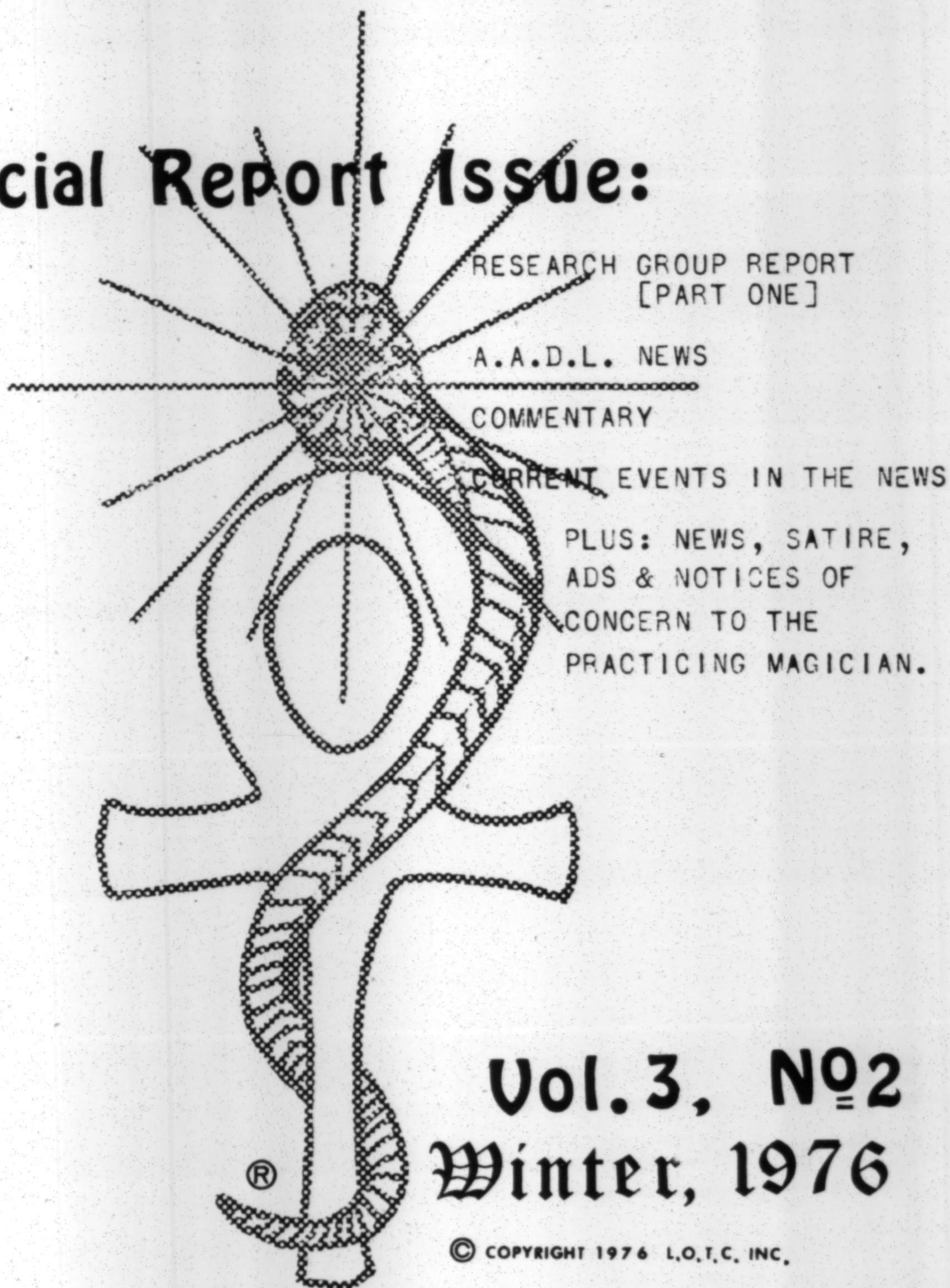


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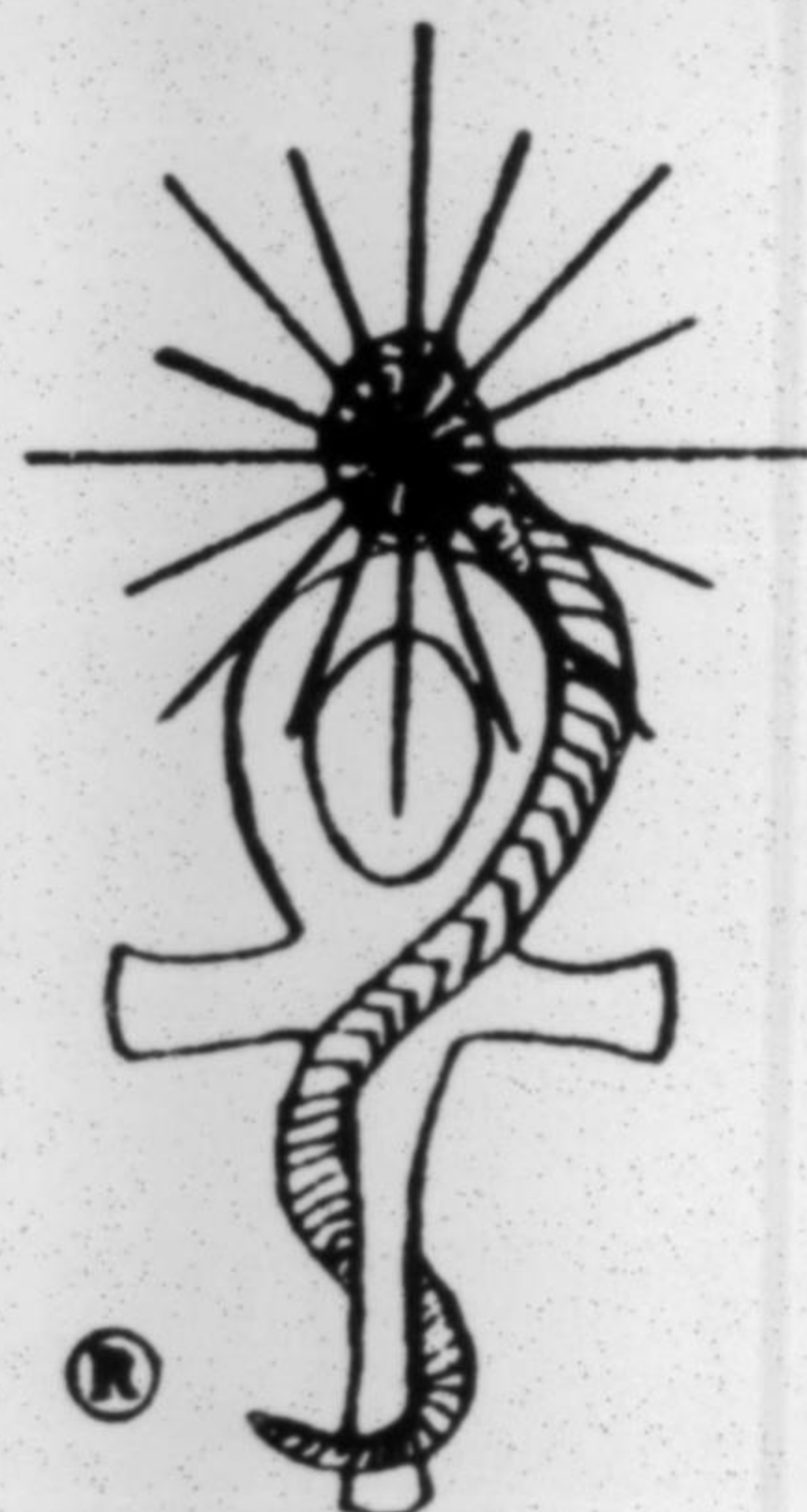
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CYPHERED INFORMATION.

