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UFO Symposium

in Tucson

In November of 1971, APRO will sponsor the most comprehensive UFO symposium ever held. The symposium will take place on November 20, and 21 at The University of Arizona campus in Tucson and 13 APRO Consultants will present papers on the research they have conducted within their field of specialization.

The symposium will be divided into three panels: Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Social Sciences, which will convene at different times. Below is a listing of the speakers on each panel and the titles of the papers they will present.

Physical Sciences

Dr. John S. Derr; Seismologist, Martin Marietta Corp. "Earthquake Lights: Present Theories of Causes and Relationship to UFOs."

Dr. B. Roy Frieden; Opticist, The University of Arizona. "Evaluation of UFO Photographic Data."

Dr. Richard C. Henry; Astrophysicist, Johns Hopkins University. "UFOs and Astrophysical Considerations in Interstellar Space flight."

Dr. Kenneth Hessel; Electrical Engineer, Sandia Laboratories. "Propulsion Systems Compatible with UFO Reports."

Dr. Walter W. Walker; Metallurgist, The University of Arizona. "Analyses of Alleged UFO Materials."

Biological Sciences

Dr. Kenneth V. Anderson; Anatomist, Emory University. "The Morphology and Physiology of UFO Occupants."

Dr. Harold A. Cahn; Physiologist, Northern Arizona University. "Possible Paranormal Implication of the UFO Phenomenon."

Dr. John C. Munday; Biophysicist, University of Toronto. "Biophysical Data Associated with Close Encounter UFO Reports."

Dr. Frank B. Salisbury; Plant Physiologist, Utah State University. "UFOs and the Current State of Exobiology."

McDonald Dead at 51

It is with deep regret that APRO announces the untimely death of Dr. James E. McDonald in Tucson, on June 13, 1971.

For several years, Dr. McDonald was one of the leading exponents of UFO research in the scientific community. In 1968 he testified before the House Science & Astronautics Committee on the subject, and was one of the principal speakers at the UFO Symposium of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Boston, December, 1969.

Dr. McDonald received an M.S. in Meteorology from MIT in 1945 and a Ph.D. in Physics at Iowa State University in 1951. He was a research physicist at the University of Chicago in 1953 and joined the University of Arizona staff in 1954. Since then, he has been a Professor of Physics, a Professor of Meteorology and a Senior Physicist in the University's Institute of Atmospheric Physics. He was a member of many scientific societies and was on the National Academy of Sciences' Weather and Climate Modification Panel and the National Science Foundation's Weather Modification Advisory Panel.

His main areas of interest and research were in cloud physics, meteorological optics, atmospheric electricity, weather modification and, more recently, unidentified flying objects. Dr. McDonald was one of the few scientists actively involved in UFO research in the middle sixties who accepted the extraterrestrial hypothesis as the most likely explanation for some UFO cases. In his July, 1968 Congressional testimony, Dr. McDonald stated: "...my position is that UFOs are entirely real and we do not know what they are, because we have laughed them out of court. The possibility that these are extraterrestrial devices, that we are dealing with surveillance from some advanced technology, is a possibility I take very seriously. I reach that hypothesis, as my preferred hypothesis, not by hard fact, hardware, tailfins, or reading licence plates, but by having examined hundreds

(The following case resulted from a lead furnished by member Mrs. William Taylor and is being pursued by Field Investigator Hal Redner).

Several families in the Rumson-Sea Bright area of New Jersey observed a Classical UFO over an extended period of time on Tuesday, June 29 at 11 p.m. Because of the short interval of time from sighting to publication date we have been able to interview only one of the several witnesses involved. This witness, because of harrassment and ridicule from authoritative people insisted upon remaining anonymous. APRO's Field Investigator on the case vouches for the character and integrity of the witness.

At about 10:30 p.m. our observers were returning to their residence in Rumson, New Jersey via the Oceanic Bridge, a draw bridge over the Shrewsbury River. Stopped by the bridge being in the "up" position to allow water craft to pass through, the observer's attention was caught by the "flickering lights on a low-flying airplane."

It was the opinion of the Father of the family that "the plane was too low to be flying safely". When the bridge closed, the family proceeded on their way down Bingham Road and were surprised to see the same flickering lights, still dead ahead but now ever lower. The comment was offered by the teenage son that "it must be a helicopter."

