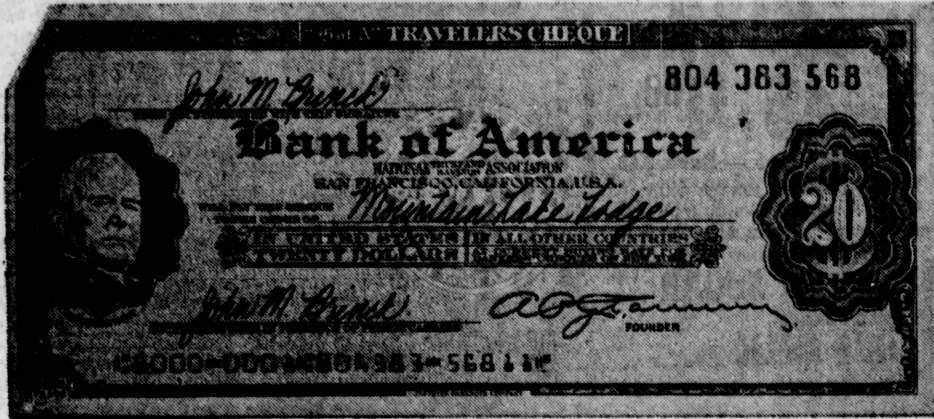


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# He Cocks His Ears to Catch Planet X Radio

The writer, as you may suspect, is interested in space, so there reached this desk a book published last year called "Interstellar Communication."

It is a symposium from a score of top scientists in fields likely to be involved in a search for intelligent extraterrestrial life. For some years a group of cosmologists have been devising radio experiments in the search.

Even with some meditation you might suppose there are 50 factors to be considered in this project. Read this book and you will see at least 500. Obviously only one factor can be touched here.

The difficulty is not to postulate other stars like our own having planetary systems in which life may exist. Most cosmologists and biologists now concede it. The difficulty is to find any planet, presumably in our Galaxy, in which life is at the exact stage in which radio communication is possible.

Consider that in the time of Archimedes (250 B. C.) or Newton (1700 A.D.) the earth had intelligent, inquiring life, but without electronic capacity. Consider again that 1,000 years hence, if man survives, we will have X times the capacity to communicate we have today.

But what is 40 years of radio communication (or 1,000 years), in the evolution of stars, planets or planetary inhabitants? That poses the question.

The round figure for the stellar population of our Galaxy is 100 billion. Rule out the great population of double stars and stars unlike our sun, and Shapley and others have estimated "several" billion stars with planetary systems. But stars and systems are 4 - 15 billion years old, and a large share are in an evolutionary state in which life has not yet appeared, or is already extinct. So some estimate 10 million stars with at least one planet resembling earth.

That's a lot of congener earths, but here a new problem emerges. The earth is 4.5 billion years old, but only for 20 years, say 1/200,000ths of its age, have its inhabitants been capable of sending and receiving signals across intergalactic space.

To communicate, we must have extraterrestrial life which is at our technological stage, or better. But clearly this is a very small time sector in the life of a planet. There is also a question whether, having achieved a high technology, living beings destroy themselves. So altogether our potentially communicating planets number a small fraction of the hypothetical 10 million.

Notwithstanding, reputable cosmologists are working at it. When you consider it requires nine years to put a question and get an answer from the nearest star, you see they will be working at it for some time.

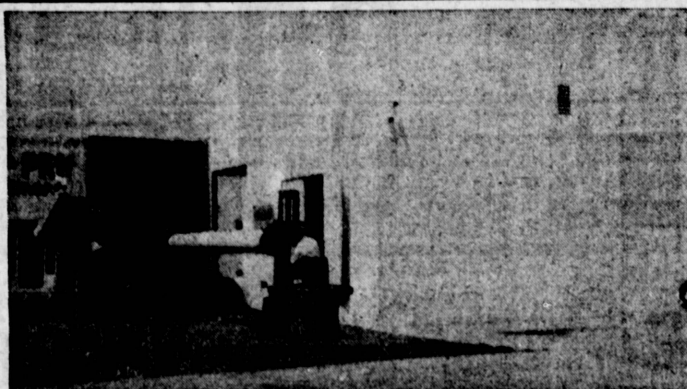
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