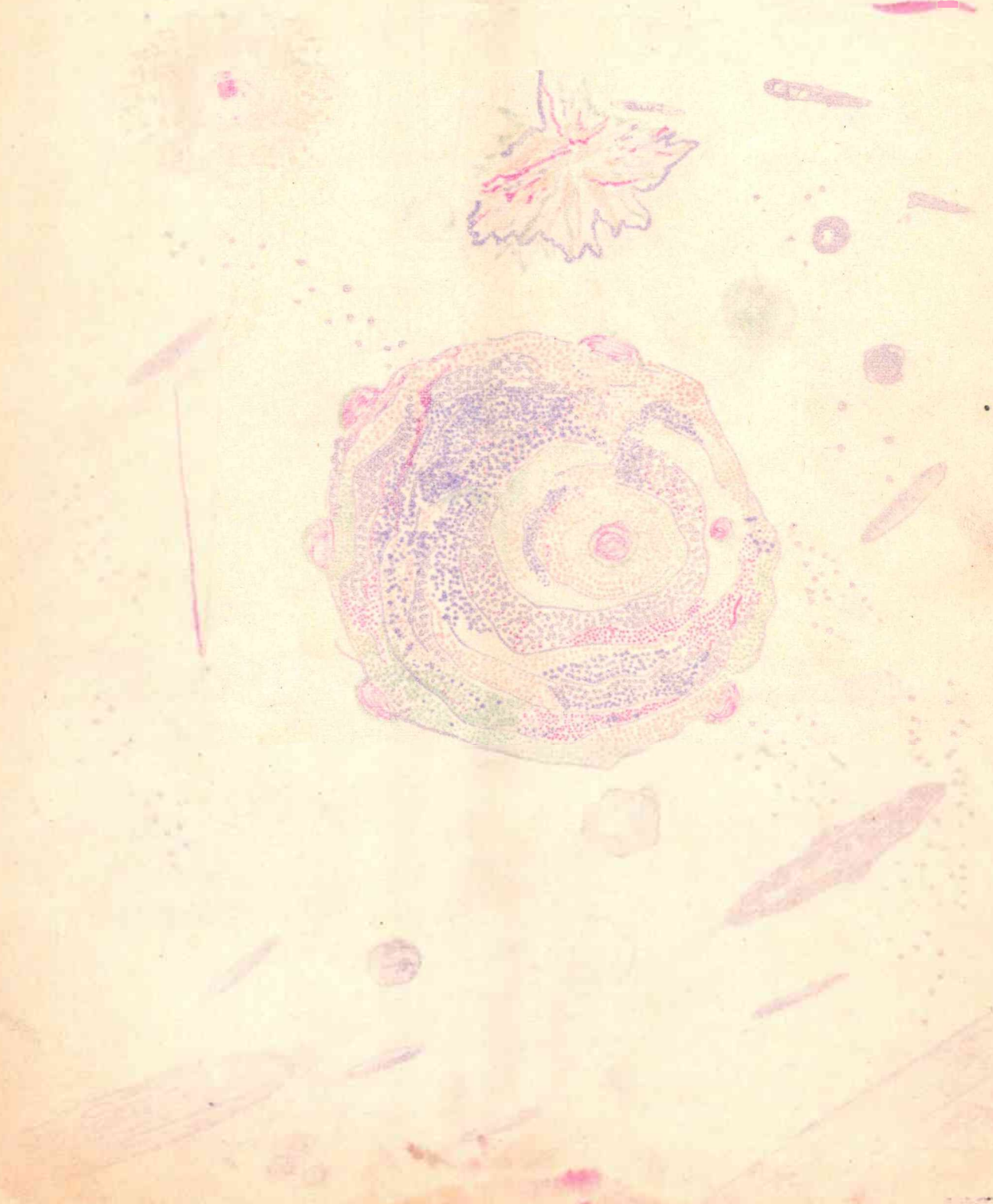


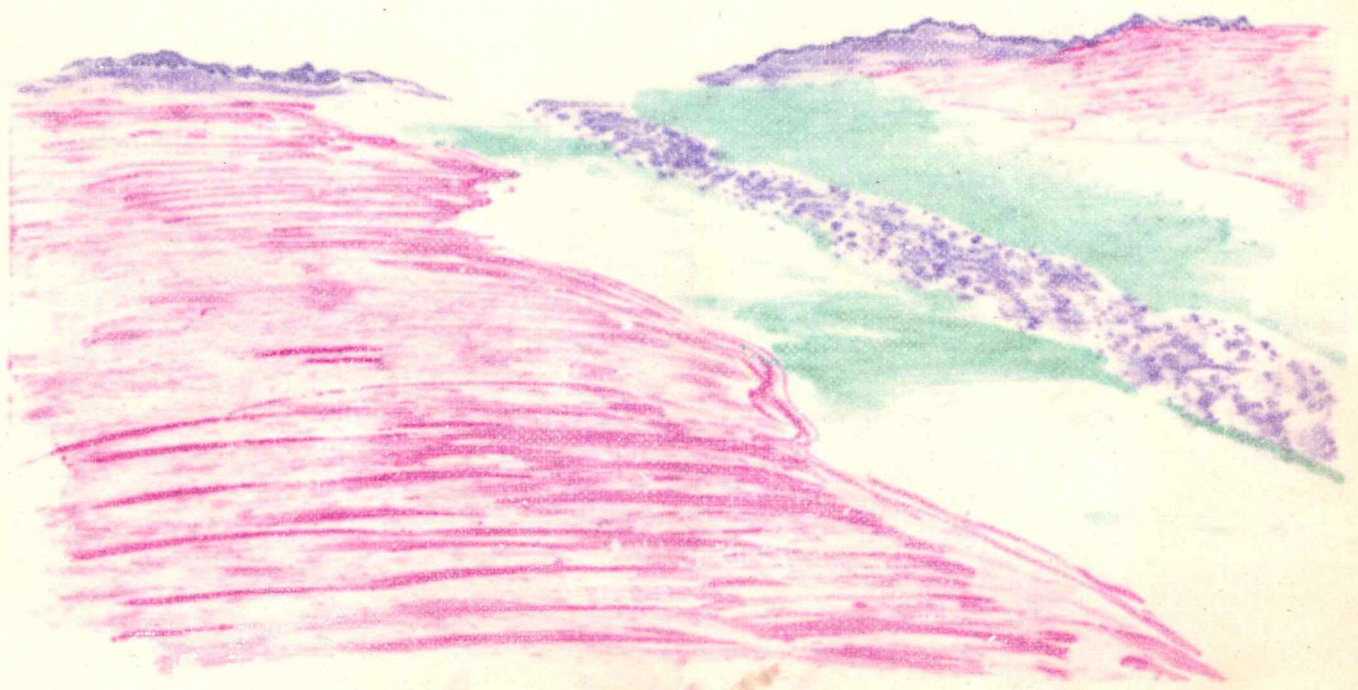
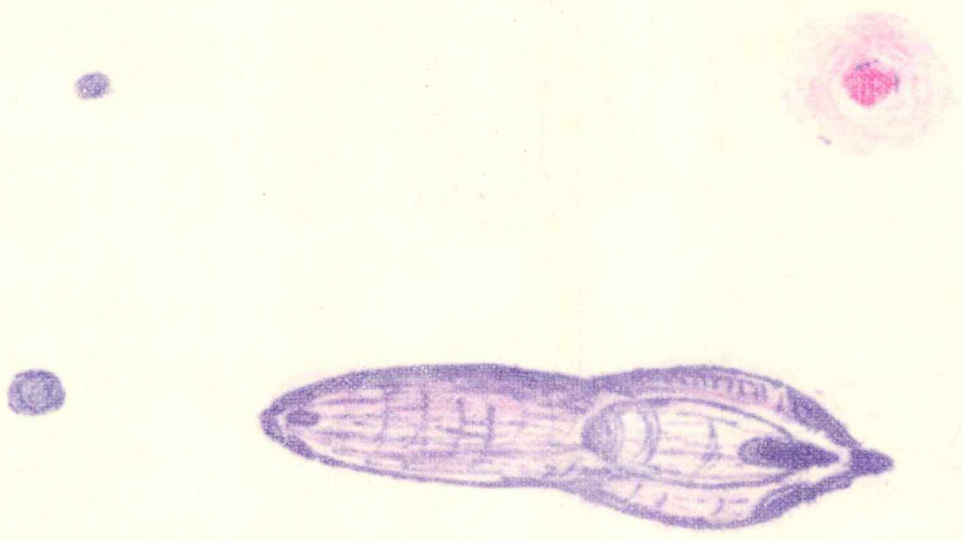
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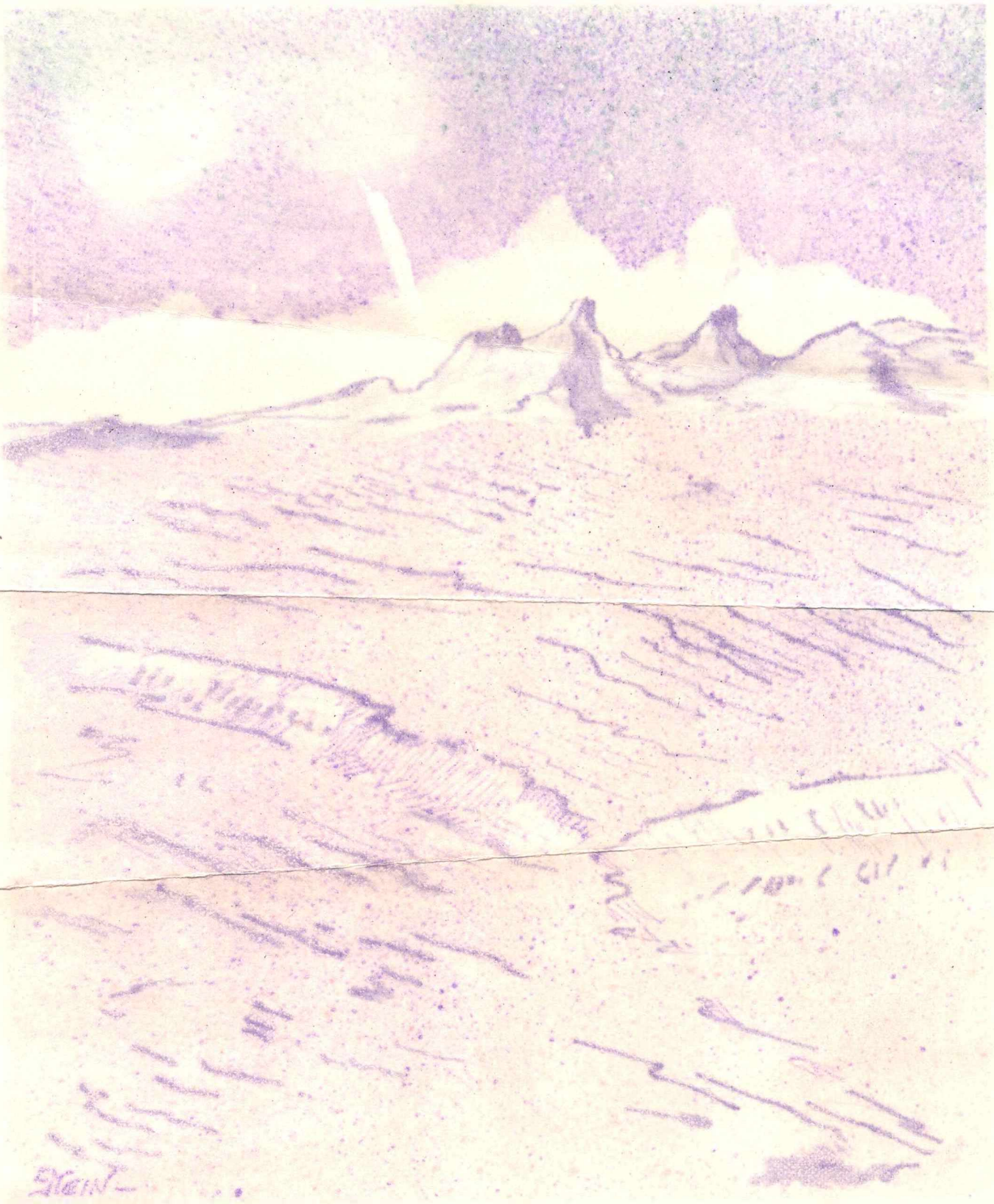