(A report on Modern Magickal Methods,
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Temple of Truth.)

BY: A STUDENT OF THE ART

Edited and Approved for Publication

By: Fra. Zarathustra, G.M.: T.:O.:T.:

PART ONE == CONSTRUCTION OF A
MODERN "ABRAMELIN SQUARE".

"The Sacred Magic of Abra Melin. the Mage" as translated by McGreggor Mathers is a valuable and readable book. Mathers' introduction is far more difficult than the actual text.

The only problem is, how were these talismans developed, and how would one go about developing such a "Square" today, from scratch. Abramelin is of course a classic, and should be in every serious student's collection, along with Barretts' MAGUS. There are some hints in The Magus, on the construction of "Abramelin Squares", however the same question might apply, How do you do it today?

First off, of course, one needs to be a fairly advanced student of the Art. Secondly, one should have the services of an experienced Scryer, Receiver or Medium. (This was how Dr. Dee and Edward Kelley did it) Another possibility would be to have access to the writings of a modern Magician to work from, or even your own visions, dreams and such if they contain the required information.

Numerous allegedly Magickal cyphers are around, and mystical cyphered passages appear in several places in the writings of such modern Magicians as Aleister Crowley.

Perusing the writings of one such modern Magician (who shall remain nameless for the purposes of this exercise), we come upon the following relationships:

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WA = RT
RT = BL
HT = LL
LL = UN
FG = MO
MO = YV
XR = PB
YX = BM

Note that the last two are missing the second pair. Another version contains the following change: HT = LI; LI = UN, compared to the original group given above.

From the examples above, we can construct part of the missing information regarding the last two pairs, thus:

XR = PB; PB = -- and YX = BM; BM = -- . This is not a great deal of help, however any additional information may be useful, and at this stage it isn't really possible to tell what information is important and what is not.

From this point on, a great deal of "cut and try" is involved, which is perhaps why virtually no one these days bothers to construct "new" Abramelin Squares, when there is a book full of old ones.

An early attempt, involved the dropping of the repeated element of each group, and an attempt to partially construct a trial square resulted in:

W A R T B L
H T L I U N
F G M O Y V
X R P B
Y X B M

This turned out to be incorrect upon later extension, so we must go back and start all over with the following:

W H F X Y
A T G R X
R L M P B
B U Y
L N V

Now the work begins. As perhaps you may know, properly constructed "Abramelin Squares" (particularly those used by Gnostics) read the same up as down, left as right. In other words they are symmetrically "perfect" in that no matter which direction you read the square, it is the same. In this example, we were able to get all the diagonals to come out symmetrical as well.

You will note that so far, our trial "halves" have been 5 units wide, which will mean that the completed square will be 10 units wide and 10 units high.

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After much squeezing and cutting, we found that the above won't fit as it is, so we postulated a "blank" at each corner of the square, which helped quite a bit. Remembering that we are constrained to make each line symmetrical about both axes simultaneously.

At this point it was discovered that we didn't have enough letters to fill such a square, so we put back in the repeated letters that we had earlier deleted.

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- - - - O T A R X
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(for the purposes of these illustrations, the tenth row of 'blanks' is not shown)

If you will refer to the original group of sets of cyphered pairs, you will see that they are still intact in this arrangement, however the order of the cyphered groups has been changed. But there are still some pairs that have not been used.

