

Student Obeys Orders Under Hypnotic Influence

By HERB PENNY

A coke tastes pretty good at any time but when you can get it out of a tap it becomes a boon to higher education. Of course it "warn't" actually a coke, but to Dave Jahn, under the effects of hypnotic suggestion, it tasted like one, and he smacked his under lip over his upper in enjoyment after drinking the grass of water which Dr. Lester Beck, associate professor of psychology, had given him.

The free refreshing pause was only a part of various reactions which Jahn experienced after Dr. Beck had put him in an hypnotic trance. Just before this pause he had put the same glass of water to his lips in obvious distaste because he had been informed it was a glass of quinine. "It tastes like aspirin," he said, after grimacing. Both aspirin and quinine are bitter in taste.

Hypnotic Methods

To begin the experiment Jahn relaxed in an easy chair and put his feet on another. Lights were dim and Dr. Beck began talking in a low voice that could not be heard 10 feet away. Jahn's eyes were open and Dr. Beck talked in a droning monotone that imperceptibly grew louder. The words "sleep" and "drowsy" were stressed and drawn out. Dr. Beck did not fix Jahn with his eyes, as is commonly supposed is done. Instead he sat beside Jahn and held his hand above Jahn's head and told him to fix his eyes upon it.

Gradually Jahn's eyes closed



Dr. Beck tells Jahn that the coin on the chair is glass and that he is shown attempting to pick it up. Because of the hypnotic suggestion which has been given to him he cannot do so.

and he gave the appearance of being in a deep sleep. Finally Dr. Beck abruptly stopped talking.

At this point Jahn was completely hypnotized. Dr. Beck then began to stroke Jahn's arm and gave the suggestion that his hand was insensible. A pin was stuck into the skin between Jahn's right thumb and forefinger and no reaction was observed. To all appearances Jahn's hand was completely nerveless.

No Pain

Then Dr. Beck lit a match and told Jahn to hold it in his hand.

At this stage Jahn's eyes were open and looking at the match. When the flame approached his fingers he dropped the match and explained his action by saying, still in the trance that it "did not seem right" to continue holding it. When, however, the lighted match was put in his hand again, this time with eyes closed, he continued to hold the match even when it burned his fingers. No pain was apparent. This demonstrated the principle that the subject will not do acts against his previous training if he can observe the process.

Dr. Beck then suggested that Jahn's hand was no longer insensible and immediately Jahn felt pain from the previous experiment. This was dispelled when he was told that all pain was gone.

Post-Hypnotism

A post-hypnotic suggestion was given to Jahn. This process involves telling the subject to do some act after he has come out of his trance. Dr. Beck suggested



Jahn was told that he was blind and the above flash bulb picture was taken only a few feet from him. Only a slight dilation of the pupils of his eyes was noticed.

Novel Dinner Features Malayan Foob Tonight

Dr. Paul B. Means, professor of religion, and his family will present a Malayan Reistafel dinner at the First Methodist church tonight at 6:30.

Reistafel, according to Dr. Means, is the Sunday dinner of the Dutch East Indies. It is made with rice combined with a variety of other foods in an attempt to combine all the foods and condiments the natives have developed. The name means the rice table.

Tickets to the dinner and program following are 40 cents. Mrs. Henry Howard is in charge of ticket sales (phone 1437-R). The public is welcome. Proceeds will go to world service.

Stovall Attends Meet At Portland Thursday

J. C. Stovall, CPT coordinator, will go to Portland Thursday to meet that evening with coordinators and flight operators of the seventh district. The meeting, to be held at Swan Island airport, will be to determine the future and program, and when and where flight operations can take place. Eugene is within 150 miles of the coast, which is too close under government war-time regulations.

At Second Glance

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the air corps. . . . Those studying at the library Monday night were inspired by a loud, if not lovely rendition of "Mood Indigo" by several ATOs, gathered on the front terrace. . . . To Ted Hallock: one doesn't always win by changing horses after the race has begun. . . . And if you're still with us, might ask Rylla Hattan, Tri-Delt, about those "Wabash Blues" . . . and, of course, we're forever running into freshmen who want palms at their house dance so they can hold hands. . . . The Oregon seal by Villard mentions something about Oregon being founded in 1876. Let's pause a moment to ponder where they lost it in the first place. . . . One-sentence description of a blind date: "She was only a chimney sweep's daughter, but she soots me."

SHORT STORIETTE:

Fantasy in Eight Cylinders

"What is this, darling?"

"That, Angel, is the gear shift."

"And this . . . ?"

"That's the ignition, Honey."

"And this, precious?" she asked, stepping on the accelerator.

"And this, dear, is heaven," he said, picking up a harp and flying away.

Kentucky's Danville college, with 341 students, offers 80 scholarships.

University Graduate Promoted to Captain

Donald Childers, University graduate in 1940, has been promoted to the rank of captain of infantry, according to word received here yesterday.

Captain Childers has been on duty with General MacArthur's troops in the Philippines as a lieutenant for more than a year.

MODERN SAND MAN



Photo by Don Jones

Dr. L. F. Beck (left) uses hypnotic suggestion to put Dave Jahn to sleep. Jahn is sitting quietly in an easy chair while Dr. Beck speaks to him in a low voice. Jahn's eyes are closed.

that Jahn read the University catalog, which was placed beside him, and to laugh at even numbered pages, but not at odd numbered. After he did this he was to go back in the trance.

Dr. Beck woke Jahn up in a gradual manner and, following the suggestion, he proceeded to read the catalog. On looking at the science department of the book, he made a humorous remark on the recent acquisition of a science school by Oregon. This demonstrated the fact that the subject always does the post-hypnotic suggestion in as natural a manner as possible. Dave then went back into the trance with no prompting.

He was then told that he was blind and with his eyes wide open staring at the ceiling Dave could see nothing. A picture was taken with a flash bulb at a distance of six feet and only a slight contraction of the pupils was observed when the flash went off.

As a final test Dr. Beck gave Jahn another post-hypnotic suggestion. This time he was told that when awakened he would have a desire to smoke but could not because he was in a University building. When he awoke he solved the problem that bothered him by appealing to Dr. Beck, as a faculty member, to allow him

to smoke. He was quite uneasy before he did this but afterwards quite calm.

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