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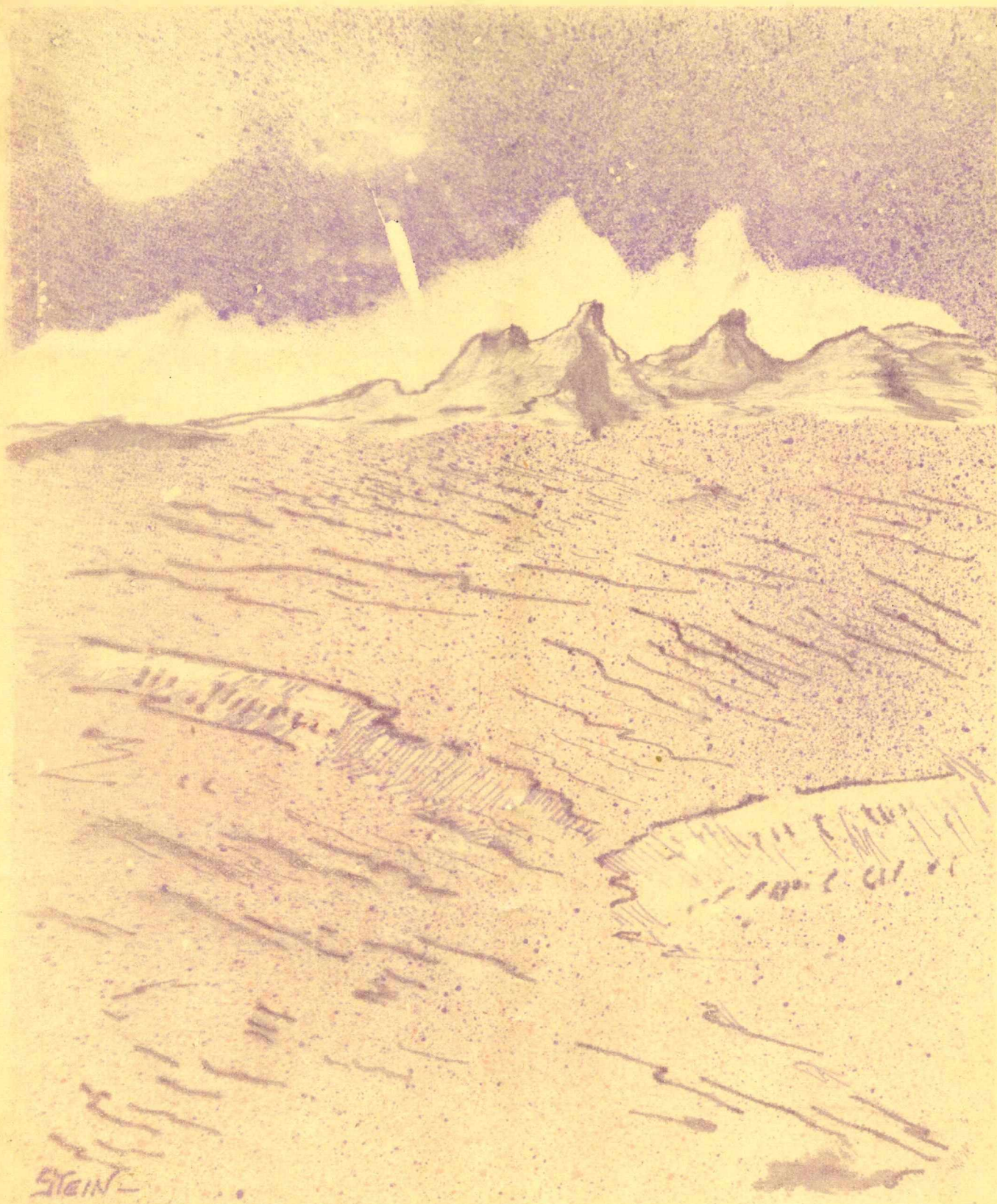
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NCT THIS CHICKEN