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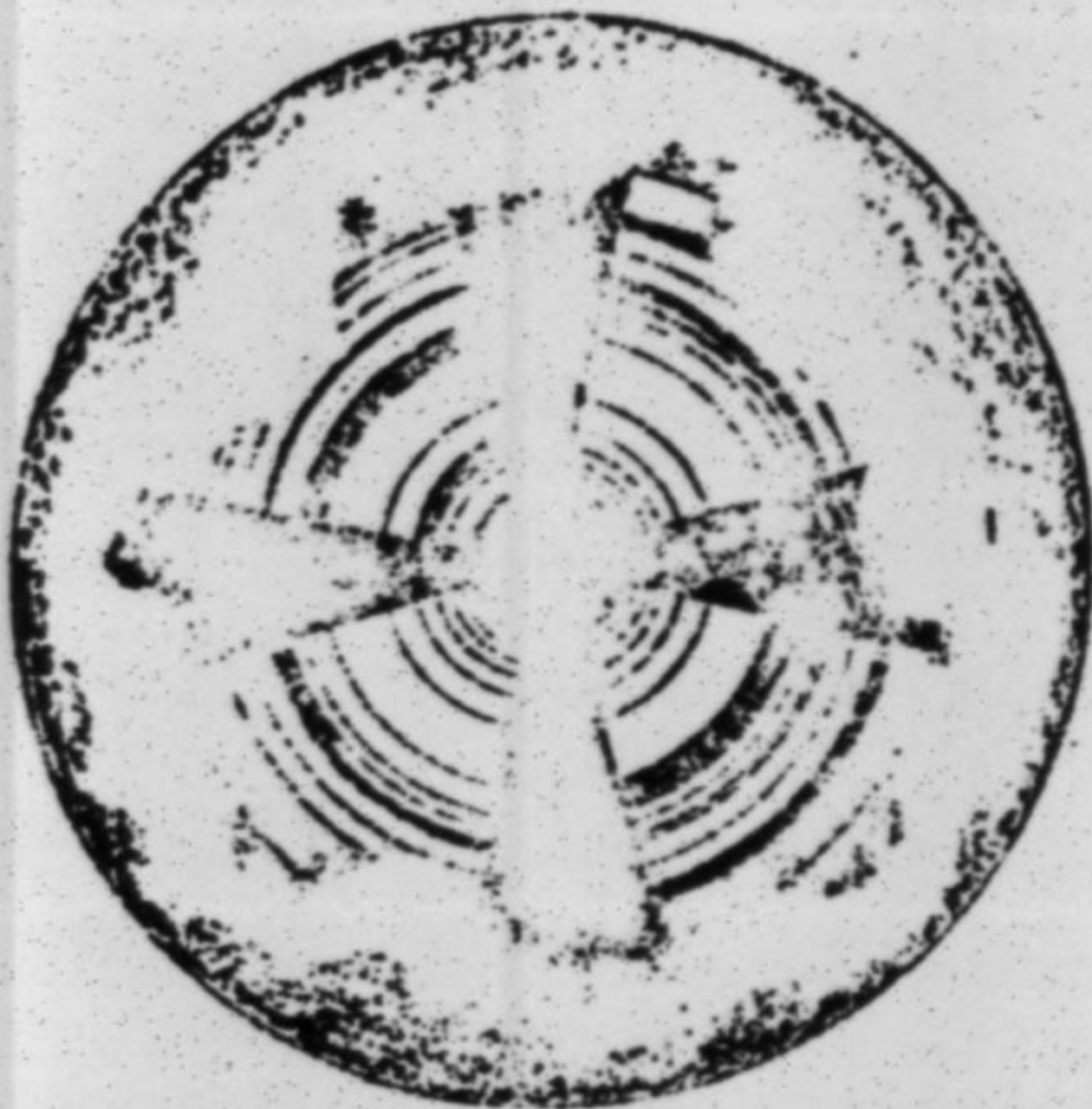
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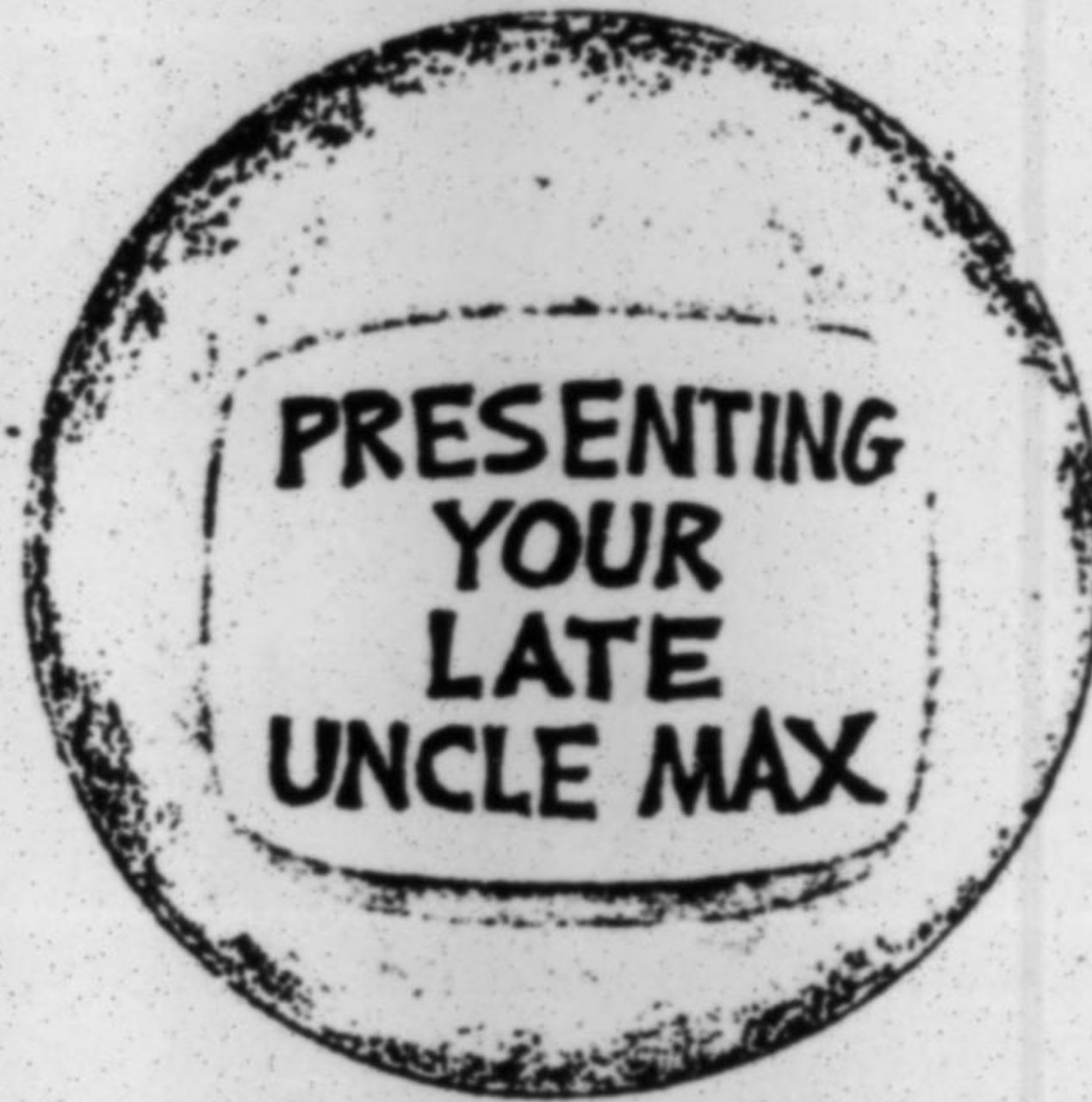
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THIS MONTH: *Gazing At a Departed Loved One*

GETTING AN IMAGE



As in most cases, the first images to appear are hazy and cloud-like. They will gradually transform into a more definite pattern as you concentrate.

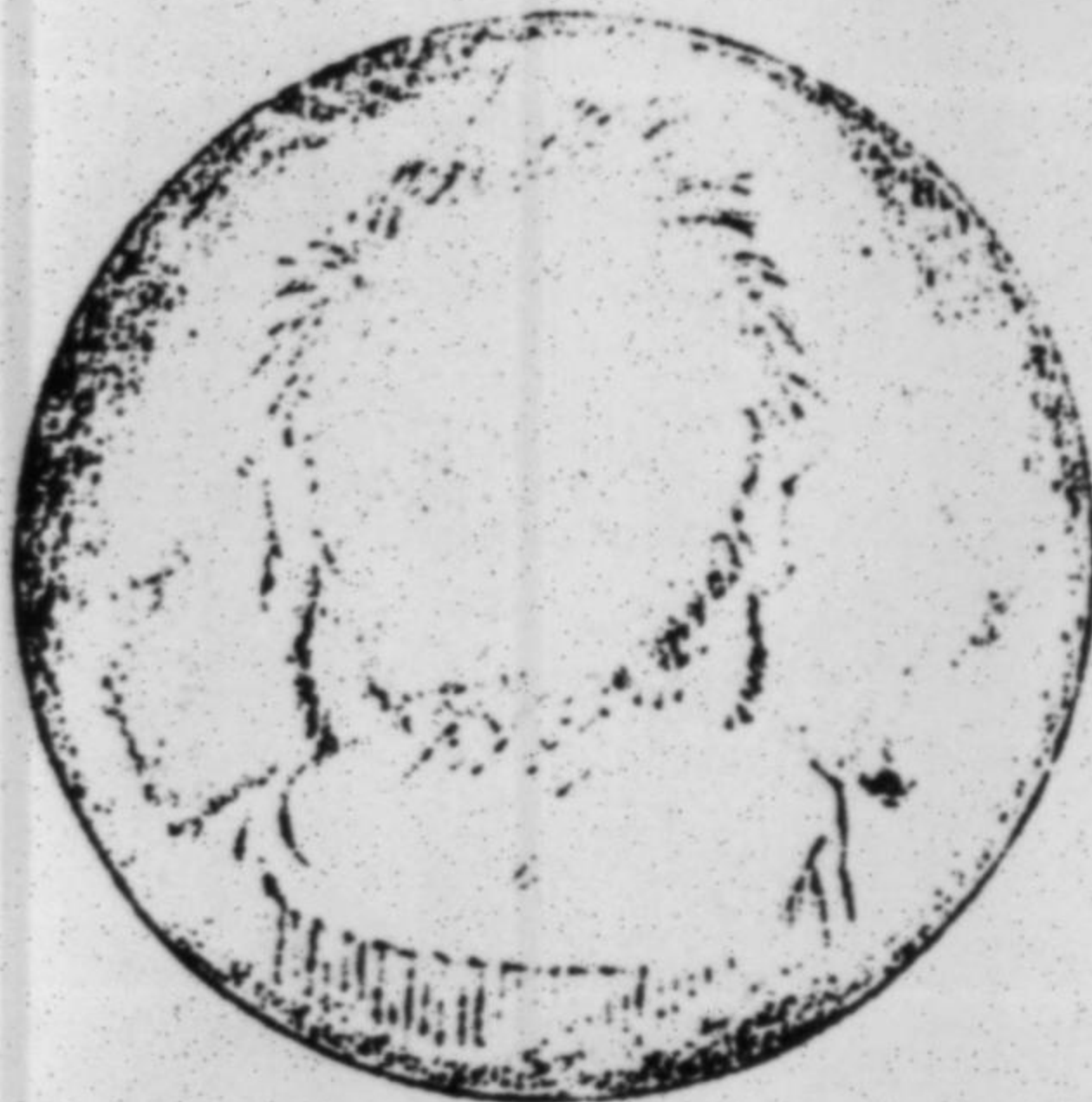


Focus your eyes on the diffused shapes, your mind on the spirit of a departed loved one. You'll sense, subtly at first, his presence about to materialize.



