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Patricia M. children 5-11 yrs
1 line descrip of THAS
Mickey Mouse
need names of clowns
(Joeder)

Santa Claus - John Underhill
alams Temple Shrine
5 clowns } names
who is Mickey Mouse
Candy donated by Sen

Date Issued 11/20/74
By P. Howard
Revised _____

FACT SHEET
Mrs. Ford's Office

Event Diplomatic Childrens Party
Group T. H. I. S. The Hosp Informat Service
DATE/TIME Wednesday, December 11, 1974 4:40 p. m.
Contact Until 12/6, Mrs. Weber (652-7570 then Mrs. Jeffries Phone 232-3002
Number of guests: Total 500 Women _____ Men _____ Children x
Place State Floor
Principals involved Mrs. Ford
Participation by Principal yes (Receiving line) no
Remarks required yes -- Welcome -- Thank you to entertainment
Background Mrs. Ford's Christmas party for the children of the Diplomatic Corps

20 min show
autog pic of bf

REQUIREMENTS

Social: Guest list T. H. I. S. to Pat Howard
Invitations T. H. I. S. Programs no Menus no
Refreshments Christmas cookies and punch
Entertainment yes
Decorations/flowers yes
Music Marine Brass Choir
Social Aides yes
Dress afternoon dress Coat check yes
Other ---

Press: Reporters yes
Photographers yes
TV Crews yes
White House Photographers yes Color yes Mono. _____
Other --

Technical Support: Microphones yes PA Other Rooms no
Recording yes
Lights yes (?)
Transportation cars
Parking South Grounds (limited parking)
Housing --
Other -- (Risers, stage, platforms) stage

Project Co-ordinator Pat Howard Phone 2927

Site diagrams should be attached if technical support is heavy.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

1/3 Amt of candy
as last
Santa Claus - Mrs.
F. will introduce the
"Amazing Randi" -
John Kneedecker, Santa Claus

MRS. FORD

Event: Diplomatic Children's Christmas Party
Date/Time: Wednesday, December 11, 1974 4:30 p. m.
Place: State Floor
Number of Attendees: 487 children from 89 countries
Schedule of Events:

4:30 p. m. The children will arrive through the Southwest Gate and will be escorted through the Blue Room (around the Christmas tree) to the East Room where they will be seated on the floor facing the stage at the north end of the room.

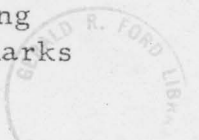
NOTE: There will be five clowns from the Almas Temple Shrine Unit to amuse the children before the entertainment begins.

4:40 p. m. As soon as all the children have been seated, you will be escorted to the State Floor by Nancy Lammerding.

You will enter the East Room through the center door, proceed to the microphone which will be located in front of the stage. You will make brief welcoming remarks and introduce the entertainment -- Amazing Randi, the magician. (Suggested remarks are attached.)

You will be seated with the children for the entertainment.

5:00 p. m. Entertainment concludes. You proceed to the stage to thank Amazing Randi. You will then



tell the children you have another very special surprise -- Santa Claus will then appear on stage with you and Amazing Randi. Santa Claus will then have a surprise for everyone by introducing Mickey Mouse. You will remain on stage and pose for photographs with them.

You will invite the children to join you in the State Dining Room for punch and cookies.

NOTE: There will be full press coverage of your remarks and of the entertainment.

5:30 p. m. The party concludes and you will return to the Family Quarters.

As the children depart, Santa Claus (John Nidecker) will be in the Ground Floor Hall and will hand out candy and autographed pictures of you and the President.

NOTES: Military Social Aides will be present.

THIS volunteers will assist with the party.

The Marine Brass Choir will play in the Grand Hall.

A White House photographer will be present.

Pat Howard
December 10, 1974

The Catering for the
refreshment table for the diplomatic
children on Wednesday was given
to the White House by ~~the~~ Annaker
Dolls, Inc. in Meredith, N.H.

DIPLOMATIC CHILDREN'S PARTY INFORMATION: DECORATIONS

The Christmas elf centerpiece and fabric for the refreshment table were given to The White House by the Annalee Doll Company in Meredith, New Hampshire. The elves and Mr. and Mrs. Santa are dressed in patchwork outfits. The Santa and Mrs. Claus are holding a large basket of holly as their tiny elf helpers are looking on from a bed of greens on a patchwork runner.

GOOD AFTERNOON, BOYS AND GIRLS AND THE YOUNG IN HEART, REGARDLESS OF AGE--WELCOME TO OUR WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN A SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR FOR PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD. A TIME FOR PRAYER. A TIME FOR BEING TOGETHER. A TIME FOR GIVING. AND THIS AFTERNOON--A TIME FOR JUST HAVING FUN.

AND SO, WE HAVE GOODIES TO EAT, PRETTY ORNAMENTS TO SEE, HAPPY CLOWNS, AND A FEW SURPRISES. AND SINCE I CAN NEVER WAIT WHEN I HEAR THERE IS GOING TO BE A SURPRISE--I WON'T KEEP YOU WAITING EITHER. OUR FIRST SURPRISE IS A MARVELOUS MAGICIAN AND A MAN OF A THOUSAND SURPRISES--THE AMAZING RANDI.

SANTA CLAUS INTRODUCTION

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THANK YOU, MR. RANDI.

OUR NEXT SURPRISE IS A JOLLY OLD GENTLEMAN. LIKE MANY OF YOU HERE TODAY, HE COMES FROM A LAND THAT'S VERY FAR AWAY--THE NORTH POLE. CAN YOU GUESS WHO IT IS? THAT'S RIGHT! AND HERE HE IS RIGHT NOW!

CLOSING

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I HOPE YOU HAVE ENJOYED OUR SURPRISES--I KNOW I HAVE.

I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY I WILL BE ABLE TO VISIT YOUR COUNTRIES AND
SEE HOW YOU CELEBRATE THIS VERY SPECIAL TIME OF THE YEAR. UNTIL THEN,
THE PRESIDENT AND OUR FAMILY WISH YOU AND YOUR FAMILIES A VERY
HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A NEW YEAR BLESSED WITH PEACE AND PROSPERITY.

