town of Kaiserslautern, in French-controlled Germany. The population increased by 15,000 in the first year after the USA started to make the place a military base. "Three hundred German firms are carrying out the development contracts. US GIs are spending a million dollars a month in the town and the shops are taking in twice as much money as ever before. Twenty-five new stores have opened and three night clubs have been started. One in every 20 inhabitants now drives his own car." *Peace News*.

A headline in the Manchester *Guardian*, 2-6-53. GERMAN AIR-CREWS TO TRAIN HERE

From the *Daily Express*, 12-24-52. The Japanese Foreign Ministry announced that the USA was "lending" Japan the nucleus of a navy, 18 frigates and 50 large landing ships. YS does not know if that was printed in USA papers. If it was, no local member sent it in.

The *Echo*, godliver:

The Federal Investigator for the General Accounting Office, Washington, D.C. told a House committee that US Army officers' homes in Germany were equipped with seven types of glasses — for beer, champagne, cocktails, liquors, and three sorts of wine. Also each home had (or was listed as having) three ham-slicers. No matter how thin — etc!

The Little Theatre, Columbus, Ohio, has abolished admission charges. Patrons pay "whatever you think the show was worth".

Three years ago a Manchester woman was told to go to a hospital for an operation "as quickly as possible". March 24, 1953 old style, she was informed by the hospital that her bed was ready.

A "baby" powder made in Bordeaux, France, is blamed for making 752 children very ill and killing 152, perhaps 50 more. It contained arsenic. The maker was to go on trial for manslaughter, as of 2-12-53.

A tenor singing *Rigoletto* at Covent Garden swallowed his false moustache, but finished the performance. *Echo* 1-1-53.

Thomas Mann, quoted from Vienna, stated that "American democracy is restricting personal freedom and freedom of speech . . . He confirmed reports that he probably would stay for the rest of his life in Europe."

That bubble business reported in DOUBT #39, p. 185, SUDS IN SUSSEX, has now expanded to

six English rivers. Most of it is attributed to the use of synthetic detergents, but one paper mill is still on the pan. We'll watch it, aided by Simpson, Gee, Elsander, Evans and other Forteanans the sun never sets upon.

WE MOURN

Although overshadowed by the death of our Honorary Founder, the losses to Forteanism in the past few months have been especially severe.

Named Fellow Clarence Harry Willcock, named in the year 21 FS, for refusing to carry an "identity card", was informed of his designation. He replied, to Eric Russell, asking to see THE BOOKS. A copy was sent to him, but before he could acknowledge receipt, perhaps before it was delivered, the fighting Yorkshireman had dropped dead at a political debate, Dec. 12, old style.

Since his acceptance of the Fortean honor cannot be assumed, Clarence H. Willcock will remain Named Fellow, 21 FS.

In Gainesville, Florida, last summer, while YS was on his mission to the Christians of Ireland and Rome, Life Member Guy F. Rogers died. His life-long rebellion entered every phase of existence and his indefatigable pamphleteering and correspondence must forever remain an inspiration to men who would become individuals in spite of all the forces ranked against us. His work will be carried on by his widow, Nell Rogers, no less tireless than he. Read their book—*The Medical Mischief You Say!*—from the Society, \$1.00.

In Germany, at Oberkirch (Baden), Dr. Ernst Philipp Barthel died, February, 23 FS. The obstacle of languages prevented the Society as a whole from properly appreciating the independent thought which has marked Barthel's work, but we shall continue to publish pertinent high spots from it, from time to time as they are appropos. We have now in hand short papers from him on—*New Astronomy*, critical of DOUBT #26, *Velocity of Light—a Superstition*, *Three Geometrical Foundations of Astronomy*, *The Three Rotations of the Earth*—with reference to the Drayson problem, *Right and Wrong in Koresh-Neupert's "Geokosmos"*.

Frau Hede Barthel, the widow of the philosopher and physicist, has accepted Honorary Life Membership with us.

Non-member correspondents of marked Fortean tendencies—good rebels all—whose work will continue the battle for them now that they are gone—

C. G. Patterson, editor and publisher of *Free Mind*, a rationalist publication.

Benedetto Croce, whose books were banned by the Holy Office of the Roman Catholic Church, 1932 old style.

