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STRANGE ODDITIES By Kurt Gleason

In issue #8 we published an ad for a book entitled Visitors from Lamulos. Because of this I was promised a trip to Lamulos. I was also promised "a craft sighting you'll never forget". The letter in which I received these promises was postmarked January 11, 1971. I was to have these experiences soon after receiving the letter if they had not occurred before receiving it. I was told to keep the letter confidential until the events take place. Since several months have passed I have decided to let the readers know about this. Nothing came of the promises.

While doing some research a few weeks back, I came across an interesting fact. According to Edward Hoch's article "The Grasping Sea" (Exploring the Unknown, March, 1969) on Sunday, September 15, 1492, Christopher Columbus saw a "marvellous branch of fire" fall into the ocean.

A small piece in the Berkeley Tribe of February 5-12, 1971, caught my eye. It is reproduced in full:

"BIRMINGHAM, ALA. - The Alabama Law Enforcement Planning Agency asked for \$47,180 in federal money to create a "black-clad, gestapo-style secret police agency." Surprisingly, they were turned down.

"The state paid \$90,000 to a consulting firm which recommended the unit. "For practice and psychological reasons, officers of this detail will drive only black, unmarked patrol cars. They will be attired in black uniforms and caps..." The detail would operate only at night, "keeping constant check on the whereabouts of suspects."

Another MIB-related incident appeared in Mantague Summers' The Werewolf. In 1502, Pierre Burgot was gathering his flocks during a thunderstorm at Poligny, France. "Three horsemen clothed in black, riding black steeds" came upon him. When one of the three asked Burgot what he was doing he told him. The man in black proposed a deal. If Burgot made the MIB his master not one sheep would be lost. The deal was agreed upon. Burgot kissed the MIB's left hand which was black. Burgot had to renounce God and was promised money. He was to call the man in black Moysset.

On Thursday, March 4, 1971, Pierre Trudeau, the Prime Minister of Canada, was married. This event had been predicted earlier in the year. See the news section of this issue for more details.

Papal Blessings & Curses By H.E. Dickhoff PhD

Apparently Papal blessings are curses and Papal curses are blessings. This list is by no means complete:

Papal Blessings

The Pope sent the Golden Rose to Empress Eugenie of France. In less than a year she and the emperor lost their thrones and later died in exile. Their son was killed by Africans.

The Pope blessed the Empress of Brazil. Three days after she broke her leg, and she and the emperor were dethroned and died in exile.

The Crown Princess of Brazil was blessed by the Pope, her baby was deformed and she died in exile.

The Pope blessed Emperor Maximilian of Mexico. He was dethroned

and killed by his people.

The Pope blessed the Emperor's widow. She became insane and died in exile.

The Pope blessed a steamer filled with nuns en route to South America in 1870. It never reached its destination, all perished.

The Pope blessed General Boulanger. In less than two weeks he was exiled and committed suicide.

Mrs. Sherman, wife of General Sherman, received the Golden Rose. She died soon after.

Dr. Windhorst received the Papal "Order of Christ". He died in less than a year.

The Archbishop of Damascus gave the Pope's blessing to Vittoria (1895) to Spanish troops and fleet. Spain lost two fleets and two armies.

More recent "blessings" proved fatal to John F. Kennedy, Dr. Martin Luther King, who both were assassinated, and Governor Al Smith of New York, who after receiving Papal blessings lost himself an election and died soon after.

#### Papal Curses

Pope Pius IX cursed King Victor Emmanuel of Italy and the Italian government. Italy rose to the position of a great power -- until the Pope blessed the Italian troops going to Ethiopia and since then they lost their whole empire.

Garibaldi was excommunicated by the Pope. He became Italy's hero to whom noble monuments were erected.

Bismark and the King of Prussia proscribed the Jesuits. The Pope cursed Prussia after which it became a great power, overthrew Austria and France, until its rulers fraternized with the Pope.

Henry VIII and Queen Elizabeth cursed by the Pope turned into the wellbeing of the nation, while Papal blessings for Ireland proved its ruin.