AS I PROMISED, WE HAVE PUNCH AND COOKIES FOR EACH OF YOU IN
THE STATE DINING ROOM.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1974

TO: WHITE HOUSE POLICE

FROM: Nancy Chirdon

SUBJECT: Press Attending the Diplomatic Childrens Party,
December 11, 1974

Please clear the following press to cover the Diplomatic
Children's Party on December 11, 1974:

Tom Slinkard	WTTG
Wayne Wood	WTTG
Ron Aufdem'brink	WTTG
Bill Huttenloch	WTTG
Marilyn Brooks	WTTG
Mary Lou Humphrey	German TV
Rols Schmichel	German TV
Bela Perloky	German TV
Heinz Soete	German TV
Lillian Levy	NASA

REVISED GUEST LIST

THE HOSPITALITY AND INFORMATION SERVICE

WHITE HOUSE CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 11, 1974

GUEST LIST

Total of diplomatic
children: 398

Total of volunteer
children: 189

Total number of
children: 487

Total of countries
represented: 89

AFGHANISTAN

MALIKYAR, Daoud

ALGERIA

BOURI, Leila and Hamid

ARGENTINA

BEAUJE, Victor, Maria Fabiana and Leopoldo

CAZENAVE, Jorge, Ines, Eduardo and Teresa

LOPEZ MUNIZ, Claudia and Yvan

NAVEIRO DE LA SERNA, Helena

QUIJANO, Patricia

RUBIO, Pablo and Daniela

AUSTRALIA

BAMBRICK, Kate and Anna

DOYLE, Christopher

OU, Serge and Isabelle

PEARCE, William

SIMKIN, Toby

AUSTRIA

BIRBAUM, Isabel

MAYERHOFER, Michael and Martina

RUDOFISKY, Ruprecht and Martin

BAHAMAS

JOHNSON, Deanne

BARBADOS

BREWSTER, Leo and Wayne

BELGIUM

PAEMEN, Joep, Geert, Liesbet and Marjan
SCHELLEKENS (August), Denise and Nicole
SCHELLEKENS (Frank), Wim
WILLEMS, Emmanuel

BRAZIL

OLIVEIRA, Tereza and Ivan
PEREIRA DA SILVA, Robert and James

CAMEROON

NKUO, Lucy and Veronica

CANADA

FRENETTE, Martin
MARTIN, Andrew
McKINNEY, Nicholas
MERKLINGER, Catherine and Alexandra
RYAN, Patricia

CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

BANDA-BAFIOT, Joseline and Emma

CHAD

ALINGUE, Anateu, Labeu, Deiba and Tebria
DJEKILAMBERT, Nerolel

CHILE

BOSTELMANN, Andrea
GOYCOLEA, Luis
TRUCCO, Pablo, Claudia and Gisella
VALENZUELA, Diego and Alexander

CHINA

HSU, Linda
HUANG, Cheng-shium
LIU, Joseph

CZECHOSLOVAKIA

GEIKL, Martina
SPACIL, Ales

DAHOMY

ADJIBADE, Aboubakar, Falilath and Cherifath
D'ALMEIDA, Paulin and Monique

DENMARK

DYVIG, Christian and Anne
GRUNNET, Eric
TOFT, Mads

ECUADOR

de CASARES, Eduardo and Lucy
MOLINA, Lili, Rommy and Javier

EL SALVADOR

BERTRAND GALINDO, Nelson and Katya

EEC

BOGGIO, Gabriela, Carlo and Elena
DUBOIS, Cecilia and Birgitta
LOUW, Kathleen, Dennis and Emmanuel
WIEMER, Raphael and Patrick

EGYPT

ABDEL-WAHAB, Ahmed
EL-SADEK, Amr
HAFEZ, Ingy

ETHIOPIA

MELAKU, Solomon and Samson

FINLAND

PAJALA, Tiina and Jussi
RAHIKAINEM, Eva Maria

FRANCE

COURTET, Philippe
de SERESIN, Richard
ELBAZ, Pascale, Corine and Ariele
PUJES, Philippe
RETAT, Veronique, Christine and Beatrice

GABON

MAVOUNGOU, Sophie and Georgette

GERMANY

BAHRS, Bettina
 GERWINAT, Matthias and Christian
 GLOTH, Malte
 KLAUKIEN, Gunnar and Olaf
 MARKS, Titus
 RICHTER, Ralf and Martin
 SCHEEL, Martin
 SCHENK, Christoph, Alexander and Peter
 SCHLIEKER, Lilo
 STEINDORFF, Klaus and Timm
 TUROWSKI, Ralf
 von OERTZEN, Wiebke, Arwed and Stefanie
 von SCHMELING-DIRINGSHOFEN, Roland and Henning
 von STADEN, Georg
 WIENDIECK, Markus, Claudia and Andrea

GHANA

QUARM, Ebela and Anyima

GREAT BRITAIN

BAKER-BATES, Jonathan and Harriet
 BROWNING, Hilary and Victoria
 CLARKSON, Neil and Julian
 FALLON, Thomas and Oliver
 HONLEY, Aiden and Amanda
 KEMP, Anne-Marie
 McAULEY, Andrea
 PRYOR, Clare
 SHARP, Helen and Elizabeth
 WHITLOCK, Fleur

GREECE

KANTOUNAKIS, John and Leo
 LAZARAKOS, Vasso and Gregory
 MANOLOPOULOS, Panayotis
 PERDIKIS, Nick

GUATEMALA

FRENER, Jenyse and Angela
 FUENTES-CORADO, Karin and Adela
 GRAMAJO MORALES, Hector and Alejandro
 ROLDAN MORALES, Manuel
 VASQUEZ, Yvonne Alexandra

GUINEA

BAH, Saoudatou

GUYANA

MITTELHOLZER, Peeta and Dominic

ICELAND

KROYER, Ari and Katrin

INDIA

SUNDARARAMAN, Shankari and Venkadesh

INDONESIA

DINATA, Iranita and Lucy
NURJADIN, Nurhadijono, Irawati and Iwan
PANE, Marina, Julita and Rolly

IRAN

GHOUSHBEIGUI, Farhad
HAMZEI, Kourosh and Nader
KAZEMIAN, Nazeela, Atusa and Parisa
MONTAZAMI, Khashayar

