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WORLD FAILS TO END: The planetary conjunction and solar eclipse, scheduled for February 4th and 5th, has taken place on schedule; but as nearly as we can find out, all of the dire predictions connected with the event have failed to come true.

In India, the "doomsday" scare was taken so seriously that on the night of Feb. 3rd, thousands of Hindus shivered through the wintry night at prayer meetings and various holy places. Katmandu, capital of Nepal, looked like a ghost town except around the Hindu temples. All shops were closed, and business came to a virtual standstill in several other cities. Indians remembered that in 1934 a similar astronomical phenomenon co-incided with a serious earthquake in which many people were killed.

In the western United States, some of the members of saucerer Dan Fry's group, called "Understanding," took to the hills to avoid the disasters predicted for the Pacific coast. A saucerer in New Mexico wrote a couple of weeks ago to one of our correspondents: "Right now I'm simply swamped, getting a year's supply of ammo, GI arctic clothing, and food, fuel oil, etc., ready for the Feb. 5th conjunction...." Here in New York, the Hayden Planetarium received hundreds of worried letters and phone calls. A New York astrologer named Joseph F. Goodavage went out on a limb last October and wrote: "An unknown virus will strike South Africa, India, and East China, causing widespread chaos and death. Western Europe, the British Isles, and even southern Italy will undergo the worst deep freeze in 30 to 50 years. Violent earthquakes will rock Communist East China; the contour of the land will alter and rivers will change course. The west coast of America will be subjected to earthquake activity. In other areas, subterranean quakes will thrust new islands from the sea...." Whether by co-incidence or not, a New York anti-Atom-Bomb group chose the week of Jan. 29th through Feb. 4th to stage a series of peace demonstrations. (Some astrological predictions had stated that atomic warfare would begin during the planetary conjunction.) And, finally, Brooklyn's Andy Sinatra, alias the Mystic Barber, staged a one-man demonstration in front of the United Nations building on Feb. 4th. This historic event was covered by your SAUCER NEWS Editor, and we will publish more details about it in our forthcoming June issue.

Alas, the world is still here, no better and no worse than it was before the prophets of doom had their field day!

SENSATIONAL NEW INFORMATION ABOUT BENDER'S BOOK: A correspondent in Louisiana named Lee R. Elliott recently wrote us the following amazing statements:

"....I'll tell you some of the details regarding the fantastic events which happened to Bender. While you have been most sincere in your efforts to report events in saucer research as you see them, you too have been led off course by the unanswered problems....Through fear of reprisals, Bender refused to name the Three Men. Because of fear, he refused to write, give data, or operate his organized research. Then, about a year ago, I wrote to Bender. I told him basic facts about the coming New Age and about the launched programs of the Space People....I was authorized to give Bender the GO AHEAD order in regard to his book. You may recall that Ray Palmer had carried an article in 'Flying Saucers' Magazine, stating that Bender would eventually 'talk,' but you will also notice that Bender never talked. The same fear of death and brutal force caused him to remain silent. So, I wrote to Bender and explained to him what the situation was, and the method I used was to emphasize what would happen if the Three Men in black suits interfered further with Bender's work....The data I gave Bender ripped all the fear away and gave him the moral support to defy those characters. As a result, Bender has now done what he was afraid to do before. Whereas before, he was afraid to talk, he not only talks now, but has composed his book, and it will be printed!....The reason that Bender managed to get his book written is that he is one of those humans who has gained spiritual development. He has evolved from fear to an advanced stage of thinking; and because of this, his entire perspective changed...."

We will make no comment on the above information until after "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" is published.