

Science Looks Deep Into Caverns Of Mind of Skid Row Alcoholic

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New York—(U.P.)—Science has looked deep into the dark caverns of the mind of "Fred," a typical skid row alcoholic bum, and here is what science saw.
But first, a word about Fred. He was 27 years old, not only unmarried but virginal. His I.Q. was 130, which is considerably above average. Of build, he was tall and wiry. Externally he seemed quite all right.
Deep in the dark caverns of his mind, and unknown to its conscious surface, was the conviction that he had been deprived of his masculinity by a woman—identity vague. On the mind's surface the reflection of this was an envy of women. Example: "Women, if they're foxy, can get the gravy in no time that a man knocks himself out working for."

In the depths, he believed he could recover his masculinity only by "stealing" the masculinity of another man. But he knew he was too helpless to get away with it, which "undoubtedly accounts for his avoidance of criminal acts despite the raging fury expressed in constant fantasies of shooting any man who bumps into him on the street, or mowing down skid row bums with a machine gun, and despite his admiration for professional killers."
On the surface he was bitterly aware of being a bum and angry because others were aware of it. Deep down, he was a show-off, with a self-created image of father as the audience. Father was "a powerful man sitting back watching to see how wretched and wicked the son can make himself."

For this deeply hidden audience of one, Fred was "immersing himself in misery and in evil. Then the father is imagined as appalled and horrified by his behavior. Finally, moved to pity, the father takes him and shields him. Only the real father is unwilling to act his assigned role in this little plot. The bewildered patient finds that he has been playing to an empty theater."

When Fred first started to drink heavily in his teens, the

scientific report on him continued, "it was 'with the idea that the more you could drink, the tougher and stronger you would become.' The intake of alcohol is equated with the successful theft of a man's virility. The patient is thereby enabled to perceive himself as a strong, self-reliant male."

Acted Out Nightmare

The combination of skid row and alcohol helped Fred to "act out" his "nightmare" over and over again, the "nightmare" being that he was "both irreparably deprived and irreparably injured."

In his periodic escapes from skid row, he still suffered "his loneliness and mental torture" but nobody knew about it. On skid row, "he wears his misery on his ragged and dirty sleeve. Father will now surely come to his aid... but father fails to charge to the rescue. The patient is furious. Both alcohol and skid row further permits the patient to express his rage against society, and against, most particularly, the father. Fred would demonstrate before all that he is the misbegotten child of ineptitude."

The scientific report on Fred was made by Dr. Stanley Rosenman of the College of the City of New York, to the Yale University studies of alcohol. Here, he pointed out, the alcoholic derelict had been studied in the main from a social viewpoint. His feeling seemed to be that it was time for the science of the mind to make a contribution toward understanding what makes the derelict tick.

Two Airmen Discover Similarity in Lives

San Antonio, Tex.—(U.P.)—Instructors at the language school at Lackland Air Force Base are convinced that coincidences come in bunches.

Airman 3/c Heinrich Hogendorf and Airman 2/c Heinrich Marschik noticed the similarity in their first names when they joined the school's staff early this year. Then they discovered how far the coincidence goes. Marschik was born near Frankenburg-Eder, Germany; Hogendorf a few miles away. Both were born on Feb. 3, 1930.

Hogendorf came to the United States in 1950 as a cadet in the Dutch Air Force and was assigned to Randolph Air Force Base, also near San Antonio.

During the same period, Marschik was studying at University of Oregon as an exchange journalism student. Hogendorf returned to the United States as an immigrant in 1953; Marschik in 1952.

Both applied for citizenship on the same day, took their citizenship tests on the same day and were both declared U. S. citizens at the same time by the same federal judge on July 25.

Pigs Require Cold For Gaining Weight

Urbana, Ill.—(U.P.)—Hogs have to be "air-conditioned" if they are to gain weight properly during hot summer months, a University of Illinois animal science specialist says.
G. R. Carlisle reported experiments showed that hogs kept at 70 degrees temperatures made normal weight gains, requiring only about 350 pounds of feed for each 100 pounds of gained weight.

But when the temperature was raised to 100 degrees, the same hogs almost stopped gaining, and they needed nearly four times as much feed, about 1,400 pounds, to gain 100 pounds of weight.

Carlisle suggested farmers provide about 10 to 12 square feet of shade for each hog and keep a fresh supply of water near the shade and feeders.

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Around Hollywood

Hollywood—(U.P.)—Lew Ayres gave up acting two years ago, and today he unveiled the reason for his long absence from the screen—a 5½ one-man movie on religion.
Ayres scrapped his own earnings, bid goodbye to the dizzy whirl of Cinema City and began an eight-month tour of 17 countries.
He took only a 16mm camera and one assistant. They accomplished the staggering feat of a film documentary on the world's great religions, excepting Christianity. Ayres collected so much material he wound up with three movies, totaling 5½ hours, and a book, "Altars of Asia." He's taking the films on tour around the country, beginning with San Francisco Oct. 31, as his "contribution to peace."

Microscopic Drill

Pierces Human Hair

Schenectady, N. Y.—(U.P.)—General Electric Co. instrument makers have gone one better than the old bromide, about splitting hairs.
They can drill holes in hair and then thread wire through the holes.

For this highly delicate task, GE's general engineering laboratory uses a one-mil drill—.001-inch and too small to be seen by the naked eye. It could be snapped or bent by accidental contact even with a piece of paper tissue.

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Douglas fir plywood plants in California, Oregon and Washington have an annual combined capacity of 3½ billion square feet of 3/8th inch thick plywood.

More than 40,000,000 visits to national forests were made by recreationalists in all States in the Union last year.

By ALINE MOSBY
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Ayres filmed "authentic music and religious chants." He appears in the three movies when he interviewed religious leaders. Editing the films took him a year.

And when will he return to acting?
"Oh no, I have too much to do," he said. "I've given up acting for the time being. Next year I'll do a film on Christianity—and that will be a two-year project. You can eliminate any sect or denomination."

Back Stairs: Stopover at Washington?

By WARREN DUFFEE
Denver—(U.P.)—Backstairs at the Denver White House:
It hasn't been checked out with President Eisenhower yet, but he may stop off in Washington for three or four days en route to his Gettysburg, Pa. farm from Denver.

His doctors are aware that a six-hour flight, even in the plush Columbine, can have a fatiguing effect.
For that reason, they are giving serious thought, to landing the Chief Executive in Washington first. That way they could give him some rest before he takes the long automobile ride from an airport near Gettysburg to his farm.

Among the hundreds of gifts that poured in for the President's 65th birthday was a mink bow tie. A New York furrier sent it.

Taciturn Sherman Adams, the granite-faced presidential assistant who bosses the White House staff, has his own private nickname for White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty. It's "Shamrock."

Most people think he is, however, and he's long since given up trying to explain that he's really only part Irish; that much of his ancestry is from North Ireland at that, and that he's an Episcopalian.

Adams has a reputation as a stern, hard worker. But he enjoys a sort of awesome respect among the White House staff.

After he arrived to take over operations at the temporary White House, one staff member was asked if his early-to-work habits meant any change in routine.

"No, we don't have to come to work any earlier," was the reply, "but we have to be on time."

Despite his reputation for

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