### DELLSHAU'S AEROES; AN ATTEMPT TO DECIPHER THE RIDDLE OF DELLSHAU'S

#### BOOKS By P.G. Navarro

The man climbed aboard the strange-looking contraption that resembled a cross between a box-kite, a Gypsy wagon and an aerial balloon and settled comfortably in the pilot's seat. He activated the mechanism that would inject the liquid fuel into the Gasoar chamber, where it would be converted into "NB" gas; the gas that would negate the weight of the machine and cause it to rise from the ground. At the same time the air pressure motors became active. The pilot then grabbed the rudder device and motioning for the pinions to be released. He prepared for the gradual ascent of the flying machine. Upon release of the pinions which held it to the ground, the strange flying craft began to rise slowly. As it gained altitude it began to drift toward a line of tall redwood trees in the distance. The pilot made the proper manual adjustments in the mechanism in order to inject additional fuel into the gasoar chamber and prepared to maneuver the ponderous aircraft over the fast approaching trees. With the air pressure motors on full power and the NB gas expanding the cupola of the aircraft to its fullest extent, the machine should be able to rise easily and fly over the tallest trees. The craft navigated perfectly, responding to the slightest movement of the rudder. The aeronaut headed confidently

toward the tree line and felt the aircraft rise gently as it approached the nearest tree. As he came within yards of the trees, which sloped gradually up an incline, he increased the air pressure in order to clear the largest of them, which easily measured over 150 feet in height.

This he was able to accomplish easily; but one thing he obviously did not take into account was the ballancier; the barrel-shaped device that hung below the aircraft. This device, which hung on a rope or cable that was secured to the fore and aft sections of the aircraft, about twelve feet below the carriage, was used to stabilize and balance the aircraft.

As this early aeronaut flew over the top of the trees he suddenly felt a strong jerk which threw him forward against the edge of the carriage. The aircraft had been suddenly arrested in its forward motion as the ballancier became entangled in the upper branches of one of the giant California redwoods. The sudden jerk threw the aeronaut headlong over the edge of the carriage and before he could grab for support he was falling clear, hitting the ground moments later and breaking his neck. He evidently perished instantly.

The above account is my own interpretation (and reconstruction) of one of many incidents; and the proper terminology as related in the accounts and notations contained in the "Books of Dellshau". The aircraft was one of the "aeros" which are depicted and described in his books, which according to his accounts were designed and in some cases actually built and flown, as in the incident above, with some dire consequences.

It was around the turn of the century that Dellshau began to put together into book form, an extensive collection of material dealing with aeronautics and, from notes and by recollection, to make drawings of strange-looking aircraft that had been proposed and designed by the members of the Sonora Aero Club, a branch of the secret society to which they all belonged.

These airship designs were like nothing that has ever been seen in the air; unless, of course, you take into account the strange sightings of the mysterious airships that made their brief appearance in the 1890's and then disappeared from the scene. Like the present-day reports of flying saucers, no tangible evidence of their existence was ever produced to verify the thousands of eye-witness reports.

From the time that he started to make his drawings, till the time of his death in 1924 at the age of 92, Dellshau produced upward of five thousand "plates" or pages, in which he not only drew the airship designs and made coded notations on them, as well as making an account in English as well as German of incidents and activities of the group; but also pasted in newsclippings from newspapers and aeronautical publications of the time dealing with the subject of flight. Thus his books were actually a collection of drawings as well as a collection of newsclippings -- scrap-books containing collages of aeroplanes, balloons, and pictures of early aviators, all embellished with colorful, abstract border designs and patternings having obvious flight symbolism. In order to produce these many drawings, he surely must have spent practically all of his time in the latter part of his life frenziedly working on his drawings to the exclusion of everything else.

The strangest thing about the books is the manner in which the information, or data, contained in them is written -- as though he intended to make them difficult to read, perhaps to discourage

merely curious, yet make it so that they would have meaning to anyone who would have the time and inclination to try and learn what the books had to say.

It is not known exactly how many of these books he produced, but only twelve of them are available. They were found in a trash dump by a scrounger who sold them to a junk dealer. The books sat in the junk dealer's shop gathering dust until some students from the University of St. Thomas happened upon them. They took two of the books to put on display at an exhibit dealing with the subject of space and aeroforms. It was at this exhibition that I came upon the books and became fascinated by the subject matter. It was several months after the exhibition was over that I decided to investigate further into the material contained in the books as I hoped to be able to find some newsclippings with stories relating to the mysterious airship sighting of the 1890's as well as of the years 1910-1911.

It was not until I was able to go through the whole set of books that I came to the conclusion that the information contained in the books was not all just fantasy, as was supposed, but that there actually had been a group of men in Sonora at one time, who had worked together for the purpose of designing and constructing a navigable airship.

The question that comes to mind when considering such a possibility is: Why, if they did succeed in constructing and flying one of their machines, wasn't the fact made known to the world?

There may be, of course, valid reasons for the secrecy in which the project was carried out. In the first place, they were members of a secret society. As such, they were no doubt sworn to secrecy. Besides that, it must be remembered that during the early part of the nineteenth century scientists had a penchant for keeping the results of their researches and discoveries to themselves. There may have been other reasons. We must admit that there are people in this world, particularly scientists, who feel that since they are able to control, or mold, some of the environmental factors affecting humanity, that they owe a certain measure of responsibility to their fellow men and consequently, if they feel that their ideas or discoveries would be a contributory factor causing death and destruction to humanity, then they would rather keep the ideas or discoveries to themselves than risk harm to others. It is known that Nostradamus, in reading some of the ancient books, decided that some of the things written in them would not benefit humanity and destroyed them.

