

University Student Recalls Earlier Career as Dancer During Hypnosis

Editor's note: Following is the second of two dispatches on the Bridget Murphy case. A U.P. reporter tells how he tried the kind of hypnotic regression experiment that produced the Bridget Murphy story from a Colorado housewife.

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New York—(U.P.)—A pretty 19-year-old sophomore at Columbia University can "remember" under hypnosis when she was a Russian ballerina, dancing the ballet "Les Sylphides" in Moscow in 1895.

The student, Paula Abrams, came up with her tale while a hypnotist was demonstrating to me how age regression can produce a "Bridget Murphy" in almost any good hypnotic subject. I had called on the hypnotist to check on the prospects of taking a journey into the past such as that described in the best-selling book "The Search For Bridget Murphy." The whole country is talking about Bridget, whose story comes through the lips of a Colorado housewife in a deep hypnotic trance.

Not One for Quick Plunge
The hypnotist, a shapely professional named Lynn Gordon, son found that I was not one for a quick plunge into yesterday. She managed to get me into a so-so kind of trance (my feet became glued to the floor and my arms outstretched so rigidly I couldn't for the life of me move them) but beyond that my resistance to hypnosis was too great. This is not uncommon.

Perhaps if I worked with you some more some other time . . . Miss Gordon said.
But she had a substitute handy. The lark-eyed Miss Abrams, a native New Yorker, had cut a class to come down and stand ready in case Miss Gordon need-

ed a subject. "It's a wonderful experience," Miss Abrams assured me.

Excellent Subject
"I've worked with Miss Abrams five or six times. She's an excellent subject but I've never tried this sort of thing with her before," Miss Gordon said.

"You are falling asleep . . . deep asleep . . . deeper and deeper asleep," Miss Gordon insisted as Miss Abrams stared fixedly into her eyes. Miss Abrams went under in no time at all, and after some demonstrations that proved she was truly hypnotized we were ready to begin. "I want you to remember," instructed Miss Gordon, "when you were 12 years old. Tell us what you see."

"I'm jumping rope," Miss Abrams began. "But I wish I had something else to do. Jumping rope is boring . . ." She described the sidewalk and street corner where she was playing. Then Miss Gordon told her to go back further. She was six years old and would tell us what she saw.

Miss Abrams gave us the names of the children who sat on either side of her in the first grade. She started sobbing when she told how she had lost one of her favorite dolls. Then the hypnotist took her to the age of three, and finally to the age of one.

"My father is down on his hands and knees . . . I'm trying to walk toward him," the girl said. At the age of one month, there was not much going on. "I'm in my crib, lying on my stomach." What did she see around her? "Just the bars of my crib."
Then Miss Gordon told Miss

Abrams she was going back "through space and time, far, far back . . ."

A Theater, of Course
"I'm dancing," Miss Abrams smiled, her eyes still closed. Where was she dancing? "In a theater of course. We're dancing Les Sylphides. The other dancers don't realize how I feel when I dance. They don't understand what it is to dance the way I do."

Where was the theater? "In Moscow." On what street in Moscow? Miss Abrams hesitated and frowned. "I can't remember. I think it begins with an 'L'."

"What year was it? '1895.' 'What was her name?' 'Rana-Ranya . . . no, it's Iranya."

Then Miss Gordon asked her subject to go farther back and see what she would remember. Miss Abrams gave a hazy account of riding with some Mongolian warriors along the bottom of a "very high wall."

Miss Gordon, after bringing Miss Abrams back to New York, and 1956, said it was an interesting demonstration but doesn't prove much of anything. Hypnotic subjects have been spinning such "recollections" for years, she said, and in her opinion they are pure imagination.

Miss Abrams was not much help. "I can barely remember

Curfew on Cyprus Lifted by British

Nicosia, Cyprus — (U.P.) — British authorities have lifted a 24-hour curfew which had placed 200,000 residents of Cyprus under house arrest to prevent wholesale violence and bloodshed.

It was the most rigorous curfew imposed on the island since Britain occupied it in 1878 and authorities said it was successful. Only one fatal incident was reported during the 24-hour period.

The curfew, clamped down on 13 major communities including the capital of Nicosia, was lifted everywhere except in the village of Vasilia. Turks and Greeks clashed last week in Vasilia, and tension still was high there.

What we were talking about," she said. When awake, she never thinks about ballet or Russia or the Great Wall in China. But she likes being hypnotized.