Since the lights were in the direction of their destination the family continued to observe the flickering lights as they drove. The Father of the family had now become intrigued by the phenomenon and upon arriving at the Rumson High School and finding that the lights were seemingly stationary over the school, drove into the parking lot, stopped the car and enabled the five people to make their observations.

The wife described the object as follows: absolutely soundless, about 200 feet in the air, above the building, not above the parking lot, distance to the building about 150 feet. It appeared to be a circular object from the bottom view and about the size of a four engine jet (the family had flown in a four engine jet recently). As the object hovered, it seemed to "rock" or "bank" and the

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Western Symposium

The Western UFO Symposium, the third such meeting sponsored by APRO, took place at the Saddleback High School Forum at Santa Ana, California on June 12th. Although the auditorium was not filled (it was a beautiful southern California day and the beaches were filled), the crowd which assembled was largely made up of professional people and the types of questions asked during the question and answer period reflected the serious manner and attitude of the attendees.

Mrs. Lorenzen called the meeting to order, welcoming the speakers and the audience, then introduced Mr. Paul Smith who spoke on "Computers and the UFOs", outlining APRO's Comcat (computer catalog) program. Following Mr. Smith, Mr. Rayford Sanders APRO's Consultant in Aeronautics discussed the "Flight Characteristics of UFOs". At 4:30 p.m. Dr. Philipp Seff of Redlands, APRO's Consultant in Geology, discussed the Redlands Case of 1968 which he investigated with the help of colleagues at the University of Redlands. He showed an assortment of slides made from drawings of the object according to witness' specifications.

The speakers and friends adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. for the dinner hour and the meeting commenced again at 7:00 p.m. when Mr. Donald Richmond, Deputy Sheriff of Pueblo, Colorado and an APRO Field Investigator, reviewed the famous "Snippy" case of 1967 and showed some very impressive slides of the area, the horse's carcass showing the strange neck wound, and other related material.

Dr. James L. Harder gave an exceptionally astute analysis of the famous Paul Trent, McMinnville, Oregon photos which were taken in 1950, illustrating it with slides of the original photos as well as photogrammetrical material.

The final speaker for the evening was Mr. Lorenzen, APRO's Director. He reviewed government participation in UFO research through the years, concluding that now that Bluebook and the Colorado UFO Project are both retired, there is no central depository for UFO Reports and that APRO is the logical group to receive reports in the future, due to its widespread field investigator system and worldwide membership.

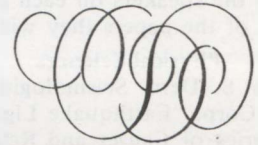
The speakers retired to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Sanders for an informal discussion and visit following the question and answer period which brought forth many well-thought-out questions for all of the speakers. At this time we would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Sanders and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith for their hospitality, and the speakers for an excellent presentation of UFO informa-

tion. Thanks also go to Mr. Norman Duke, APRO's Staff artists, for his excellent work on the posters which were distributed throughout the Los Angeles area prior to the Symposium.

The Santa Ana Register did a very good article on the Symposium in the June 13th issue of their newspaper. Prior publicity included radio spots on KNX Radio and Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen appeared on "Tempo", a daytime talk show hosted by Mr. Regis Philbin. Readers may recall that Mr. Philbin was Joey Bishop's "Sidekick" on his ABC-TV late night talk show. The Lorenzens' meeting with Mr. Philbin and the interview was like "old times" for they had appeared on his San Diego show several years ago when he held forth there.

We are informed that UPI picked up the Symposium story and circulated it and hope that members will forward clips or copies of clips pertaining to the Symposium.

On Monday, June 4th, KCBS radio in San Francisco tracked down the Lorenzens at Turlock, California where they were visiting Mr. Lorenzen's father, and taped an interview concerning the Symposium and the computer program in particular, which was broadcast later that day.



Cahn in Arizona— Munday in Canada

APRO'S Consultant in Physiology, Dr. Harold A. Cahn, has accepted a position with Northern Arizona University in Flagstaff as an Associate Professor of Science in the new College of Scientific and Humanistic Studies, which will conduct interdisciplinary research in the sciences. Dr. Cahn was formerly an Associate of Biology at Utica College of Syracuse University, New York.

Dr. John C. Munday, APRO's Consultant in Biophysics, has likewise accepted the position of Assistant Professor in the Department of Geography of the University of Toronto's new Erindale College campus. The Geography Department in which Dr. Munday will work will specialize in environmental sciences.

Dr. Munday was formerly an Associate Marine Scientist at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science.