As the shapes take definite form, do not act surprised or shocked if he appears unrepresentable. After all, he probably wasn't expecting company!

CORRECTING A FAULTY IMAGE



"Rear projectory" is a common mistake of the novice gazer and can be easily rectified by turning the ball around. You're facing the wrong side, dummy!

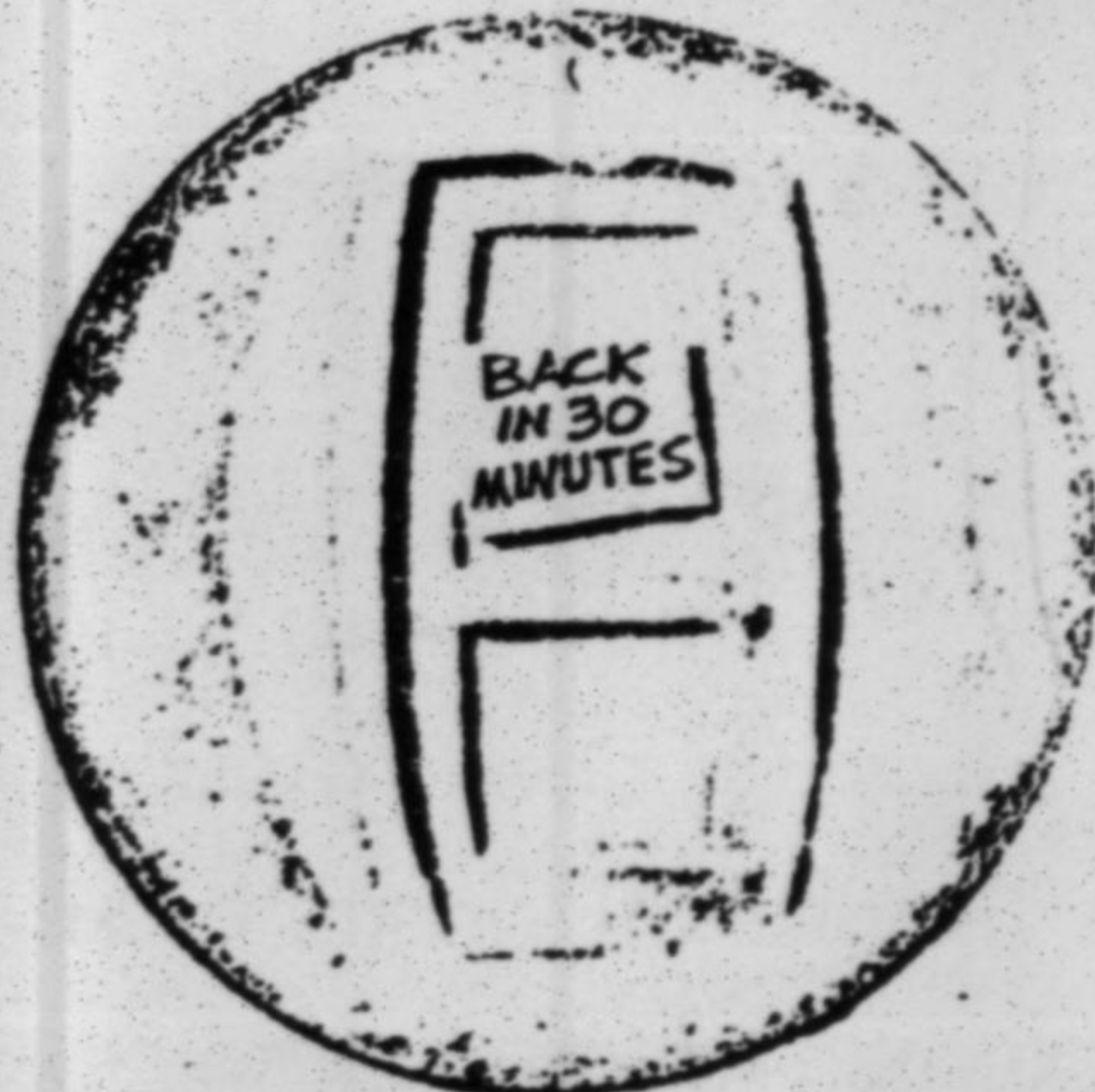


A "split image" is the result of your concentrating on two departed loved ones at the same time. Don't be greedy—remove one of them from your thoughts!



Should you contact someone else's Uncle Max by mistake, apologize and the image will leave. Notify your Cosmos Supervisor so you won't be charged for the recall.

COMMON GAZING PROBLEMS



The situation above illustrates a simple case of bad timing. The problem is that your Uncle Max is currently appearing in the crystal ball of one of your relatives.



Even worse timing! Your Uncle Max has reincarnated as a goat in the mountains of Bulgaria. Don't waste time contacting him—he's even less coherent than before!



Interference is usually caused by a faulty psychic transmitter, jamming by a jealous poltergeist, or cosmic overload (there's a lot of it going around).

The Above appeared suddenly in our editorial offices, so we thought we would share it with you. == The Editors ==

As we said in our previous issue, we don't normally get involved in politics, however the Right to Keep and Bear Arms is THE ONLY thing that prevents America becoming a Totalitarian State overnight.

COMMENTARY

Shooting down gun control

By Don B. Kates Jr.

Sophisticated proponents of handgun prohibition concede that we can never disarm assassins, terrorists, revolutionaries, and organized crime. Obviously ordinary criminals ignore gun prohibitions, too. Nevertheless liberals and intellectuals have swallowed whole (and vehemently resist re-examining) the idea that "lax" gun control causes violence.

Guns make an easy scapegoat for problems that otherwise would have to be admitted insoluble, short of radically reshaping a society that produces violent people. Demanding gun prohibition allows us to ignore our own unwillingness either to make the necessary changes or, if not, to accept and live with a violent society. But both British and American criminological studies overwhelmingly demonstrate that peaceful societies do not need handgun prohibition while violent societies do not benefit from it.

The only in-depth study of British handgun prohibition concludes that it has had no ascertainable effect on violence. The prohibition was obeyed only because England was so peaceful by 1920 (when it had less gun control than any European or American jurisdiction) that firearms were not felt necessary for self-defense. And Britain has remained peaceful despite the fact "that 50 years of very strict controls on pistols has left a vast pool of illegal weapons." The study notes that, although New York's firearms controls are far more stringent than England's, New York has far more violence; also that Switzerland's firearms violence rate is negligible even though it has the world's highest per capita civilian gun possession.

As for violent U.S. society, a University of Wisconsin study concludes that "gun-control laws have no individual or collective effect in reducing the rates of violent crime." In this study gun-control laws were exhaustively compared with crime data from every state, weighted in light of every demographic, economic, racial and other variable related to gun-control effectiveness which it is possible to measure statistically.