So the question remains was Dellshau merely delving in fantasies or was he recording facts and occurrences that actually took place.

"You...Wonder Weaver...You will unriddle these writings. They contain my stock of open knowledge. But they will end like all others... with good intentions, but too weak-willed to assign and put to work."

The above lines are from one of the many cryptic messages contained in the books of Dellshau. Though not a literal interpretation of the coded original, which had to be deciphered and then translated into English, the meaning of the words seem clear enough. They tell us that eventually the puzzle that are the books of Dellshau will be solved and that it will be found that they contain information into the knowledge of things and events that

transpired during a period of time in which he (Bellshau) and others were engaged in experimenting and delving into the secrets of flight. But it seems they lacked leadership and all their endeavors were destined to end in failure. The fact remains, nevertheless, that the discovery of these books and the interpretation of their contents has thrown light upon a hitherto unknown account of activities that were being carried on in the area of Sonora, California, in the 1850's by a group of men belonging to a secret society which may well add a new chapter not only to the history of that area but to the history of aeronautics as well.

### Gravity And Atmosphere On Our Moon By Fred Steckling

All of our Apollo pilots who either orbited or landed on the moon have experienced unexplainable gravity phenomenon, especially on the back side of the moon where a gravity field was found much stronger than on the Earth side.

It is common knowledge that the Earth is affected by lunar gravity, which influences our tides and even creates earthquakes, yet very few people are aware of the fact that Earth and its gravity forces influence the moon four times as much. The Earth gravity penetrates the body of the moon towards its center and prevents it from rotating on its axis. The Earth gravity forces influence every particle on the visible side of the moon to such an extent that the moon gravity is nullified almost to a weightless condition.

Two completely different environments are therefore found on the moon. On the visible side very little atmosphere can be found or measured. Due to the Earth influences the moon material is very loose, fluffy-like as found by the Apollo astronauts. However, it looks different on the back side of the moon. As astronaut Stafford of Apollo 10 stated in his news conference, "We certainly found some unknowns up there. The hidden side of the moon is very different from its face. There are almost no flat lands. However, the highlands appear to be eroded and much smoother than the visible side as if a sand storm had leveled the features off."

The former scientist-astronaut Brien O'Leary stated in the Ladies Home Journal of March, 1970, that Peter Conrad and Allan Bean played "frizbee" with the metal lid from a test bucket and the astronauts were very excited that the moon air kept the "frizbee" flying.

It seems that the moon is a strange world with the visible side desert highlands, while the back side, as found by our space probes, is lower in elevation. As the back side of the moon holds a stronger gravity force which is not affected by the Earth gravity, a denser atmosphere and some vegetation can be found there. Some years ago NASA released a picture of a large crater with green coloring in the center, looking very much like large trees and also evidence of small lakes, ponds and rivers. Hopefully, this information will bring our astronauts to extend their travels one day to visit the far side. But it will still depend on our government whether they are willing to release this information. The facts released by our scientists so far are that the moon is not a dead planet because it has a magnetic field, a hot interior, and live volcanoes. The latter have been seen and photographed by our astronauts. According to Dr. Ury, an astronomer from NASA,

there may be a chance we will find some forms of life there.

However, with each new lunar landing and the resultant materials brought back to Earth, the arguments only get stronger and stronger concerning the origin of the moon. It seems we do not know much more than we did years ago when we studied this satellite through the telescopes.

### SOLVING THE SAUCER MYSTERY By Kurt Glemser

Some researchers are continually searching for new sightings, supposedly attempting to find an answer to the mystery of the saucers.

Yet, we already have the keys to the mystery. These keys are in the form of old saucer reports. Take for instance the report published in Quest-UFO Report #6. It deals with Fred Reagan, a pilot, whose plane collided with a "dazzling lozenge" in July, 1951. The crash threw Reagan, without a parachute, out of his plane.

An invisible force drew him inside the craft. He lost consciousness. He was found, mysteriously unhurt, beside the wreckage of his plane. The high point to this story came when Reagan died in a Georgia state insane asylum from degeneration of the brain tissue due to atomic radiation. The authorities could offer no explanation.

These are the few details I have. Certainly a case such as this is of vital importance. Yet, I have no further leads. Someone with a collection of saucer magazines from 1951 could possibly be able to add to the above information. It is remarkable how the early saucer researchers could overlook such a case.

A crashed saucer case which may also be important came to my attention recently may also be important. My source is the Christmas, 1954, issue of the INTERPLANETARY NEWS DIGEST. Its editor and publisher was Genevieve A. Johnston. The mailing address of IND was Box 426, Joshua Tree, California.