Both Dr. Cahn and Dr. Munday will be participating in APRO's UFO Symposium to be held in Tucson in November, mentioned elsewhere in this issue.

Huge Discs

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observer could see that it was somewhat "bell-shaped". A red light seemed to be diffused throughout the bottom surface while the major portion or upper section was a soft white. (APRO will have a dramatic representation of the object in our next issue. The lady who has been interviewed is a trained artist and has agreed to furnish us with a picture done to the best of her ability.)

The husband, intrigued by the aerial object, began to turn his car headlights on and off. (No E-M effects were noted at any time). This action upset the wife who promptly insisted upon leaving the area. As they drove away, still observing the object through the windows, another car drove into the parking lot. Our observer reports that this couple, with their young child, were visibly distressed and volunteered the fact that the object, still above the school, had earlier hovered over their home. This conversation was terminated by the sight of the object tilting more severely (her impression was that it might "fall down") and abruptly climbing and moving off at the speed of an airplane until out of sight.

Nearly an hour had passed from initial sighting to this point and now, at 11:30 p.m. our observers had "had it" and left for home.

They informed the authorities shortly after the sighting as they felt a duty to do so. A fully loaded camera was in the car but their state of excitement caused them to completely forget about it, thus precluding any picture taking.

APRO feels that substantially more data will be forthcoming from this incident and Mr. Redner will pursue the case.

McDonald

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of cases and rejected the alternative hypotheses as capable of accounting for them."

Highly critical of the *Condon Report*, generated by the U.S. Air Force funded University of Colorado UFO Project, Dr. McDonald stated, before the November, 1969, AAAS UFO Symposium: "... The sheer bulk of the report, and the inclusion of much that can only be viewed as 'scientific padding', cannot conceal from anyone who studies it closely the salient point that it represents an examination of only a tiny fraction of the most puzzling UFO reports of the past two decades, and that its level of scientific argumentation is wholly unsatisfactory."

Earlier, in 1967, Dr. McDonald wrote his well-known letter to United Nations Secretary General, U. Thant, urging UN-sponsored research into the UFO question. In his letter, he stated that: "... I

believe that very serious consideration must be given to the hypothesis that these unconventional objects constitute some form of extraterrestrial probes ... after a year's intensive study I still regard it as only an hypothesis, but I must emphasize that my findings drive me strongly toward the view that this may be the only presently acceptable hypothesis. ..."

The cause of Dr. McDonald's death has been attributed to suicide triggered by a critical domestic problem.⁴

APRO has lost a good friend and colleague, and UFO research has lost a brilliant, energetic supporter. Jim McDonald was 51. He leaves his wife and six children, to whom APRO extends its deepest expressions of sorrow and sympathy.

Symposium

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Social Sciences

Dr. Robert F. Creegan; Philosopher, State University of New York at Albany. "The UFO and Theory of Knowledge."

Dr. Robert S. Ellwood; Historian of Religion, University of Southern California. "Shamans, Spiritualists and UFO Contactees."

Dr. Emerson W. Shideler; Philosopher, Iowa State University. "A Metaphysic for UFOs."

Dr. R. Leo Sprinkle; Psychologist, The University of Wyoming. "Some Characteristics of UFO Percipients."

Dr. J. Allen Hynek, Head of the Astronomy Department at Northwestern University, will give the welcoming address. Dr. Hynek is not an APRO Consultant, but works closely with APRO in many UFO investigations.

All the speakers will participate in panel discussions following the presentation of their papers and the public will be invited to address questions to the speakers. APRO urges all its members within a reasonable distance from Tucson to attend this gathering of APRO Consultants, which has never occurred before in this magnitude.

Further details will be announced in the July-August *Bulletin*.

Attention Please!

The Headquarters staff would like to hear from all members, Field Investigators and Consultants who either work for or have contacts with newspapers, television stations or radio stations. Please write a brief resume of your affiliation or contact and submit it to Headquarters at the earliest possible date. This information is relative to upcoming public relations programs to be initiated by APRO.

UFO Activity Increasing in Australia

One of APRO's new Field Investigators, Mr. Donald L. Cline, has forwarded the following three reports dealing with recent UFO sightings in New South Wales, Australia.

