


International Miracle 'Healer' to visit the Town!

PROFESSOR George Canning who has achieved an international reputation as a 'miracle' healer is to visit Castleblayney next week and operate a temporary clinic for a number of days in the mid-Monaghan town.

A top martial arts expert, who got his degree from a Yugoslavian university, Professor Canning, who now lives in Dublin, but operates clinics in different parts of Ireland say he is neither a faith or a spiritual healer!

He claims to be the only therapist in Western Europe who has been trained by the world-famous Yugoslave, Zdenko Domancic.

The professor has astonished onlookers in Dublin, Cork and  by some of his amazing 'cures'. And even the most hardened of sceptics were dumb-founded to witness how he enabled people to have their sight and hearing restored while others were able to get up from wheelchairs and walk from the hotels unaided!

During the week, Professor Canning visited Blayney to make arrangements for his forthcoming clinic sessions at J.J.'s Cabaret Rooms during the coming week.

He said he did not claim to be the 'new Messiah' nor take credit for his great powers. He maintained his powers came from God and that he is merely the "conductor".

Professor Canning said: "The power to heal is all around us and the healer can teach good people how to accept and use that power. Matter is made up from positive and negative sources and when these forces become unbalanced, illness results."

He rarely touches a patient, except when he sees a need to improve circulation. Nor, he emphasises, does he use hypnosis.

He make a series of passes with his hands around the patient's and his claim is that this involves working on the individual's "aura" – a protective screen which he says encircles the body!

The professor, who is a Tenth Dan in the martial arts field, has many amazing testimonials from all over the world and his curing feats have been widely featured in several national and international newspapers and magazines.

He says his efforts should be seen by sceptics before they dismiss his ability to make people well again. Individuals are welcome to go along at any time during his clinics and see him helping those with a variety of ailments. "There is nothing to be hidden and no payment is sought" he stressed. But, he added, many people were still inclined to leave a donation.

Professor Canning has travelled across the world to help those with little hope of survival – and his success earned him the title of 'miracle man'! He admitted yesterday that he possesses an ability to identify a person's complaint the minute he sees them. And he also claimed that he could heal an ill person, in their absence, "just from looking at their photograph".

He said he intends to operate his Blayney clinic from Tuesday to Friday next at J.J.'s Cabaret Rooms in Main Street (times available at the premises) and he hopes to meet many people at the venue, from all over the border counties.

Karate Kid to Miracle man

MARTIN'S MIX



Charles Bronson: has a rottweiler named

KARATE KID to Miracle Man. That's George Canning.

Out of the news for a number of years, the enigmatic Canning is back in town. But he no longer courts the limelight.

"Yes. You can write about the changes which have occurred in me. But those who need the benefit of my powers must seek me out. If people want me badly enough, they can find me".

While others were preaching love and peace in the Flower Power days of 1966 and '67, Canning was kicking and punching (strictly in the line of training, of course) his way to the top.

The Dubliner started his Karate tuition under the maestro Suzuki. Canning - the martial arts guru - ran his gymnasium or dojo (the grandly-titled Irish Academy of Martial Arts) at Doyle's Corner on Dublin's North Circular Road.

In 1979, Combat magazine also listed him as security expert, hairdresser and taxi driver. By 1981, George was the centrefold pin-up in Fighters magazine and again three years later.

After a lapse of another six years, George (now Professor) Canning

was featured again in Fighters at his University opposite Doyle's pub. He had just returned from Yugoslavia after a period of "self-examination and self-learning".

Now his strength was given spiritual rather than physical expression. He was preaching bio-energy, a healing process performed without touching the patient. Professor Canning simply transmits his own bio-energy.

Impressive, written, testimonials from those cured from Down Under to Dunmanway, where Canning has conducted clinics, underline his healing powers.

Headlines like "Ted Throws Crutches Away", "Corkman Claims Leukemia Cure By Healer", "More Miracles Than Medjugorje", and "Mr. Miracle: Healer Claims Power From God" make it difficult for even sceptics to dismiss Canning's claims.

And Canning has not confined himself to the human sphere: "A number of greyhounds have started to win again because of bio-energy and there is no shortage of proof that animals respond, too".

Some went home feeling better

MARIAN QUINN, originally O'Sullivan, from Sneem is standing unsteadily in the middle of a room watched by about 50 people. She has Multiple Sclerosis. Around her flits the bourly frame of George Canning, sweeping his hands around, but not touching, her body.

A piece from a Verdi opera plays in the background, but George Canning stays silent, concentrating and continually sweeping his hands around the young woman. He moves behind her, where she can't see him and beckons his hands towards her, as if calling or drawing her toward him. Her body arches backwards and it seems she is going to fall — but she doesn't.

It's 3.30 p.m. on Monday and the scene in Killarney's

Tim Vaughan observes healer George Canning in action in Killarney this week

Castle Heights hotel is as it has been for the previous week. In the bar, the reception area and the corridor leading to the ballroom, people hoping for cure wait their turn for George Canning — the healer.

"I am a bio-energy healer, I am not a faith healer," he insists. He is friendly, fast talking, confident and not one for understatement. "An

article about me was titled "More miracles than Medjugorje" — that's true. I've cured cancer, deafness, multiple sclerosis."

"But the healing is within the person themselves, there is a healing energy there and I draw that and balance it within the body," he says. This is a concept existing in the East for thousands of

years. "In the West people deal with physics and medicine, but this goes higher than that. We need medicine, but there are certain illnesses which require more than medicine — psychological and psychosomatic illnesses."

Among the hundreds of people who have turned up at the Castle Heights hotel every day are those who have given up hope in medicine. A girl in her twenties tells an older woman in the queue about a neighbour suffering from leukaemia who was given a few weeks to live. George Canning cured her she says.

WHAT about the sceptics, and those who say he is making a fortune out of people grasping for a last-hope cure? "Let the sceptics come and see for

themselves. I don't charge and I do cure people." He admits the voluntary "donations" make him a lot of money: "But there is absolutely no obligation on people — and I work 14 hours a day."

And that is true. One woman we spoke to had been treated every day for a week for an arm complaint. She felt cured and popped a £10 note in one of the brown envelopes that are provided near the donations basket at the exit.

Marian Quinn, who is being treated when we arrive, is on her sixth visit. "I could feel my body being drawn and pushed, as if his hands were a magnet," she says. "Some of the symptoms of MS are gone now, by feet are warm, for instance."

A 73 year old woman gets up and struggles to walk with two sticks. A few minutes

later the sticks are gone and she walks alone, slowly, but much freer. The first round of applause of the afternoon.

TWO Co. Cork people relate differing tales. William Quinlan, from Newmarket, had a cracked hip and walks away with his stick, feeling "much the same as before". On the other hand, 25 years old Siobhan O'Mahoney from Cullen says "I feel like a new person".

She was in a car crash last January and has been off work since with an injured neck.

However, after witnessing him in action for a while, with a very sceptical eye, one thing cannot be denied. A number of people were seen by George Canning in Killarney on Monday, feeling ill and sore — some walked away feeling better.



Energy healer Eileen Maguire, Killarney works on Oliver Phair, of Dingle.

Pic: Aodán Ó Conchúir

ENERGY healing is a new natural medical phenomenon that is slowly sweeping the county due to the work of two Kerry nurses trained in the art of channelling energy to and from the body.

Eileen Maguire from Killarney and Breda Moran from Abbeydorney have been holding energy healing clinics since June 1991 and every week they visit Dingle, Abbeyfeale, Tralee, Castleisland and they will soon be including Ballybunion.