Theodore Schroeder, the attorney-philosopher of Cyril Edwin Mitchinson Joad, head of the Philosophy Department, University of London, best known for his newspaper columns and his work on the BBC as a Brains Truster.

NEW BOOKS

The past six months has been more fruitful of readable Fortean books than any like period within memory. As you must observe, our space is limited, but as many outstanding titles as possible will be noticed, either here or in the next issue.

After PRESCRIPTION FOR REBELLION, which you simply must read and own and give away for

gifts upon every possible occasion, comes — at long last —

THE BEST OF OLAF STAPLEDON.

Hardly any Forteanans will need to be told who Stapledon was, or how eagerly American readers have been seeking any of his work they could find, for lo! these many years. Now you may have the five novels which made him famous, all in one set of covers.

LAST AND FIRST MEN, STAR MAKER, SIRIUS, ODD JOHN, THE FLAMES.

All five in one volume, from The Society — \$5.00

For the information of members who went through the long-wait with us while the Fort omnibus was being indexed and assembled, we whisper that the same man has been instrumental this time in seeing the work accomplished. His name is William Sloane, Honorary Life Member Fortean Society.

WHOM DO YOU KNOW?

We have not read the text of the McCarran Immigration Act, but suggest that Forteanans who are learned in the law take a good look at it. Our curiosity is aroused by the question a reporter put to Winston Churchill the first time he arrived in the USA after the Act became law.

The reporter, after the N.Y. Times, asked the big WC if he had been "screened for pro-Communist, polygamist, or atheistic tendencies". The implication is that the Act bars from entry persons who do not worship the god McCarran worships. YS submits that any such statute is *ipso facto* unconstitutional as well as imbecilic.

In Melbourne, Australia, a child entered a poetry contest for juveniles, submitting a verse by Tennyson as original work. It took second prize. Pittsburgh Press 4-25-52 old style.

Speaking to the sophomore class at Fordham, a Roman Catholic college, James A. (remember him?) Farley said, "Politics is still the noblest of careers. It is no place for the timid man, and no place for the corrupt and dishonest." Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 4-22-53 old style.

FALLS

Some few of the following may have been noticed in DOUBT before. Forgive repetitions, please.

"Small black waterbugs" — no comment on weather at the time — fell in Moultrie, Ga., Sept. 20, 1952 old style. Cr Barneson.

All the rest are ICE.

AP reported from London, 11-28-50, that many parts of Southern England were being "bomarded" with ice, see DOUBT #32. "Saucers" mentioned.

A piece hit a lady who got off a tram in Tooting, 12-29-50. "This is the fourth time recently that ice has fallen in the borough."

Chunk six inches square through a garage roof in Wandsworth, England, the Friday before 12-1-50.

A "large block" — into Bridge-street, Pinner, England, 3-24-51. "No planes had flown over the district."

Date indecipherable, but, in 22 FS, "Four pieces" crashed through a factory roof at Slough, Bucks.

A chunk 13 inches long, 6 inches wide, followed by smaller particles, narrowly missed a lady and her child. Whittier, Calif., 1-15-53.

An "egg-shaped hunk weighing approximately 50 pounds" fell at about 10:20 a.m., 2-18-53, Freeport, L.I. Smashed a man's rose trellis. Although he had heard a plane "an instant before", Air Force officers said an ice lump that size could not have formed on a plane.

In April, the Thurs before the 25th, old style, a boy *ae* 5 ate two or three hailstones the size of golf balls, in San Antonio, Texas. He died in convulsions. A married woman bit into one and vomited. Samples were sent to the State lab in Austin. "There was widespread speculation that . . . (they) were impregnated with atomic gas or dust from explosion tests in the desert near Las Vegas, Nevada." *Dallas News*, credit Bennett.

Later, an autopsy upon the boy "mystified" the medicos examining. They sent the stomach contents to Austin.

A San Antonio meteorologist "who refused to identify himself" said that there was "nothing to this business of bitter hailstones".

Ward W. Kelley, called a geophysicist (for 20 years), tested hailstones from the same storm by wrapping them in photographic film, "no radioactivity," said he.