I quote in full from page 16:

"Here is a Buffalo newspaper account of a little two-foot-tall pilot of a disc which crashed on the Laredo, Texas, airport April 16, 1950.

"A director of civil aviation at Laredo is quoted as saying: "For several days the discs have been seen on both sides of the Rio Bravo. Before crashing, the disc deliberately buzzed the field at several thousand miles an hour. Then it circled the field six or seven times, each time more slowly, finally diving into the field, to narrowly miss the largest hangar.

"Following the crash, airport personnel and firemen are reported to have hurried to the scene of the wreck. From the crushed disc, measuring only a couple of yards across, they pulled the pilot, a figure not more than two feet tall.

"Local firemen administered oxygen and the tiny man revived suddenly and started fighting. Leaping to his feet, the paper reported, the tiny figure jumped upwards and struck National Guard Sgt. Joe Jena in the face, felling him. As the others drew back, the tiny man gasped for breath and fell unconscious, apparently unable to breathe our air.

"Oxygen was again administered and the visitor again came to fighting, displaying a strength that made it impossible for the

guardsmen and firemen to hold him. Within seconds, he again lapsed into unconsciousness.

"Three more times they revived him only to have him fight free of the mask and restraining hands and pass out. Further attempts to revive him were without avail.

"It was reported that the little man weighed about 300 pounds despite his small size and was wearing a helmet equipped with an antenna.

"The disc, made of an unidentified metal, was apparently a one-man flyer. The interior of the tiny cabin or control cockpit housed only a few pieces of equipment, the paper said, adding that it was probably "their" radio and radar.

"As to means of propulsion, it was reported a series of jet openings, possibly rockets, rimmed the thin edge of the aircraft.

"The remains of the flyer as well as the body of the pilot were gathered up by guardsmen and police under the direction of a member of the FBI and flown to Washington."

Here we have the name of one guardsman and the location of the airport where the disc allegedly crashed. Also we have the source of the account "a Buffalo newspaper". With these three leads the story can be investigated and the truth can be discovered. Is this just another crashed saucer story? Or, has the government prove of the saucers?

#### BOOK REVIEWS: WITCHCRAFT IN AMERICA TODAY

By Emile C. Schurmacher; Paperback Library (November, 1970) New York, N.Y.; 75¢ 176pp

Having read a number of books on witchcraft I found this one to be the most interesting. Divided into 25 chapters, this book covers all aspects of witchcraft.

The chapter I found most interesting was entitled "Manhattan Mischief-Maker". It dealt with Julia Bryant, 26, a member of a coven consisting only of females. This was not as surprising as the fact that they are dedicated to causing mischief for men.

Men are needed in some of the ceremonies. Miss Bryant's coven gets men from other covens. As soon as their part of the ceremony is over, the men leave.

Some of the mischief Julia Bryant caused included a car accident and accusing men in public of sexual advances (i.e. exhibitionism).

This book should be read by everyone interested in witchcraft.

— Kurt Gleaser

#### NEWS

#### UFOs In SF Area? Some Say There Are

By Ron Longto

(Santa Fe, N.M., New Mexican December 29, 1970)

At least a half-dozen Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO) sightings have been reported since Nov. 15 in the Santa Fe area.

The latest reported sighting of an Unidentified Flying Object was Dec. 21.

City Police said they had no official reports of the object on file, but sightings have been reported by Santa Fe Airport employ-

es, security people, residents of the city and residents along Mount Carmel Road.

Most reports describe the objects as "intensely bright lights" either hovering or moving at a high rate of speed from east to north or north to east.

A motorist driving into Santa Fe from the Ski Basin reported watching some sort of bright light slowly descending to the ground.

Airport employees reported watching a bright light move rapidly between the Cross of the Martyrs atop Fort Marcy Hill and radio station towers on West Alameda, then back again.

Other Unidentified Flying Objects have been reported flashing across the base of the mountains from east to north and north to east.

Reports from residents along Mount Carmel Road indicate UFOs were seen flashing over the city in the same direction.

The objects have been spotted as early as 5 p.m. and as late as 2 a.m.

Flight controllers at the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) at the Santa Fe Airport confirmed that they had received reports of UFOs from city residents, but said those reporting sightings were referred to Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque.

UFO sightings reached a peak in New Mexico in 1964 with at least two reports that the objects had landed.

One object was spotted on the ground near Socorro and another near LaMadera near Espanola.

Since 1964, sighting reports have become less frequent.

#### Montesano Man Reports UFO

(Aberdeen, Washington, World January 5, 1971)

MONTESANO - Unidentified flying objects have an uncanny effect on motor-driven vehicles.

