



**WILL SHE OR WON'T SHE?**—Anna Maria Alberghetti, who recently announced that she would marry divorced musician Buddy Bregman, has now stated that "I am not marrying anyone." Miss Alberghetti's mother has objected to the marriage. Here the young singer is shown arriving at Idlewild Airport in New York, where she has a night club engagement.

## Scientist Believes Collision of Comet Causes Explosion

By DELOS SMITH  
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New York—UPI—Dr. Harold C. Urey, a Nobel Prize winner and one of America's most distinguished scientists, believes in one "miracle." That is that "now and then" the head of a comet collides with the earth and causes an explosion that can be compared only to the blast of "some million or more atomic bombs."

This would be a "miracle" as well as a staggering disaster because science can show such a collision is, if not altogether impossible, "highly improbable." But Urey acknowledged his belief in it while arguing with a scientific colleague whom he accused of believing in a much greater "miracle."

Urey implied that Dr. T. P. Kohman evidently believes earthlike rocks can somehow accumulate in the vast reaches of "the great cold vacuum" of outer space and there encounter the extremely high temperatures of some 2,700 degrees (F) needed to melt

them. Urey was being sarcastic, of course, but for a purpose.

**Origins Debated**

He was endeavoring to destroy Kohman's theory that tektites are not of this earth although they are found in some parts of it but are a very special kind of meteorites or cosmic debris which acquired their highly individualistic properties in the space that separates the stars.

The origin of tektites has been the subject of a scientific argument for generations. Tektites are glassy globs shaped like buttons or pear, indicating that they had been in flight while in a molten state. They're entirely unique among the earth's large variety of stones and they're found only in widely scattered belts—in Texas, North Africa, Australia and Czechoslovakia.

Urey's attack upon the Kohman theory was in support of his own theory that tektites originated on the earth. His theory has all the logic on its side, he said, since it accounts for all the peculiarities.

Their chemical composition is "remarkably similar" to the more acid of earth's sedimentary rocks, which suggests they once were sedimentary rocks. To make a sedimentary rock into a tektite you would need a melting temperature of 2,732 degrees (F) and no such high temperatures occurs naturally on the earth's surface.

**Tektites Once Molten**

But if the comet's head collided with the earth such a high temperature would be commonplace around the point of impact. And globs of sedimentary rock in the molten state would be put into flight in a direct line away from this point of impact.

In this way his theory accounts for the obvious fact that tektites once were in a

molten state, for their distribution in belt-like patterns, and form their chemical similarity to the earth's rocks. Kohman had buttressed his theory by reporting the detection, in trace amounts, of minerals not found on earth. This Urey dismissed by challenging the accuracy of the detection techniques.

The argument is taking place in the international technical journal, "Nature," where Kohman will answer Urey in due course. Both are nuclear chemists. Urey provided much of the chemical spawwork for the atomic bomb. He is a University of Chicago professor currently working and teaching in England. Kohman is a professor at the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburgh.

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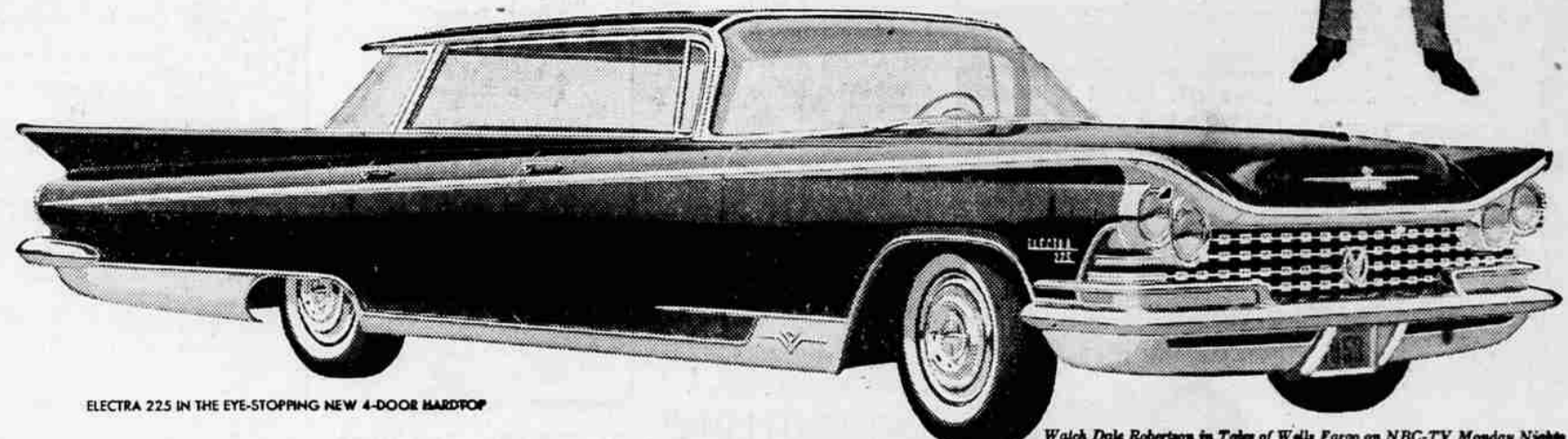
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At the same time the Jordanian Parliament met in emergency session to consider what action it would take against the United Arab Republic, which for more than a year has carried out a propa-

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ganda campaign aimed at overthrow of the Hussein regime.

Reports circulated in Beirut that Hussein, at Tuesday's Parliament meeting, might take steps to cite Syria before the United Nations for the action against his plane.

### ICHTHYOLOGIST DIES

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