Between the hours of 6 and 6:30 p.m. on April 2, 1971, roughly twenty-five residents of the Kempsey-Macleay River area near Kempsey observed a brilliant orange-red light apparently drifting west along the Macleay River at approximately 100 feet altitude. Several observers reported that the light was suspended below a "parachute" and was trailing smoke. Mrs. Alisa Glenda Summerville of Kempsey said the object passed her house "not more than 50-60 feet away and about 40 feet up." She said she was able to see the "parachute and smoke trail" clearly. It then passed over some trees near her house and disappeared in the direction of Greenhill.

At about 10:15 p.m. an Aboriginal man who does not wish to be identified, reported that he went to the kitchen for a drink of water and suddenly saw a round, glowing, saucer-shaped face pressed against the pane of the kitchen window. He was terrified and wanted to get away but the next thing he knew he was outside the window on the ground on his back. His wife, who heard glass breaking and rushed into the kitchen, reported seeing his hips and legs disappear through the top pane of the lower window, an area of about 32x10 inches. He was not thrashing around at all, but was completely horizontal and going straight out, according to the woman. She ran outside and found him on his back at the bottom of the stairway leading to the door and he immediately jumped up and "ran like hell" down toward a stockpile to the rear of the house, crying and shaking. She eventually calmed him down and they returned to the house where he repeatedly told her of his fear of the place for the rest of the night. The next morning he moved out and moved to Sydney and says he will not live in the house again.

Investigation of the premises indicates to Mr. Cline that the feat would be impossible to accomplish under one's own power. The windowsill is seven feet, six inches from the ground outside, though one could peer inside by standing on the stairway and leaning over. But on the inside, the windowsill is four feet six inches from the floor and the man himself is only five feet, three inches tall, and he went through the top pane of the lower window, which is nearly five feet from the floor. Not one particle of glass fell inside the kitchen and the man was not injured save for a cut on one hand

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that required one stitch to close. He felt no pain that night nor the next morning. He remembered the incident clearly that night, but the next day could not recall it, thinking he had broken a neighbor's window and wanting to go and mend it. Directly beneath the window in question is an 18½ inch wide sink area, and the man did not touch the dishes drying on the sink when he went out, according to his wife. The wife said he had been drinking but was not drunk. Mr. Cline concludes: "Drunk or sober, I find it impossible to explain his feat in conventional terms."

Whether or not the foregoing has anything to do with the UFO activity in the area, we do not know, but include it because of its interesting nature.

Our second case took place at 8:30 a.m. on April 23 at Collambatti Rail, N.S.W. (7 miles northwest of Kempsey). Peter Fuller, 13, his brother Christopher, 9, and Ron Donnelly, 11, were waiting outside the Collambatti Rail Post Office (the only building in Collambatti Rail besides the schoolhouse, which is a quarter-mile away) for the postmaster to open and deliver their mail to them. Christopher, the youngest, observed what he described as a little dot getting bigger and bigger and covered with flames descending from high altitude from the east. He ran to his friends and pointed out the object, the speed of which was so great that it was nearly upon them at that point. One of the boys, Peter, was sitting on the edge of a culvert when he saw the object apparently heading right for them, and it startled him so badly he nearly fell into the water. The three boys said the object suddenly slowed and the flames disappeared except for the exhaust, which lessened but did not go out. The exhaust was reddish-yellow, they said, and after slowing abruptly, the object extended four legs from the bottom with half-moon-shaped pads on the ends of them and then oscillated from side to side as it passed over their heads. One of the oscillations then smoothly became a bank to the left and the object accelerated and swooped over the nearby hill and descended into the gully behind it. The boys described the object as silvery metallic in color once the flames disappeared and said it had large square windows around its perimeter that were canted in at the bottom.

Mr. Byron Moss, their schoolteacher and the person who spoke to them first after the sighting, immediately separated them and asked them to sketch what they had seen. Copies of the sketches indicate an oval or egg-shaped craft with four landing gears and square windows around the perimeter that are sloped in at the bottom. The youngest boy, Christopher

who sighted the object first, drew it smaller and showed flames blowing around it. All the pictures show exhaust though there are minor differences as to the source of the exhaust and one shows a bulbous nose while another shows a squared-off nose.

Mr. Moss described the boys as extremely shy and the type that live in the hill country of that area, and Mr. Cline's impression was of two boys (he did not interview Christopher who was confined with measles) who related exactly what they saw and did not attempt to embellish it. Mr. Moss reported that the boys were terrified and white-faced when he saw them immediately after the experience.

The area of the gully behind the hill where the object disappeared from view was searched carefully by Mr. Moss and reporters but nothing was found. As a footnote to this report, Mr. Peter Yarnold, owner of the property behind the hill, reported finding circular burned patches of grass in this gully during the month of March. The grass has since recovered and is growing well.