Gun prohibitionists have argued against the many previous studies which show that state laws are worthless since people evade them by buying in adjacent states or the police are issuing too many permits. But the Wisconsin study explodes the whole basis of handgun prohibition by comparing violence to rates of handgun ownership - finding no correlation between high rates of pistol ownership (legal or illegal) and more homicides.

Nevertheless a closer examination of these

prohibitionist arguments is useful in comparing violent and peaceful societies. For almost 55 years both Canadian and New York handgun prohibitions have been subject to evasion by hopping across a border to buy in a free-sale state. If New Yorkers buy and misuse guns in this fashion why don't Canadians?

As to the granting of pistol permits, we find the police far more liberal in Canada (and even England) than in New York City. Any law-abiding Canadian can get a permit to keep a pistol in home or office - something which is far more difficult to obtain in New York State and virtually impossible in the city. Need I point out that the Canadian per capita homicide rate is less than half that of New York State and less than one-fourth that of New York City?

Peaceful societies do not need handgun prohibition while violent societies will not benefit from it. Indeed, if we are not willing to make the sweeping social changes necessary to diminish violence, an effective handgun prohibition would actually increase deaths by driving people to long guns for self-defense or criminal purposes. For those who desire to carry it, a few minutes with a hacksaw reduces the infinitely more deadly long gun to handgun size. A handgun ban would make shootings in our violent society as deadly as they are in England, without making them as rare.

In a free society, those who would restrict the people bear the burden of proving probable benefit. The probability need not be high to ban things which few people value or value deeply. But mere hopeful speculation (against the weight of the evidence) cannot justify banning something which is valued as deeply as handguns are by many of the 40 million Americans whose households have them.

Nor can such speculation justify the immense material and human costs of prosecuting those citizens who, however erroneously, believe that they have both an inalienable right and an urgent need to possess handguns. As our experience with many far more enforceable prohibitions has taught, even partial enforcement of a handgun ban will require armies of snoopers and informers, ever more "no-knock" searches and other repugnant police practices - and the jailing of hundreds of thousands of otherwise law-abiding citizens.

Mr. Kates, a civil-rights lawyer whose articles on firearms have appeared in various police and firearms technical journals, teaches at Saint Louis University School of Law.

If the Second Amendment is ever abridged, the First Amendment won't be far behind.

== The Editors ==

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AADL NEWS

Police take strike 4 in crystal ball game; permit study asked

By BRENT HOWELL

Staff Writer

Pasadena's Board of City Directors ordered a study of other cities' licensing of fortune-tellers Tuesday, as they rejected a fourth effort by the Pasadena Police Department to ban the commercial crystal ball.

The voteless decision was taken following an informal public hearing which featured Police Chief Robert McGowan and three advocates for occult practices.

"The way to go is a comprehensive licensing procedure," said Director Donald F. Yokaitis. "I'm not clear on why the board didn't get back what it asked for."

City directors on Oct. 12 bounced a fortune-telling ordinance draft back to the city attorney's office, requesting that the police department assist in coming up with a revised ordinance that would restrict but not outlaw fortune-telling and also set up a procedure for licensing.

"One of the reasons why we haven't come back with a different kind of ordinance is that we feel this is the kind of ordinance it should be," McGowan said.

The new ordinance draft retained the ban on adver-

tising or practicing fortune telling and related occult practices, plus an exemption of not-for-profit practices performed by religious groups. It added a provision legalizing fortune-telling as entertainment.

McGowan said he was strongly opposed to licensing and that the purpose of the ordinance "is not to give persons a chance to get a foot in the door." He said such an ordinance is needed to replace a 1930 ordinance (an even more sweeping ban on the occult) which has faltered in court.

Jeffrey Palmer, Pasadena attorney representing the Andro family of fortune-tellers, called the city board's attention to licensing requirements in El Monte, Redondo Beach and Long Beach. He said his clients were in favor of licensing, bonding, fingerprinting and residency requirements.

Charles Johnson, another Pasadena attorney, said the ordinance draft was too broad and too restrictive.

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Fortune-telling study ordered

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abridged the First and Fourth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and allowed too much discretion to police officers.

He said the ordinance carries the implication that "fortune-telling is per se wrong."

Johnson said a Teamsters Union study showing that 40 per cent of hysterectomies are unnecessary did not result in a prohibition of hysterectomies and that fraud by some fortune-tellers should not result in a ban on fortune-telling as a practice.

Director Ellis W. Jones, an orthopedic doctor, questioned what hysterectomies have to do with Teamsters, who are mostly male.

"That's why they were unnecessary," said Director Mortimer J. Matthews.

Nelson White, West Coast representative for the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, told the city board that the ordinance banning fortune-telling in Los Angeles is ineffective.

He called the Pasadena ordinance draft, based on the Los Angeles measure, "a mess" and added that it gives police officers an opportunity for harassment. He said the ordinance wording would make it illegal for a clinical psychologist to practice in Pasadena.

Palmer summarized licensing provisions in Redondo Beach (\$660), El Monte (\$350) and Long Beach (\$437.50). Those are the cities City Manager Donald F. McIntyre was instructed to sound out on the effectiveness of their regulation of occult businesses.

COMMENT

By: Rev. Nelson H. White, D.D.

I suppose that it is too much to expect the Star-News to get it right. A local weekly did a much better job of reporting. (See page 11, this issue) In actual fact, the words "Crystal Ball" were never mentioned during the meeting.

The "New, Revised" law which was presented was the same as before (see AADL NEWS, The White Light, Vol. 3 No. 1) with a few lines added at the end excluding public demonstrations and entertainment where 5 or more persons are present. In other words, the same old hoke.

The Board's avarice was excited by the mention of a \$660 annual license fee collected by Redondo Beach. This is the likely reason for the rejection of the prior law, not the law's unconstitutionality. A tape of the meeting is available from this Magazine for \$5.00 + postage.

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In any event, one of the several possible completed squares looks like this:

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- F H L M R W X Y -  
F - T M O T A R X Y  
H T L L Y B R P R X  
L M L N V L T R A W  
M O Y V      L B T R  
R T B L      V Y O M  
W A R T L V N L M L  
X R P R B Y L L T H  
Y X R A T O M T - F  
- Y X W R M L H F -
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Police take strike 4 in crystal ball game; permit study asked

By BRENT HOWELL

Staff Writer

Pasadena's Board of City Directors ordered a study of other cities' licensing of fortune-tellers Tuesday, as they rejected a fourth effort by the Pasadena Police Department to ban the commercial crystal ball.

The voteless decision was taken following an informal public hearing which featured Police Chief Robert McGowan and three advocates for occult practices.

"The way to go is a comprehensive licensing procedure," said Director Donald F. Yokaitis. "I'm not clear on why the board didn't get back what it asked for."

City directors on Oct. 12 bounced a fortune-telling ordinance draft back to the city attorney's office, requesting that the police department assist in coming up with a revised ordinance that would restrict but not outlaw fortune-telling and also set up a procedure for licensing.

"One of the reasons why we haven't come back with a different kind of ordinance is that we feel this is the kind of ordinance it should be," McGowan said.

The new ordinance draft retained the ban on adver-

tising or practicing fortune telling and related occult practices, plus an exemption of for-profit practices performed by religious groups. It added a provision legalizing fortune-telling as entertainment.