By Beak Taylor

Toronto, Ontario, Can

No doubt with the seven league strides being taken by science rocket travel to the moon will soon be possible, if n not practical.

And you can bet your boots that they'll want someone to try the spaceship before they let their scientific experts out alone in it. Well this is one job they won't talk me into doing.

Ever since I can remember even back as far as the days when I was running in the herd with the other young bucks of the neighborhood I have always been the goat - the person to whom the buck was passed. I wouldn't be at all surprised if somebody tried to get me into this spacetravel racket.

I can save them a lot of trouble. This is my notice that they'll have to fish for a sucker somewhere else. I'm not available. I'm out seeing a man about mending a screwdriver.

Perhaps I have no adventure in my soul. The love of exploration does not gnaw at my vitals. I don't want to go anywhere; I like it right where I am. Perhaps this is because I come from a long line of married men and they are notorious homebodies.

I just can't see myself nattily attired in fields of a baggy spacesuit, surrounded on all sides even up and down by tiers of incomprehensible machinery. And I can't even read a thermometer, much less the numberless dials and instruments tacked on all the walls.

In addition my temperament isn't suited for spacetravelling. I'd be alright for the first Parsec or two but then I'd become tired of the whole thing and my mind would begin to wander. Soon I'd be deep in a copy 1927 ATLANTIC MONTHLY, and the racket would be making erratic dives at the Schwassman-Wachmann Comet, somewhere between the orbits of Jupiter and Saturn. By this time I would be an old man and the racket out of date if I get it home.

I've been getting so absent minded lately I might even lose it.

By this time it would be well into April, all the scientists would be down with hay-fever and racket travel would be set back for years.

So you see what these people who would feist on me the dubious honor of being the first rocket test pilot will be up against. But at least they can't say I didn't warn them.

"Well why are you aly drunk Silenus?", "

" Because Silenus is the wisest of the people of the Wood"

From M. Kendig, Associate Director
Institute of General Semantics
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NEWS FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

In his latest book, A Nation of Nations, Louis Adamic devotes considerable space to the life and work of the Polish-American scientist and author, Alfred Korzybski, mathematician, engineer and student of human behaviour, who is particularly well-known as the originator of General Semantics and founder of the Institute of General Semantics in Chicago.

Copies of Korzybski's chief book, Science and Sanity, are again available through bookstores or direct from the Institute, 1234 E. 56 Street, Chicago 37. Subtitled An Introduction to Non-Aristotelian Systems and General Semantics, and long recognized as the fundamental text in this new field, Science and Sanity has been issued in two editions by Science Press and passed through nine printings since its first publication in 1933. In 1944 four times as many copies were sold as during any of the previous ten years. Demand from the armed forces was particularly heavy during the last years of the War, and the new printing has been delayed for many months by paper and labor shortages at the press.

Korzybski's first book, Manhood of Humanity: The Science and Art of Human Engineering, was published in 1921 by E. P. Dutton and has been out of print for several years. In view of the present demand for this book, the Institute of General Semantics announces a Second Edition of Manhood of Humanity, with a new

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introduction by Korzybski, to be published under their imprint in June of this year.