Austin lab said that a "routine poison analysis" would be made on the samples sent them. You wouldn't expect a Texan chemist-cop to defy the Atomic Energy Commission would you?

One Clifford J. Soderstrom, Wilmette, Ill., read about the case and sent "some lavender specks" to Texas. The specks were said to have fallen at Wilmette, in hail, in an "unusual storm" about April 18. The San Antonio police laboratory planned a "cursory" check of the specks." The quotes on "cursory" are in the UP story as printed in the *Amarillo Daily News*, 4-29-53.

We have no more data about the little boy in San Antonio. Texas is so big, and the child was so Mexican.

4-29-53, YS observed the air in the vicinity of Third Avenue, between 42nd Street and 54th, to contain many floating strands of what appeared to be grass ash. This was about 6:00 p.m., sky clear, no great wind velocity. The fall had been going on some time because the sidewalks were fairly covered with the stuff. Not solidly covered, but one crushed a bit of it at each ordinary stride. It was so light and fragile that capturing a sample was difficult. A bit of it remains (pulverized). Does any Fortean chemist think he can tell what it was?

May 15, a man in Ightham, Kent, England, heard a sizz at dusk, and found a 20 oz lump of ice on the ground. A plane had been overheard just before, and the ice was pale brown, still the geef tasted it! "Like weak coffee," he said. *Cr* non-member Graham.

Then came the avalanche — and as we go to press the data is still coming in.

"About 50 huge blocks of ice fell" on cars and car-lots in Long Beach, Calif., the afternoon of June 4. Some were 3 to 4 feet long and damaged autos

badly. The fall continued for two minutes. As one observer observed, if so much ice fell from a plane it would be strewn over a broad area, unless the plane was a helicopter working for Knickerbocker.

Chunks weighing 25 pounds were picked up, but the larger pieces which shattered were estimated to have weighed 300 pounds or more.

Vapor trails, as from jets, were seen, reported by MFS Brown.

Ever see a jet stand still in the air for 2 minutes? Ray Miller, writing on the ice-fall in the *Long Beach Tribune*, June 17, quoted Charles Fort at length.

"Bluish-green phosphorescent snow that nettled and stung the skin" fell near Dana, Calif., night of April 8. Dana is near Mount Shasta, so the feature writers thought of the Little People rather than bomb-tests. Meteorologists said there may have been some connection but "Atomic Energy Commission spokesmen were inclined to shrug off the report."

"Puckered the mouth like alum," said eyewitnesses. "Our skin erupted into little blisters and bled when scratched."

Asked about that, in Washington, D.C., the AEC said, "There is no record of radioactive 'fallout' from an atomic cloud doing that."

Geiger counters on Long Island "clicked" plenty after rain April 7 and 8. Local "authorities" — as of April 21 were doing their best to prove that the "cloud" from the Nevada test of April 6 had come East (arriving over L.I. in a few hours) instead of snowing blue-green on Shasta.

April 25, rain of mud over Long Island, left "fine red dust" on cars. Geiger tests counted "less radioactivity to it than was registered the day before." Weather men said the dust was on cars in the first place. Pilots said they had flown through a "dust storm" over southern Michigan. "The two angles tied up, and the mysterious muddy rain was explained."

MFS Markham draws inferences from an inferior conjunction of Venus.

May 1. Rain of "mud" or "sand" in lower Beaver Valley, Penna. Sun afterward, appeared "as white as snow"

May 2, the *Times*: "reddish sandy dirt" fell in Times Square, in "just a trace of rain" (May 1). Incoming pilots reported the city "covered by a dull red haze" — up to 14,000 feet. The wind had been from the SW at a steady 30 to 40 MPH for several days, *acta* experts. The red dirt came from Texas, said Ernest J. Christie, US Weather Bureau, and Walter Boehner, forecaster, La Guardia Airport.

May 5. Carnegie Tech analyzed mud which fell on Pittsburgh, found it only slightly radioactive, but the residue from Erie was "decidedly" so.