Both Eileen and Breda are trained nurses and reflexologists who, under the instruction of Professor George Canning in Killarney, developed the art of energy healing.

"We work on the energy outside and inside the body and we use our bodies to channel this energy," said Ms Maguire.

Breda Moran said that an energy healing session may take five minutes or less on one person and longer on another person because it all depends on the individual.

Nurses practice natural healing

By Catherine Halloran

"When a person comes to our clinics for energy healing, the first thing we do is clean down the aura that surrounds the body. By putting pressure on the cervical and lumbar regions of the back, we can channel energy into the person through ourselves," said Ms Moran.

Simple complaints can be treated through energy healing and according to a comments book kept by the two healers, the results so far have been excellent.

They advise that you attend their clinics three times for the treatment of an ailment. There is no fixed charge for the service but clients may leave a donation on completion of the treatment.

"The most important thing you need in this job is the want to heal people. As nurses, we were already in the healing business and it was easy for us to tap into energy healing. After training with Professor Canning we were able to build up extra sensitive reception in our hands for energy healing," said Ms Maguire.

Both healers advise their clients on different herbal medicines available in shops for different ailments as well as giving advice on diets and nutrition.

They said that many younger doctors are training in the art of energy healing. "Some of the older doctors do not accept it but the younger ones are beginning to study it," said Ms Moore.

Complimentary tickets for a local disco placed on
LEINSTER LEADER. (Thursday) 11 JUNE, 1992

Using energy for healing

LEADING exponent of the healing technique of Bio-Energy, "which he learned from Zdenka Domancic, the father of bio-energy" in Yugoslavia, Professor George Canning, has now opened a clinic at the home of Victoria Butler at Upper Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Slaney, West Wicklow.

His use of the technique is credited with the most amazing results with cures ranging from leukaemia, hearing, MS, cancer and many other seemingly intractable conditions. His decision to come to West Wicklow was facilitated by Victoria Butler's invitation to set up a clinic in her home, and he will be available there on Thursdays from 7 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

George Canning is internationally known for his healing abilities which he gives in person and even through a photograph of a person. He is emphatic that he does not charge for healing or for his teaching. Donations are accepted.

He has many clinics throughout Ireland, and many testimonials to the most wide-ranging cures. Among the claims made for him is that he can tell a person the moment he sees them the nature of their complaint. He has also trained many healers among them his two sons George and David

who also run clinics throughout the country.

Two of his pupils trained in bio-energy technique, when he introduced to this country made a convincing appearance on the *Late Late Show*. And two of those trained in Martial Arts, of which he is a master, are singers Johnny Logan and Dicky Rock. To date he has trained 29 Irish nuns who are now working in various parts of the world.

Calling his healing "the mystic power of bio-energy", effected by use of an energy field and the aura which surrounds every person, George does not touch his patient during a session but moves his hands about the outline of head and body. He claims this creates an energy field and enables him to draw their problems out into the field.

George states that everybody has the power to heal himself but should not dabble in mind-over-matter situations. He qualified as a bio-energist after training in Yugoslavia with Zdenko Domancic "the father of bio-energy". It took him 20 years to be master of the martial arts but healing came naturally to him.

He says "bio-energy is the most powerful form of healing. It is so strong that I can even heal in peoples' absence, once I have a photograph of the sick person".

Healing ^{25.3.94} clinic

BILL Parfrey, the Cork healer, will hold a healing clinic in the Glentworth Hotel, this Saturday from 12 noon until 6.30 p.m.

Having been involved in the field of healing for nigh on 30 years, his knowledge is vast.

Bill has been privileged to have studied the whole gambit of the holistic approach to illness on all levels from Prof. George Canning, a master of the art and a healer of great magnitude.

Where psychic research is concerned, Bill Parfrey's name is synonymous. Founder and chairman of the original Cork Psychical Society for many years, he is today linked with serious investigating groups attached to universities and similar establishments worldwide. He represents Ireland on the international panel of the Metascience Foundation Inc. of America.

LIMERICK LEADER

GEORGE CANNING

A Healer for our time

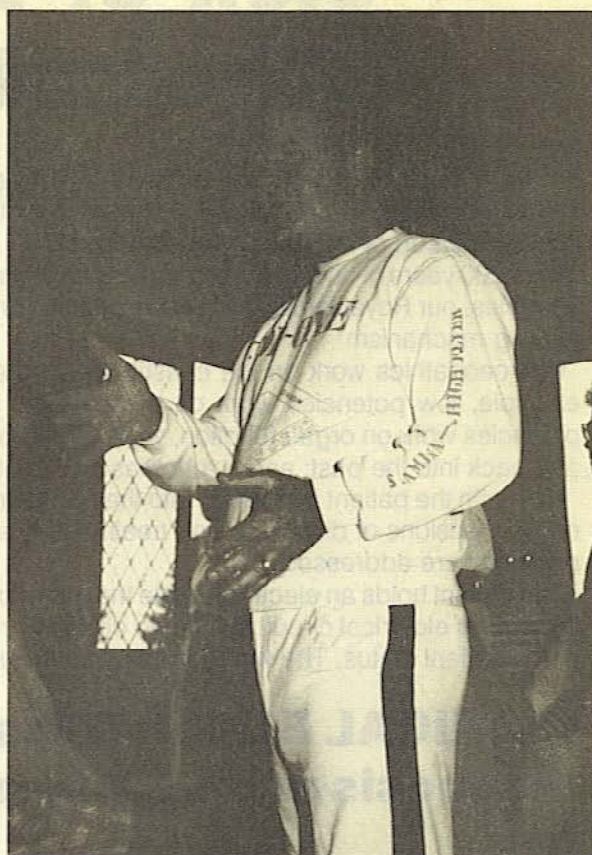
Ireland's Bio-Energy Healer made his first visit to New Zealand last December especially to work with little Daniella Egle-Bast who was born with a rare disease called arthrogryposis. Although the parents were prepared to travel to Ireland for treatment, George offered to come to New Zealand instead. Four hours after landing he was working with Daniella, then he carried on to work in an open clinic prepared for him by Anne Tate, his New Zealand pupil.

Many people with various diseases and conditions flowed through the clinic in the 10 days he was here, and most of them were fascinated with the treatment. Daniella's parents were thrilled with their daughter's improvement. She is now a happier child who can move better, is warmer and sleeps at night, and most of all her parents now believe she will be able to walk.

George treats anyone, and does not claim to be a faith healer. He says his power comes from God and that he is the conductor of those powers. Matter is made up of positive and negative forces and when these forces become unbalanced, illness results. With Bio-Energy healing energy is transmitted to the area which needs healing and the ailment is often cured.

This Bio-Energy is a therapy and it is advisable in most cases to receive 4 or 5 treatments in a row. Severe cases such as cancer, arthritis and broken spines need more regular treatment. Rehabilitation takes place within the body's normal healing patterns. Even medicine takes time to be received into the body. George works with full co-operation and respect for the medical profession in Ireland, in fact the doctors there often send patients to George who they feel they are unable to help.

To onlookers the healing that George performs seems unusual as he flutters his hands around the patient, working in their aura but seldom touching them yet performing amazing results. By working on the energy force within



people he acts as the middle man in helping them to heal themselves. The energy in the room is such that healing begins as soon as you enter the room. If you had to wait for 3 or 4 hours for your turn you had already received that much healing before George even began on you. George is very aware of everything going on in the room all the time, tuned into the illness and you are taken according to your need. The open clinic is a different concept to New Zealanders who tend to be a bit "hung up" on time. It pays not to be in a hurry!