A collection of 80 papers which has been described as 'a practical sequel to Korzybski's Science and Sanity' was published by the Institute of General Semantics in 1943. This volume of papers reporting applications of Korzybski's methodology in many practical and theoretical fields of work was compiled and edited by the associate director of the Institute, M. Kendig, an early pioneer in the use of General Semantics in education, and an organizer of the Congress at the University of Denver where the papers were first presented. The volume is titled Papers from the Second American Congress on General Semantics: Non-Aristotelian Methodology Applied for Sanity in our Time. Stuart Chase's Tyranny of Words in 1937 was the first of several popularizations and text books founded on Korzybski's Science and Sanity. Language in Action (by S. I. Hayakawa; Harcourt Brace) and Language Habits in Human Affairs: An Introduction to General Semantics (by I. J. Lee; Harpers) were both published in trade and text book editions in 1941. Both are the work of authors who have studied with Korzybski at the Institute of General Semantics, as is the latest book, A Semantic Approach to Personality Adjustment by Wendell Johnson, Professor of Psychology and Speech Pathology, University of Iowa, which is announced for early publication by Harpers.

Currently the Institute of General Semantics is offering a Short Course of eight lectures by Korzybski, meeting on Tuesday and Thursday Evenings, beginning February 26, and an intensive training Seminar and Workshop Course meeting mornings, afternoons and evenings, August 12 to 31 inclusive. Both courses will be presented at the Institute, 1234 East 56 Street, Chicago 37.



"THE REVOLUTIONIST'S HANDBOOK"

"When we learn to sing that Britons will never be masters we shall make
as and of slavery.

The conversion of a savage to Christianity is the conversion of Christian-
ity to savagery.

Do not give your children moral and religious instructions unless you
are quite sure they will not take it too seriously. Better be the mother of
Henri Quatre and Nell Gwynne than of Robespierre and Queen Mary Tudor.

The best brought up children are those who have seen their parents as they
are. Hypocrisy is not the parent's first duty."

From "MAN AND SUPERMAN", by George Bernard Shaw

The above is in the nature of a book review, for it is a most rewarding
book. "The Revolutionists Handbook", is a sort of supplement to the play.
(For "Man and Superman", is a play.) The book will give you a new and inter-
esting viewpoint on our civilization. If you don't like reading plays, go
see the movie, "Caesar and Cleopatra", a picture that is truly magnificent,
made from the play of the same name, by G.B.S. Not like the advance blurbs
of it at all. I saw it once, and intend to see it at least twice again.

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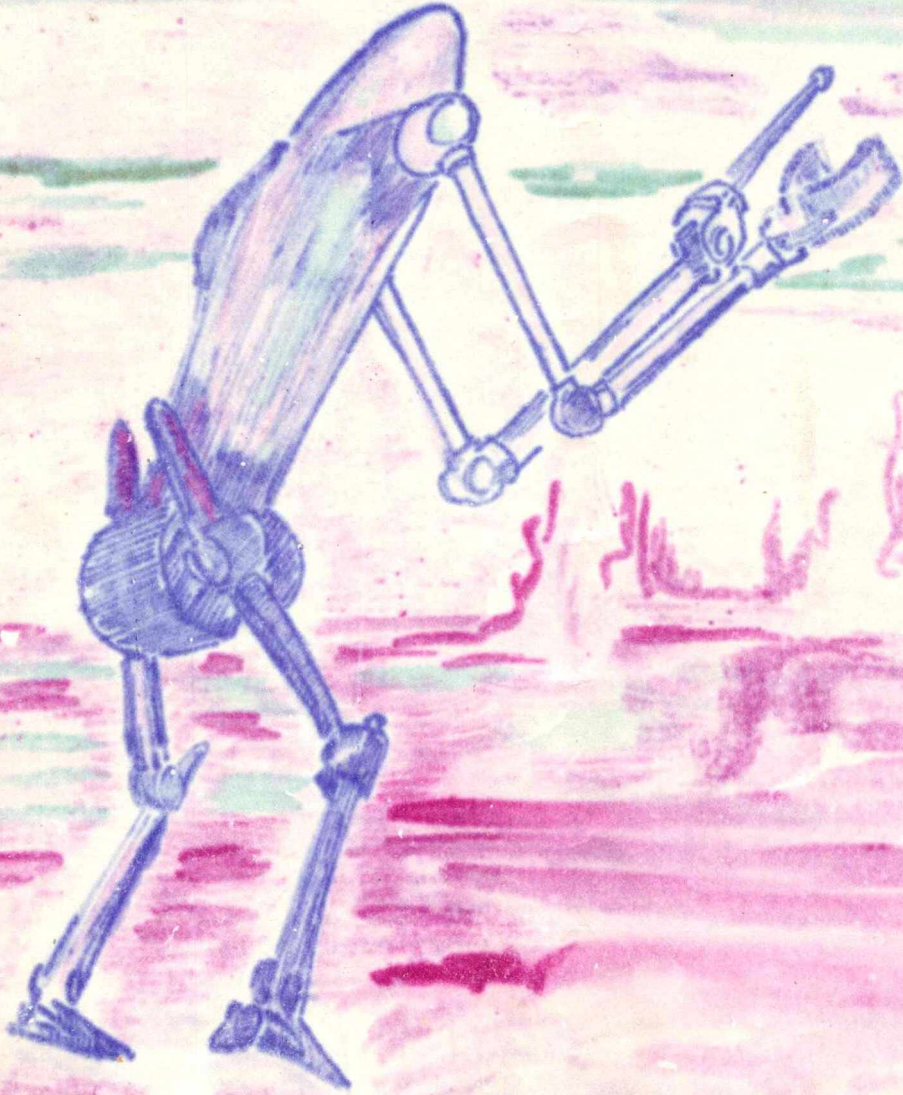
"The so called Natural Laws, as of gravitation, electricity, magnetism,
physics.... existed of course always, even before man discovered and form-
ulated them. So did Economic Law, that "only where useful human work is
exchanged for an equal amount of useful human work will you have a sound
balanced, progressive, overall economy.

Mr Van Oppen is a life subscriber. (Of the magazine, not his life) It cost
him only \$1.00. Why dont you take one out, FA is getting better with every
issue.