McGowan said he was strongly opposed to licensing and that the purpose of the ordinance "is not to give persons a chance to get a foot in the door." He said such an ordinance is needed to replace a 1930 ordinance (an even more sweeping ban on the occult) which has faltered in court.

Jeffrey Palmer, Pasadena attorney representing the Andro family of fortune-tellers, called the city board's attention to licensing requirements in El Monte, Redondo Beach and Long Beach. He said his clients were in favor of licensing, bonding, fingerprinting and residency requirements.

Charles Johnson, another Pasadena attorney, said the ordinance draft was too broad and too restrictive.

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Fortune-telling study ordered

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abridged the First and Fourth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and allowed too much discretion to police officers.

He said the ordinance carries the implication that "fortune-telling is per se wrong."

Johnson said a Teamsters Union study showing that 40 per cent of hysterectomies are unnecessary did not result in a prohibition of hysterectomies and that fraud by some fortune-tellers should not result in a ban on fortune-telling as a practice.

Director Ellis W. Jones, an orthopedic doctor, questioned what hysterectomies have to do with Teamsters, who are mostly male.

"That's why they were unnecessary," said Director Mortimer J. Matthews.

Nelson White, West Coast representative for the Aquarian Anti-Defamation League, told the city board that the ordinance banning fortune-telling in Los Angeles is ineffective.

He called the Pasadena ordinance draft, based on the Los Angeles measure, "a mess" and added that it gives police officers an opportunity for harassment. He said the ordinance wording would make it illegal for a clinical psychologist to practice in Pasadena.

Palmer summarized licensing provisions in Redondo Beach (\$660), El Monte (\$350) and Long Beach (\$437.50). Those are the cities City Manager Donald F. McIntyre was instructed to sound out on the effectiveness of their regulation of occult businesses.

COMMENT

By: Rev. Nelson H. White, D.D.

I suppose that it is too much to expect the Star-News to get it right. A local weekly did a much better job of reporting. (See page 11, this issue) In actual fact, the words "Crystal Ball" were never mentioned during the meeting.

The "New, Revised" law which was presented was the same as before (see AADL NEWS, The White Light, Vol. 3 No. 1) with a few lines added at the end excluding public demonstrations and entertainment where 5 or more persons are present. In other words, the same old hoke.

The Board's avarice was excited by the mention of a \$660 annual license fee collected by Redondo Beach. This is the likely reason for the rejection of the prior law, not the law's unconstitutionality. A tape of the meeting is available from this Magazine for \$5.00 + postage.

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Priest Jailed

Boys home gay film plot bared

WINCHESTER, Tenn. (AP) — An Episcopal priest, alleged to have produced homosexual pornography at his rehabilitative home for teen-aged boys, was arrested Wednesday and charged with a crime against nature.

Franklin County Sheriff Jim Brazelton said the Rev. Claudius Ira "Bud" Vermilye Jr., 47, was arrested at a private residence in Tullahoma, about 30 miles north of this southeastern Tennessee community. He was booked at the Franklin County jail and released after posting a \$10,000 bond.

Clad in an open collar sports shirt, slacks and jacket, the priest told reporters he had "no comment" as he was booked.

The sheriff said the arrest warrant was issued Wednesday based on a 1974 incident, allegedly involving one of the residents of the rehabilitative home known as Boys Farm, Inc.

The sheriff declined to identify the person who made the charges or to detail them, but said, "He was up there at the place, and I believe he was a juvenile at the time."

Dist. Atty. William Pope said he ordered the arrest because he received information the priest might attempt to leave the country.

An affidavit, filed with the Circuit Court in Pikeville to support a search warrant issued prior to a raid on the farm last Thursday, said the Rev. Mr. Vermilye, "regularly engages in acts of fellatio and sodomy with teen-aged residents of Boys Farm, Inc."

"He encourages, aids and abets acts of fellatio and sodomy between the residents at Boys Farm and films and photographs said acts," said the affidavit. Pope said, "The main thing we're charging him with is making films of these children and sending them around the country."

Pope said he would go before the county grand jury today and seek indictments in the case.

A lawyer who once represented the Rev. Mr. Vermilye said he had spoken to him and the priest denied Pope's accusations. The attorney, T. Arthur Jenkins, said the priest claimed he had been victimized.

Police raided the five bedroom home on the farm used as a residence by the Rev. Mr. Vermilye, the two juveniles and two adult male residents who were on the farm at the time. Police said they found still photographs and movies of boys engaging in homosexual acts, Pope said.

The Rev. Mr. Vermilye founded the home as a nonprofit corporation in 1971.

7 charged in Krishna caper

Five members of Madonna Slavin Walford's family and two so-called "deprogrammers" were charged with misdemeanor false imprisonment Wednesday by the Pasadena district attorney's office.

The complaints were filed in Santa Anita Municipal Court after Mrs. Walford, the 20-year-old Hare Krishna member who testified that she was abducted by her own family, signed charges at the district attorney's office.

Named in the complaints were Mrs. Walford's mother, Annamae Slavin Arcadia; a brother, Terrence, 29, Pasadena; another brother, Gerard, 27, Aptos; a sister, Coleen Hughes, 23, Temple City, and her brother-in-law, Chad Hughes, 28, also of Temple City.

Mrs. Walford, who was married last Sunday, told a Los Angeles Superior Court judge that she was lured to her parent's Arcadia home last month and held captive five days while the two deprogrammers tried

to break her allegiance to the sect. According to both prosecution and defense, the family members are expected to surrender themselves voluntarily for an arraignment Friday before Municipal Court Judge John Saunders.

The deputy district attorney in charge of the case, Richard Lowenstein, said warrants would probably be issued for the two deprogrammers, Donna Marie Greiving, 21, Wichita, Kan., and Ilene Lynn Rothstein, 25, Chester, Pa.

The whereabouts of the two women was said to be unknown. There is no provision for extradition from another state in misdemeanor cases.

Mrs. Walford, dressed in a hooded jacket that covered her fiercely red hair, entered the Pasadena courthouse about 3:30 p.m., accompanied by her husband Edward and

another Krishna member.

After conferring with Lowenstein and Arcadia Police Lt. Larry Ostler for about 15 minutes, Mrs. Walford issued a two-page statement to the press that urged the district attorney to prosecute "professional vigilantes," and then left the building.

"The district attorney must attack the heart of the problem, the vigilantes the so-called deprogrammers who are ripping off the public and destroying families," the statement said.

The statement made no mention of her family, but it did say that Mrs. Walford has "had in-

dications that there would be a second attempt to kidnap me."

"Now my husband and I live in constant terror," Mrs. Walford said. "We cannot answer the telephone in a normal way. We cannot go for a walk to the store without bodyguards."

"The constitutional rights of my husband and I — and those of any religious denomination — to practice the religion of one's own choosing, is now being seriously threatened."

Mrs. Walford's father, Walter Slavin, who was not named in the complaints, said he was "astounded" at the turn events had taken.

"It was supposed to be a vacation," said Slavin of his daughter's five days with the family. "Maybe somebody didn't recognize it that way."

If convicted, the family members could face fines of up to \$500 apiece or a year's imprisonment in county jail.

THOU SHALT NOT STEAL:

The president of F.E.L. Publications Ltd., a Los Angeles church-music publisher, is suing John Cardinal Cody and five Chicago-area Roman Catholic churches for \$180,000, accusing them of pirating copyrighted hymns. Dennis J. Fitzpatrick exclaims, "Over the last 10 years we've lost \$29.4 million due to unauthorized copying of our materials."