Take it from Keith Brown, 928 West Wynooche, Montesano. That's just what he told Grays Harbor sheriff's deputies just before 4 o'clock Sunday morning.

Brown said he spotted three lights while driving along the Wishkah Road. He described them as unidentified flying objects flying low toward the river. When they got near the vicinity of his car, his engine died.

Brown said he was unable to start the motor until the lights started flying away. Then the motor started immediately.

Brown added that he was too frightened to stay and watch any longer. He drove off - fast.

#### PMs To Wed. Seers Say

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record, January 18, 1971)

SINGAPORE (Reuter) - The mystics of Singapore where fortune-tellers have an entire section of the telephone book, are predicting a happy ending for the issue-packed Commonwealth conference.

And another popular prediction among the clairvoyants of Chinatown here are that two bachelor prime ministers - Edward Heath of Britain and Pierre Trudeau of Canada, 51 - will be married before the year is out.

(Kristianstadsbladet, Kristianstad, Sweden January 21, 1971)

Not less than 16 flying saucers have been observed in the sky over Kuusamo. They were red luminous and followed by a fire tail.

In the village Hoas near Suomussalmi at the same time a cigar-shaped object was noticed in the sky.

(Both places mentioned are in northern Finland - Ed.)

### Hunting Spacemen In Norrland

(Kvallsposten, Malmö, Sweden February 17, 1971)

Small, meter-high spacemen emitting blinking light are visiting northern Sweden and northern Finland. Many persons claim to have seen and even met small men in different places, followed by a crack. The next second the man has disappeared. He is said to be wearing a helmet, brown-green clothes, and stands on the side of the road.

### Legendary 8-Foot-5 Sasquatch Tracked

(Jacksonville, Florida Times Union February 18, 1971)

ARDEN, Wash. (UPI) - A veteran guide says he has been tracking an 8-foot-5-inch sasquatch - the legendary "bigfoot" of the Pacific Northwest - for a week.

Ivan Marx said the creature walked all around Harvey Hall's grocery store in this tiny northeastern Washington community last week, leaving more than 5,000 footprints.

The question of whether the huge, hairy, man-like animal known in Indian legend as sasquatch really exists has been hotly debated in the Northwest for years.

Marx said there is no doubt in his mind - ever since he took 70 feet on motion picture film of a sasquatch last fall.

Marx said the sasquatch he and four other men are tracking is about 8 feet, 5 inches tall, weighs 700-800 pounds, has 16-inch-long footprints and an approximate stride of 50-55 inches.

He said he believes five such animals are living in the area and vary in size, but all are substantially larger than the 200- to 400-pound bear native to the area.

Marx said the animal walked into Arden, circled the grocery store, went to the city dump, and then returned to the wild.

He said it had a little toe missing on its left foot. He has seen the track before, Marx said, and he believes the sasquatch fell victim to a steel trap several years ago.

"Last Oct. 7, I was called to Bossburg, where a train struck a sasquatch. I rushed there and took approximately 70 feet of film of the animal and I have since made 640 slides from the footage," he said.

"He screamed twice at me while I was shooting footage. I swear that animal thought I was going to kill it - it was more scared of me than I was of him."

Marx said the film showed the animal had a severe flesh wound around its ankles and also a blood bubble under one of its arms. Marx said the accident occurred late in the evening and the sasquatch escaped in the dark.

Marx said his pictures of the animal have been purchased by the National Wildlife Federation, which plans to document the capture of the first sasquatch.

"But first we have to catch it," he said.

### Black Magic 'Hate' Ceremony Held In Church

(Daily Express, England January 21, 1971)

By David Jack

An elaborate black magic "hate" ceremony in a parish church was

being investigated by detectives yesterday.

Symbols used included an altar candle carved into the figure of a man with a needle piercing the heart.

A piece of human hair was attached to the carving which was found on the altar at St. Thomas's, Dudley, Worcestershire.

Charred parchment lay scattered and the main cross was covered in blue cloth.

Near the cross was an inverted black crucifix and the painted figure of a hand with numbers on the fingernails.

The vicar, the Rev. Raymond Efemey, said last night: "It could well be they were put there to effect hate on someone.

"I see no reason to be frightened or to be intimidated by such things."

He added: "I rather think that someone has been reading up on the subject and practising it in my church."

All the symbols were laid out neatly. But there was no vandalism or theft he said.

### The Major's Ghost Squad, Guarding The Haunted Gates

(Western Daily Express, England January 23, 1971)

A ghost-watching party is expected to take place on Monday evening outside the 17th century home of ex-Coldstream Guards officer Major Laurence Barrington at Nether Lypiatt Manor, Stroud.

