

Italian Scientist Predicts Cataclysm In 569 Years

FAENZA, Italy, Jan. 15—(Reuters)—A cataclysm more terrible than the biblical flood will convulse the earth 569 years from now, according to Raffaele Bendani, 56-year-old Italian scientist.

Bendani says he has discovered four new major planets and is able to predict when earthquakes will occur.

He is convinced that it was his four planets which, when last aligned to bring their maximum combined force to bear on the earth, caused the disappearance of Atlantis 10,431 years before Christ. An enormous catastrophe, identified by some as the biblical flood, is said to have buried this legendary land beneath the Atlantic Ocean.

Bendani himself, however, attributes the flood to a less violent combination of planetary forces in 2,687 B.C.

He says that the next serious alignment of the planets is calculated to cause a world cataclysm on or about April 6, 2521.

They are already causing earthquakes, he says, although these are nothing compared with the havoc they will wreak in the past, and will wreak again, as they spin towards earth.

The name of Bendani has become almost a household word in Northern Italy. But orthodox Italian scientists treat him either scornfully or condescendingly.

A self-taught seismographer who builds his own equipment, this genial little man has never seen any of his "own" planets because the doors of Italian observatories are closed to him and he has no optical telescope of his own.

Working back into history, he shows a visitor scores of diagrams illustrating the decisive position of the heavenly bodies at the time of the world's greatest calamities—from the destruction of Pompeii in August 79 A.D. to the Lisbon earthquake at the beginning of September, ten days later, Sept. 1, strong earth tremors shook Ancona, causing death and damage.

From his one-man observatory

Mercurys Plan Change In Style

LONDON, Jan. 15—(CP)—Edmonton Mercurys today listed three players on the limp with assorted injuries—and vowed to change their style of hockey as a result.

The cripples are defenceman Don Gauf, injured back; left wing Lou Secco, twisted knee; and centre George Abel, groin injury. All were hurt in Saturday night's exhibition against Paisley, which ended in a 6-6 tie.

Mercury coach Lou Holmes, who played with Chicago Black Hawks in the 1930s, said today Paisley played "a little more robust" hockey than expected, although all the injuries were accidental. Play in Britain generally tends to be more bloodless than in Canada. Boarding is practically unknown.

"We came over here expecting to go lightly," Holmes said. "After what happened Saturday we're going to play it different from here in."

Mercury arrived Sunday from Scotland, where they won three and tied one. Tonight they played Streatham, top team in the English National League and probably one of the best clubs to show here for several years. They lost the first game of their tour 2-1. Tomorrow the Canadian Olympic representatives leave by air for Krefeld, Germany, first stop in a lengthy European program that reaches a climax with the Olympic championships at Oslo, starting Feb. 14.

In a quiet street of Faenza, Bendani continues to issue bulletins forecasting earthquakes or spells of bad weather—sometimes with disconcerting accuracy.

Few deny that Bendani can compete with the best official observatories in recording earth tremors, but his method of predicting is all his own.

His fundamental theory, which led him to claim discovery of the four new planets, is that the moon causes earthquakes as well as tides when its "drag" on the earth coincides with similar planetary influence.

By orthodox methods, he early began to calculate when and where the moon and the eight known major planets would exert their greatest combined pull on the earth's crust. He would then foretell a "telluric tide," or earthquake, for that time in that area.

But certain "inexplicable" tremors set him wondering—and devising new instruments to record the influence of planets. His investigating with these led him to the "discovery" of his new planets.

Attend Training Conference



Prince Edward Island Reserve Force officers attended a two-day training conference at Eastern Command headquarters, Halifax, on Friday and Saturday. Plans for the coming year were discussed in detail and explanation of problems given by staff officers. Shown above, left to right are front row: Brig. J.E. Anderson, commander 14th Infantry Brigade, Fredericton, N.B.; Brig. G.E.R. Smith, commander Newfoundland Area, St. John's, Nfld.; Major Gen. E.C. Plow, general officer commanding Eastern Command; Brig. T. Eric Snow, commander N.B. Area, Fredericton; Lt. Col. P.C.R. Black, chief of staff Newfoundland area and Major W.A.P. Smith, general staff officer, Fredericton; back row: Capt. J.F. McCarville, 21st Field Ambulance, Charlottetown; Lt. Col. K.M. Johnston, 5th Signals Regiment, Charlottetown; Capt. O.R. Simons, 21st Armored Brigade, Charlottetown; Lt. Col. H.G. Williams, 28th Light Anti-Aircraft Regt. Charlottetown and Lt. Col. A.W. Rogers, P.E.I. Regt. (Canadian Army Photo.)