Testimonies of many patients were taken involving various reactions: A blind man complaining of the light worrying his eyes, a man who had been told he would never walk again, shuffling up a 45 deg angle driveway supported by two others, another man in a wheelchair straightened up and taking steps on his own, a young woman 3 years in a wheelchair with a broken back after an accident standing supported, handicapped and hyperactive children who came and slept in the clinic for hours at a time.

George Canning is extremely well known in Britain as a Martial Artist who now has extended his expertise into the healing fields. He intends to return to New Zealand later this year with intentions of setting up a Bio-Energy Institute to teach people who have a healing gift how to increase their knowledge and expertise, bringing far greater relief and help for their patients. There are already 2 Bio-Energy Healers working in New Zealand, Anne Tate (09) 444-3182 and Barbara Bjerring (0843) 79068. Anyone interested in learning should contact Anne Tate.



Healing professor drawing big crowds

Glen Community Centre in Derry's Rosemount area is guaranteed to be packed to capacity later today for the monthly visit by Dublin based, Professor George Canning, a martial arts expert whom people are flocking to not for self defence tuition but in the hope of a cure for a variety of physical ailments.

Professor Canning, tenth Dan, claims to be the first Western

man to master the art of bio-energy healing from world-famous Yugoslav, Zdenko Domancic.

Professor Canning stresses that he is not a faith healer but a bio-energist who, by working on the energy force within people, acts as the middleman to help them help themselves.

He has clinics throughout the country and travels to Glen Community Centre in Derry once a month. He does not touch his

patients, nor does he hypnotise them. His treatment involves using an aura around the body to detect and heal problems without the laying on of hands.

Many people claim to have experienced relief from pain and illness after visiting the clinics. There is no charge involved but people can leave a donation if they wish.

The clinic operates from 2 to 7 p.m. today.

Bio Energy

DEAR Sir — I wish to respond to an article regarding Bio Energy Healing that appeared in the 'Western People' newspaper of the 8th July.

I have been a practising Bio Energy Therapist for two and a half years, and over the past eighteen months I have been holding clinics throughout the country. Numerous people attending our clinics have complained about advertisements which have appeared for the past several months in the 'Western People' and now this article of the 8th July in which a clear inference is made that others doing this form of healing are using the names of Tom Griffin and Michael Doherty, while conducting their clinics. I wish to state quite categorically that I and the other members of my group have never used the names of these two individuals at any of our eighteen clinics nationwide, where our success rate over the past year and a half has been phenomenal. If they are aware of individuals using their names then I suggest they use the legal recourses available to them and stop casting dispersions on others.

There are several groups of people currently involved in providing Bio Energy Therapy all over Ireland and I am sure this form of healing will continue to grow in popularity. This concept of interpreting and balancing the human energy field which we do in Bio Energy Healing is an age old science (several thousand years old) which any healthy individual can learn and practise. It has been my experience that Bio Energy Healing is best performed when each patient is treated for approximately fifteen minutes, and the therapist has a caring and dedicated disposition. Bio Energy Healing is a profession which is primarily concerned with the well being of others and not for the financial gain and glory of the therapists. I have put my career as an engineer on hold to do this work, and I do not charge for the treatment. Each one of us has established our reputation on the basis of what we have achieved.

Incidentally, Bio Energy Healing was first introduced to this country by a man from Co. Cork, who recently visited the West of Ireland, and the "Western People" did a comprehensive interview with him which I found to be very interesting, informative and honest.

Yours faithfully,
Gerard Naughton,
Irishtown, Claremorris,
Co. Mayo

Healing expert in West

GEORGE Canning, one of Ireland's most renowned healers, was in the Mayo/West Sligo area last week where he performed a clinic and spoke to the Western People. A martial arts professor, he has trained many healers in Ireland and gives clinics country-wide.

The first thing I noticed was that George was sporting an Eastern looking crucifix on his broad T-shirted chest. Was he a faith healer then?

"I follow the Messiah but I am basically into the Old Testament and I go for the highest, purest elevation of man, which is pure energy, which is the level from which I am coming at," replied George in a strong Dublin accent. "My work with the physical body probably comes from the physical arts, my metaphysical healing from the Messiah. I am an energy/physical healer and will heal astrally, physically and mentally."

He added that in Eastern countries the principal of healing was energy and there was nothing scientific about it but in the West it was different as science was fact and must be proven to be believed.

"Psychic energy is very popular in the West and could be used for bio-therapy. The power of auto suggestion is also to be reckoned with. That is when you get a group of people together, all being sick and you pick the weakest person in the group and you move them. When you move



- By -
SEAN O DOMHNAILL

them the minds of others open up and that is healing in itself. But how long it will last is another thing as the power of auto suggestion will wear off.

"Bio energy is not auto suggestion. Bio energy is created by bio plasma and the only thing that creates bio plasma is blood. It is energy from blood, not auto suggestion. It is a transfer of energy through blood for the person and the patient. The founder of bio energy was a Russian called June Dhvostic."

George adds that there are many principles of healing and that when somebody comes to him he uses whatever principle he feels is the most relevant.

GOLDEN RULE

"However my golden rule is if you're sick go to your doctor. If I'm run over by a truck I want them to send me to hospital not to a healer. But medicine has no right to tell someone they cannot be cured. Medicine is actually sending people to healers when they say they cannot be cured. When the healer has dealt with a person he should send them back to medicine. The healers job is then to heal not to take control.

For example someone with MS they can help by showing them particular exercises or with something such as faith healing, bio energy, physiotherapy but they should always be monitored by medicine.

Medicine is doing much work on the AIDS virus and they might find that the liver treated by a healer can help with the AIDS virus. HIV positive people are being treated and, given time, results will show, he added.

"Nobody except qualified people have the right to take people off medicine. No teacher or practitioner of alternative medicine has that right. Only qualified people who have spent seven years training for their position should be allowed to do that.

"I've great respect for the Church and have a lot of priests and nuns who do healing. We don't know the work of a priest and those

who want to criticise should sample his life for a while first. Sometimes something can be in front of your nose and still you cannot see it. So we need advice or a guide such as Sr. Joan O'Brien who is also here today.

"I have taught people how to do bio-energy, bio-therapy, faith healing, spiritual healing, charismatic healing and so on. The people I'm involved with are unlisted, we don't advertise and we don't charge. You have to find us and most of work comes from word of mouth.

"I believe a real healer will not charge. I think they shouldn't advertise and they should not bring a person back unless they want to come back off their own free will. It's not for television either, whatever about radio, as that only makes a commercial spectacle of the whole matter," added George.

THEY COME TO BE HEALED (2)

Miracle man's amazing 'cures' bring hundreds!

From **PATSY McARDLE** in Castleblayney

'I ENCOURAGE PEOPLE TO USE THEIR HIDDEN POWERS'

MIRACLE man George Canning is ending up with a collection of walking sticks and crutches — in a Co. Monaghan border town!

Since the Dublin-based martial arts expert began "healing sessions" in the ballroom at 'J.J.s' Cabaret Rooms off Castleblayney's Main Street three weeks ago, his amazing "cures" are the talk of the north-east.

Hundreds of people are travelling from North and South to the twice-weekly sessions — and now they're begging George to travel further northwards across the border.

Art



Canning, a 10th Dan, is widely known in the martial arts world and his achievements in healing people are internationally recognised.

He claims he learned the art from Zdenko Domancic in Yugoslavia.

