

March 1965

THE ENIGMA

CRYPTOGRAMS - Bastrop, Texas - ALL BY HOODWINK

1. Washingtonian.
 ABCDBEFG: DFGHKL JMK NKFH LKA MBOF A
 DBHH *PQOQR *HFGOQPF FCBTQLBAQKL AK JK.
 GZ VKG AMF UKOFGTLFLA.

2. Truancy.
 ABBBC=DEFGH IJEKGL DBBCGK MHBN OPDBB
 AGPENG "DBBC=AETFGH" EJBQR NBSQFETQ OF
 HGEN; PESRDF IGHPD, EJOB RENG MTOD.

3. Conquest.
 ABCDE FDEG HIBK JDLMI BDKG MNCE ABCF
 HDEO MBDPHQNG IJKB HPGLRK FNKE HKEMO
 QIFKB EIM CAGKEM SBIH LIESRDL M.

4. River traffic.
 ABCDEF BGFHI AHEJC LEMNH, DEIH FOPH Q
 MBROS AETUOFN GHONASC LTUV PEMNB DEF
 DOUHW IBGFWSMHED.

5. Hold-up.
 ZYXWVUTSRP QOZXSP, VPYUNSZM AOVN YK
 GWOX, UFOWZWX UOVG QYC, AOXW VDSBP MW
 ODOE; FWBP VSFKWT QWGSZX.

6. Disguised.
 ABCDEFG HIAD AJCKL IMGKH MLCKFLEN EL
 MKCP JFAQ RBSNMT UMKD; JENHK JFALC A
 HTBFMLY CFBK JETC.

7. Decor.
 ABCDEF GHCIJ JKCILM NAJPDR MJHCL;
 AI JKTEDM UIEKA, JQAIM FPMDC TAI
 CNDJEL IEVXD IAMPHD GICT MXCU.

8. Slave labor.
 GREYHO UNDS, UPNTOR HOEL, ANGB LEHO U
 CEGBT ACD HCLFSRNGY: SCJ FRZ SCGU O
 EDT, RSTC DCEUO HDCJB RAYPD ANUOY.

Avenue. 3. Texture#. 4. (Med.) Ton-
 ic spasm. 5. An Indian of a Yakanan
 tribe. 6. Wife of Antipholus of Eph-
 esus in Shakespeare's "Comedy of
 Errors". 7. Var. of Woyaway.

1. A gray-headed person. 2. One
 who resumes. 3. Literally, gift of
 Isis. 4. Sweat cloths. 5. Devotion

to amorous gallantry. 6. Rises aga
 7. Inattentive.
 Milford, Ind. SAKR-EL

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THE ENIGMA



APRIL - JUNE 1965

GREENFIELD, MASS

NOS. 733-736

37. HOMONYM (6, 2, 4)

She had a chain of stores in Arizona,
 Sold toiletries to women, (this gal
 Mona).

"Perfumes of Tucson," was the first
 she opened,

And "SIX TWO* FOUR" her next.
 (Give her the rope end!).

"Colognes of Phoenix" was her third,
 and "Odors

Of Flagstaff" was her fourth.

(And she sold sodas).

This Mona had a FIVE TWO FIVE
 so sunny,

Her business instinct piled up
 heaps of money.

Brookline, Mass.

HO HO

BY THEIR NOMS YE SHALL
KNOW THEM

Because he was born on February 14,
 it is only natural that Fred V. Matthews
 middle name is and likewise his nom.
 in the NPL. He VAL ENTINE, was
 born in Brooklyn, and spent the early
 years of his life there. He matriculated
 in the local schools, and eventually
 studied Accounting at Night School.

He is employed with the Stern and
 Stern Textiles, Inc., of New York,
 where he has been for over 30 years.
 At present, he is their Secretary, Assis-
 tant Treasurer and Director. He is mar-
 ried and has two sons: George and Fred
 V. Jr., both with the N. Y. Life Insur-
 ance Company. His marital life extends
 over 46 years.

Note: there is a typo. This
 issue covers April-July 1965

Val Entine saw service in the 1st
 World War being with the 1st Infan-
 try stationed in Hawaii. During his life
 he has done much civic work with the
 Boy and Girl Scouts, the Veterans of
 Foreign Wars, and the American Leg-
 ion, and has been active in Masonic
 bodies. He is the Past Grand Master
 of Nassau Lodge #536 of Brooklyn and
 also Past District Master of the 1st
 Kings District as well as being a Past
 Monarch of the Grotto.