Every year on January 25, the manor gates are supposed to be opened by the ghost of a blacksmith. Last year 30 people parked outside all night waiting for the ghost to appear. But it failed to turn up - probably because the 42-year-old major had opened the gates himself.

"I didn't want to give the ghost any trouble," he told me. "And I didn't want to scare my five children. They know all about the legend. I'll open the gates again this year to save him the job."

Major Barrington tells me he has an open mind about ghosts. He is prepared to admit that they may exist, because he has lived in haunted houses all his life. Legend has it that the blacksmith who made the gates for the manor was hanged for sheep stealing on the order of the owner, at the time Judge Cox, one of the "Bloody Assize" judges.

The judge promised that if he could produce a good pair of iron gates for his house, he would be reprieved. The gates were made - but the judge failed to keep his promise and the man was hanged on January 25, anyway.

Major Barrington bought the manor three years ago and inherited the legend.

### A Boy Aged Twelve Has Died Of Old Age

(Daily Mirror, England January 29, 1971)

He collapsed from a heart attack while playing at home.

Physically Jomar Henrique Silva looked and was ninety years old.

Six months after he was born at Vitoria, Brazil, Jomar had all his teeth...but they were yellow and crooked.

Before he was two years old his hair had turned white and began to fall out.

In the years that followed Jomar tried to join in a normal child's life with other boys.

But galloping senility left him with wasted limbs and creaking joints.

joints.

At ten his skin was wrinkled and dry and doctors found that his blood vessels had hardened like those of a very old man.

Poor Jomar was a victim of progeria, a disease which strikes only once among millions.

Little is known of it except that it causes the vital pituitary - the "trigger" gland that controls the behaviour of several other glands - to malfunction wildly.

### THE DEVIL RAISER: 'Terror Act' By King of the Witches

(Western Daily Press, England January 26, 1971)

By David Taft

A black magic ritual to raise the devil will be staged in Weston-super-Mare next month by Alex Sanders, self-styled king of the witches.

It will be part of a 90-minute performance in the council-run Playhouse Theatre on February 16.

The week before Mr. Sanders will have made his first-ever devil-raising attempt on the stage, in Hendon.

He said yesterday he would raise a demon "to demonstrate the power for evil in black magic", in his Weston show.

"I will use hypnotism and fire to introduce a demon image into a witch. It will be the most dangerous and frightening act ever seen," Mr. Sanders told me from his London home.

Mr. Sanders, who is 44, said he practised black magic for seven years before becoming a white witch.

The other part of his show will be the initiation and preparation of a witch.

"This is white witchcraft which is not un-Christian. It is the black magic that is anti-Christ," he said.

Mr. Sander's blonde 24-year-old wife Maxine, will act as the high priestess witch in the demon raising ritual.

"It will be dangerous for her and the audience if I lose control of the forces inside her," said Mr. Sanders.

Two guards will be on stage to restrain her, or any member of the audience who might get carried away.

Children will not be admitted, adults with weak hearts will be warned to stay away.

There were strong protests from Weston clergymen over the show.

\*The Rev. Mark Ellis, vicar of St. Andrew's said: "I should think this performance could be very dangerous. It could easily upset a lot of impressionable people."

\*The Rev. John Fisher, curate of St. John the Baptist, said: "I believe the intention of white magic is to be harmless and beneficent."

"The other can cause the most appalling terrors and fears. But I should have to see the performance before I knew what it was."

\*Prebendary Ben Turnock, former rector of Weston, said: "It is contrary to all Christian faith to try to raise a devil."

\*Mr. Clive Jackson, Weston's deputy entertainments manager, said: "As far as we are concerned it's just a stage act and quite harmless."

### Wizard Puts Up His Death Statue

(Daily Mirror, England January 30, 1971)

From Madelon Dimont in Rome

The mystic fortune-telling powers of professional wizard Antonio Battista, landed him with a problem.

For his peeps into the future revealed...the date of his own death.

Antonio, 41, found that he was due to die on September 28, 1973, he claims.

So Antonio, who is also mayor of the southern Italian village of Montefredane, decided to leave the locals something to remember him by when he is dead and gone.

Now he has unveiled his own monument - a bronze bust, engraved with his date of birth, and the date of his death.

But there was nothing sad about the premature memorial service.

The unveiling was performed by a pretty 20-year-old girl.

Dozens of white doves were freed from cages.

Then the villagers who had flocked to "mourn" Antonio enjoyed an open-air banquet. They thought it was all a wizard idea.

### Boy Lives Wild As A Gazelle

(Daily Mirror, England February 1, 1971)

From Roy Rutter in Paris

A boy has been discovered living in the wilds as a gazelle.

French anthropologist Jean Claude Armen says he has seen the boy several times about 35 miles from Rio de Oro, the capital of Spanish Sahara.