Gas Turbine Auto Starts Test Jaunt

New York — (U.P.) — A sleek, 1956 Plymouth powered by a "cyclone in a box" crawled through heavy New York traffic yesterday on the start of a history making 3000-mile jaunt across the country.

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The "low whine" of the pistonless engine will be heard in a dozen states before the car arrives in Los Angeles about Friday.

BORDER CRASHED

Hamburg, Germany — (U.P.) — Three East German employees of a Communist-run agricultural company literally smashed across the Iron Curtain Monday. They crashed through a border barrier from East Germany in an automobile and asked for asylum. They said they were "fed up" with Communism.

Washington—(U.P.)—The Agriculture Department said today farmers' cash income totalled an estimated \$4,100,000,000 during January and February, a 5 per cent drop from the same period last year.

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Varying with place and season, this current flows at a rate of about 30 miles a day—in some places less than 1/2 mile an hour, in others at a speed exceeding 6 miles an hour.

Although this over-all speed may seem slow, the amount of water carried by this great current is so immense that one can

moves with the drift at the surface is not very well known but probably it is limited to the upper crust of the oceans—a few hundred yards, except in special areas.

Below this, the velocities decrease and in the great depths of the sea, water moves exceedingly slowly.
This Japanese current off Formosa is warm—about 78 degrees now in late March, and as it flows northward to Japan it holds this temperature through thousands of miles.

In Warmer Water
So well, in fact, does it hold its original temperature that when a ship crosses into this Japanese current off Japan, the ship's bow may momentarily be in water 15 degrees warmer than that of its stern.

But when this river of warm water sweeps past Japan, it meets the cold waters of the Kurile current rushing down from the icy Bering seas. Where the humid warm air meets the cold, there is fog—one of the densest fog banks in the world—a thick blanketing whiteness which is not even dissipated at times when a 40-mile-an-hour wind blows. I know, I've been there.

As a result of the current, Tokyo is bathed with a climate not unlike Rome's. And on our Pacific west coast where the water has been slightly chilled it nonetheless carries a warm breath of damp air.

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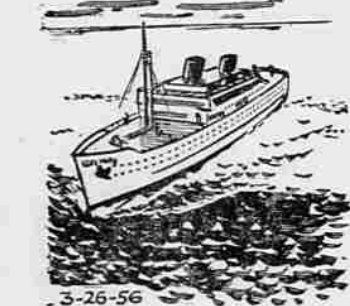
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Affect Daily Lives
They tie together remote regions; they aerate the water to great depths so plants and animals can live there; they carry warmth toward the frigid poles; they carry coolness to the equatorial lands. All in all, they not only affect plants and animals, but they affect the daily lives of millions of people. For example, this current flowing below us affects the inhabitants of the Philippines, of China, Korea, Siberia, Japan, Alaska, Canada, U. S. Mexico, Central America—roughly hundreds of millions.

Earlier beliefs notwithstanding, this black current is not a single integrated stream, flowing in one great mass round and about the North Pacific. Instead it is made up of narrow streams, separated by counter-currents meandering in wavy paths which continually change position and even occasionally break off into broad 100-mile wide eddies. Its general course, however, is clockwise (South of the equator, the Humboldt-South Equatorial current, is counter-clockwise).

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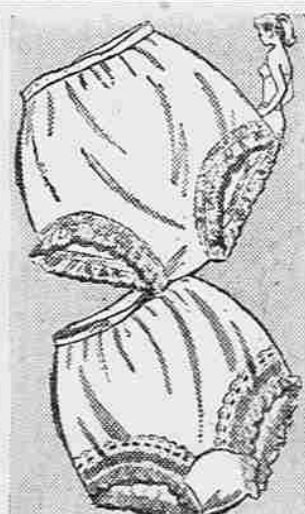
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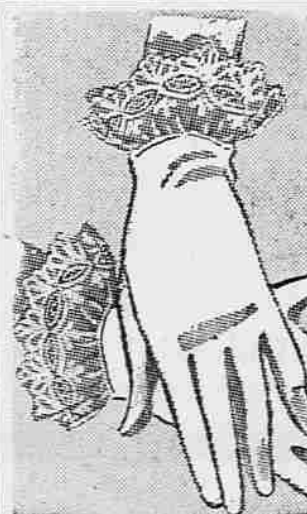
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