Case number three (involving an object) took place at 5:15 p.m. on May 10, 1971. Miss Sue Johnson, 15, was feeding carrots to a horse in the paddock of her grandparents' homestead at Cronulla, N.S.W., when suddenly the horse became very skittish and began prancing about excitedly. At the same time the family dog, a Dachshund named Mitzi, raced out of the house and began running around in circles and barking. Miss Johnson looked around and noticed that the evening sky, which a moment before had been the normal shades of blue, grey and pink, was now all shades of flaming red and pink. She then saw a thin red streak across the sky in the south, and a moment later noticed a metallic, silvery egg-shaped object approaching her from the south. It was approximately 100 feet off the ground and had an extremely brilliant red and long, tapering exhaust. It stopped immediately overhead, as Miss Johnson put it: "as though it was looking at something." Miss Johnson reports seeing faint, grill-like markings on the underside of the object, and a barely discernible square patch that she believes may have been a door or window on the front. The object held a strange angle to the sun, and Miss Johnson was unable to see anything further. At this point she began yelling and running toward the house and the object began slowly moving away toward the north. Her grandfather, Mr. John T. Fischer, and her aunt, Mrs. Helen Ross came out on the porch in response to her calls and the object put on a burst of speed and arced up and over the mountains to the north. Mr. Fischer and Mrs. Ross observed the object then at a distance, and all three people were able to

see the brilliant red tail even after the object itself became so small it couldn't be seen.

That evening, after dark, the dog Mitzi again began making a fuss and Miss Johnson let her out into the paddock, where the dog began jumping around on its hind legs in a circle and barking. Miss Johnson then heard a very thin buzzing sound, which she described as bordering just on the edge of hearing and as you would expect "an extremely smooth, finely-tuned engine to sound - but not like a car engine; much finer and more efficient than that." The sound came from the nearby hills, and Miss Johnson reports there is nothing in that direction but impenetrable scrub brush and dozens of limestone caves.

On the eve of the 13th of May, again at 5:15 p.m., Miss Johnson and her grandfather observed the same or similar object again heading north, this time at a higher altitude. The following morning, at 10 a.m., she again observed the object, heading south at high altitude and very high speed.

Mr. Cline's impression of Miss Johnson is that she did not believe in the existence of UFOs prior to this incident, and still finds it difficult to reconcile her sighting with her preconceived notions. She suffered no ill effects.

In a later communication which followed the reports, Mr. Cline informs us: "A chemist friend - an industrialist chemist - has just informed me that metallic calcium burns with a brilliant pure red flame similar to that produced by the UFO observed by Miss Johnson on the 10th of May. Pure Calcium may be obtained from calcium carbonate, otherwise known as limestone - and there are 92 known limestone caves in the Mt. Sebastopol area that are not being mined."

We include the latter for some individuals have speculated that some sightings might be connected with UFO mining operations to obtain materials needed in their propulsion units.

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Possible Occupants in Texas

A lady APRO member in the Houston area has related to us a strange experience which she had in the early morning of May 8, 1971. Her narrative speaks for itself:

"Just before retiring I was sitting in my darkened living room early Saturday morning, May 8, 1971. I live in a quiet residential subdivision well isolated by a lake and distance from the nearest busy travel artery, making the neighborhood more or less secluded from heavy traffic, etc. I was attracted by some movement

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which I could see through the living room front window which commands a view of a street which angles away from the intersection of the street on which I live. Only mild curiosity drew me to the window to see who might be walking a dog or what local teenager might be roaming at that hour.

"What I saw were three little men, about 5' tall, not midgets, because their proportions were quite ideal. They were steadily walking toward the intersection and coming into the light of a highway-type street lamp which afforded me a good view of them. They were all dressed alike, wearing what appeared to be light blue sport shirts, open collared and short-sleeved. Their trousers were dark, appeared to be black, of an ordinary cut, straight-legged, seemed similar to a sturdy cotton poplin or duck. Hatless, their haircuts were also ordinary; no sideburns or length. I could not discern hair color except to describe it as mousey-color, one being a slightly lighter color than the other two. Their skin appeared to be very fair or white, but under that street lamp, skin coloring is masked by a chalky effect.

"I could not make out facial features except to claim that they were delicate in appearance. Their nearest proximity to me was about 100' away as they passed in procession across the dead end side of the intersection.