He appears to be in his late teens and is "mothered" by a female gazelle - a type of antelope.

Mr. Armen has reported the case to the Life Institute in Geneva.

He says the boy is long-haired, goes about naked, and moves in leaps and bounds - though not as fast as his gazelle companions.

Mr. Armen's report says: "I have watched fascinated as the boy approaches gazelles and licks their foreheads in a sign of recognition."

He adds that the boy is able to stand like a human and has been seen plucking roots with his hands and feeding them to the gazelles.

Dr. Paul Roget, the director of the Life Institute, says the case could be the most fascinating ever of a human brought up by animals.

He believes the boy could have been lost as a baby, found by a female gazelle and brought up as one of the family.

### Hubble, Bubble Toil - And Trouble For a Witch

(Daily Express, England, February 8, 1971)

By Judith Simons

The spell went wrong when self-styled king of the witches Alex Sanders starred in Britain's first stage demonstration of witchcraft.

His wife and co-star, the High Priestess Maxine, collapsed off-stage after accidentally falling on burning incense during the performance.

And later, many of the 1,400 audience were far from being bewitched. So they demanded their money back.

They had paid 10s or 15s to see the performance in a cinema at Hendon, London.

When it ended early yesterday morning police were called to disperse angry patrons.

Later, Maxine, aged 24, was in bed at home in Bayswater suf-

fering from 30 burns.

Her husband said: "The accident happened because Maxine lost her footing. In an instinctive effort to save her, I stepped outside the magic circle. This broke the power and in unleashing the destructive forces within us, we went berserk."

He blamed the poor reaction to the performance, which included ritualistic dancing by girls in see-through shifts, on "stage conditions and misleading publicity".

"The audience was expecting orgiastic entertainment," he added.

"And the publicity attached to this show, like warnings that people of nervous dispositions should keep away and pictures of nudes outside the cinema, helped to promote the wrong impression.

"We had not rehearsed on the stage. The amplification was bad. So the demonic force of the music was lost.

"And my own announcements were blurred."

### Bishop Warns: It's Dangerous To Toy With Black Magic

(Sunday Express, England, February 21, 1971)

A bishop warns people in his diocese this weekend that black magic practices have been taking place in the area and that toying with them is "dangerous spiritually and sometimes physically".

The Right Rev. Cyril Eastaugh, 73-year-old Bishop of Peterborough, says in his monthly magazine: "Manifestations of evil intelligences are too common to be rejected as nonsense.

"From time to time they come to the notice of the clergy, and instances are not lacking in this diocese.

"Young people led on by curiosity and daring have by the use of automatic writing in seances (including Ouijah boards) sought to call up spiritual powers with all too much success.

"Sometimes evidences of invisible and malign powers have been thrust upon innocent people by the wild disturbances created by what are called 'poltergeists'.

"Manifestations of this kind often have features in common - intense cold, evil stench, and a prevailing sense of terror.

"To open the door to this sort of power is to court evil with unknown possibilities."

Last November more than 1,000 pounds worth of damage was caused at a parish church in the bishop's diocese - at Lowick, near Thrapston, Northants. Ornaments were desecrated. Black magic was suspected but never proved.

There have also been a number of allegations of black magic practices at a disused quarry at Thrapston.

A senior police spokesman said that after complaints, investigations were carried out. Heaps of stones were found piled together and there were embers of a fire.

Further observations were kept on nights when it was alleged that witches would return to the quarry, but these proved fruitless.

The Rev. John Dakin, rector of Thrapston, said: "In all honesty and sincerity I can say that the only knowledge I have of black magic practices is what I have read in the press. None of my parishioners has complained to me."

Canon George Turner, rector of Cranford, near Kettering, Northants, and former rural dean of Kettering, said: "I have been keeping a very close eye open because of these alleged happenings, but nothing has come to my notice."

In his magazine the Bishop of Peterborough says:

"There is a great deal of publicity given to the occult, and publications which deal entirely with this subject. Much of it is in response to curiosity, but some of it leads to practice.

"We read of the revival of witch covens, of the practice of black magic, of the desecration of churches and tombs, of attempts to call up spirits of the dead or even invitations to the manifestation of evil spirits.

"It should be clearly understood by Christians that toying with practices of this kind is highly dangerous spiritually, and sometimes physically."

A spokesman for the bishop said he had no intention of making any further statement on the matter.

### It's A Ghoul! - Sorry - Goal!

(Evening Post, England February 22, 1971)

One of Kenya's leading soccer clubs, Gor Mahia spent 1,300 pounds on witchcraft in the past year, according to the club's annual accounts revealed in Nairobi today.

The money was spent on advice and forecasts from witchdoctors before matches. Fees ranged from 5 to 30 pounds.

