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Years ago Jacques Bergier co-authored The Morning of the Magicians, which I considered a bewildering but fascinating assortment of facts, theories, speculations, conjectures, and absurdities. Since reading his latest book, I'll delete the last word.

The first portion of Secret Armies traces the history of industrial spying, describes many lost discoveries, and is far more amusing than the average comedian.

"The special service set up in Essen in 1920 was able to keep the French from finding the giant cannon known as the Pariskanone which had bombarded the French capital in 1918: they turned it into a huge factory chimney."

"There is a tale of an industrial-espionage agent who, in the heyday of American industrial expansion, went from floor to floor in the HQ of a very important corporation, pushing a small wheeled teacart and informing each office: 'Check on secret documents. Please put them on the table.' Legend has it he then rolled off with them and was never seen again!"

One private detective wrote: "The victims themselves make things easier for industrial spies by marking their letters PRIVATE and CONFIDENTIAL and drawing attention to them."

The second portion remains fascinating but the mood changes - as it describes some proposed and actual weapons.

"I am led to believe that work is being done on the creation of a field of force which could change all insulators into conductors, and vice versa. According to quantum theory, this is quite possible."

One chapter describes secret manuals and magazines. If you enjoy reading Telco's confidential manuals, imagine what it would be like reading these! Polywater ('Polycrap', as one sceptic called it) is also mentioned. Also an H-Bomb "lightning rod", which would be effective, unlike the fraudulent ripoff Safeguard (sic) AEM system. For camera fans, "the Soviet FD3 manufactured at Riga, which is the envy of the whole world. It looks like a fine chronometric wrist-watch, is practically undetectable, and takes excellent pictures. With slight modification of setting, it can be used for microfilming documents. Until now, no other country has turned out anything like it."

The search for invisibility is mentioned, of course. And there's the intermediate explosive. "One such exists, which can be made by mixing a common commercial detergent with aluminum powder. Police everywhere are terrified of this falling into the hands of bombers, who might blow up not only their target, but the entire neighborhood around it. For specialists, we may say that this involves some fifty megajoules per kilogram of explosive, without need for outside oxygen. (for comparison, a kilogram of TNT provides 4.2 megajoules). And there's the antipetroleum microbe, and Catalyst C, which would dissolve all paper.

The last third of the book continues in this vein: Satellites which can detect a single individual on the ground, or a submerged submarine even when it's not moving. Californium 252, which has a critical mass of only a few grams so that an A-Bomb could be carried in and fired from a rifle. It concludes by describing 17 possible "local" wars: South Africa vs Black Africa, The Revolt Against Western Civilization, China Against India, X Against the United States, The Great Panic...

One is reminded of H. G. Wells' statement that "Human history becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe." We apparently are in the home stretch. I think I'll go fishing. Or feed the squirrels. Or drop acid at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. JP

INFORMATION WANTED

Shhhh! Infrasound and ultrasonics and microwaves, all of which are inaudible, can produce remarkable effects on people. A certain frequency around 7hertz will cause an involuntary relaxation of the anal sphincter muscles. Other frequencies will produce other remarkable effects - lethal if of sufficient intensity. Remember the Sonic Disrupters of Star Trek? We'd like more information about generators. From 'The Big Brother Game: "a device which is about the size of a transistor radio and produces RF energy at a frequency of about 388mc. ... These devices are fairly simple to put together and the plans are commercially available... The French police are supposedly using a device which consists of a high frequency sound generator (about 25-35KHz) coupled to high efficiency tweeters and some concentrating baffles. The device vaguely resembles a hand held bull horn and is used for 'crowd control'..."

Dear Jim,

Letters can be sent free by a method that has not yet appeared in TAP. It is ecological to recycle old envelopes, and if the envelopes are the type which businesses use (that have the metered postage on them and are never postmarked), then a stamp isn't even necessary! A large number of this type of envelope can be obtained by filling out Bingo (Readers' Service) Cards in many magazines. Professional journals give the best results.

Kercheeeeeeeeeeep,
Edward Extract
Westchester Phone
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(WestPhreak)

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is the Free U Catalog (a 16 page tabloid) and a copy of our Alternative Technologies magazine.

If you purchase a service contract through IBM for your Selectric, you may be able to talk the serviceman into giving you several extra elements. That is the way we picked up a variety of typing balls. Once an element has been used, it can no longer be sold by IBM. Hence, if a serviceman replaces someone's element, he has one to give away. The service contract is great, I had about \$300 worth of work done on my machine for \$45.

We are presently in the market for a composer - a machine that will give us justified copy. We have been told that the best choice is the Compugraphic Execuwriter for \$3500. That's a little steep considering the fact that we gross only \$7,000 a year. If anyone knows of a reasonable priced used one, please inform us.