ISRAEL

ADAR, Ofier and Sharon
BAREKET, Ira and Ittai
EFRATI, Yael
KORREN, Ilan and Gila
RIMON, Itai
YAARI, Orly, Taly and Ron

ITALY

CARRARA CAGNI, Laura, Alessandro and Giulio
CUPINI, Daniela
GRAZIOLI, Lucia
VANDINI, Paulo and Maria Luisa
SALIMEI, Paola

IVORY COAST

AHOUA, Philippe and Francoise
CAPET, Dianne, Annick, Evelyn and Allain
SAKO, Ahmed and Abdoul

JAPAN

HOTTA, Daigo and Ranji
IKEDA, Mana
MOTOZONO, Kanichi and Kyoko
ONO, Keiko
TACHIBANA, Hirono, Yoshino and Ayano
YOKOYAMA, Takashi and Reiko

JORDAN

HAMARNEH, Dima, Rania, Omar and Kristin
SALAH, Hanya

KENYA

KIBINGE, Michel, Judith and Jimmy

KHMER REPUBLIC

SENG, Sam Saphiro
UM, Soreyrith and Setara

KOREA

CHANG, Jumi
CHOI, Dong Il
KIM (Han Mo), Hun Tak and Yon Tak
KIM (Hung Ki), Nam Yun, Joon and Young
PARK (Kun Woo), Soozin
PARK (Man Kyu), Jong Wha and Ji Hyang
SHIM, Soo-Youn
SOHN, Jie, Mie and Kyong
YANG, Junsok, Sungsook and Ungsook
YOO, Chang-dong and Chang-won

KUWAIT

AL-SABAH, Samah and Abdullah

LAOS

PANYA, Sisanga

LESOTHO

MANARE, Motheba

MALI

TRAORE, Mariam, Adama and Halimata

MAURITIUS

JESSERAMSING, Anjali

MEXICO

CASSELLAS, Ana Mercedes

De ALBA, Arturo and Alfredo

De OLLOQUI, Jose, Guillermina and Fernando

MARTINEZ DEL SOBRAL, Karina, Rebeca and Vanessa

REYES-RETANA, Ofelia

SUAREZ, Francisco

MOROCCO

LAHLOU, Asma

TERHZAZ, Mehdi

NETHERLANDS

BEGEMANN, Edwin and Peter

KUSTERS, Richard, Bart and Noline

PARZER, Mireille

VAN VIERSSEN, Ronald

NEW ZEALAND

POWLES, Jonathan

SAULL, Nicholas

NIGERIA

AISIDA, Frances, Cecilia and Joseph

CARBA, Isa and Zainab

KOROYE, Ebiolade and Ebiere

OBE, Emmanuel, Caroline and Edward

NORWAY

OLBERG, Kristin

WIKBERG, Thomas

PAKISTAN

ANWAR, Alia

YAQUB-KHAN, Nagib

PANAMA

PITTY-VELASQUEZ, Juan and Maria del Pilar

PARAGUAY

CANIZA SANCHIZ, Claudia

GUTIERREZ, Maria, Nora, Hugo and Rodrigo

LLANES, Beatriz and Karken

FLORENTIN, Liliana

PERU

MELZI, Gigliana and Bibiana

PHILIPPINES

ARGUELLES, J. Randolph and Rowena

BELLO, Roberto

LAGDAMEO, Eric, Manolo, Dino and Michiko

POLAND

BEDNARCZUK, Tomasz

ROMANIA

BESTELIU, Ion

RWANDA

NIZEYIMANA, Jean

SAUDI ARABIA AL SOWAYEL, Tala

SENEGAL

COULBARY, Leon

SIERRA LEONE

PALMER, Pierrindo

SINGAPORE

YOONG, Adeline and Dominic

SOMALIA

ADDOU, Habon, Mussa and Mahad

SOUTH AFRICA

BEKKER, Helena and Anelle

BEUKES, Abraham and Carl

VAN HEERDEN, Clea

SPAIN

BARCIA, Emilio, Leticia, Ines, Cristina and Augusto

FERNANDEZ, Jaime and Ignacio

SRI LANKA

MELDER, Eeshan

SWAZILAND

SIMELANE, Hlolile and Lucky

SWEDEN

GEORGSSON, Jonas
GROENWALL, Cecilia, Frederik and Jessica
LINDE, Cecilia
LINDMARKER, Karin and Christina
STENBERG, Ola and Jakob

SWITZERLAND

GLAUSER, Thierry
STUTZMANN, Nicole

TANZANIA

BOMANI, Benjamin and Betty

THAILAND

PRASASVINITCHAI, Lak. and Dharee

TOGO

ADJOYI, Eric
KEKEH, Frederic and Olivier

TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

McINTYRE, Karen
SMALL, Errol and Gurney

TURKEY

ATES, Yalim and Elif
HIZEL, Aydan

U.S.A.

THIS Volunteers and children attending the White House Christmas Party

ANGELES, Aaron
ARCHIE, Mrs. Peter and Rob
BANK, Jonathan and Brian
BATTLE, Mrs. William and Christina and Megan
BELLASCHI, Mia and John
BENNETT, David
BEXFIELD, David
BOWMAN, Brilane
CARMICHAEL, Aaron
CHENG, Andrew and Ann
CHERNICK, Mrs. Sidney and Rachel
COLINO, Geoffrey and Stacey
CROWTHER, Mrs. David and Kimberly and John
CULVER, Cathy, Caroline and Sloan
DeGRAFF, Jill
DUNAWAY, Mrs. Mac and Derek and Ashley
FELDER, Andrew
FISHBURNE, Mrs. Benjamin and Benjamin
FRANKEL, Natalie and Ronald
GENTILE, Gregory
GIBBENS, Elizabeth
GIMER, Melissa, Jennifer and Joyce
GOLDFARB, Steven and Danny
GOODWIN, Mrs. Robert and Anne and Helen
GRAHAM, Mrs. Hayward
GRAY, David
HARRISON, Alan and Bradley
HENIG, Alan
HENDRICKS, Jeffrey and Lisle
HYDE, Mrs. William
JACKSON, Julie and Scott
JEFFRIES, Mrs. Donald
KAPLAN, Sharon
KISSIN, Wendy
KLISH, Mrs. Theodore and Alexis and Tanya
KOCH, Mrs. David and Jacqueline and David
LARSON, Kate
LANDFIELD, Katherine and Anne
LEVINE, David
McGUIRE, Mrs. Martin and Walsh and John
NYIRJESY, Mrs. Istvan and Christine
O'BRIEN, Jennifer
C'BRIEN, John and Meghan
OLSEN, Mrs. Ronald and Kristen and Erik
PARSONS, Susan
PATTERSON, Mrs. Melvyn and Daamon and Keeva
PEW, Mrs. Michael and Keith
REYNOLDS, Roy
ROBERTS, John