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The Occult speaks out

by Sue Miele

"We are not 'witches' we do not worship 'the devil', we do not do 'Black Magic'. Now Please don't ask." These words greet customers from a shelf in the **MAGICK CIRCLE**, an occult shop on North Lake Avenue in Pasadena.

The proprietors of the shop are Nelson and Sergei Anne White, a married couple who are both ordained ministers and presently operate the Temple of Truth [a Magickal Hermetic Order] and the Light of Truth Church, a licensed and incorporated religious institution.

Magick is used as an integral part of the Whites' Church and religious practices. Nelson White first became interested in Magick as a student in government at the University of Redlands. In a course in the Old Testament he developed an interest in the Hebrews and in the many references to magickal occurrences. He especially singles out the book of Ezekiel and some of the ancient manuscripts excluded from the Bible as we know it today.

The occult "magick" uses the "k" to differentiate it from stage magic. "There are no tricks or illusions in ceremonial magick" says White. Stage magic was originally derived from "real" magick centuries ago, he says, and it is important not to confuse the two.

Rev. White says that Catholic and Protestant Churches which are highly ritualistic are based on

ancient magick. The priests and ministers are not trained in magick, however, and therefore may not get the same results as a minister who is aware of and trained in magick in the practice of religion.

The Light of Truth Church meets in private homes and, according to White "is not that much different in what we do than other religious sects".

It performs marriages and has a magickal communion service written by Rev. White. Within the temple [the group who practice ceremonial magick together] the Whites are known by their magickal names, Frater Zarathustra and Soror Veritas.

Rev. White also serves as the Southern California representative to the National Aquarian Anti-Defamation League headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The AADL is best known for The Aquarian Manifesto, a document which outlines the rights of members of the occult and declares "War upon those who would persecute us".

The Aquarian Manifesto was presented on Tuesday to the Pasadena Board of Directors by Rev. White as the Board considered a rewritten ordinance to control fraudulent fortune telling in Pasadena. The result of the meeting was that the ordinance was again sent back for rewriting — this time to the City Manager's office. Differences on the matter have arisen between the City Board and the Police Department.

The Board is leaning heavily toward the licensing of fortune tellers while Police Chief, Robert McGowan, says "I strongly oppose licensing fortune tellers". Rev. White said the ordinance presented at Tuesday's meeting, and rejected by the directors was far too broad in scope and seriously affected religious freedom. "Ordinances of this type offer an opportunity for harrassment, whether it is intended or not. Frankly, it's a mess."

In addition to Rev. White's occult activities, he is also a substitute teacher, a writer, and a licensed pilot. Previously, White has served as a Navy combat medic, a deputy sheriff, a customs officer, and an electronics teacher. He is a member of mensa, a worldwide honorary organization which requires a measured IQ in the top 2 percent.

Sergei Anne White was born and raised in the Catholic Church. At age 13 she overheard a conversation on astrology and pursued the subject through books, which eventually led her to theosophical writings. She said that she read with a flashlight in bed so that her mother wouldn't know what she was reading. She says that it is hard to believe the extent of religious prejudice. The occult is particularly susceptible to police and public

harrassment because it includes such a wide spectrum of small, isolated groups often full of rifts and schisms between themselves.

The Whites consider themselves to be gnostics, originally a pre-Christian-Christian movement persecuted in the 3rd and 4th centuries. Gnostics [meaning the Knowers] believe that there is a piece of the divine in each person which causes them to be internally, rather than externally, guided. Gnostics are responsible for their own actions and are "good" because they wish to be.

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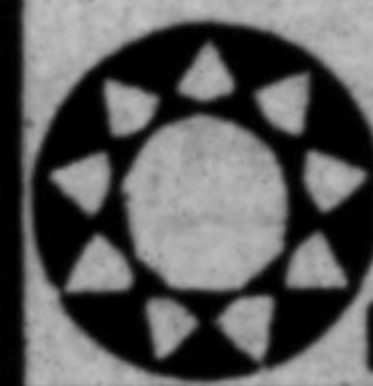
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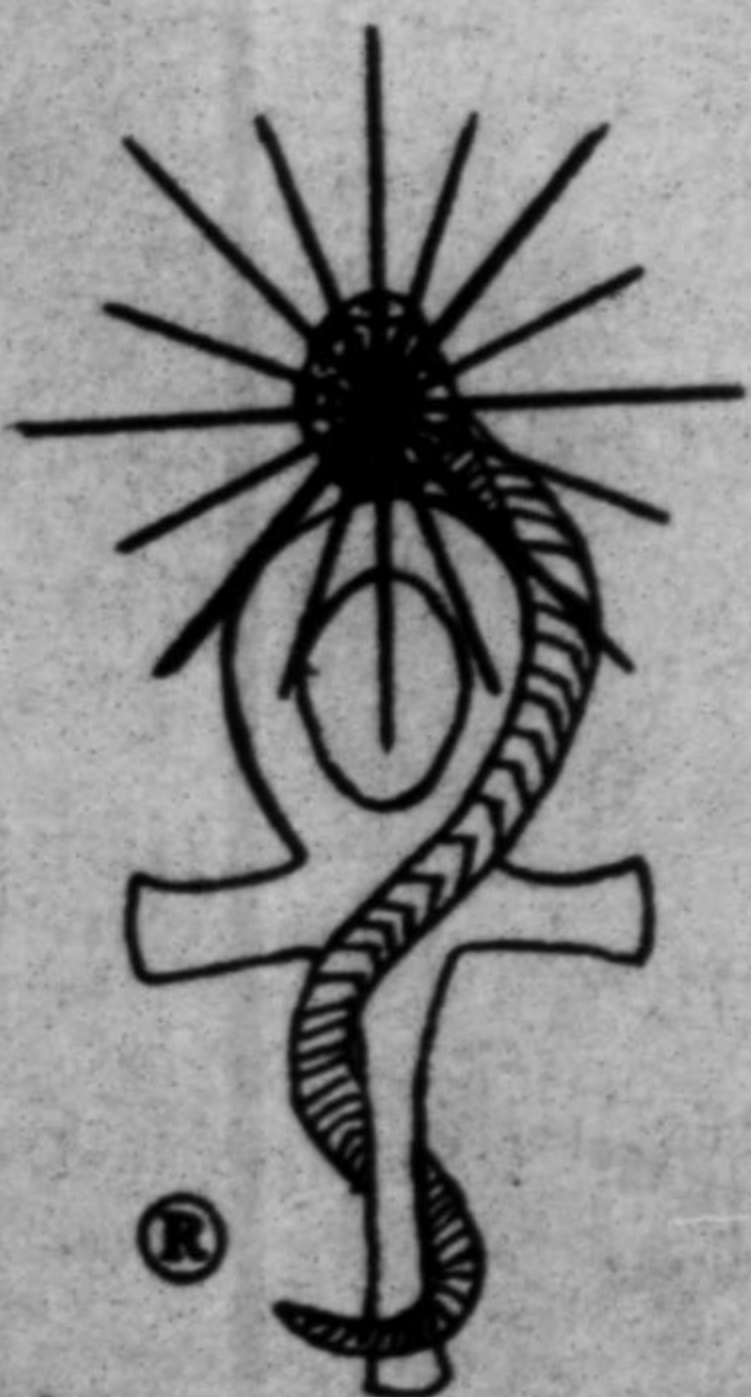


