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**'Worst Man' Dies; Long a Magician.**

Hastings, England—(AP)—Aleister Crowley, magician and mystic, claimed that when he was 40 he had distilled and drunk the true elixir supposed to prolong life forever. Monday night, at 72, he died.

Crowley, center of fantastic stories, once said of himself, "They have called me 'the worst man in the world.' They have accused me of doing everything from murdering women and throwing their bodies into the Seine to drug peddling. . . . We magicians are misunderstood.

In 1923 he was thrown out of Sicily, where he maintained a "study circle" for magick (he insisted on the k "to distinguish between mere conjuring and real magic." He was expelled from France in 1930 after being charged with practicing black magic.