SCHIEFFER, Susan
SEIGEL, Suzanne
SILVERMAN, Kimberly
SMITH, Caroline
SPAULDING, Mrs. Kenneth and Patrick
STAREK, Mrs. Roscoe
STERN, Larry and Teddy
TALMADGE, Mrs. John and Leslie
TITUS, Paula, Richard and Mark
VIA, Sandra
WEINIG, Mrs. Donald and Amy
WILLIAMS, Patrice
WILLOUGHBY, Gina
WISHARD, Mrs. William and Van and Diana
YOUNG, Paul and Karen

USSR

MALOV, Andrei
TIMOKHIN, Irena

UPPER VOLTA

YAGUIBOU, Marilyne, Christiane and Josiane

URUGUAY

EGANA, Claudia and Alina
FERREIRO, Gonzalo and Alvaro
GIRO, Alfredo
TALAMAS LOPEZ, Maria Ines and Magdalena

VENEZUELA

PALACIOS GALINDO, Robert and Stephen

VIET NAM

TRAN, Kim Lan and Kim Chi

YUGOSLAVIA

VIDOVIC, Bojan
STOJKOVIC, Bora and Slavica

ZAIRE

MBEKA, Nkiama
MANGAYA, Helen

ZAMBIA

DISASI, Kipasa, Mboma and Makabenge
MWALE, Chidi

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The item described below has been transferred from this file to:

- Audiovisual Unit
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 Ford Museum in Grand Rapids

Item: 8"x10" color photo of Betty Ford at the Diplomatic
Children's Christmas Party 12/11/74

White House Photo
11DE 74A2399-13

The item was transferred from: Weidenfeld; Box 3
12/11/74 Diplomatic Childrens Party

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

DIP
Childrens
Party

To: Amazing Latti

From:
Amazing Helen

w/ thanks

2—LANCASTER, PA., NEW ERA—THURSDAY, JUNE 27, 1974

PERFORMS AT PARK CITY

Escape Artist Drives While Blindfolded

His vision apparently blocked by a mass of pizza dough, aluminum mask and opaque, airtight bag, the "Amazing Randi" stepped into

in front of his eyes and the heavy bag, Randi groped into his car, tooted the horn, and drove away.

He smoothly circled around and between groups of specta-

beside an open window, close your eyes, listen closely, and see what happens when you pass a car or wall," he advised the group.

Randi admitted he'd arrived at Park City at 4 a.m. to drive around the lot and recognize the sounds produced by the lights and parked cars. But he wasn't saying how the trick is done—"that doesn't work with people," he noted.

What Randi was saying, however, is that the "trick" can be explained, and he claimed the "tricks" performed by all psychics he has seen also have explanations.

Randi is performing at the Host Farm Resort Motel this week. Next week he will make a similar sightless drive in Manhattan.

OTHER TRICKS

Randi has escaped from prisons, straight-jackets, coffins, ropes and chains, conjured bottles from nowhere, and caused objects to vanish before spectators eyes across the U.S., Canada, Europe and Asia.

Randi got his "big break" about 20 years ago when he was performing in Montreal.

Miracles, miracles

by Dan Troutman

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, The Amazing Randi!"

The gnome-like man with flashing eyes and a full, wiry, white beard strode briskly onto the stage at Aquinas College's Wege Center a week or so ago, flung his arms wide, knelt on one knee and bowed his head.

There was tepid applause from the audience of about 300.

The man snapped his head up, glaring. "C'mon," he shouted. "You can do better than that." He rose,

"The Amazing Randi Escapes from the Quebec Jail," announced the French-language newspaper *Le Soleil* on its front pages the next day. So the Amazing Randall became The Amazing Randi, and a new dimension was added to his career.

Since then, he says he has successfully escaped from 27 jails, "from Tokyo to Copenhagen," and also countless handcuffings, manacles, strait-jacketings and yards and yards of rope lashings.

get out in front of people. I forced myself to perform in the most insurmountable of conditions: In front of crowds, working miracles."

During his first public performance, Randi said, he nearly fainted from stage fright but after that he never felt fear of performing in front of people again.