He joined the League in 1949, and
 while his more ardent pursuits in puz-
 zling enable him to be a consistent
 solo-completer, he has contributed some
 flats and anagrams. But, he has other
 hobbies besides Thedom: bowling, ar-
 chery, and he is an enthusiastic boxing
 and wrestling fan.

(Ed. Note: Val Entine died on May 26,
 1965 at the Mather General Hospital,
 Port Jefferson, L.I., N. Y., following a
 stroke.)

"The Enigma" will have a new dress
 until such time when Ye Ed can com-
 pletely get back in the harness. The
 magazine is being printed, not offset,
 with someone else doing the customary
 typing, but the mailing will be done
 as usual.

H. Ell Tee Helen L. Thomas died
 April 22, 1965 at Seaside Park, N. J.
 (her summer home) of a stroke. She
 is survived by her sister Dorothy K.
 Thomas.

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 first-class mailing.

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Files of League puzzle literature have been deposited in the Library of the Franklin
 Institute, Philadelphia, where they may be consulted.

"SPHINX LORE"

"Chance reader! thus the Sphinx
doth say,

"Approach me not with dread dismay;
No, Theban monster doomed to kill,
I'd fain divert thee at thy will;
So be thou Oedipus profound,
And solve the riddles I propound.

Recently Zer-O ran across a "turn of the Century" puzzle book titled "Sphinx Lore" written by Charlotte Brewster Jordan and published by E. P. Dutton and Company of New York in 1897.

The above stanza is the introduction to the book, and holds as well today as it did nearly seventy years ago.

The contests, however, might not be acceptable to Enigma's standards in 1965, as most of them deal with current literature (of the time) or famous people whose names were on everyone's lips then. There are a few Charades, a combination of our Phonetics plus the Regulars, with a few rather startling pronunciations: PURITAN-PEW, RYE, TAN, for example. The Anagrams are all Mutations, unfortunately.

However, for those interested in testing their wits against those of yesteryear who were faced with these posers, here is a list entitled "Humorous History" and whose answers are the names of famous men:

1. A cleansing weight
2. The skeleton
3. Lay hands on the woman
4. Chew, mister
5. Turning a healthful color
6. Strokes
7. To brandish a weapon

8. To bully
9. Hearken!
10. To concede
11. An arid cavern
12. The alphabetical position of the letter "P"

Nero
The book, now that it has served its purpose, will be sent to the Library of Congress to be added to their file of

Puzzleana which the League had donated a few years ago. This little book will be a gift by Zer-O.

"New York City members have suggested that a convention of the NPL be held there either around the 4th of July or Labor Day, both being weekends, provided a fair amount of members can attend. Please write me whether you would attend such an affair, and the date you prefer, so further arrangements can be made.

Needless to say, you will have the best time ever, with all the old time flavor and the World's Fair for good measure." OEDIPUS.

(Ed Note. Oedipus still feels that NPL convention would be a good thing. If you please write him of your views on the matter, pro or con?)

Through Hoodwink and Wick come news of Rayle Rhoder who has been "among the missing" for some years.

She is living with her granddaughter Mrs. Barbara Wheatley Murray, 7-A, 545 West 11th St., New York 10025. Rayle is now 94 years old—blind. She still likes to work crossword puzzles when given the definitions; and when she is overjoyed to listen to letters read by her many old friends in the Knickerbocker. Just in case her name is mislaid, she is Mrs. Blanche Wheatley.

Ye Ed wishes to thank one and all for the many "Get Well" cards we caught up with him first at Mass. General Hospital in Boston and then at Lemuel Shattuck Hospital, Jamaica Plain, Mass. The notice of his hospitalization was purposely vague as he knew he would be unable to write much. His destination was not given. — However, the grapevine eventually discovered his hideouts.

While he is back home again, Sols may be sent to the old address. His crutches are his means of motivation.

