You may not be sure you've got it, but chances are excellent you do

SAN ANTONIO — Everyone ay possess the same psychic ies usually thought to belong mly certain "gifted" persons like leanne Dixon, according to a re-learcher at the Mind Science Foun-

Dr. William Braud, one of per-laps 20 fulltime parapsychologists in the nation, heads a team of rearch specialists. They are invesating why persons dream about wents before they happen, anticipate a telephone ringing an instant before it does, "know" what some-

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rs turned out in force Wednes-

ay to battle a fire at a power station

Tilbury, east of London, when riking firefighters refused to an-

Nearby resident fled their homes as choking clouds of smoke rolled

The fire started in a cable duct

d troops and volunteers rushed to

sist employees of the Tilbury "B"

Officials of the foundation say they believe many of the coincidences which take place in people's daily lives are genuine occurrences

of extrasensory perception.

The Mind Science Foundation claims to be one of a half-dozen such organizations in the United States seeking to explain such phenomena as mental telepathy, clairvoyance, precognition and psychokinesis (mind over matter) by testing aver-

'Green Goddess" fire trucks as none

The main danger was at the 30-

The government, meanwhile,

remained firm on refusing to treat

the striking firefighters as a "special

of the soldiers has breathing ap-

one else is thinking before he speaks, or what is happening in years ago, based on a permanent endowment from the estate of oilman-philanthropist Tom Slick, whose bequests also helped found the Southwest Research Center and Southwest Foundation for Research

and Education. From the outset, officials of the Mind Science Foundation carefully separated their research from the practice of fortune telling, seances or witchcraft. They maintain the phenomena of the mind in which they are interested are shared by all

one who is especially endowed with Most of the testing is done on specially designed random event generators and a computer. The British firemen strike; Foundation also has begun compiling a parapsychology library.

Larry Johnson, public information officer for the foundation, ad-

government won't budge

mits the research suffers from public misunderstanding.
"It's difficult to discern fact from fiction," Johnson said.

The foundation last month

brought in acclaimed British psychic

Matthew Manning for a week, but

Braud said Manning's ESP exhibi-

"wasn't that spectacular.

"He definitely has abilities, but whether he has more than you or I is

hard to say," Braud said.
"Generally, we work with ordi-

nary, average, everyday people in

our effort to test and measure

psychic experience phenomena. But occasionally, we like to have some-

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'It's a common practice to either eccept everything or reject everything. A lot of facts have come about through serious scientific investiga-tion, but a lot of questions are still

One of the tests involves a completely relaxed person in one room describing his or her impressions of a "target" being projected out of sight in an adjoining room. The descriptions often are accurate, Braud

Another test is on an "electronic dice thrower" in which a person at-tempts to foretell which of four colored lights will shine by pressing one of four buttons.

The researcher said an average person often is startled when the testing reveals psychic abilities.

"They're generally impressed," Braud said. "Some are excited. It scares other people and they say, 'am I a witch?"

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and meet demands for inower station, about 30 miles from Police evacuated people in the rea when the fire was still out of creased pay as the stoppage went into its third day. The British parliament voted overwhelmingly to support the govtrol after five hours.

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spokesman said.

Vet dean accepts

high Italian honor

Dr. George C. Shelton, dean Staff member f the College of Veterinary Medicine at Texas A&M University, has received one of Italy's highest awards — that of honorary membership in the Order of Knights of the Italian Republic.

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The three-day conference is The award to Shelton was in focusing on mid-life assessment recognition of his outstanding and career changes.

Thick smoke posed the major ernment's hard-line stand against problem to troops fighting the fire the nation's 35,000 striking with their World War II-vintage firefighters.

The firefighters stood fast on their demands for a 30 percent pay increase and left their picket lines Tuesday only to save lives. They foot level of the power station where large oil tanks were housed, a police ground.

The government wants a 10 per-

cent ceiling on pay raises.
Soldiers and voluntters battled hundreds of blazes but lacked the equipment and training to do the job and were plagued by a rash of false alarms. Scotland Yard launched a secret plan to track down the hoax callers.

At least four people have died in fires since the walkout began Monday, but none of the deaths was attributed to the strike.

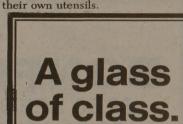
Near Manchester, the strikers watched a leather goods factory that employed 40 workers burn down.

The fire brigade would have dealt with this in 10 minutes if they had not been on strike," the owner said. "The army lads and police have done a great job, but they are not specialists."

But firefighters, in separate incidents, broke into their own firehouse to get a ladder to rescue an injured man from a building, helped infantrymen rescue four persons in a burning apartment and rushed to the scene of a bus-truck

collision to pull out the injured.

Fire Brigade Union leaders called another meeting Wednesday with city officials to press their demands for higher pay. They now earn \$118





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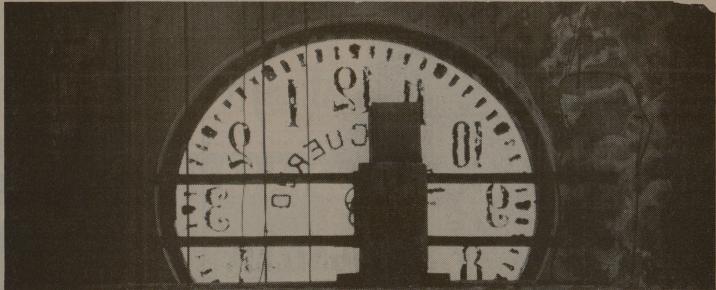
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