O'Leary and Vicinity

The O'Leary branch of the Legion is among the nine branches of the P. E. I. Command which is on the Honor Roll because "The Legionary" is sent to all their paid-up members. Other branches in the Province who are on the 100% Honor Roll are: Charlottetown; Kingston (Charlottetown); Miscouche; Montague; Summerside and Victoria.

Orel Gallant returned home to O'Leary on Wednesday, Jan. 9th, after taking five local young men to Whycomagh, Cape Breton, where they will work in the woods. The big storm on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, delayed him getting home. The boys were: Brent Phillips, S. Buchanan, Sandy Buchanan, Lewis MacGregor and

Clifford Gallant.

—In the January 1952 number of "The Legionary," the official national magazine of the Canadian Legion, which is just off the press, is a picture of Miss Margaret Ellis of Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Ellis, who won the Dominion Command Canadian Legion Scholarship and who is now a student at Mount Allison University in Sackville, N. B. Her father is a veteran of World War One.

On Jan. 11th, for eleven hours, O'Leary, in conjunction with the rest of the Province experienced the heaviest snowfall and blinding blizzard for many years. The roads quickly became impassable. Schools were cancelled in O'Leary and a number of business establishments did not open or else remained open only a short time. Towards evening the sun came out for a brief period but drifts con-

tinued. There was no interruption in the electric service or the telephone service. There were huge drifts on the main street of O'Leary as well as on the other streets of the village and on the O'Leary Road. At 8 p.m. the capable and obliging snowplow operator started plowing the roads.

—AZ.

Our Daily Serial

By Peggy Dorn
CHAPTER FIVE
Part One

"Yes, it's very nice," she said. The woman looked at Cella and said icily, "The blouse is not for sale."

Puzzled, Cella said, "Oh well, something similar. Let me see what you have."

"I have nothing to sell you or your friend, now or at any other time," said the woman, slowly, distinctly, each word seeming to carry a tiny separate sting.

Cella straightened and stared at the woman incredulously. Catherine's cheeks were scarlet, but she laughed a little and drawled, "So sorry to have troubled you."

She turned to the door, but Cella held her ground.

"I think I'd like an explanation, please," she said swiftly. "You have a shop here, and it's open for business—"

"But not to do business with—"

"Illiterates," said the woman furiously. "Not with people that use their money to buy up things that everybody needs for their own use. There's nothing in this town that any of the Mallorcs can buy—unless it's on the black market."

"This is ridiculous!" blazed Cella.

"Come on, Cella—let's get out!" said Catherine at the door.

Cella turned and went out of the shop, her head held high, her cheeks crimson. Catherine, waiting for her, said wryly, "Sorry Cella—I knew how they hated and resented Win and me, but I didn't know that their resentment would extend even to a Bartlett. Sorry I let you in for that."

"It's all right," answered Cella, curly. "It wasn't too pleasant, of course, but after all—"

She shrugged, and the two girls walked back to the car.

Win, seeing the look on their faces, said savagely to Catherine, "Why did you let her go into that place?"

Catherine said briefly, "Sorry."

Jennifer looked like the cat that swallowed a whole nestful of cararries, and Win, helping Cella into the car, said to her, "Don't look like that, darling. These benighted souls are envious and this is the only way they can show their resentment. I'll drive you to Atlanta tomorrow or next day and you can shop to your heart's content."

Cella went quickly down the road until she was out of sight. But as she reached the little wooden bridge, she stopped and tugged off her hat and stood leaning on the old, splintery railing of the bridge.

She wondered uneasily if he were really going to marry Jennifer, if he had been merely using her, Cella, to pique Jennifer.

Catherine disliked Jennifer, and made no pretense of hiding it. Jennifer was completely aware of this dislike, and returned it in full, yet was thick-skinned enough to be on at Azalea Court long after the original visit for which she had been invited had expired. A girl would have to be tremendously in love with a man, or terribly keen on getting a rich husband to do that, Cella told herself.

She had been standing so still, lost in thought there on the old bridge, that a movement in the green forest below passed her unnoticed. But she started as a man stepped out of the woods, and looked up, as surprised as she was to find that she was not completely alone.

"Oh hello," said Rusty. "What's the matter? Have a fight with your boy friend and have to walk home?"