FEBRUARY SOLUTIONS

1. Cute, cue; 2. Stain; 3. Grocer, grow, sir; 4. Panhandle; 5. C-Partridge; 6. Appendix; 7. Hopscotch; 8. Three jays together; 9. Asphalt; 10. Vacuum; 11. Rough, ruff; 12. Lover ran out on me; 13. Annihilate; 14. Misused, missed; 15. T-okay; 16. Di-spa-tch; 17. D-Tresses; 18. Vibrate; 19. Baronetcy; 20. W-asp; 21. Overhanging; 22. Epicures, recipes, prices, spice, pies, sip, is, I; 23. Daytime; 24. Idio-matic; 25. P-overt-y; 26. Forte; 27. T-crackpot; 28. DEposing, LIthe, TESTER, CENTrally, deliquescent; 29. The Enigma; 30. Sputterings; 31. The television commercials; 32. The cardinals; 33. Metamorphosis; 34. The mental delusions; 35. The artesian wells; 36. A shower bath; 37. Instrumentality; 38. Inscrutable; 39. Prosperous.

1. You can solve this and not find
2. He smote the Rock of Ages and ab
3. Some famous people became identi
4. Nervous multi-clad hunter just n
5. Active young folk dance twist fr
6. Fresh paint clean table cloths i

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RYEGRASSEDGES

7. Blacksmith wrought wonderful prod
8. Regular tract blurb says chaotic

If a man empties his purse into his head, no one can take it from him.
Benjamin Franklin

It is difficult to say what is impossible, for the dream of yesterday is the hope of today, and the reality of tomorrow.
Goddard

Is it sometimes quite enough for a man to feign ignorance of that which he knows to gain the reputation of knowing that of which he is ignorant.
De Talleyrand-Perigord.

Youth is a blunder, manhood a struggle, old age a regret.
Disraeli

God made man frail as a bubble; God made love, love made trouble. God made a vine was it a sin that man made wine to drown trouble in?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

December 1964 — May 1965

Six months receipts: \$31.12-Bank Interest. \$5-Kapry Korn, Midurndist. \$4-Bick, Paul and Virginia, The Gopher, H. T. Orsborn, 273 N. College, Elgin, Ill. 60120, Bon Gay, H. Ell Tee, Selma G. Denno, 920 Ridgeland, Saginaw, Mich., Dee Jay, Wortgauler, Cajun, Val Entine, Magicus, Nutmeg, Alouette, \$2-Jen and B. P.

Balance December 1	1,652.26
Receipts as above	103.12
Total	1,755.38

January Enigma	38.07
February Enigma	44.00
March Enigma	48.45
Addressograph	4.00
Postage	4.80
Total	139.32

Balance June 1	1,616.06
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1. TRANSPOSAL (5)

Said Simple Simon to the pieman,
 "Let me taste your PRIME!"
 The pieman said to Simple Simon,
 "I fear I'd FINE a habit that,
 Would quickly make my purse quite
 flat."
 Bastrop, Tex. HOODWINK

2. DELETION (6)

Of TWO of pie served by my bride,
 I spoke my praise, although I lied.
 The upper crust? It seemed like cork;
 I could not ONE it with my fork!
 New York, N. Y. JEN and B. P.

3. NUMERICAL (7)

ONE: 2-6-1-5
 TWO: 4-3-7

In school, I liked mythology;
 Though not a ONE, my grades were
 "C".

In Babylon, Ishtar was gay
 When love and beauty once held sway.
 But, in Phoenicia, I'm told
 *COMPLETE was "it", in days of old.
 Perhaps, they both infatuated,
 Like *TWO, who was to Zeus related.
 Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO

4. HOMONYM (4, 4, 5)

Invited to a party by the lake,
 I set out alone.
 A fellow that I knew called out "Hop
 in."
 And so I ONE.
 I got out at the mail box presently,
 As I was told.
 The name stood out in letters on the
 box,
 So plain and bold.
 She said: "A well-worn TWO runs
 'long the lake
 "You cannot fail."
 But autumn leaves six inches thick
 can hide,
 Most any trail.

A line of empty boats with oars
 place,
 Looked good to me,
 But — She asked: "How did you get
 out here?"
 I said "THREE."
 Royal Oak, Michigan ALLEN

5. PHONETIC CHARADE (8)

While dining at The Inn last night,
 Two novice waiters, WHOLE, in which
 Rushed by us with their loaded
 PRIMES.
 The crash reminded me of times
 When I, a busboy, down on FINE,
 Cleaned up the mess, although not
 mine.

