

there recently, and she too has brought back the usual sheaf of UFO reports.

One of the latest sects to be active in Bolivia and the Andes call themselves "OVNIBOL" — (an amalgam of the words "Bolivia" and the Spanish term "OVNI" (UFO). It seems that "OVNIBOL" are resolutely convinced that Christ will be returning to Bolivia any day now, and of course will just step out of a UFO in order to announce the impending End of the World. The "Children of God"; the "Moonies"; the "Scientologists" and the numerous other groups are likewise no

slouches when it comes to the matter of Andean Enlightenment. The members of one particular Hindu sect are reported to be opening a string of vegetarian restaurants throughout the land. (In the poorly nourished population of the High Andes, where the inhabitants are hardly likely to get an overdose of protein, this report might be thought to smack somewhat of "carrying coals to Newcastle". Or, as the Germans put it, so much more elegantly: "Carrying Owls to Athens"!) G.C.

MORE POLTERGEISTERY IN BRAZIL

We have published plenty of reports over recent years about strange phenomena in Brazil (the land — let us not forget — of Voodoo and Xangó and similar African cults!) And we are indebted to our reader and fervent supporter E.M. Jakes of Yapton, West Sussex, who spotted the following extraordinary example from the small Brazilian city of Itapeva (Lat. 23° 59S., Long. 48° 59 W.) in the State of São Paulo:—

Sunday Express, London
May 17 1987

Evil strikes a frightened city

SÃO PAULO: A series of unexplained supernatural happenings has been sending rocks, rubbish bins and furniture flying into the air, hitting innocent people in a small Brazilian city.

Even police have seen rocks yanked from soil banks by some force, and flung against house windows or dropped on roofs in Itapeva.

At a special prayer session in an attempt to rid the city of "supernatural forces", a rock weighing one kilo mysteriously fell from the skies, piercing the roof of the Cathedral and landing in front of worshippers.

The phenomenon has sent shock waves among the city's 100,000 inhabitants.

So far, the police have investigated without results or even a clue as to what is causing these strange occurrences.

N.B. Falling rocks and stones are of course one of the classic and essential features of poltergeistic phenomena (not to mention UFO phenomena), and no doubt all these "anomalies" are due to one single agency — the activity of alien intelligences operating out of "other dimensions right here" and impinging sporadically in our world. In which event man — with his limited faculties — will never understand anything more than he does now, because he has been rigidly programmed.

Nevertheless it might be interesting to note that in Tupí, the principal aboriginal Indian language of this part of Brazil, *Ita* means a *rock* or *stone*. (But there are

more than 120 names of important places or geographical features in Brazil beginning with *Ita*-, and that takes no account of the scores of even smaller places. So maybe it is no wonder that Brazil is thoroughly poltergeist-ridden!) G.C.

For those who read French!

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by
Jacques Vallée

The novel about the secret international agency studying alien intelligences.

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PARIS, 1986. Price 89 F.

"ALINTEL, as an adventure novel, shows elegantly to what extent computers and the manipulation of public opinion will become an explosive mixture in the late twentieth century."

(*France-Soir*, 6 May 1986).

"Jacques Vallée's book cannot be read without anguish and curiosity. It demonstrates to what extent high technology is linked to government power — for better or worse."

(*Elle*, 5 May 1986).

WEIRD FACULTIES

Gordon Creighton

The BBC recently carried reports about a Russian woman who has developed some unusual powers after suffering a massive electrical shock. The story was in the highly authoritative and official Soviet newspaper *Izvestiya*, and was picked up and reproduced in *The Sun* (June 16, 1987) and other British papers, as follows:—

Wonder-Woman's X-ray Eyesight

A woman has developed X-ray vision after suffering an electric shock, it was reported yesterday.

Yulia Vorobyeva can now diagnose people's illnesses — and also tell them what they ate for lunch, it was said.

The 37-year-old Soviet wonder-woman was declared dead, and spent two nights in a morgue after getting a 380-volt shock.

She discovered her amazing new power after regaining consciousness, according to the Government newspaper *Izvestiya* in Moscow.

Yuliya said: "I went shopping one morning. A woman was at the bus stop — and suddenly I was struck by horror. I could see right through her like a television screen".

Two doctors have testified that Yuliya can now diagnose the most obscure illnesses.

And she correctly told a reporter who interviewed her at Donetsk in the Ukraine that he had eaten jelly — because she could see it in his stomach.

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It has of course been known since very early times that certain individuals, whom today we call "mediums" or "psychics", or "sensitives", possess powers of this kind, and in various parts of the world I myself have met several such people. In Australia I knew a woman (also a Russian, incidentally) who could see the human aura with great clarity and was able to detect disease unfailingly, often long before any symptoms had started in the physical body. She confirmed to me what occultists have long known, namely that most diseases have their origins *not in the physical body at all*, but in what is variously known as the astral body, spirit body, etheric body, subtle body, or radiant body. (The *Lingaśarīra*¹ of the Sanskrit; the *Yid-kyi-lus*² of the Tibetans, the *Augéoides*,³ radiant body, of the Greek Neoplatonists.) She told me that the really embarrassing and troublesome part was that she was also able to tell, infallibly, when someone was going to succumb to illness and die in the near future.

Years later, when I was the British Consul-General in New Orleans during World War II, I had on my staff, as my Security and Anti-Sabotage Officer, a Canadian who had been a major in the British Army in the trenches on the Western Front in World War I. He told me that all his life he had had a similar unwelcome faculty, and that, in the trenches, he always knew which of his men would be the next to die "when he went over the top". (These soldiers being in the prime of health, this was clearly not a case of detecting *illness* in the aura, as the lady in Australia had done, but must have been a matter of direct *precognition* of coming events.)

This Officer's daughter, a trained nurse who was working in one of America's biggest hospitals during World War II, had inherited something of these same

gifts from her father, for she told me that, when on duty in the hospital operating theatre, she often saw the astral or spirit body of the patient, driven out of the physical body by the anaesthetic, and floating in the air above the operating table, just like one of the captive-balloons of the London Defence Barrage. She also confirmed to me that in such cases the famous "silver cord" (see *Ecclesiastes* 12, verse 6, "Or ever the silver cord be loosed") was clearly visible.

All those who have experienced out-of-the-body excursions will know that sudden or violent re-entry often is accompanied by serious symptoms of *shock*, and the "post-operative shock" known to surgeons is connected with this. (That is why the Chinese art of *Acupuncture* has such a future, for patients who have had open-heart surgery etc. with acupuncture *do not suffer from postoperative shock*.)

Inevitably the discussion of these extraordinary "special faculties" (as the Chinese Communists prefer to call them) brings to mind the names of two of the most remarkable psychics whom we have had in the world in recent years, namely the late Gérard Croiset of the Netherlands, and Peter Hurkos — also, as chance would have it, a Dutchman. I believe that Croiset was either born with, or developed his remarkable faculties gradually. And, as is known, he was able to assist the police authorities of many countries in solving crimes. Peter Hurkos, now living in America, has also helped the police in catching many criminals and solving many crimes, and it was interesting to read recently (June 1987) that he is an old friend of President Reagan and a very frequent guest in Reagan's California homes.

But Hurkos was not born with these faculties, but acquired them — like Yulia Vorobyeva — as the result of a violent and traumatic experience! He was