Credit for the above, and for other data goes to M. Smith, Millar, Borden, Pfau, Elsander, Bonavia, Graham, Mealy, Goeller, Bloch, F. McMahon, Herbert, Raven, Page, B. Goldstein, Bennett, Lavender, L. Keating, Beaudoin, Hibbert, Berger, Gee, Steinberg, Clayton, E. S. Anderson, Gochros, Barneson, Sheeley, Sciaky, Wakefield, Fraser, McDougal, Bump, Latta, Emison, Jacobi, Ritchie, Prentice, Evans, Nelle, Markham, Wyckoff, Sharpless, Holzer, Schneller, Patterson.

MORE *NOTES* of CHARLES FORT

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

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1866

BOX 3 (Continued)

- Mar 22 8:45 PM / Kirkwall, Scotland / met & loud report B Assoc 66/19 See Feb 22, 1867 67-430
- 23 LT p 5 }
24 LT p 10 } Volc Santorin
Mar 9 LT p 12 }
Feb 26 Sun spot
- 27 Cor writes in Sci. Sos., 2-94 from Woston, Hampire of a large black patch on the sun. Seen at rising and setting of the sun. So extraordinary that passengers of an early morning train opened windows to look out at it, he was told.
- 28 Karnter / dust fall of It met 1/39 Quake there May 12, 1867 Z M 2/281
- Mar 1 dust fall Rome Zut Met 5/187
- 1 Reddish rain or rain charged with reddish dust at Rome La Sci Pour Tous 15-126
- 4 9:38 AM Crossed S E part of Australia great Met. BA 66-127
- Mar 5 }
May 23 } Fireballs R J. Jan 1, 1866 Vol I
June 20 }
Aug 15 }
Sept 6 }

Box A (Resumed)

- Mar 7 Mysterious attack in Brooklyn N Y Times (Ed)

Box 3 (Resumed)

- 9 Shocks Norway La Sci Pour Tous 12-167
- 11 12:20 AM / Lubbecke / Great det met

BA 66-128

- 15 11:50 PM Meteor size of Moon BA 66
- 19 LT p 9 Supposed quake
- Mar 19 B. rain B. Ayres Field May 5, 1866
- Ab. 5 PM Clouds in S W and then sudden darkness 'total darkness—strong wind. Mud, or a rain that was simply mud fell.
- 19 Dust. Buenos Ayres. N. Y. Herald May 20, p 11 "Most terrific phenomenon ever known in that or perhaps any other country (frm B. Ayres Standard) indications storm and then sudden darkness. Darkness so intense that people in streets stood where they were. 5:10 PM high wind dust and and inky rain. One man in terror committed suicide. Darkness by masses of dust clouds.
- 29 LT p 4. Quake at sea.
- Apr 12 4 AM / S. Wales met. BA 68-346
- 11 Volipi South Lanara, India F
- 20 No mets listed in BA 66.
- 21 4 AM near Hoshangabad, Central India. Met train various shapes fifteen minutes Allahabad Pioneer May 14, p 3
- 29 London, Sudden drop of 14 degrees of thermometer LT May 2, p 10.

Box A (Resumed)

- May Remarkable number fires U. S.

Box 3 (Resumed)

- May 2 Cor. Bor star 2nd mag R A 15 h 53 m by 20th to 6th mag Decl. 26-20'
- 3 B. rain of Birmingham See Times June 2, p 12 / Darkness so intense many accidents in the streets. Large quantity of black rain fell. B. rain 5 hours apart at B. Ecl. Mag. 68/438
- 3 Birmingham b. rain fell at 11 AM again at 4 PM N Q 4/9/267 Birm Daily Post
- 3 Several observers in England — pillar of light through the moon no other feature (indecipherable) Astro Reg. 4/186
- 8 Destructive tornado Louisiana and Arkansas N Y Trib May 9, p 5.
- 13 Sandstorm came upon New York from the direction of the sea so thought to have come from Coney Island and Sandy Hook. Trib May 15, p 16
- May 12 and farther back / claimed later Nova in Northern Crown Am. J. Sci. 2/412/79 M. Notices 27/57
- 12 Star in 1877 visible, of 11th mag. N Y Times Jan 15, 1877
- 13 New Star cor Bor. by Courbebaisse C. R. 62-1115
- 15 LT p 7 Early May frost injured the vineyards along Loire, France
- Early in / Weather described as "Winter in May" May in LT May 5, p 12

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