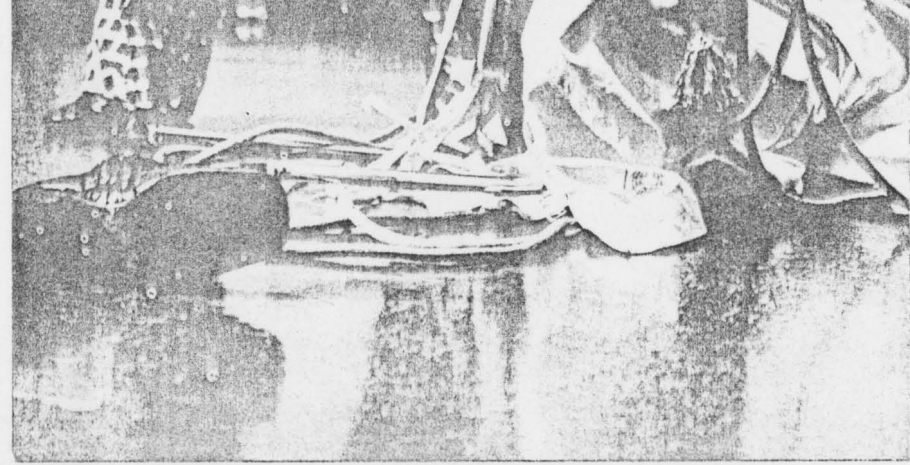
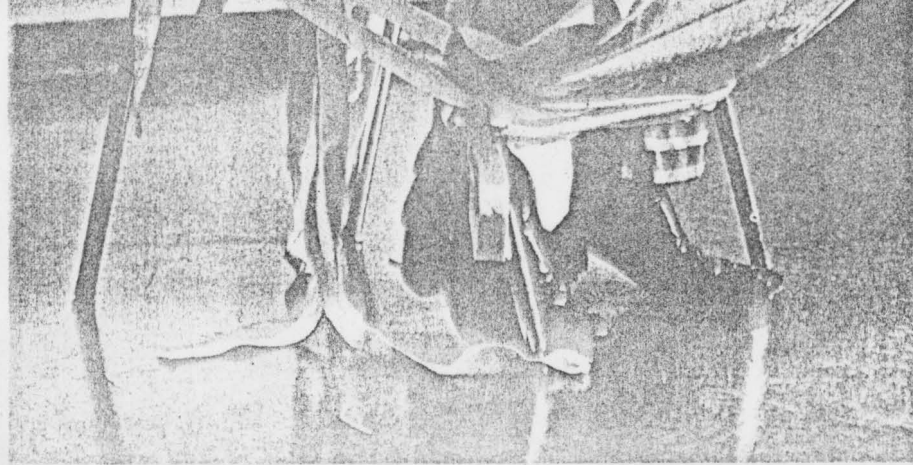
Now, his mathematical prowess mainly works itself off when he's alone, doing nothing in particular. He said he likes to perform mental tricks with large numbers, multiplying and

posed healing powers as "nonsense."

Randi's own tricks were standard magic: Tearing a newspaper into pieces and supposedly making it whole again; making milk poured into a newspaper cone disappear and bending a ten-penny nail with the "heat" given off by the hands of an assistant.

The finale was the big escape. Two husky volunteers put him in a restraining device like a strait jacket and tied him to a chair with a long, thick rope. He asked them to tie him tight.

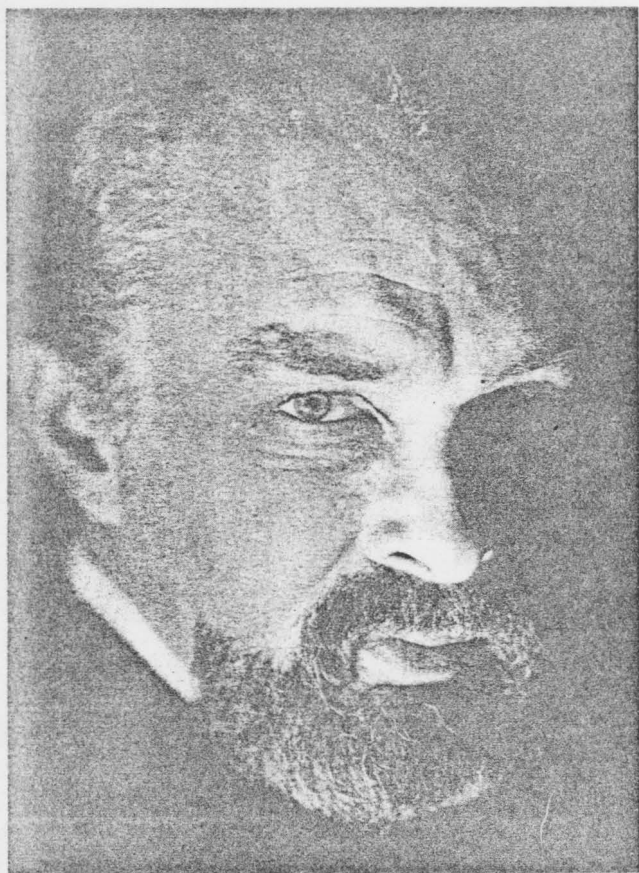
While he was being tied, he laughed and joked with the crowd. The



TIED BY TWO STRONG MEN AND STRAIT-JACKETED.....

.....AND OUT 2½ MINUTES LATER!

The World Festival of Magic and Occult brought together from all over the world some of the finest performers of their kind. Playing to SRO in New York's Madison Square Gardens, it attracted the rapt attention of the press and public for three weeks, and elicited such comments as these for The Man No Jail Can Hold — The Amazing Randi



In addition, some 27 minutes of TV news time was devoted to interviews and film footage of Randi's stunting. Locked up in a vault while tied with 50 feet of rope and a policeman's handcuffs, he was the subject of an ABC-TV segment and was featured in an NBC-TV news interview—all during the New York run of the World Festival of Magic and Occult. All this coverage—plus 3½ hours on NBC radio!

“The Amazing Randi has been on the show many, many times before . . . he's remarkable, *really* remarkable!”

—Johnny Carson, NBC-TV.

“Randi is one of our very topnotch escapologists—in this show, he breathlessly extricates himself from a straight-jacket while being swung upside-down from the rafters . . . *only a handful of masters are operative in any generation; this character is a master.*”

—New York Post.

“ . . . the Amazing Randi, truly amazing as he makes impossible-looking escapes . . . ”

—Bergen Record, New Jersey.

“Randi, a wiry escape expert, bests ropes and a straight-jacket with overwhelming speed . . . ”

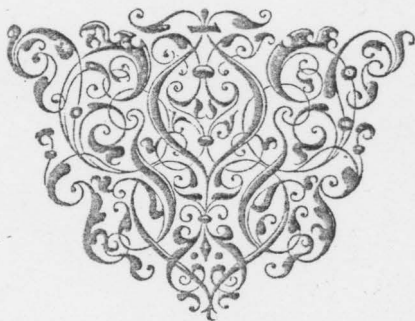
—New York Daily News.

“Randi can still do things no other escape artist will even attempt.”

—True Magazine.

“One artist, The Amazing Randi, justified the whole performance. His ingratiating patter and breathtaking escapes were the hit of the evening.”

—Newsday.