Walt Coslet of Box 6, Helena, Montana, publishes a magazine, and runs a
Stifay Manuscript Bureau. He has injured himself-near mortally..and I wish
him lots of luck, and hope he gets well soon., for he, even with an injured
right hand he answered my letter, and sent some material that appears in this
issue.

If any one thinks he would like to see a trading post in this magazine
say so. Or any other suggestions for that matter. No doubt you would like to
see a new artist. Startlingly enuf..so would I. However the only one around t
here that does hecto-art is Nelson. Sadly enuf, tho, he is too taken up wih
a girl freind to do anything like that. Sad aint it. If you want to do
hecto-art do so ..and send to me it. If it is any good at all it will be run
and you will get a free gift of "Rebirth", by McClary, "The Dunwich Horror" and
two others by H.P.L. Yes the contest is still on, many middle aged Ass's
Unknowns ect are the prizes with the above books and "The Invisible Man"
by H.G. WELLS, "Donovans Brain" by Biedmak, some Merrittales also going for
prizes. I got only one entry..he was sent "The War of the Worlds" There
is your entry?

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WELL..

reaction to the last issue was varied (in case your interested, and if U are not, I will tell U anyhow...) Everybody says about the pics that the colouring is tops but the draughtsmanship was poor in many cases. Well I guess the same is true of many of the pics in this ish, but if the ability isn't there, you can't squeeze blood out of a turnip". At least I don't think you can. Never tried it.

However I have tried a little more, and taken more time with some...others.. well look at them.

Oh yes Andy Mayer's poem aroused a little wrath, just a little, not much. I had hoped to get some letters about it...did get a few...not much there. One fellow called it, "degenerate tripe," Andy read the letter, was amused but insists that the basic conclusions reached by the poem are valid.

Look around you, read your history books..

Got lots of book reviews this month.. First, the book "JURGEN", by James Branch Cabell is out in a two-bit paperback book edition. A wonderful fantasy, created quite a stir when it first appeared, and all thru the "roaring", twenties. A new book by the same author, "THERE WERE TWO PIRATES" which is also supposed to be good. All the reviews rave about it. MR. CABELL however is a reliable author who always turns out a good story.

"ADVENTURES IN SPACE & TIME" is finally out, worth every penny-just in case U don't have it already. Random House \$3.00.

"GENTLEMEN YOU ARE MAD" by piercepenn boyes, (an edited reprint of "the pallid giant"). A large paper cover edition \$1.00-hard cover-\$2.50.. Guy finds story of a prehistoric civilization that destroyed itself with atomic bombs in caves in France. The "Pallid Giant", was copyrighted in 1927, according to the preface which I read a part, the story is almost the same, but the author changed it somewhat to accommodate the appearance of the atomic bomb in the present civilization.

Also if you are interested sufficiently enough, "Rebirth", McClary and the book "Dunwich Horror", by HPL (the bk also contains "The thing on the door-step" and "the shadow out of time") can be gotten from the publishers; Earth House of NY for two bits each.. "The weird shadow over Insmouth" was also issued by this company, but is now out of print. Olin Tremaine is editor (or something) for this company.

"The Prolongation of Life", By Alexander A. Bogolomets. The facts of the 'russian serum', by its discoverer. Not as optimistic as the Sunday Supplement articles, but interesting nevertheless.

Oh yes, I sent a card to the Institute of General Semantics, asked for information. Got it. You will find it in this magazine. Very nice people there, sent me fifty copies of three mimeographed sheets for two-bits. Well worth it to me. Saves me a lot of work, and I get a couple pages of book reviews and a couple good articles all for 25¢. Quite a bargain. After reading this, no doubt the ISS will no doubt be deluged with requests for articles. All to the good, if all of Fandom could get a viewpoint on life-ect. Looking thru S&S the only fault I find with K is that he feels that all Communism (in soviet russia) is the same as the Italian brand of Fascism or the German brand of it. While admitting some similarities, I personally feel that there is a wide difference between them. Somewhat off the subject, but it is my belief that some form of Marxist socialism could be used here without endangering our democratic form of government. Surely the Swedes and New Zealanders have a democratic government. Yet they have a system of Cooperatives working side by side with Capitalistic enterprises, that resemble to a certain extent the russian soviets. I cannot say for sure, but I don't think the Communist Parties there are very strong. The governments have stolen their programs. Communism thrives on dissatisfied people. If the government can supply the people with a high standard of living-the communists would have nothing to work with. I think it would have to be the government, because private industry has shown comparatively little interest in providing a higher better living for us....



Interstellar expedition, Fonn nine, calling home base--Emergency!
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Heed this well, all Ishmati! Heed well and disturb not the system of the
star Tiff-1209, which is called Sol.

This is Rak Kangat calling; sole survivor of the expedition to the
satellite of Sol's third planet, Tellus. There live the biped humans,
a race of wise and hardy humans. But above all, they are a race of inven-
tors. And it was one of these who overcame our whole expedition. Heed well
Ishmati, yea, heed well or you die!

We coasted down to the plane of the ecliptic, occasionally using our brake
blasts. It was this that spelled our doom, for this Tellurian noted them and
by some ill luck, realized they were not comet flares.

But that must wait....As I said, we coasted into the depths of Sol's system
landing on the cold and gaseless satellite of Tellus at night. After setting
up the astral beam station, we blasted our way underground and made our base
comfortably habitable.

It was over the astral beam that the first irregularity occurred. Instead
of the low musical hum, there issued a snarl of static and a voice began
speaking in an unusual language. Our tracers immediately snapped on and
bracketed the strange broadcast proving it to come from Tellus!. The lumi-
nous blue beams of the tracers converged on an isolated section of what we
later learned was called the North American tract. Switching to visual we
saw a smallish pale pink biped enunciating its strange language into a
transmito. Straightening up, it pressed a knob projecting from the plastic
wall in front of it. A section slid back and the biped peached into a small
chamber, withdrawing a strange looking headpiece. It put the thing on and
immediately the voice that came over aural changed to our tongue.

"Tellus calling interspatial expedition?" "Tellus calling interspatial
expedition. Over?"

Out of force of habit, our communicator, Jatrek Tor, picked up our Transmito
and replied,

"Interspatial expedition to Tellus; Interspatial expedition to Tellus.
Over?"

"This is Hal Marona on Tellus. I am speaking,--noo--thinking to you through
a thought transmitter. What star and what planet are you from?
It spoke with queer intonation, stressing the "you", as if there had been many
before us. That was ridiculous, of course...we thought at the time. Jatrek
made answer;

"We are from the sun, Whidd, and our planet that of the Nod Ishmat, the
Ishmat of wanderers. But that means nothing to you I fear."