But George insisted to **SUNDAY WORLD** yesterday: "I'm not a faith healer... I persuade people to use their own hidden powers to get well."

"Hundreds of people with muscular problems and other related afflictions have found relief from their problems after I see them... and there are some under a sentence of death from cancer as well as AIDS who have been cured."

Sceptics who looked in on George's sessions last week in Castleblayney had to admit they were dumbfounded by the results!

Sixty-two-year-old Monaghan farmer Frank Duffy said: "I don't know what to say... I was crippled with arthritis but was able to leave my stick behind."

And Margaret Corley, mother of 16-year-old Armagh student Mark Corley, said: "My son had serious muscular problems — we were around several hospitals in the North but after meeting this man last week, Mark's physical appearance has been transformed. It is impossible to explain."

Among the hundreds of amazing "cures" documented by Canning — from media cuttings, hospital reports, and personal mail

• *Miracle man George Canning (left) in action during a healing session in Castleblayney last week.*

— collected in several countries which he visited, is one case relating to a young child born in Auckland with a rare condition — bent joints!

The infant's parents have now nationally acknowledged Canning's success in curing their baby.

To an onlooker in the mid-town Castleblayney pub-cum-clinic, the treatment seems to be a lot of hand gestures around the patient's body, but Mr. Canning says: "It is by working on the energy and life force within people, they heal themselves."

Incurable

"In my book," the Dublin father of four adds, "nobody has the right to say a disease is incurable... I take medical rejects and turn them around."

Healer George plans to set up more one-day-a-week clinics in several other towns throughout Ireland — and he says the growing number of "patients" from the North, flocking to his sessions in the South, may force him to open his first clinic in Belfast, shortly.

Miracle man's cure-all

MIRACLE man George Canning attracted hundreds of people from different Ulster towns to Castleblayney yesterday.

And some left aside their crutches as a result of his amazing "powers" as a healer.

Canning has a list of "miracles" to his credit across three continents and received

nuge media coverage in Europe.

Yesterday, as crowds thronged a pub ballroom in Castleblayney to watch him in action, he said: "Seeing is believing - the results speak for themselves."

Farmer John Duffy (62) from Monaghan, claimed he was cured of arthritis after a visit.

Bio-energy: the cure-all for all that ails you!

By CATHY
KELLY

DUBLIN karate expert George Canning runs a Dublin martial arts school with a difference.

It's called the Mugendo Kickboxing University and it's based at Doyle's Corner Phibsboro.

If it's self-defence you're after, George Canning can show you how to flatten any attacker with a well-aimed kick.

And if you've got a pain

or an ache you'd like to get rid of, bio-energy healer, 'Professor' George Canning says he'll fix you up in no time at all.

Because George, an ex-soldier who doesn't look much like a healer, says that he's the first western man to master the art of bio-energy healing from Yugoslavian guru Zdenko Domancic.

And now, the 6th dan karate and kickboxing instructor, who has just returned from Domancic's

clinic, claims that he can cure diseases like psoriasis, spinabifida, gangrene, brain tumours, and arthritis with his new skill.

The self-styled Dublin professor says he can, and points out that he has proof of his skill. "Bio-energy is very hard to understand," he explains. "And you can only go on results. But I have those results..."

Marie Brophy from Cabra has suffered from psoriasis for the last five

years. She describes it as a very depressing ailment which saps your confidence and turns you into a bit of a recluse. But in July she made five visits to George Canning's clinic, and now she claims that she's totally cured.

"My husband had been very sceptical about it, but after five days of treatment my skin was perfectly clear of psoriasis, and even he was amazed."

However, one of George's clients, a man



• **George Canning — a school with a difference.**

who brought his mentally retarded daughter for treatment, is not convinced of the professor's healing ability.

"We can't see much difference in her," the man, who does not wish to be named, told SUNDAY WORLD.

George Canning, told SUNDAY WORLD that he first became interested in

bio-energy when a friend introduced him to ex-karate master, Domancic in Yugoslavia.

George then became fascinated by bio-energy and spent a month in the Yugoslav clinic during the summer time to master the skill.

But what is bio-energy? "It's a science," George explained. "It's not faith

healing or hypnosis. You use the energy in yourself to help the person to heal themselves.

Domancic has cured a tumour of the brain in three days, according to George.

"Leukemia can be cured within 10 days; arthritis — no problem; schizophrenia — no problem; high blood pressure — easy," he says.

Healing brothers draw big crowds

Two well-known healing brothers are continuing to attract crowds at three County Wicklow venues where they hold clinics at which they help to alleviate suffering and pain.

David and George Canning, sons of the internationally known healer, Professor George Canning, have been operating clinics in the Coun-

ty for over a year now and there are many people who say that they have experienced relief from pain and illness after visiting the clinics.

They use a variety of methods of healing, including bio-energy therapy, which involves using an aura around the body to detect and heal problems without the laying on of hands. People seeking

this type of healing do not necessarily have to have faith themselves, and the Canning brothers stress that they do not try to convert people through their healing sessions.

They are currently holding clinics at the Bray Head Hotel in Bray each Wednesday from 3 to 6pm; and at the Cullenmore Hotel, Ashford, each

Wednesday evening from 7 to 9pm. They also hold a weekly clinic in the Powerscourt Arms, Enniskerry, each Friday from 3 to 6pm..

Other venues for the brothers' weekly clinic include Ferns, Portlaoise, Dundalk, and the Unitarian Church on St Stephen's Green each Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5pm.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

WORKINGS OF A GENIUS

I would like to thank you for allowing me space in your paper to tell you what I feel is the workings of a genius. His name is Professor George Canning who is a Bioenergist. I have travelled with a woman to see him three times and on our first visit he proclaimed her clinically dead. For the last 12 years doctors have worked hard to keep her alive. She also was going blind but now she does not have to even wear glasses, has reduced her amount of daily tablets and has never felt better in years thanks to Mr Canning. To conclude I would like to say that he has done more in three days than what doctors have done in 12 years. To me he is a miracle man. Thank you Mr Canning for everything.

Yours sincerely,

NAME AND ADDRESS
WITH EDITOR

Alison - A Lady On A Quest

Bio-energy is a word a lot of people in Auckland have been exposed to in the last week with the visit of an Irish Healer by the name of George Canning, who uses this method of healing.

My story starts in August 1989. Twice in one week I heard of this man and his mentor Zdenko Domancic in Yugoslavia, and something quickened within me and I felt that at last this was the energy I had been seeking to make me a more successful healer, so believing the story, when the pupil is ready the teacher appears, I started trying to contact these gentlemen.

I went to the Irish and Yugoslav embassies to locate their telephone numbers. Ireland was eventually okay, but Yugoslavia was a blank, but the Consul said he had heard of Zdenko as a very famous gentleman but knew nothing of his location.

However, I was not to be put off, so at 66 years of age I decided to fly to Yugoslavia not knowing a soul or the language, but confident I would find him, and so I did, he has a clinic just outside of Belgrade, with an

attendance of 300 people per day and a six week waiting list, with people coming from all over Europe, Canada and America.

My first question on introduction was, "Will you teach me?" And he said, "Yes". I was over the moon and I was later told by Yugoslavs that it was a great honour for him to teach you, so I had a six month visa but after six weeks he said to me, "Go home and heal, you have the power."

He showed me techniques, plus by observing and absorbing the energy I was able to tune into the complaint of the patients as they spoke to him in Yugoslav. He would confirm later to me in English or vice versa. I saw the deaf able to hear, the blind able to see, toes ready to be amputated with beautiful new flesh and skin in about seven days, children just bundles of limpness became alive, people in despair start to look happy again and many more things.