THE AMAZING RANDI HAS
THE PERSONALITY AND
QUALITY THAT CREATE
A DEMAND FOR HIM AS
A SUBJECT FOR RADIO
& TV INTERVIEWS —
*AND HE HAS THE PERFORMANCE
ON STAGE TO BACK IT UP!*



TWELVE IMPORTANT TIPS YOU SHOULD REMEMBER

Here are some basic common-sense points that can improve your home security. Check *your* locks, doors and windows against this list.

- (1) NEVER attach a name-and-address tag to your key-chain! Instead, use the address of a friend who has been informed of this. In this way, a dishonest finder cannot use the keys for burglary. And, always remove your house keys from your key-ring when leaving keys with a parking-attendant. Duplicates are easily made, and can be used dishonestly.
- (2) DEADLOCKS are easily installed, and cannot be "slipped" from outside with a plastic card or knife. A bronze deadlock costs less than ten dollars, and is worth every cent of the cost.
- (3) BACK DOOR locks should be as good as those out front. Just because you seldom use the back door, don't skimp on the installation. A burglar would rather use your back door, anyway. He's shy!
- (4) VACATION time is bonanza time for thieves. Don't announce your departure in the society columns. Wait until you return from your vacation to inform the newspapers. Empty houses are open invitations!
- (5) DISCONTINUE all deliveries when going away. This includes all items such as papers, mail, milk and other articles whose presence indicates you are not at home. Have a neighbor pick up flyers at your door.
- (6) When out for the evening or longer, leave random lights on. Any thief will hesitate to enter a home that shows someone *may* be home. A good idea is to have a friend enter and change which lights are left on if you will be away for some time.
- (7) IF you have a door with glass or thin wood panels near the lock, have double-cylinders installed. This means you will have to use a key to open the door from *either* side, and a burglar breaking the door will not be able to reach in and twist the lock open without a key.
- (8) WINDOWS must be locked if accessible from outside. BUT BE SURE these windows can be opened quickly and easily from the inside in case of fire! See your locksmith for this service.
- (9) LADDERS are dangerous for security. Always lock all ladders with a chain, so burglars cannot use them to enter through a second story.
- (10) CHAIN-LOCKS are good ONLY for privacy and front doors when talking with callers. They are easily broken, and even locking types are NOT good for away-from-home security.
- (11) UTILITY MEN always carry identification. Ask to see it if you do not recognize the caller. He will not be insulted, and you will be assured that you are not being "cased" for a break-in.
- (12) MYSTERIOUS PHONE CALLS should always be reported to the police. Burglars often "case" a home by calling to see if anyone is home, and police can often detect a pattern of such calls and be alerted that the area is being surveyed for break-ins.

ABOVE ALL – IF A BURGLAR SURPRISES YOU, DON'T RESIST! GET OUT AS FAST AS YOU CAN, AND IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE, CO-OPERATE. THERE IS NO PROPERTY MORE VALUABLE THAN YOUR LIFE, AND A DEAD HERO IS NO USE TO YOUR FAMILY!

Common sense is always your best weapon against burglars. Have you ever forgotten your keys and had to enter your house by other means? Was it easy? Could a burglar have used the same method? Survey your home NOW and be that much safer. NO home is burglarproof, but your home can be much more of a problem to a criminal if you work at it. A burglar usually works alone – don't *you* be his partner!

James Randi
MR. SECURITY



KANFER PREPARING TO LEVITATE RANDI

A LETTER FROM THE PUBLISHER

Back in Forest Hills, Queens, N.Y., more than three decades ago, a nine-year-old showman named Stefan Kanfer amazed his friends by producing coins and cards out of thin air. "It was the old up-the-sleeve trick," recalls Kanfer, now anchor man of TIME's Essay section, "and the coins would generally clatter to the floor, to my embarrassment. As a magician, I had ten things working against me—my fingers." So the young Kanfer went to New York University and ended up writing advertising copy, gag lines for Victor Borge, short fiction, TV programs, a few off-Broadway shows. In 1966 he joined TIME as a writer for the Show Business section before turning movie critic and essayist. This week he was back at his old haunt for our story on the renaissance of magic.

Over the years, Kanfer has worked on enlarging his bag of tricks. He has learned hundreds of card stunts, math games and vanishing acts from his friend, Science Writer Martin Gardner, through whom he met other magicians willing to share their secrets. Among Kanfer's most prominent mentors is James ("The Amazing") Randi, who served as an informal consultant for the current story. "Steve has been a really good student," says Randi. "If he really applied himself, he'd be terrific. As a writer, he knows how human beings work, which is crucial for a magician. He's also a little crazy, and that helps too." Yet Kanfer remains modest: "The real magic for me is in words, not things. I belong behind the typewriter, not on the stage. When a really good magician performs, I'm the world's biggest geek."

Kanfer's in-house accomplice for his story was Reporter-Researcher Patricia N. Gordon, who interviewed Doug Henning, star of Broadway's *The Magic Show*. "Henning lives magic," she says. "The enthusiasm he conveys is incredible. Talking to him, I fully expected him to turn into a cougar or burst into flames on the spot." Gordon also found Kanfer's spirited but unmethodical treatment of research materials somewhat extraordinary. "He puts everything together and it comes out pure Kanfer," she says. "That is really magic."