"Ahh, but it does." REPLIED the Tellurian.

"I catch your thought, and my automatic telescope recorded your direc-
tions of approach. Polaris is your Whidd. My thought-scanner indicates this.
We glanced at each other in amazement. "Thought Scanner". Great Ishmat
what had we blundered into? And automatic telescopes that scanned the sky
and reported their findings! ...

"...and so you thought you could come here and invade us." continued the
biped.

Jatrek drew himself up, and objected..He said;

"Of course not! We come in peace!" It was a beautiful piece of acting.
But it failed, for the Tellurian come back with:

"Ill broadcast a record of Jatrek's thoughts while he said that, to prove
how little chance you have of fooling me." Speechless voice hole agape
Jatrek sat stupified as a sinister and evil version of his voice was heard

"This whole thing is a trick: our reports show no civilization above
that of explosive chemicals on this planet. Ridiculous."

The record finished, the biped spoke again"..



"Quite true! If the normal time path had been followed, Tellus would now be a wreck. However, some years ago, my father warped space in such a manner that instead of, say a thousand years from now an inventor, inventing the thought transmitter, he did. Shortly after, he discovered the secret of atomic power but its potentialities were so appalling and the responsibilities so great that his mind snapped under the strain. I took over, and by cautious use of the thought transmitter, learned all my father's discoveries and erased the knowledge that had unbalanced him from his sanity. Then I was forced to prepare defenses, for by stray thoughts the machine had picked up, I learned that there would be an attempt at invasion."

Here the Tellurian paused for a moment and I thought he was finished. After all, this fitted in... But it went on;

"The invasion began and I repulsed it; my planet never knew of its existence. And there were others... you are the sixth."

The Tellurian stopped, leaned back in what I presumed was a chair to it, and set fire to a white tube of something which it had put in its voice-hole.

"I have already fired a cluster of atomic space torpedoes at your base. They will hit in a short time. Leave if you can, but warn your race to keep away from here."

That was its final word.

We boarded our spacer as fast as we could, but to no avail. The torpedoes blasted our ship, and I alone escaped--in a leaking space-life-ship. I am now down to my last Khug of air. It is the end.

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THE VARDUNQUES

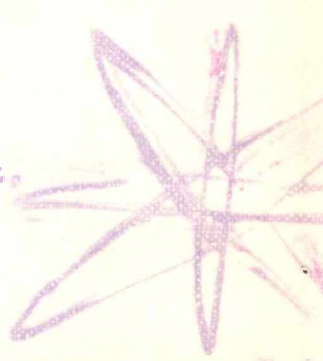
C. Alan Walton

The vardunques of the far off hills  
 Give one the greatest shivers, chills,  
 For they are queer beyond compare  
 And travel fast from here to there.

They ride in spacewarps small and large  
 And into others business barge;  
 So wacky, goofy and forlorn,  
 They make one wish he'd never been born.

They make trouble wherever they can  
 (E'en pull out the tendrils of a Slan)  
 For they're mean and cute, without a doubt,  
 Can make the brightest seem a lout.

They rise at night, and sleep the days,  
 But sleeping, pull their slickest plays;  
 They know not what they're doing then;  
 Beware them everywhere and when.



## MASS THERAPY OF ATTITUDES

Adapted from a letter dated October 30, 1941

M. Kendig, Institute of General Semantics

Probably we are faced with irreversible trends in socio-economic organization and control. If we still believe in the possibility of adjusting democratic processes to the new complexities and uncertainties, socially responsible newspapers and other agencies of information, opinion, etc., have a terrific job of mass re-education to do. How can we hope to preserve the human values of the democratic tradition in new institutions under new forms of power, unless we postulate the possibility of expanding mass intelligence by mass means. That includes reinterpreting our systems of values, redefining responsibility, finding simple methods for making the new world of uncertainty and complexity somewhat comprehensible and emotionally acceptable.

Certainly we have to make a direct attack on the fixed attitudes and habits of thought which control the reactions of millions of people. As long as people are bewildered, paralyzed by fear of change, feelings of futility, lack of faith in anything, etc., they can't face the facts of what is going on, are defenseless against selling out the democratic values, even if we supposedly win the war. Freedom and security are not antipathetic necessarily, but it is very easy to buy security on the installment plan and not know what you are paying.

Years of propaganda against propaganda have mixed up everybody on the subject of honesty, facts and beliefs. Some of the work against propaganda seems to have been most misleading. Superficial analyses in our schools and press have treated propaganda as a separate subject and have failed to connect it with the basic issues involved in all human knowledge, evaluation and communication. Perhaps this is a cue for an educational campaign which would help us to deal realistically with the forces at work in our society. The campaign might be based on making explicit answers to some of the implicit questions which underlie the understanding and discussion of current issues in the press, radio, etc.

For example, take the Chicago Tribune. It is more than a local issue, because it epitomizes the attitudes and habits of thought which destroy the emotional-intellectual bases of national morale and social integration in peace as well as war. By contrast what constitutes constructive journalism? What should be the characteristics of a newspaper conducted in the public

Mass Therapy of Attitudes, by Kendig - continued

interest? What constitutes honesty or adequacy in reporting, interpretation or persuasion? What constitutes dishonesty or distortion? On what premises, conscious or unconscious, do we use language in relation to facts in 'thinking' and communication--in writing and reading, in talking and listening? What are the mechanisms of prejudices and conflicts versus proper evaluation and agreement? What would constitute freedom and co-operation versus imposition and regimentation in securing social integration in a complex technological managerial society?

Simple principles and simple techniques for clarifying such questions can be found in the system of General Semantics, formulated by Alfred Korzybski in Science and Sanity. For the past five years his students, in increasing numbers, have been quietly trying out Korzybski's methods in education, psychotherapy, industrial management, etc. and more recently, as special weapons against prejudice and conflict in speech and forum work. The methods have proved to be general and teachable, particularly effective in reaching the emotional life and changing fixed attitudes of students and patients.

The general semantics approach to analysis of logical and linguistic problems avoids the difficulties and paradoxes which wrecked the work of the Propaganda Analysis Group when it came to building positive values in national morale. Korzybski does not deal with propaganda as such. His system deals with the general mechanisms of human reactions and so applies in all problems of evaluation, language, 'thinking', feeling and communication. In spite of their fundamental nature, the principles and techniques of general semantics are in a way only 'inspired common sense'. Training in general semantics has been appropriately called 'a therapy of attitudes'.