Mason, Mich. LARR

6. REBUS (8)

CHRMWO
 I placed the REBUS on the petal
 that warm summer day.
 He measured — accurately, slowly,
 carefully — all the way.
 I watched him, fascinated,
 (all thoughts of time were
 banished)
 From petal tip right down the stem
 then in the grass he vanished.
 I wonder if he's visited
 each little leaf of clover
 And if he will continue
 until the summer's over.
 Portland, Me. MISSILE

7. NUMERICAL (8)

ONE: 5-3-2-1-7-8
 TWO: 8-1-3-7-2-5
 THREE: 5-6-2-1-7-3-8
 FOUR: 3-2-5-6-4

Hem the ONE, resmoother the TWO
 Wash the THREE out, dry them
 Take a precious minute now
 To listen to the FOUR
 And all you hear is TOTAL
 Of your own life — nothing more!
 Strafford, Pa. UNCLE RE

8. WORD DELETION (11; 5, 6)

A *WHOLE to Brahmins can defile,
 And is considered somewhat vile.
 If "social climb" this man would do
 To do so he would find he's TWO.
 To ONE him is a heinous thing;
 To "Civil rights" he cannot cling.
 Corinth, Miss. FRED DOMINO

9. BEHEADMENT (6)

There was a TWO with snaggletooth,
 Not pretty even in her youth.
 She took a ONE to errant son;
 As you'd expect, she spoiled his fun.
 New York, N. Y. JEN and B. P.

10. DELETION (6, 5)

That man who FINE for his teeth,
 As dentists advise him to do,
 Is less likely to suffer from PRIME
 Than those who do not? Do You?
 Bastrop, Texas. HOODWINK

11. CHARADE (12)

The moon we behold as a ONE or planet.
 TWO scientists have reached from afar;
 And so pleasantly we can scan it.
 When at night it outshines every star.
 At last that THREE wish and olden
 thought,
 Is no longer sad and WHOLE for
 distance now is nought.
 Jackson Heights, N. Y. OEDIPUS

12. SPOONERGRAM

We didn't (7) from making a roar
 But really allowed our voices (4 4)
 And bellowed out that old (7) once more.
 Los Angeles, Calif. PUZZEROO

13. LINKADE: 10; 4, 4, 4

Now, Henry was a loving THREE
 As six wives do attest;
 A TOTAL, boist'rous gentle, he
 With gravy on his vest.
 From time to time the drums
 would ONE;
 They'd execute a wench
 And, single, Henry'd have some fun
 And objugate the French.

Our Henry, he could TWO a plate;
 Eclipse a lady's star;
 But — though I suffer punster's fate —
 He never could break Paar!
 Houston, Tex. PAUL and VIRGINIA

14. SPOONERGRAM (5, 4)

He looked supremely happy
 With the sculpin on his line.
 We knew it was the ONE to catch
 But cheered him with a "Fine!"
 For every budding fisherman
 The TWO he has is this:
 To slowly work the tugging line
 And land a flopping fish.
 Portland, Me. MISSILE C.

15. First letter change (6)

Women who are FIRST
 Needn't fear the worst
 When hubby calls to say
 "I'm working late today".
 But occasional exceptions do arise from
 time to time;
 We've got a brand new neighbor and
 she's well within her prime.
 The other day she beckoned
 And I hastened to her call,
 I was then accused of SECOND —
 The unkindest cut of all.
 My wifey should know better and I told
 her so right then,
 But I don't think she believed me, 'cause
 we're THIRD next week again!
 Strafford, Pa. UNCLE REBUS

16. WORD DELETION (8; 2, 6)

Mind your Mom and eat the TWO
 In your soup (ONE'S good for you).
 When she calls you from your play,
 Run with ALL and don't say nay;
 In the long run, this will pay.
 Whittier, Calif. MOLEMI

THIS MONTH'S PUZZLES

M. U. Later's Rebus is a slang expression, but it shouldn't "throw" you. Quirk's Charade is a "trial introduction" to a varied type: two words comprise her ALL! (Let us know how you like it!)

17. SPOONERGRAM (5, 6)

"Gouache and tempera" and a
"wash drawing"
Each is a ONE, a term that's used
by those
Who wield the brush. Yet have you
noticed how
These artists criticize each other's work?
Not one kind word perchance gets
in their speech,
Most all with TWO, condemn the
other each.

Brookline, Mass.

HO HO

18. REBUS (12)

WAL

Not wall short an ell
Nor wail less an eye,
Not law taken back
Nor awl gone awry;

BUT:

Use awl on a wall,
Go wail to the law;
If REBUS you lack,
Your means has like flaw,
Chicago, Ill.