Ralph P. Davidson

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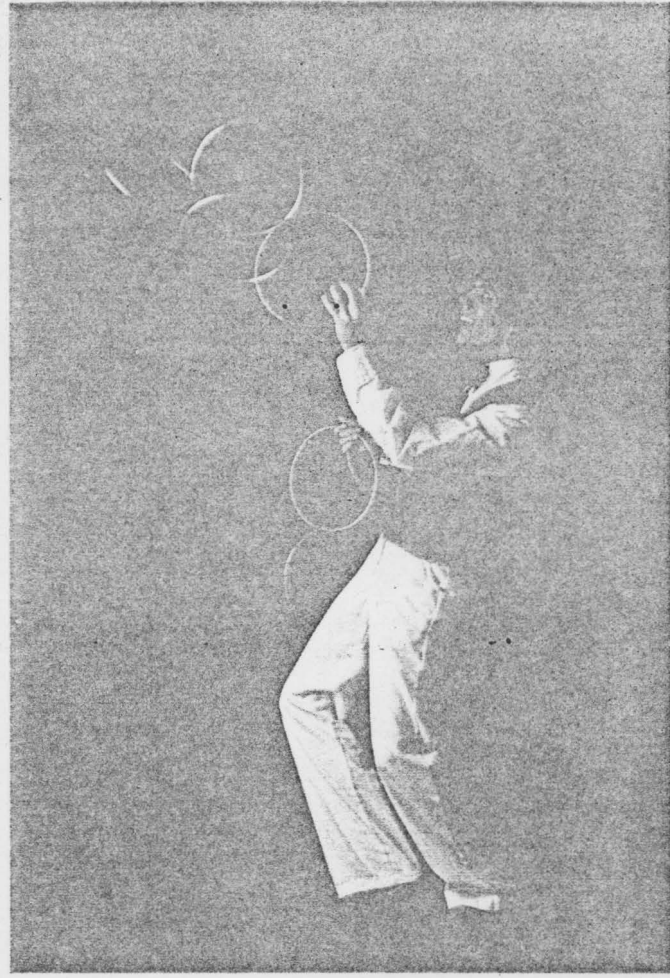
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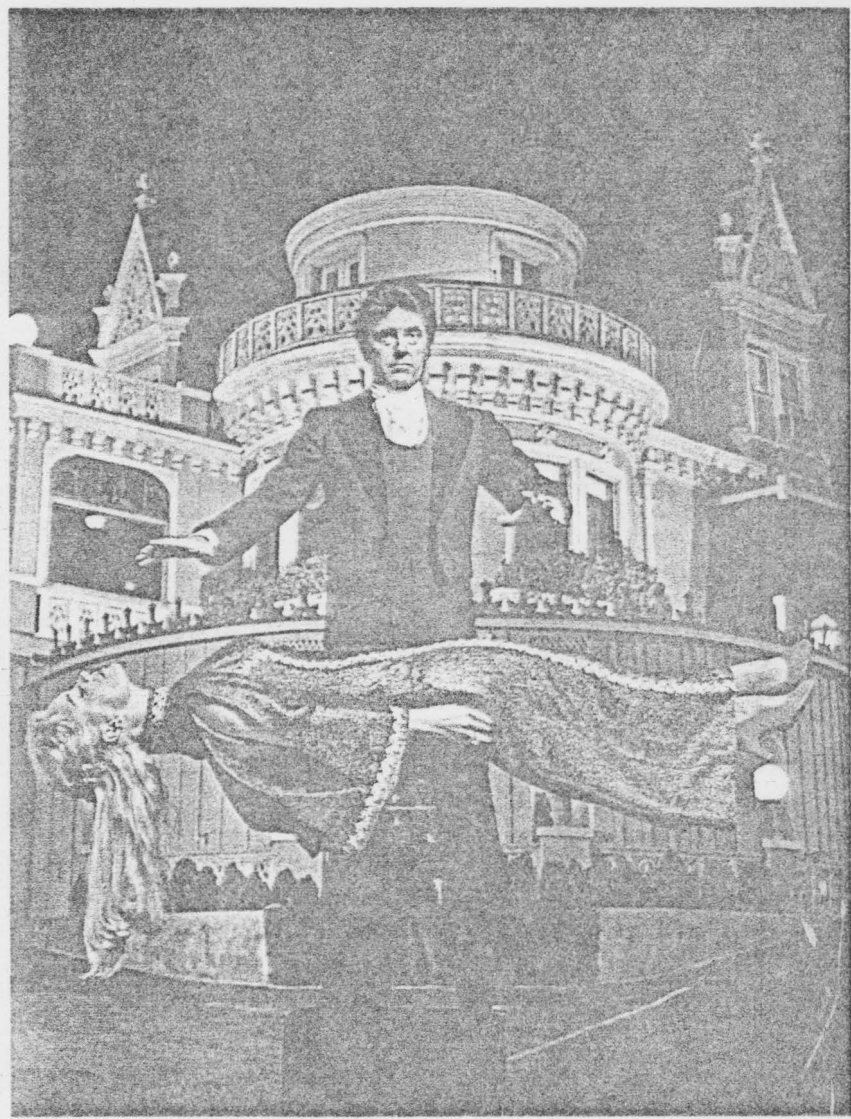
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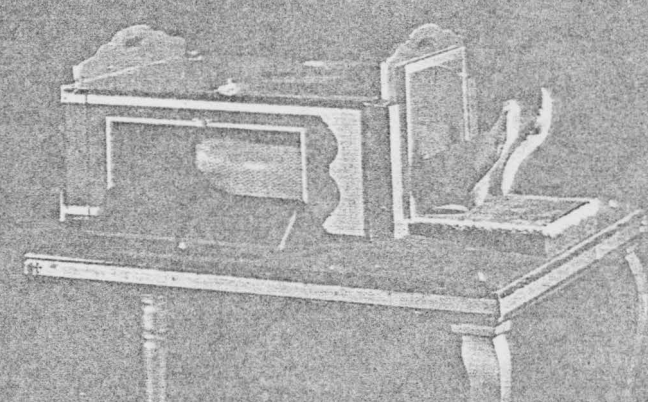
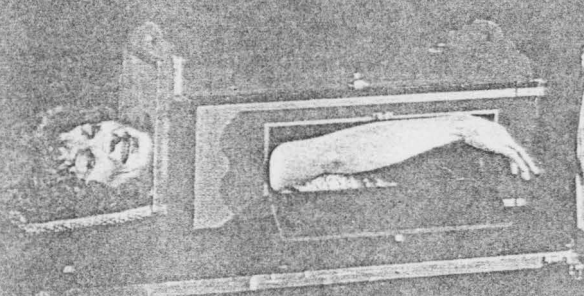
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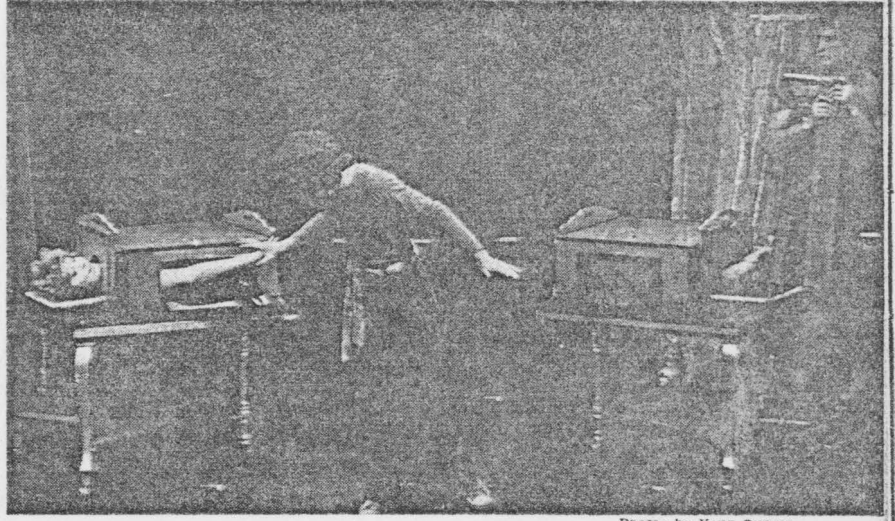
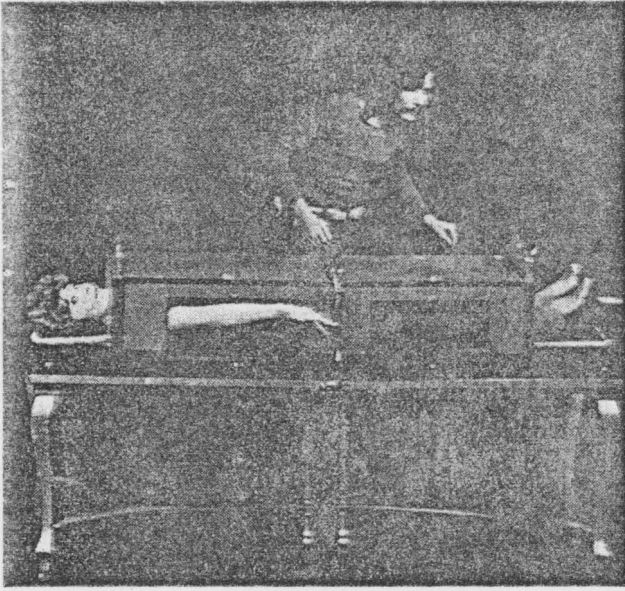