So here I am not really new to these arts and my quest from a young child has been to serve humanity by relieving their suffering in some way and making this world a happier place. "Love is the fulfilling of the law."

I will be available at a beautiful location in Cheltenham near the beach, from 16th January, 1990. Phone 766-144 or 451-272.

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Helping 'rejects' heal themselves



From left: Hildred and Daniëlle Egle-Bast, Anne Tate and George Canning.

By JULIE MIDDLETON

Little Daniëlla Egle-Bast was born with the rare condition arthrogryposis.

Her joints were bent, with a wrist and one leg turned back on themselves. She had a broken thigh, a dislocated hip, two club feet and little muscle, nerve or circulation function, leaving her feet and hands cold. She slept little and screamed incessantly. Doctors said she would be confined to a wheelchair for the rest of her life.

Now the happy one-year-old sleeps well, can feel pain and move her now warm limbs — and parents Hildred and Wolfgang attribute her progress to Irishman George Canning (52), who claims that by using bio-energy he can cure afflictions such as cancer, arthritis and leukaemia.

To an onlooker, treatment seems to be a lot of sweeping of hands around Daniëlla's body, but Mr Canning says by working on the energy and life force within people, he helps them heal themselves.

"Nobody has the right to say a disease is incurable," says the Dublin father of four. "I take medical rejects and turn them around."

Says Hildred Egle-Bast: "I believe Daniëlla will walk. She's just changed so much — I can't believe it."

Mr Canning, who charges nothing for his treatments, says his healing ability comes from expertise in the martial arts. He has been staying with Auckland bio-energy therapist Anne Tate, who learned to heal from him after spending a year working in his Cork office.

Edgy witness tells murder hearing of different tale

A woman's account of her conversation with Renee Melanie Chignell in Mt Eden Prison differed from previous statements because she was nervous, the High Court at Auckland heard.

The woman, known only as witness A, said murder accused Chignell told her how she and Neville George Walker threw Peter Plumley-Walker from the Huka Falls on January 28 after a bondage and discipline session.

Chignell (19), dominatrix, of Remuera, and Walker (35), concrete layer, of Panmure, deny murdering Mr Plumley-Walker at Taupo on January 28 and wilfully damaging his Cortina stationwagon at Auckland on the same day.

Under cross-examination by Chignell's counsel Peter Davison, witness A said her recounting of the conversation with Chignell was different in written statements and in her verbal account to the jury.

This was because the first statement was made in a room at Mt Eden Prison where a warden kept interrupting the interview she had with a police officer.

"That is why one statement is not as detailed as the other," she said.

Prices rise for Star casual sales

The price of the *Auckland Star* will increase on January 15, 1990, to 50c for casual sales.

The price for home-delivered copies will remain at 45c.

The new price brings the *Auckland Star* in line with other metropolitan newspapers in New Zealand. When GST increased to 12.5 % in July this year most other newspapers increased to 50c, while the *Star* held its cover price to 45c.

The new price reflects increased costs. While the *Star* regrets having to pass any cover prices on to readers, we believe the newspaper represents value for money.

Traffic bill worries lawyers

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MIRACLE MAN GEORGE HELPS AILING FOLK!

SOME crippled folk have been able to leave their walking-aids and crutches behind when they visited 'miracle man' Professor George Canning in Castleblayne over the past three weeks, it was claimed yesterday.

Since martial arts expert, George (52) began his unique 'healing sessions' at J. J.'s Cabaret Rooms in Main Street, many ailing hopefuls from all over Co. Monaghan and the adjoining counties on both sides of the border have sought his help.

And his phenomenal success with "patients" has astonished critics.

Last week, many of those visiting George were from the North — some travelling all the way from Belfast.

BY PATSY McARDLE

As reported in *The Northern Standard* last month, Canning, a 10th Dan in karate, claims his art comes from the legendary Zdenko Domancic in Yugoslavia.

But he insisted yesterday: "I'm not a faith healer... I persuade people to use their own hidden powers to get well."

"Many people with muscular problems and other related afflictions have found relief after they visited me — my greatest satisfaction is to see them discard their walking-aids and crutches."

He makes the astonishing claim that some people under a sentence of death from cancer as well as AIDS have been cured!

Last week, one 62-years-old farmer from mid-Monaghan said: "I don't know what to say... I was crippled with arthritis but was able to leave my stick behind."

And the mother of a 16-years-old student, whose marked improvement in the case of a muscular defect was witnessed by several of those waiting to be "treated" by Mr. Canning, said: "My son had serious muscular problems — we were around several hospitals but, as you can see, from meeting this man his

condition has immediately improved — it's impossible to explain."

Among the amazing "cures" documented by Canning is one case relating to a child born in Auckland with a rare condition — bent joints!

The infant's parents have publicly acknowledged the healer's success in "curing" their baby!

To an onlooker, the treatment appears to involve little more than hand gestures around the patient, but Canning says: "It is by working on the energy and life-force within persons that they can overcome an ailment."

"Nobody has any right to say a disease is incurable... I've taken medical rejects and turned them around."

Healer George now plans to set up more one day a week clinics in several other towns on both sides of the Ulster border. He is back in Castleblayne today (Thurs.) and intends to continue further healing sessions in the town, details of which will be available at J. J.'s Cabaret Rooms.



ABOVE: A hug from Hiltrud Egle-Bast for 15-month-old Daniella. The little girl was born with a condition called arthrogryposis multiplex congenital.

ABOVE LEFT: Irish healer George Canning works on Daniella, using bio-energy. The treatment aims to balance energy within the body. "Her reflexes are perfect now," says George.

Photographs: Michael Willison.

Hiltrud, willing to try anything, went to healer Anne Tate on the recommendation of a friend.

Anne practises bio-energy, which works on the premise that a force field surrounds the body. When this force is disturbed, illness occurs. Bio-energy is about balancing energy within the body. Once that balance is restored the patient, hopefully, starts to get better.

Hiltrud was at first sceptical but couldn't dismiss the remarkable results achieved in a few weeks.

Anne then recommended a visit to her teacher, George Canning, in Ireland.

After a phone call to Ireland, George suggested coming to New Zealand instead.

When Hiltrud picked him up from the airport, he asked about her miscarriage with the twin. There was no way he could have known about that, says Hiltrud.

George gave Daniella a treatment immediately, and saw numerous other people that same day in an arduous nine-hour session.

After Daniella's first treatment her right foot started moving. The little girl had two treatments a day for a week. The work by Anne and George appeared to be succeeding.

"Daniella always had special clothes because her circulation was so poor. Now her hands and feet are warm for the first time," says Hiltrud.

"Now she is sleeping from one to four in the afternoons and waking up once or not at all at night."

What is more, the baby has started to roll over from her stomach to her back, and vice versa. She is also picking up objects from the floor.

George says it has taken him 22 years to reach this stage of healing. A dedicated follower of the martial arts, particularly the kick boxing system known as Mugendo, he became interested in healing while conducting a European Mugendo training seminar in Yugoslavia. A student had injured himself, and as there was no doctor around George took the boy to a local clinic where he was treated with bio-energy by Zdenko Domancic.

The latter pronounced the boy had a severe sprain, waved his arms around in a strange manner and 10 minutes later the boy could walk. He felt no pain.

George was fascinated, and went back to the clinic several times. Finally, he took up Zdenko's offer to train him.