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For example, a clinical psychologist, consultant to a firm of management engineers, writes:

In my own practice in the training of executives and in clinical work generally, I find the devices of general semantics most useful. I never knew of any other way to change quickly and permanently the too frequent dogmatic attitudes of certain hard-headed executives who think they know it all. ... The two discussion groups on 'combating race prejudices' were very well received by the Inter-Racial Committee. Most of the members would be ready to follow a whole series of training periods, when I can find time to give them.

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## American Veterans' Committee

REMARKS  
OF  
**HON. JAMES G. FULTON**

OF PENNSYLVANIA  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Tuesday, June 25, 1946

Mr. FULTON. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD three of the columns which Mr. Thomas Stokes has written concerning the recent convention of the American Veterans' Committee in Des Moines, Iowa, June 14-16.

I have been informed that the membership of AVC is deeply grateful to Mr. Stokes for the splendid columns which he wrote concerning the proceedings at their convention. One AVC member summed up their feeling when he said:

Mr. Stokes was able to get at the heart of the AVC because he wrote not only of what we said but of the thoughts and emotions which motivated us and of which we could not speak.

So overwhelming has been the praise for Mr. Stokes' columns throughout AVC's membership that I am told that he will be proposed as AVC's first honorary member from the ranks of the press. AVC's members feel that Mr. Stokes understands them and in the difficult years ahead may do much to assist them in meeting the problem they will have to face.

I have followed the record of AVC carefully and the columns of Mr. Stokes have confirmed my opinion that this progressive organization of World War II veterans has a great future in this country. AVC believes that the welfare of the veteran is linked with the welfare of the community, the Nation, and the world. It has demonstrated time and again that it possessed the guts and the leadership to go out and fight for this principle. AVC spearheaded the campaign which was instrumental in saving the Wyatt housing program and has been way out in front in the drive for a strong price-control program. AVC organized demonstrations for OPA all over the country, following the passage of the inflationary House bill, and is now vigorously reentering the fight. AVC believes that OPA is the veterans' fight and it is not deterred from campaigning

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to protect the veteran's pension, living allotment, or other benefit from inflation by pressure from special interest lobbies. That is because AVC is an independent organization beholden only to its members. It now has a democratic mandate to act and, knowing that AVC means what it says, I will be watching for a dynamic national program.

I wish AVC all success with its great principle, citizens first, veterans second. There are some 16,000,000 veterans of this war. They compose a major segment of our population. The future of our country may well depend on the manner in which the World War II veterans approach their responsibilities as citizens. If they shirk them, if they withdraw into self-contained groups thinking only of themselves, the Nation as well as the veterans will suffer. On the other hand, if the veterans are inspired by this fine idea of citizens first, veterans second, they may well assume the progressive leadership in the affairs of this country, which is to be expected of the young, vigorous veterans who fought so valiantly.

Mr. Stokes' articles follow:

### AVC MEANS BUSINESS

(By Thomas L. Stokes)

DES MOINES, June 17.—An inspiring miracle is perhaps a good description of the performance of the 850 World War II veteran delegates who, working day and night, created the permanent organization of the American Veterans' Committee at their first annual convention here and charted a progressive course on domestic and foreign policy.

These earnest youngsters will be heard from, and so will the others they enlist as they go home to expand from their present 80,000 membership and exert their influence on affairs of their own communities, the Nation, and the world.

The youngsters here had to go through the same mechanics of all political conventions. They worked all night long in delegation caucuses, in platform, constitution, and nominating sessions. They had to learn as they went along.

They had no time or inclination for anything else. They got their job done by sticking to it for 4 days, though sometimes it looked as if they wouldn't. Altogether, they were a group of ruggedly individualistic, independent, thinking young men and women, and deadly in earnest that this worst of all wars shall not have been fought in vain.

It would have been a fine thing if mature politicians in Congress and in State govern-

ment could have seen it all. For these youngsters mean business—and not maybe.

There were some few professionals here, a tiny minority with Communist leanings, come here to confuse, to work their way in. They worked at it ceaselessly. They had the advantage of experience. Their strategy was obvious. But they were licked because the youngsters knew where they wanted to go.

It is to the credit of the leadership, including Charles G. Bolte, national chairman; Gilbert Harrison, of Los Angeles, one of the founders; Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., Oren Root, Jr., and some others, that they decided to meet this issue head-on, without compromise, and quash it. They did. All liberal organizations these days have this problem. This one, unlike some of the others, decided to face it squarely.

The issue was raised over the candidacy of Frederick Borden, of New York, an official of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, as vice chairman. It was not this connection but his association with Lawrence Noble, executive secretary of the New York AVC, that caused it. When Mr. Noble was elected to that office he was accused openly in the meeting by his opponent as being a Communist.

Mr. Borden developed an issue within the organization for himself when he took exception to an editorial written by Mr. Harrison setting forth AVC principles. The editorial was a progressive statement. Mr. Borden thought it was too conservative and wrote an answer to the AVC publication which the editor unwisely did not print. Mr. Borden then began a personal and letter-writing campaign all over the country to AVC chapters in a campaign against Mr. Harrison.

For a time here the Borden candidacy for vice chairman threatened to split the convention. The leaders decided to stand firm behind Mr. Harrison's candidacy. Mr. Borden withdrew and his support immediately shifted to a so-called unity candidate, Norris Helford, also of Los Angeles—a familiar technique. A third candidate in the race, Robert White, of Washington, also withdrew. In the showdown Mr. Harrison won.

The leadership recognized the difficulty of their position, realized they would be accused of "Red baiting." But they decided to accept it forthrightly. They were aware of forces which don't like AVC because of its progressive principles, and they wanted no stigma of communistic influence to confuse their position on issues of the day. The convention likewise defeated various moves of the party liners to get platform declarations that would be harmful.

### THE ENERGETIC AVC

(By Thomas L. Stokes)

DES MOINES, June 15.—A refreshing experience, sitting in at the sessions of the First

National Convention of the American Veterans Committee, after attending a cut-and-dried, lackadaisical Republican State Convention in Indiana where everything was fixed long in advance.

Democracy is rampant in this collection of wide-awake World War II veterans—in fact, so rampant at times, with speeches and motions from the floor, that the observer wondered how they got their organization work done.

No steam roller here. And everything is done in the open—nominations, platform, constitution.