"The Amazing Randi" hopes the pizza dough doesn't include any anchovies, cause they'll hurt his eyes. The dough and a mask were placed over his eyes to obscure vision, then an airtight, opaque black bag (above) tied

New Era Photo by O. Henry Hertzler

around his head before he got behind the wheel for a drive (lower photo) at Park City this morning. He drove near people and barriers without hitting them.



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Doug Henning in 'Magic Show': Making them marvel at illusions

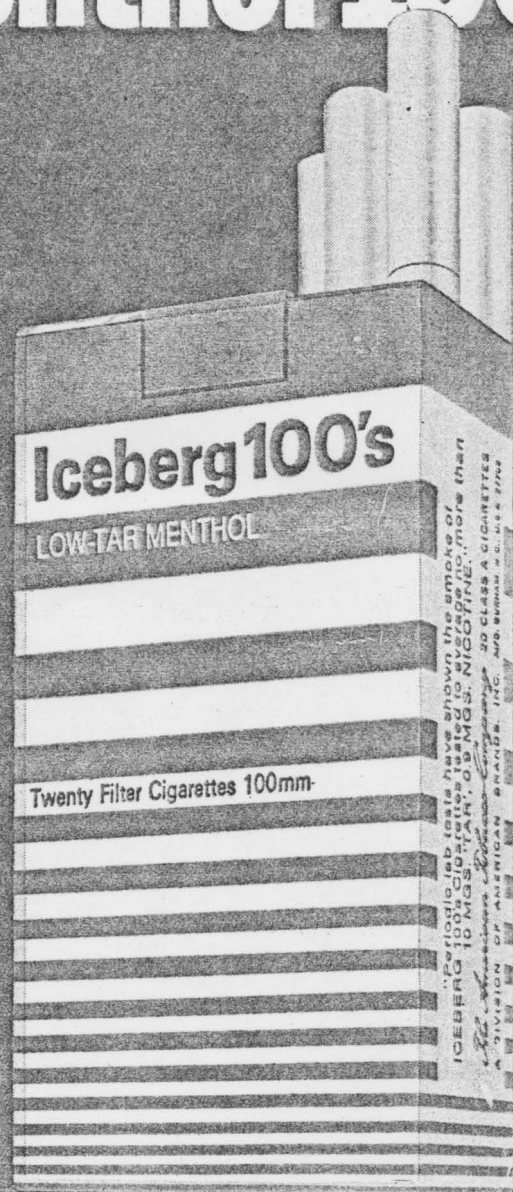
Hey Presto! It's Magic

At Rosoff's restaurant in New York City last week, seventeen men sat down to lunch and before you could say "Ab-

audience via the hocus-pocus of flashing silk handkerchiefs and dancing balls. The International Brotherhood of Ma-

Pit, whom the Fédération Internationale Société Magique voted World Champion Magician in 1958, "is that we are living at a time when we are fooled by the government, by politicians and by the oil companies. But people love to be fooled by magic because it's harmless—

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Glendower: I can call spirits from the vasty deep.

Hotspur: Why, so can I, or so can any man;

But will they come when you do call for them?

—Henry IV

For all the enormous achievements of science in posting the universe that

and memory? Could there be a paranormal world exempt from known natural law?

Both in America and abroad, those questions are being asked by increasing numbers of laymen and scientists hungry for answers. The diverse manifestations of interest in so-called psychic phenomena are everywhere:

▶ In the U.S. *The Secret Life of*

spoons and keys apparently with the force of his thoughts.

▶ In the Philippines, Tennis Star Tony Roche is relieved of painful "tennis elbow" when an incision is made and three blood clots are apparently removed by the touch of a psychic healer, who knows nothing of surgery or of modern sanitation.

▶ In the U.S. the number of col-

planes and dimensions of experience laymen and scientists alike by bending of psychic research. Once skeptics aban-

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Betty's Unwritten Rule

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