We'd like info on a Diesel powered heat pump mentioned in Barry Commoner's The Poverty of Power. I'm not sure that it is even manufactured. We can provide some info on electric cars. We are working on a design that should double the performance of EV's such as the Elcar and Citicar. We also have a design for a CB accessory that will provide a clear channel. It is similar but better than the design that Lafayette Radio uses. The repeater club here in Indianapolis has bypassed Bell's mobile telephone monopoly and has their own set up. This is a considerable investment but it's a lot cheaper than renting equipment from Bell.

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ACHTUNG!

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TUNING YOUR ORGAN

Many people have at one time or another the need for accurate tones of a certain frequency for calibrating signal generators or an oscilloscope. We have in the past (Issues 7 and 12) shown that Touch-Tone phones and electronic organs have precise outputs and we have published the frequencies of the keys. Now, there is a simple, low cost frequency generator available. Altaj Electronics sells Kit 013 for \$15.75 (free postage), and it is advertised as a 1 MHz crystal-controlled oscillator with digitally divided-down outputs of 100 KHz, 10 KHz, 1 KHz, 100 Hz, 10 Hz, 1 Hz and .1 Hz. This is perfect for tuning the individual ranges of a signal generator, or making sure that your oscilloscope displays a square wave with 10 complete cycles occupying 10 divisions, when the time base is set at 1 millisecond per division and feeding in a 1 KHz tone. Accuracy is .005% or better when adjusted with a frequency counter, which can be borrowed for the occasion.

These frequencies themselves are not especially useful, except that they are convenient for calibrating devices that will be used as frequency references. Send a check or money order to Altaj Electronics, P.O. Box 38544, Dallas, Texas 75238. Kit 014 is similar but uses TTL devices on the PC board instead of CMOS. Since CMOS uses much less power, we recommend it above TTL, so order KIT 013. The kit comes complete with all parts, PC board, but less power supply, which can be bought from them for \$6.50.

Due to the kit's low price, we do not recommend building it on your own and saving a few dollars. PC boards are to be preferred for IC projects because they solder quicker, and this means less heat to the chips. We suggest you buy the kit rather than attempt to etch your own board.

Dear TAP people,

Thank you for telling your readers about Dawn Enterprises' products: life extension data, vitamins and food additives, Libertarian Connection (our publication, which also contains life extension data). Unfortunately, you seem to have implied that we have available electronic plans from Don Britton Enterprises. In fact, we have no electronic plans, catalogs, or products. The Libertarian Information Cooperative has no connection (no pun intended) with the LC and the LIC's statement that Dawn Enterprises would forward letters to them was made without asking our permission. In fact, we will not forward letters to LIC, or any other organization. We would greatly appreciate your informing your readers of these facts.

Sincerely,
Lisa Dawn
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Sorry to have caused everyone inconvenience. JP.

Jail phone calls curbed in N.Y.C.

NEW YORK (UPI)—U.S. District Judge Marvin Frankel has ordered revisions at the federal detention facility in Manhattan to curb fraudulent long-distance telephone calls by inmates. The calls have cost an estimated \$100,000 since August 1975.

Frankel Friday ordered that the 23 pay telephones available at the Manhattan Correctional Center be converted to "restricted dialing," which will permit calls to the 212 area code only.

In addition, Frankel said, the center will install 22 long-distance telephones to be routed through a switchboard that will allow collect calls or calls to be charged to the inmates' commissary accounts.

Advance written authorization by the inmate will be required for each call he wishes to charge to his commissary account, Frankel said.

The New York Telephone Company recently charged that its investigators had found that 24 per cent of the fraud in an area covering four million telephones had been traced to the 23 pay phones scattered throughout the 12-story jail.

More than 100 prisoners were identified as having made a total of 200 fraudulent calls a day to places as far away as South America.

The company threatened to remove the phones, but was blocked by a prisoner lawsuit charging the removal would violate their constitutional rights to communicate with relatives and lawyers.

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The best part of working at TAP is opening and reading the mail. Answering letters is also fun. Laying out issues is at least creative. Filling orders is a drag, and mailing out each issue has become incredible drudgery. Since no one has come in to help out, we will begin sending out issues two at a time. This will reduce our labor and postage and envelope costs by half. True, it will mean you will have to wait an extra month or so for every other issue, but it's better than if we decided "Fuck it!" and quit entirely, isn't it? If we had enough people we could put out a 24 page issue each month, and it's all the fault of you NYC area readers that we don't.

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COMING SOON!

REPORT FROM MERRIE OLDE ENGLAND

It's not so merry in a Socialist Police State where Big Brother controls the Telephone Company, the Post Office, the economy, and people's lives.

INTERVIEW WITH A GRAND GUY

He doesn't have a colored box, but he does some weird things with a phone.

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