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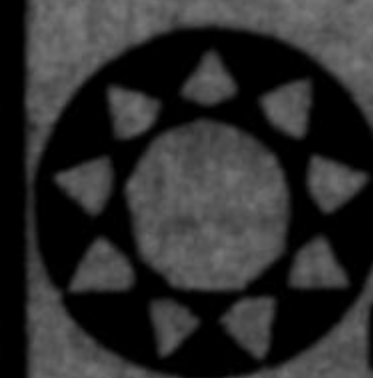
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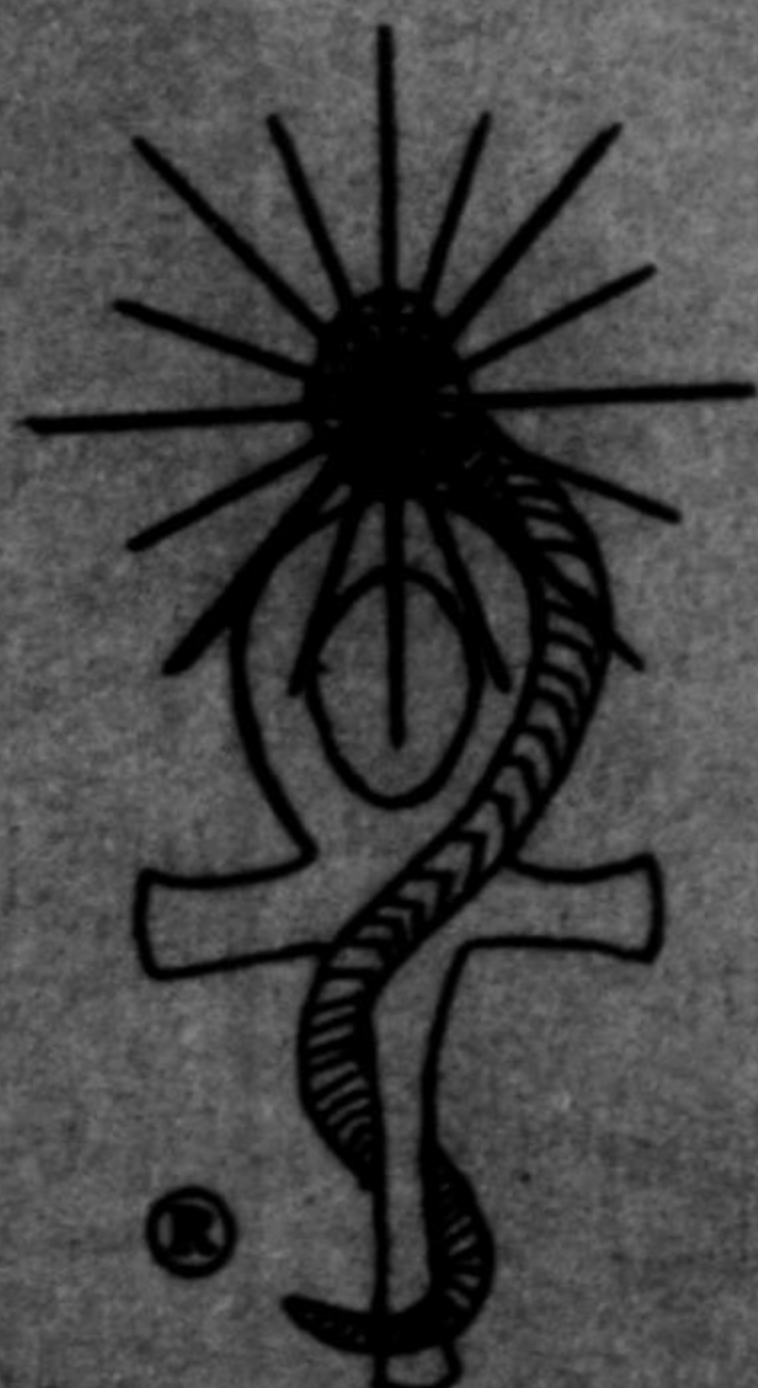
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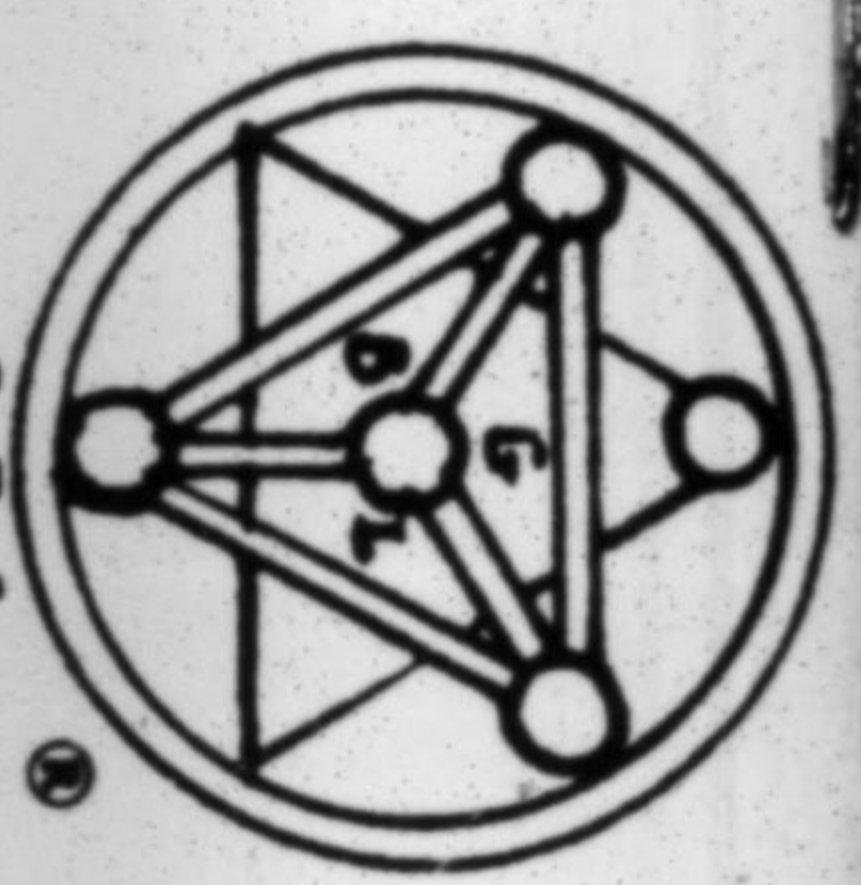
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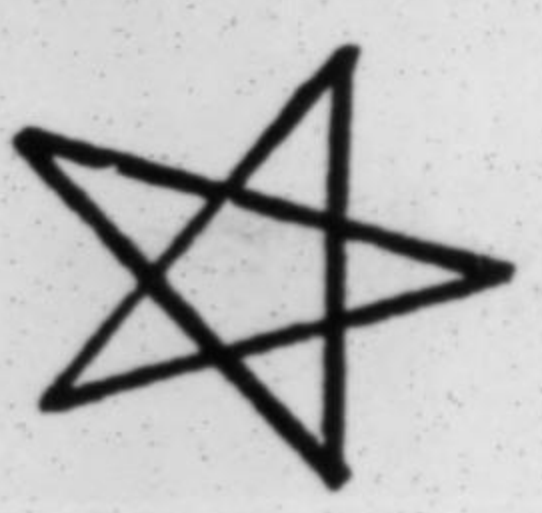
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