Kenya's sports officer, Mr. William Yeda, said clubs should stop using witchcraft, but he added that banning it would not prevent people from practising it secretly.

He said that, as a player, he had refused to daub his body with pig fat - considered an antidote to spells and charms.

Last month, before a match between Gor Mahia and another leading team, Abaluhya, officials of both teams asked the organisers to allow them to check the football against its having been charmed.

Several Kenya clubs are believed to employ witchdoctors.

Sentries patrol stadiums before matches to ensure that no one places a charm on the ball and clubs often refuse to name their teams in advance, lest they should be bewitched.

### Hunt For Snowman

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record, March 3, 1971)

TOKYO (AP) - Former television sports reporter Masahiko Taniguchi has left for Katmandu, Nepal, for a five-month expedition in the Himalayas. He hopes to become the first Japanese citizen to see the legendary abominable snowman.

### Students See 7 UFOs

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record, March 3, 1971)

LONDON, Ont. (CP) - About eight University of Western Ontario students said Tuesday that they saw seven unidentifiable flying objects with flashing red, green, blue and yellow lights shortly before midnight Monday night.

"It started off with one," said Colin Cave a third year sociology student. "It looked like a bright light in the sky and was close to earth. It was very, very bright."

Mr. Cave said he and the other students watched for about 20 minutes before calling police. The objects remained stationary for about a half hour, he said, before they began to move quickly.

"We were trying to phone everybody, the police and radio stations, and we were getting so mad because nobody believed us," he said.

"I think a lot of people thought it was just a university gag."

Rainmaker's Luck Running Out as Drought Continues

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record, Thursday March 4, 1971)

By Nicholas C. Chriss

ASPERMONT, Tex. - The 1,300 souls in this parched, dying west Texas town dream these days of fields green with grass and of the rainmaker who arrived here not long ago.

The rainmaker, 65-year-old Homer Franklin Berry of Arkansas, pulled into town with a determined look in his eyes and a propensity for talk about the earth's atmosphere.

Once he was almost famous, this rainmaker.

By good fortune, method or whatever, rain fell in lower Arkansas during drought conditions about eight years ago when the rainmaker was there doing his thing. In one month he earned several thousand dollars from grateful cotton, peach and soybean farmers.

Now he is down on his luck. He is nearing the end of a month-long contract to bring five inches of rain to Aspermont no later than March 10. In all its history Aspermont never has had five inches of rain in one month.

If the rainmaker produces, he will get \$10,000 from 39 happy ranchers who put the money up in escrow at Ralph Riddle's First National Bank here. Otherwise the only thing he is apt to get is laughed out of Stonewall County.

But, Berry is confident. He says he has brought rain many times, though, and gone unpaid.

"People who go to church regularly will look you in the eye and promise to pay. But when the rain arrives they say, 'how could you have anything to do with Mother Nature's work?'"

So far he and Mother Nature have produced only a sandstorm here. That, and a couple of meager drizzles and some optimistic looking clouds.

Meanwhile, all around the area there has been snow and rain, even a few downpours and tornadoes as far away as Lubbock, Ft. Worth, Mineral Wells and Houston and the Mississippi delta.

"Those are all mine," the rainmaker claims. "You can't fool around with nature without getting it out of sorts."

"I've set up some lower pressure troughs aloft but some prevailing winds have come in and pushed them to hell and yonder," he complained.

Scarcely anyone in Aspermont believes the rainmaker but the town and the surrounding area are desperate for water.

How does Berry hope to bring rain?

He loads half of the bed of rancher Charlie Abernathy's truck with charcoal briquets soaked in a chemical solution of silver iodine. He and Abernathy have purchased all the briquets for hundreds of miles around the countryside.

Near the end of the truck Berry has installed a "blast furnace" consisting of a steel drum lined with fireproof brick. Inside the barrel burns the chemically soaked briquets. Just below the briquets at the bottom is a heater with a fan.

As Berry burns the briquets the churning fan sends the silver iodine crystals up, up and away into the atmosphere. This, he says, is what forms his moisture patterns.

Hopefully, the moisture will change to rain, fall on Aspermont and turn brown pastureland green.

"When you have a drought you don't care where the rain falls as long as it falls," the rainmaker said. "I've made it rain all around here. I'm not worried. We'll have a good five inches or more

before March 10."

Berry admits to the public doubts about his ability. Noting that he is a retired air force major, he remarked: "I went from an officer and gentleman to a clown. Now they call me a fraud and a fake to my face. They won't even be that rude to a rodeo clown."

Lightning Kills 3

(Kitchener-Waterloo Record March 4, 1971)

VAKPO, Ghana (Reuter) - Three schoolboys were killed and six injured when lightning struck the playing field during a soccer match here, police reported Friday.

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