SAS

19. CHARADE (4, 5)

MY FIRST a letter or a mess may be.
A covered basket is MY SECOND.
A variable count of sheets MY THREE.
Fantastic plan MY ALL may be.

Pasadena, Calif.

QUIRK

20. CHARADE (11)

(For Hoodwink)

*TOTAL was not quite so ONE as
he'd made
It out in advance; there were dues
to be paid;
And SECOND, he learned, was another
sly trick —
Not one of these fellows could mortar
a brick!

Whittier, Calif.

MOLEMI

21. REBUS (19)

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A bridge that's built on many
little boats,
Is REBUS, and it's sometimes built
on floats.

Brookline, Mass.

HO HO

22. TRANSPOSAL (9)

Let me ONE you to my diet,
And I swear that if you try it
You will note much TWO in poundage
As you lose your excess roundage.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

ALGEBRA

23. CHARADE (9)

He seeks a nostrum
All poyus didn't like to live with ONE
And TOTAL, they'd adopt, if needs,
with guns.

"A three-striped armadillo live with u
Just try it, and we soon will raise
a fuss!"

Cried our TWO leader, righteous
in his rage.

"My ego says it's better in a cage
And my libido is already fired,
Subconscious sons both, whom my
THREE has sired."

Brookline, Mass.

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24. PHONETIC CHARADE (9; 5)

Religion to some is a species of WHO
Trying to plumb the dim depths of
the soul.

With eyes growing PRIME in the ze
of their search,

They scorn wayward FINE, ever true
to their Church.

Whittier, Calif.

MOLE

25. REBUS (5, 2, 3, 6)

S THTHTH P

GE

Admit defeat!
Give up! COMPLETE!

Middleville, Mich.

M. U. LA

26. HETERONYM (9; 3, 6)

Two totally different persons
In the very same letters we find.
PRIMAL is gentle and skillful,
A healer of body or mind.
FINAL is brutal and vicious,
A criminal of a low kind.

Canton, Ohio

BLACKSTONE

27. CURTAILMENT (7)

"Love rules the human ONE",
So states a saying wise.
"Not quite", some men object,
"But TWO will often win you a prize".

St. Petersburg, Fla.

FIDDLE

28. THIRD LETTER CHANGE (8)

He seeks a nostrum
To give him PRIME
From dietary ills.

He wants to eat,
With FINE, you know,
Whatever food he wills.

He can't be the patient,
And be doctor, too.

What in the world

Is he going to do!

Bastrop, Tex.

HOODWINK

29. TRANSPOSAL: (7)

They brashly plied the seven seas
These ONE in trappings gaudy;
Pursued, they'd hide their motley ships
In bayou, fiord or wadi;
And neath the restless strand they'd
cacha
The wages of their travel
In gulden, florin, TWO and franc
(And silks about to ravel).

Then up and down the sands they'd

THREE

And swill a case of brandy
And fall in drunken stupor: but
With cutlass ever handy;
For kings there were, and captains, too
Who necktie FOUR were scheming:
Let's leave this misbegotten band
Whilst they've yet heads for dreaming.

Houston, Tex.

PAUL and VIRGINIA

30. ANAGRAMS

SNIPE, PARD
Brookline, Mass.

HO HO

31. MY, ARE VALIANT HOST

(*3 *9 *4)

32. SILENT NOTICE FOR MANY

(8. 11.)

Minneapolis, Minn

THE GOPHER

33. WHERE MOON LOST ROBUST
VANITY

(*3 *5 *6 *11)

Philadelphia, Pa.

ZER-O

ANAGRAMS

34. OH, IT'S NAMES TO CON (3 12)

35. PIES CAST SHO' TICKLED ME!

(3 9 8)

Norfolk, Va.

VIKING

36. REPAST DONE; CHAPS SPIEL.

Middleville, Mich.

M. U. LATER

All by SHERLOCK HOLMES
H A T M A K I N G C A S C A D I T E
A Q U A L A N I A A P P A R E L E D
T U N S T I T E S S P O U S S I N G
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CRYPTGRAMS

1. Against the Law

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TREC KROA; WLP COZ ELDYORKPYRDH Y
YNZ AZURDSPZDEW LI C GWDCN.