He found that through meditation and breathing exercises he could build up his own bio-energy levels and use them as a healing force, usually without touching the patient in any way.

Returning to Ireland, George set up a clinic in the town of Dumanway, 40 minutes from Cork, where he treats over 200 people a day, working in conjunction with doctors who often send him "hopeless" cases. He also visits hospitals. Treatments are free, but people can leave a donation if they wish.

George claims an 80 percent success rate and says his best results are with spinal diseases, meningitis, sight and hearing disorders and leukaemia. The treatment doesn't work for some people, he says.

While in New Zealand, he held a week of clinics at a North Shore house. Many people appeared to be helped by the treatment which they described as a feeling of heat moving through their bodies.

George looks remarkably fit and healthy for his 51 years. He works without a break sometimes for 12 to 14 hours. His diet is sparse, but he refuses to give details, saying other people would not survive on it.

He's modest about his abilities, setting three years as the test of whether his "cures" work. He believes in working in conjunction with orthodox medicine. Next year, he plans to return to New Zealand to set up a bio-energy clinic with Anne Tate, and train people as therapists.

And what of Daniella? Will she walk and be a healthy, normal youngster?

"Again, time will tell," says George. "But yes, she will walk. You can see the difference in her now."

For Hiltrud, George Canning has been a lifesaver — for herself, the stress on her marriage and Daniella. The healer has also helped allay any fears she has about her next child — she's four months' pregnant.

The next task for the young couple is to find the money for the American trip; and about this Hiltrud is positive.

"It will turn up somehow," she says, holding Daniella who smiles contentedly up at her mother. ●

'NOW WE BELIEVE OUR DAUGHTER WILL WALK'

When little Daniella was born the future looked bleak. Because of her limited muscle development it seemed likely she would be disabled for the rest of her life. In despair, Daniella's parents sought the help of a healer. Bernie Sheehan reports.

LITTLE Daniella was born prematurely — and with club feet, one foot in her vagina, a broken thigh, a dislocated hip, and limited muscle development.

She couldn't straighten her right arm or bend her left arm.

Daniella, now 15 months old, has arthrogryposis multiplex congenital (AMC), a non-progressive condition characterised by poorly developed and contracted muscles and deformed joints.

A common cause is lack of fluid in the womb which leaves the baby in the same position, unable to move, for the entire pregnancy.

First-time parents Hiltrud Egle-Bast and Wolfgang Bast were shocked and distraught when Daniella was born. They weren't allowed to touch their daughter for two weeks because she was immediately put in an incubator. On her fourth day of life, the tiny baby was cased in plaster to mend her broken thigh.

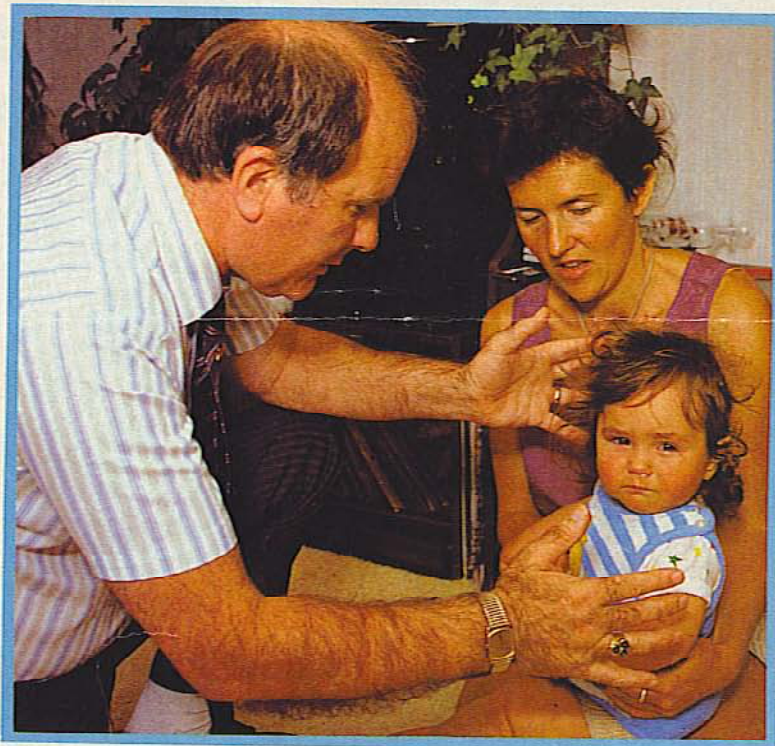
Hiltrud and Wolfgang tried to find out about the condition. There are so few cases in New Zealand (only .03 percent of newborn infants) that doctors could tell them little, so they became experts themselves, scouring medical books for information.

Life was hard for all in the first year. Daniella woke every hour during the night and didn't sleep during the day. She had colic for five months. She was an unhappy, unwell baby who doctors thought would never walk.

In desperation, Hiltrud and Wolfgang tried a healer living on Auckland's North Shore. Results were dramatic. The healer, Anne Tate, recommended the family contact the man who had taught her the skills — George Canning, who lives in Ireland. This they did, and George promised he'd be over the following week if they could raise his plane fare...

★ ★ ★

German-born Hiltrud and Wolfgang arrived in New Zealand



two years ago on a backpacking holiday. They fell in love with the country, immigrated, and were thrilled when Hiltrud found she was pregnant. Wolfgang makes a modest living as a cabinet-maker, and the two rent a small flat on the Hibiscus Coast, north of Auckland.

"I was always very small while pregnant, but five different doctors told me the pregnancy was perfect," says Hiltrud.

"I had bleeding in the third month and lost Daniella's twin. Daniella was born in Hamilton Hospital five weeks premature. The birth was normal.

"It was awful. We couldn't even hold her. She was taken away from me straight away. She spent 14 days in the incubator."

Physiotherapy started early on, and when Hiltrud finally took the baby home she carried out an intensive massage programme to vitalise the muscles. But stress and exhaustion took over.

Hiltrud suffered badly from sleep deprivation and found the sick baby hard to cope with. The little girl had to wear special socks and gloves because her hands and feet were forever cold, and Hiltrud had to force her baby's bowel movements by finger.

"I used to leave her lying on the couch and people would panic and tell me she'd fall off. But she couldn't move at all," Hiltrud says. "I was freaked out. I didn't know anyone else who had a child with AMC."

Finally, last August, the couple agreed to surgery to correct Daniella's club feet.

The baby was anaesthetised numerous times for her extensive foot operations.

Hiltrud and Wolfgang, at their wits' end, scraped and borrowed enough money to take Daniella to America to visit a specialist clinic. At first, Wolfgang proposed selling his cabinet-making tools, but an old friend came to the res-

cue with several thousand dollars. Family members contributed the rest.

"We managed to get an appointment with the most famous geneticist on AMC, Dr Judith Hall. She told us there are 365 different kinds, and Daniella has the amyplasia type.

"In her third month, Dr Hall believes, Daniella somehow gave a blood clot to her twin. The blood clot killed the twin. Daniella's blood pressure went down and didn't give the brain the right message to form the muscles. The condition isn't genetic, though the causes are unknown in a lot of children."

American experts recommended a hip operation for Daniella. "Her hip has always been stiff and never formed properly. We have booked a day in February for the operation and will try to raise the money."

Back in New Zealand following the American consultation,



The Boss!