They came here from all parts of the country—the pipe-smoking boys from Harvard, Yale, and Amherst; the wiry boys from the South, with shirt collars open; the garrulous young men from Manhattan, full of words; the quieter young men, of the Middle West; the forthright, breezy boys from the Pacific coast. Gilbert Harrison, founder of AVC, said some came 10,000 miles for this first organizing convention. Some had to take up collections among friends to pay their expenses.

This new organization, which started with the idea that this time the veterans should do something about making a better world for themselves and their children, is a dynamo. That strikes you forcibly. Energy oozes out.

It now has 60,000 members in some 500 chapters. It had only 12,000 in January this year. It has prospects of growing fast if it sticks to its principles and to its motto: "Citizens first, veterans afterward." It is starting a campaign for a million members.

These veterans form a lever that might do much to turn back the tide of reaction that recently seems to be setting in. For they are in earnest. They believe something. Politicians might remember that. They are not satisfied with things as they are. They are not satisfied with what Congress is doing now.

They made this clear in the thunderous applause for Bishop Bernard J. Shiel, of Chicago, when he attacked Congress as "peculiarly inept." This Congress, he said, had a great responsibility, but it did not meet it, failing to enact a minimum wage law, to pass FEPC, ripping up the Price Control Act, emasculating full-employment legislation, and yet being in so great haste to pass antistrike legislation and the ill-conceived Case labor bill.

Bishop Shiel's theme was that if this country provided a decent living for its people it has nothing to fear from communism, since people who are well fed, well housed, and well clothed are not interested in communism.

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He touched a subject there that had significance in this meeting. For there are those who are trying to involve this organization with racialism or communism because of what it stands for. It does have left-wing elements, as well as liberal elements and some conservative elements.

It had to face in some of its election issues the fight so usual these days over alleged Communist infiltration. No secret was made of that.

But it is basically a liberal organization in the best of sense, and it would be sad indeed if a tiny minority should so confuse the membership, or get in a position to smear it, as to hamper the public service it can perform.

Its leaders are well aware of this threat, and well aware, too, that they must keep out any Communist influence. At the same time they are conscious that they must continue courageously to fight for the principles for which they stand in domestic and international affairs, or, as Mr. Harrison put it, "You've always got to take the risk of unpopularity."

Its national chairman, Charles G. Bolté, also put it aptly when he said that the AVC must "adopt no narrow factionalism" and must seek to "provide economic security within the bounds of freedom."

#### IMPATIENT YOUNG MAN

(By Thomas L. Stokes)

DES MOINES, June 18.—What a lot of young men who came out of the war think of their elders in Congress, who are fumbling us into inflation and greedy "normalcy," and of their elders among world diplomats, who are fumbling us toward another catastrophe in the old power-politics way, was revealed by delegates from all parts of the country to the first American Veterans' Committee convention here last week end.

They spoke out bluntly in their platform.

They don't like what Congress has done to OPA. They condemned it bitterly. They don't like what is being done about homes for their families. They want Wilson Wyatt, Housing Expediter, to do more expediting with the powers he has and they want Congress to give him some more, as well as to enact the long-range Wagner-Ellender-Taft housing bill.

They want the minimum wage increase bill, already passed by the Senate, jimmied out of the House Labor Committee. They want unemployment benefits increased to a flat \$25 for 26 weeks, as President Truman asked over a year ago. They want Congress to enact a comprehensive national health program, about which neither House nor Senate yet has done anything.

They fought side by side with Negroes and soldiers of other races in the war, and they want an end of Jim Crow-ism. They don't want any persecution of Japanese-Americans, some of whom fought so gallantly at their sides in Italy and France.

They don't want discrimination in jobs on account of race, creed, or color, and they demand enactment of the permanent FEPC bill, which has the lip service of enough members of parties in Congress to pass, but which still languishes. They don't want the vote denied on account of race by poll taxes or white primaries or any other devices.

They want the Un-American Activities Committee of the House abolished and no more of its persecutions. They want Congress to make itself a more efficient body and more responsible to the public will. They want the House to pass the La Follette-Monroney bill recently approved by the Senate, but they want it even broader to do away with the seniority system.

All these things are within the purview of the Congress now sitting.

On the world scale, they are concerned about the way the diplomats are behaving. They want the United Nations developed into a real world government. They shouted their approval when Harold Stassen urged before one of their forums the abandonment of the old fetish of national sovereignty, which he declared is "as dead as the divine right of kings."

They want international control of the atomic bomb and atomic energy along lines of the Acheson-Lillenthal report and the Baruch proposal to the United Nations. They want the manufacture of atomic bombs stopped and those we now have destroyed. They want control of atomic energy in this country for peacetime purposes, for promotion of scientific and medical research, by a civilian commission as provided in the McMahon bill passed by the Senate but still not acted on in the House. They want us to meet our obligations to feed starving people abroad and to help them rehabilitate themselves. They want colonial peoples set free.

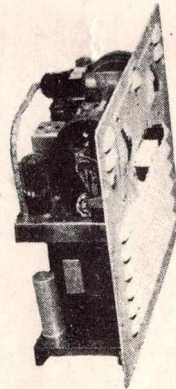
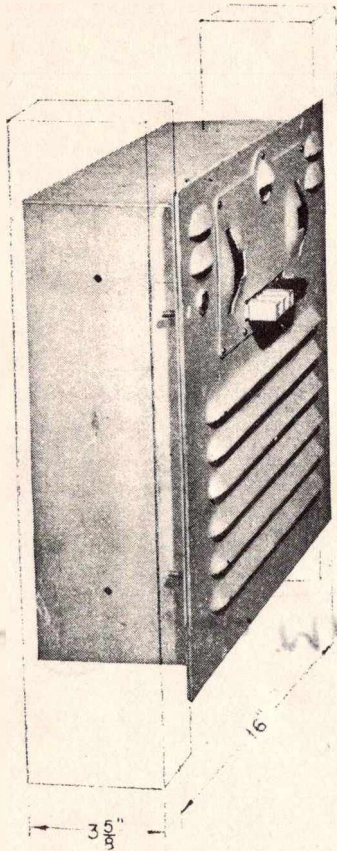
They don't want our country to join in any alliances or blocs either against Great Britain or Russia. They want the United Nations to call a conference and amend the charter so that the United Nations can prohibit the manufacture of weapons of mass destruction by member nations.

They want, in short, action.

They are impatient, because they are young. But the world is moving fast today, as fast as young men can run, as fast as they scurried up beachheads all over the world, as fast as they fell before the guns of the enemy.

The young men are impatient, but they are far wiser than their years.

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