2. Edenic

ABCEF CGHBCIGE IB JKLK LGGM NIIGCG
AJGM *KEKO PQCFI DKQE GRGF BM *CL
ACGC MBI: "OKEKO Q'O *KEKO," LNI
IKRGF KDD RQMEF BP HGBHDG IB OKR
K ABCDE."

3. Lottery

PREVIOUS QSTEVIO WEXYIQTZA BTS WRS
SRBBAU; BSDUXP CTAP ODYFUOC; EXYA
PSUZ AEYFG XEHQUS.

4. (Man from Spectre?)

LAMMOHR YPZ: NHX, UNX CVX BOX BLX S
BQX, LOX BHV, BIVOQ RPX OVER? U
PHLOX: HVBX-INHX LVX BLX, BVX "LPX

5. Wastrel

ABCDEFHCX GEKLFMNO JNPCRL SKBRI EF
UNCNRE MNZR DFS. HNEL MNSRP, OFVAR
ORHC DRFE YEKVR, DABMEI.

6. Queen for a day.

ABCDEF AFHGIJ KLCN OCHDILJ QGNBFI
LCRD FE KPFMIG KGSCLPFI. DGPSF TP
FDUCJM LCJGB RQPLB.

7. Cow-ardly

ZCQJTLKB TKBRY ATCP OTRVC CQLJRY
LQ. BRQ LQCF ATWVCZ WDLFA HELTW.
KCZ UCLDWF YLWQCZ XLMRFB JLPWTZ
BPRHJ CQLZKB PTLKAGJ.

8. Hair-Raising

LFRMBV GXSCFKM DPNGK CZFQ HSXFVZP
DP; DJPQRLZX, KNSJT SDQPNV WLQKGF
NMLH. DWPVSJ SNVK BFLJQ TLSR.

Canton, Ohio — BLACKSTONE

Brookline, Mass. — HO

Jackson Heights, N. Y. — OEDIP

East Lansing, Mich. — WORTGAUK

Bastrop, Texas — HOODW

St. Petersburg, Fla. — IFAN

Indianapolis, Ind. — BA

Greenfield, Mass. — B. NAT

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NO. 737

BY THEIR NOMS YE SHALL KNOW THEM

With the repetition of the initials of his name, Harry Ober's nom is HoHo, who now expresses himself thus:

"I don't know why anyone would be interested in an autobiography, but if you are, read on; if not, turn to Penetralia and you will be more richly rewarded.

"When I was at Harvard, I had to investigate my family, and did get the dates as far back as the 1700's, but from then back, it is shrouded in oblivion. My folks came over from Hungary in the 1880's, and tarried in Europe too long to catch the May-flower. However, it is reasonable to suppose that they did manage to get on some boats on Lake Tiberias, two or three thousand years ago; this is probably why I fly rather than take ships, to this day.

"I was brought up in Boston in a large family, and lived a rather heltered existence. I was graduated from Grammar School, through the ninth grade at the age of 11, and three years later, left High School, after a business course. By this time I could write shorthand at the rate of 150 words a minute, and was considered an excellent typist, and could keep a double entry set of books. I had studied French, and a great deal of English and History. I really was not very big --- I believe I was the smallest boy in the class --- my voice was 'second soprano' and I, to my great shame,

had to sing with the girls. I didn't begin to put on growth until after this, but eventually wound up at about 68 inches, with a bass voice.

"During the next five years, I became part of the commercial activities of Boston, with various jobs as a bookkeeper. I took several night courses in various scientific fields, but always had the idea in the back of my mind that I wanted to go to college. During this period I became interested in Zionism, the cause that brought for the Jewish people ultimately, the restoration of Israel as a nation, and at one time I was the head of the Youth Zionist organization of the State of Massachusetts.

"Then, when I was 19, I decided I had to go to college. I returned to High School, got my diploma, and prepared myself for the college exams, at Harvard, and passed them. In passing, I managed to adhere to the Fourth Year English Prize, which was awarded to me during my absence: I was in an Army camp in Pennsylvania, a sergeant in the Hospital Corps of the Mass. Volunteer Militia. The military aspect of my life was short; but because of my record as a Sergeant Instructor, I was asked to teach the newly formed group at the Harvard Medical School while a student at the college itself, as an undergraduate.

"By this time, I had resolved to study medicine, and had concentrated on a broad base of many sciences,

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