ANDY ROXBURGH:
"inspirational"

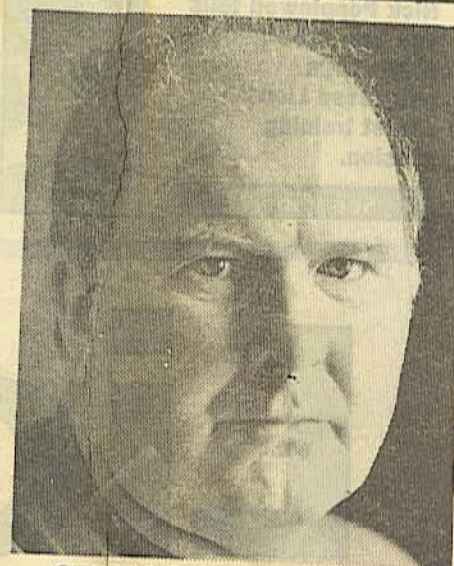


MALCOLM ALLISON:
"years ahead."

Professor George gets high praise from top soccer men



PAUL McGRATH:
special training.



GEORGE CANNING: invited to address UEFA Technical Committee.

INTERNATIONAL conditioning coach Roger Spry, the man who devised the so-called 'non-training' schedule which keeps Paul McGrath playing for Aston Villa, has invited Irish martial artist and sports training consultant Professor George Canning to address the UEFA Technical Committee in Helsinki on August 8.

Spry, who has a background in the martial arts, has trained under Canning for years and believes the Dubliner has much to offer in methods of training footballers and sports people in modern techniques.

"George has helped me for years, and I'm sure his expertise will go down very well with the UEFA people in Helsinki", says Spry.

A former professional with Wolves, Spry had to finish playing because of a broken leg. He then turned to developing his education on physical fitness and has an impressive list of credentials.

Currently, he is being chased by Benfica of Portugal, and by an Italian club, believed to be Paul Gascoigne's Lazio.

Paul McGrath is one of his most famous clients. "Everybody knows that Paul has arthritis in his knees, but it's not accurate to say he doesn't train.

"He does train, but we use a special routine which gets him fit without the strain of doing the normal amount of running that footballers do", Spry comments.

Spry has been consultant fitness coach to Arsenal, Coventry, Manchester City, Sheffield Wednesday and now Aston Villa in England. Abroad, he has worked with the Kuwait National squad, Vitoria Setubal (Portugal), Fluminense (Brazil), Monaco (France), and Tromsø (Norway).

England's FA, the Scots, Swedes, Portugese, Americans and Norwegian football bodies have also used his services.

In addition, he has been a personal trainer to boxer Frank Bruno, golfer Ronan Rafferty, soccer player-manager Trevor



Francis, cricketer Graham Gooch, plus Brazilian footballers Ricardo, Baltazar, and Valdo.

British football is, he believes, way behind the times in terms of fitness and flexibility and says: "In England, they are very suspicious of change. In Brazil, they say of English footballers that they are

like professional golfers playing with only two clubs, while the rest of the world plays with the full 14 clubs in the bag".

"In England, the coach is expected to know how to train players, to be a nutritionist, psychologist, tactician, and businessman.

"On the continent, they employ specialists for these jobs. My job as a fitness consultant is not as easily accepted in England as it is on the Continent and the rest of the world.

New name and new slim look for Whatizit the '96 mascot!

★ **ORGANISERS** for Atlanta's 1996 Olympic Games have confirmed their controversial mascot - an amorphous smiling blob known as 'Whatizit' - would be slimmed down and given a proper male name to broaden its appeal to children.

The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games (ACOG) announced it would solicit suggestions worldwide from children under the age of 15 for

naming its bug-eyed blue and white cartoon creation, unveiled last August at the Barcelona Olympics closing ceremonies.

The Whatizit mascot has been the object of scorn from critics who say the computer-generated blob resembles a slug or a sperm cell. A feisty eagle was mascot for the last American-hosted summer Olympics in Los Angeles in 1984.

But Atlanta organisers say Whatizit has been a hit with kids in the southern U.S. city.

"I was sorry to see England beaten by Norway, but perhaps it's a good thing. They may wake up and realise how far behind they are in terms of movement, flexibility, fitness, and alertness", says Spry.

Andy Roxburgh, a member of the UEFA Technical Committee, says of Spry: "I can pay him no higher compliment than to say I find him an inspiration".

Malcolm Allison also praised him, saying: "Roger is years ahead of his time in his approach to fitness training and preparation".

So, when a man of Spry's calibre considers that George Canning is 'The Boss' in that line of work, then people will sit up and take notice.

Canning is operating as a sports training consultant and has prepared an outline of new thinking in training for footballers from age 5 to adult professional level for discussion at the conference.

"I am particularly interested in training coaches to get the best out of their players in terms of fitness", says Canning who can be contacted at 01-8463347.

The miracle man!

'I feel better already'

HE is known as the "miracle man". Sceptics may sneer but hundreds of Ulster people have crossed the border to Castleblayney in recent weeks desperately seeking a wonder cure from George Canning.

The Dublin based professor claims triumphs over illnesses like leukaemia, multiple sclerosis and cancer.

And a legion of supporters back up the amazing claims of the 52-year-old whose reputation has now spread to several countries.

Prof Canning's "clinic" is a pub ballroom in the Monaghan town.

At mid-day only a whisper is heard as the queue grows at JJ's Cabaret Rooms to await the arrival of the "healer".

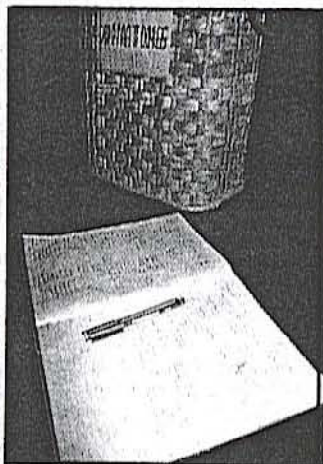
Canning, who is also a martial arts expert, claims to take his powers from the legendary Zdenko Domancic in Yugoslavia.

He insists he is not a faith healer but a 'physical healer'.

He passes his hands over a patient's body, seldom touching.

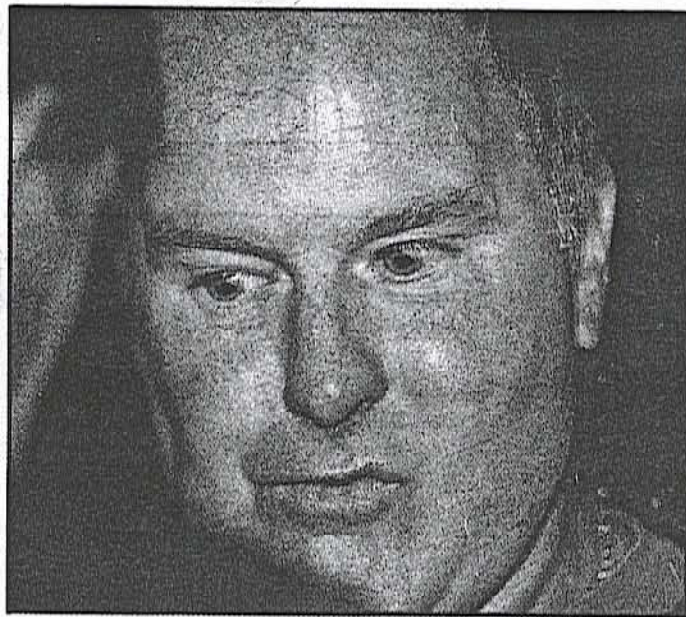
He claims his actions can stimulate the human energy-flow into healing!