Cella's cheeks burned beneath the slight taunt in the words, and she answered him stiffly. "Certainly not! The Mallorcs brought some guests out from town, and I preferred to walk, rather than have them make an extra trip to bring me home."

Rusty nodded, accepting that and dismissing it, his lack of interest almost insolently strong.

He was winding a line carefully about a bamboo fishing pole, a disreputable old pipe gripped in his teeth. His slacks were mudstained, his shirt was open at the throat and dark with perspiration, as he finished the job and said cheerfully, "Who is it around here that gives the fish a college education so that they won't bite on a hook baited or otherwise?"

"It seems to me," said Cella, "I heard Win Mallory tell somebody the other day that there had never been a fish in this creek larger than a tadpole. Of course I know a tadpole isn't a fish, but anyway, Win said that there was no fishing nearer than the river and that's three miles back of their place."

LA. DON—Queen Mary has presented 322 volumes of different works to the library of the University College of the West Indies. Officials said the books covered a wide range of subjects.

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Pleasant View Christmas Concert

—On December 21st the pupils of Pleasant View School presented their Christmas Concert in Boyd Bernard's Hall under the direction of the teacher, Mrs. James Shea, assisted by Mrs. Boyd Bernard, who also acted as organist.

The Hall was nicely decorated and a well-laden tree occupied one corner.

The following program was presented:

Welcome — by seven pupils.

Opening Chorus — "Welcome" and "Ring Merry Bells."

Acrostic — "Ten Little Children" — Lucille, Jean, Lorna and Victor Doucette, Lloyd Ellsworth, Florence and Lois Aylward, Margaret Ann Gaudet, Bert Peters, Owen Gaudet.

Dialogue — "Christmas Breakfast" — Marie Evelyn and Dorothy Doucette, Sheila Perry, Phyllis Aylward, Ellen Gaudet.

Dialogue — "Fooling Aunt Julia."

Song — "Lonely Little Robin" — Sheila Perry.

—Marie and Evelyn Doucette, Recitation — "Santa's Garden" — Phyllis Doucette.

Dialogue — "Christmas Eve" — by the pupils of Grades Two, Three and Four.

Christmas Carols — "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Come All Ye Faithful," "Silent Night" — Ellen Gaudet, Dorothy, Marie, Evelyn and Phyllis Doucette, Phyllis Aylward, Sheila Perry, Vina and Philip Bernard, Mary Ellen Aylward, Arthur, Edward and Junior Doucette.

Recitation — "When Santa Was a Boy" by Edward Doucette.

Song — "Down the Trail of Aching Hearts" — Dorothy Doucette, Ellen Gaudet, Phyllis Aylward.

Dialogue — "Advice to the Lovelorn" — Reggie Shea, Raymond Marie, Evelyn Dorothy, Doris and Annie Mae Doucette, Sheila Perry, Ellen Gaudet.

Monologue — "Meditation" — Mary Ellen Aylward.

Drill — "Christmas Roses."

Song — "Christmas" — by nine girls.

Play — "Rest Room" — Doris and Annie Mae Doucette, Sheila Perry, Phyllis Aylward, Raymond Marie, Evelyn, Wilfred and Dorothy Doucette, Ellen Gaudet, Reggie Shea.

Song — "Good Night Irene."

(in costume) by Vina Bernard and Phyllis Doucette.

Recitation — "Mrs. Santa Claus" by Vina Bernard.

Play — "Disappointing Dinah" — Two niggers (in costume) Christmas Carol — "Away In a Manger" by Vina Bernard and Phyllis Doucette.

Chorus — "Jingle Bells" — "Here Comes Santa Claus." To the delight of all the children, Santa then appeared in his usual jovial manner and distributed gifts from the Christmas tree to the pupils and teacher. He then gave a treat to all the pupils and pre-school children.

The program closed by eight pupils singing "Good Night Ladies."

New Argyle and Vicinity

Mr. Henry Taylor, Cornwall, spent the past week in New Argyle, guest of his sister, Mrs. Albert MacDougall.

School has reopened after its Christmas holidays under the capable management of Vincent MacKenzie.

Friends of Mrs. John MacKinnon are sorry to hear she is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. John MacNevin were recent visitors to Bonshaw.

Mrs. Roy Newsom and daughter Lina, spent a recent week-end at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Melville Ferguson.

The Elbe River in Germany, second only to the Rhine, has a total drainage basin of about 50,000 square miles.

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