By PATSY McARDLE



He makes no charge for the treatment, but patients are invited to sign his 'visitors' book' and mark down any comments they wish regarding the visit.

They can make a donation in a little wicker basket that's



Physical healer' George Canning at work. Left: the donations basket and visitors book.

placed beside the book — if they so wish!

News of George's first healing sessions in the border town of Castleblayney three weeks ago, spread quickly across the border.

And the number from Ulster seeking help for their ailments are forcing him to spend more days in the town than he initially intended.

There are gasps when he convinces one pensioner that a

stick is no longer needed.

It was the result of the swift application of back-pressure applied by George on the rather nervous middle-aged man.

"God, I don't feel the pain now...would you believe it...it's gone," the elated man loudly claims.

Ironically, in another case there's a pensioner with a chronic shoulder problem, for whom George borrows a stick from a waiting patient and tells the man to use it while walking!

He is informed that after a few weeks the muscular condition will go!

Says George, who admits treating many of the famous in the world of sport and politics: "Some come to me with hope in their hearts but others have no hope at all — I'm not a faith healer but a physical healer.

"The powers come from God and man is but a conductor of those powers — the power to heal is all round us.

His Castleblayney clinic is held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, depending on the number of people who want to see him.

LOCAL people who visited the clinic have shared their experiences.

Retired credit control officer, Peggy Molloy, of Cliftonville Avenue, Belfast, plans to see the 'healer' again.

"There's something about him which makes you feel better," she said.

Peggy suffers from an eye defect and says after the healer moved his hands across her face she felt an immediate improvement.

Dungannon woman Veronica Loughran says it is her third time visiting George.

"There seems to be a lot of substance in what he says about getting people to use their own energies to heal."

Many of those being treated by George don't want to be identified.

Says Philomena from Keady, Co Armagh: "There are neighbours who would laugh if they knew I was coming here."

"But this is my second visit. I was crippled with pains when I came first and now they're nearly gone".

Healing clinic to be twice-weekly to cope with demand

WEEKLY healing clinics which started up in West Wicklow recently have proved so successful that they are shortly to be made twice-weekly clinics to offer help to many ill people.

The internationally known healer, Professor George Canning, has been holding the clinics in the home of Victoria Butler at Upper Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Sla-

ney, each Thursday evening for the past few months.

The reaction has been so overwhelming, with people coming from all over West Wicklow and adjoining counties, that he had decided to hold a second clinic each Saturday afternoon.

The clinic will not open during the first week in August, but when it reopens the clinic will be in operation on both days: 7 to 9.30pm on Thursdays and 2 to 5pm

on Saturdays.

Professor Canning stresses that there are no charges for what he does, and also that it is not necessary for patients to have faith in the power of healing.

Further information is available from 0508 81616. The clinics take place in Whispering Pines on the main Dublin to Baltinglass road. The entrance to the house is on the main road opposite the new Stratford-on-Slaney bridge.

WEST NEWSROUND

Wicklow PEOPLE-NEWSPAPER
(FRIDAY, 12th JUNE 1992)

Your chance to be healed

WHEREVER Professor George Canning goes, illness follows. It's not that he suffers from hypochondria or that he has a penchant for hospital decor but rather, wherever he goes, there are people knocking on his door looking for a cure.

His arrival in West Wicklow should prove no different for if illness follows him, his reputation as a miracle worker enthusiastically precedes him.

The Dubliner has become a master of the 'Tibetan healing' and 'Bio-energy' techniques of pain relief without pills. Both are completely natural methods of healing which have produced astonishing results and have earned both the bafflement and respect of doctors worldwide.

Reports of his cures have been chronicled by newspapers as far away as New Zealand and news of his power has spread by word of amazed mouths throughout this country.

During his travels, he has triumphed over illnesses like leukaemia, multiple sclerosis and cancer as well as injury and various conditions present since birth, and has a legion of supporters who will testify to his authenticity.

Local woman Victoria Butler is one such person. She has first hand experience of the professor's healing abilities since he relieved her stubborn spinal injury several years ago and she has offered him space in her home - in her living room to be exact - for a clinic during his stay in Co. Wicklow.

Victoria explains what the intending patient can expect to experience. Prof. Canning's method is closely linked to the martial arts, she says. The three principals in martial arts are concentration,

Professor Canning passes his hands over the patient's body, seldom needing to touch, and stimulates the energy flow into repairing the damage

circulation and energy and together the three provide the key to healing.

Based on this theory, Prof. Canning passes his hands over the patient's body, seldom needing to touch, and stimulates the energy flow into repairing the damage.

It usually takes several visits for a cure to become evident but there is no charge for the treatment though patients may make a donation if they wish.

Though Prof. Canning believes that his gift is God-given, Victoria stresses that patients do not have to be believers themselves. 'It is a very beautiful gift which he has been given for everyone to tap into, which is why he gives his service freely,' she explains.

Prof. Canning doesn't just limit his service to humans though - his patients also include animals and plants. 'It all depends on the receptivity of the person or animal, and flowers in particular are very responsive to bio-energy,' says Vic-

toria.

Victoria is hoping to develop her own healing gifts under Prof. Canning's guidance. She has been aware that she had certain powers for over fifteen years but says she only feels ready to work with them now and Prof. Canning, who has taught many people, including nuns and priests, is the perfect tutor.

So when the professor takes to the road again, Victoria may be able to continue his work on a permanent basis in her West Wicklow livingroom.

Indeed, Victoria's armchair could become to the body what the psychiatrist's couch is to the mind.

Prof. Canning's clinic hours are from 7pm to 9.30pm on Thursday nights at 'Whispering Pines', Upper Ballinacrow, Stratford-on-Slaney - just opposite the new Stratford-on-Slaney bridge on the main Dublin-Baltinglass Road.

Any enquiries can be made to Victoria Butler on 0508-81616.

GOOD MAN GEORGE



GEORGE Canning Junior being the first and the youngest martial artist in the world to receive the highest accolade in karate. George who is 27 years old studies under his father Professor Gorge Canning 10th Dan (founder of the Mugendo system of karate kickboxing and president of the world mugendo organisation) is at the moment practising and studying the art of healing.

• **Pictured above is George Canning Junior presented with his Certificate of 7th Degree Black-belt in Mugendo by Senator Richard Hourigan in the grounds of Leinster House.**



WHEN **Eugene McSweeney** (above) left the Berkely Court in 1983 - my goodness is it nine years? He and his wife **Breda** took themselves off to Kilkenny where they purchased Lacken House, a victorian property which was originally built as a Dower House in 1847 and run for many years up to very recently as a private nursing home.

They transformed it into a beautiful guest house and

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IRISHMAN HELPS IN PARALYSIS BATTLE

A MAN who was paralysed from the chest down and told he would never walk again after a 2004 car crash has taken his first steps towards recovery — with the help of an Irish martial arts expert.

Patrick Ravenas (29) from Sweden has been visiting Ireland since March this year to seek the help of martial arts teacher Prof George Canning.

Speaking to The Star last night, Patrick said the special exercise he has been taught by Prof Canning is the main reason

■ By **KEITH LYNCH**

he can get to his feet again.

Patrick said: "He has been absolutely instrumental. I had the will to do it but he set me on the path."

This summer he stood up for the first time in a year.

"It was amazing, I was so happy. I stood for 11 seconds.

"It was one amazing feeling. And my main aim is walking as soon as possible. It's going to end one wonderful day that I take three steps forward."



BID TO WALK: Patrick Ravenas