"I could discern no hint of furtiveness, stealth, fear or concern in their manner. Only an air of being intently engrossed in carrying out a pre-planned methodical task, whatever it may have been.

"I only know that I have never seen such people before and that it is highly unlikely that they reside in this village, this area, this state, this country or this world.

"There was another curious form of behavior; the lighter-haired one intermittently advanced his steps a few paces ahead of his following companions who would then catch up with him as he diminished his stride. That action suggested to me that some sort of testing or measuring was part of their task.

"Yes, I was left non-plussed by the sight of this spectacle. But I saw it and it does not satisfy me to leave it unquestioned and unnoted. I also know that I am in no position to pursue inquiry on my own because this is the non-committal territory of the juggernaut N.A.S.A. (National Aeronautics and Space Administration - Ed.) and this neighborhood is peopled by NASA employees, including the astronauts and my spouse is a NASA employee as well." Unquote.

In answer to a few questions put to her by Mrs. Lorenzen, she wrote:

"I am absolutely positive that the three men were not children and were not teen-agers; to my knowledge, no one else observed them at or near that time. I had been up very late, writing. When I heard the clock strike 3 a.m., I realized that I had to put work aside and at least think about going to bed. I brought some coffee in a mug to the living room where I sat facing the front window - this after I had turned off all the house lights. My eyes had become adjusted to the faint light of a darkened house by the time I heard the clock strike the half hour. It was only a few seconds after 3:30 a.m. that I first noticed movement through and beyond the front window which I was facing. At the moment I reached the window I had already noted that it was three people. It was then that they were coming under the spread of the street light which afforded me the identifications which I described." One other detail was noted: "There is one other vague impression I got just before they passed from view and as they stepped from the vacant lot path to a sidewalk again: that their footwear might have been something like an avant garde boot with a shaped, incorporated heel (narrow) rather than an attached heel." Unquote.

January Washington Report

Our thanks to Field Investigator Dave Akers who had to travel a considerable distance to obtain the following report which is one of several he has recently investigated:

On the 3rd of January 1971 Mr. Keith Brown was driving on Wishkah Road, eastbound from Aberdeen, Washington, approaching the Wishkah cutoff at Wynooche Valley Road. The weather was clear and cold. As Brown approached the bridge spanning the Wynooche River (.4 miles west of the cutoff) he spotted three objects hovering over the bridge. The trio drifted to the side of the bridge and as his car reached the bridge the engine died and the car rolled to a stop. Mr. Brown tried to restart his engine but it responded as though the battery was dead. The lights, radio and heater were "on", however, and operating. Brown's next action was to turn everything off and again try to start the engine. It failed to "turn over" and he became uneasy about his predicament.

The three objects finally elevated slightly and started to drift down the river towards the south. After the objects moved away Brown was able to start the engine after which he drove to Montesano and reported the incident to the Sheriff's office.

Physical details of the three objects were given as follows: Each was comparable in size to a bushel basket, i.e., 2 feet

in diameter. When first observed they were situated about 10 feet above the bridge and roughly 28 feet above the roadway. The objects were intensely luminous but not blinding- Brown compared their brightness to that of a mercury street lamp in the fog. The sketch made of one object by Brown shows a bright, round area with a dimmer "fuzzy" surrounding area. The center appeared to be self-illuminated. None of the objects appeared to be three-dimensional.

The objects did not stay in any particular formation throughout the sighting, but changed positions relative to each other with a motion described as steady and fluid, both vertically and laterally. Brown estimated the total time of the sighting as about 45 seconds.

The automobile involved in the incident is a 1964 Oldsmobile V8 station wagon. Brown had never had a prior experience of this kind with the vehicle. He reported that the engine simply stopped without a sputter and that the car rolled to a stop from a speed of about 35 miles per hour. He could not recall whether he heard a "click" of the starter solenoid when he tried to restart the engine. He also reported static on the radio but did not find this point necessarily connected with the sighting, since reception at that time of the morning is often unreliable.

Mr. Akers observed that he felt that Mr. Brown had recited the details of the incident several times and had been "kidded" by friends about the experience, but seemed to take it all with reasonably good humor. Akers feels Brown is an above-average observer and did not tend to interpret what he saw. In general the report is concluded to be quite accurate.

As we noted before, Mr. Akers is investigating other cases in that general area for that general time period and as they are available we will present the most interesting.

Progress Report

Toward the end of June it was apparent that UFO activity was, at least for the time, picking up a bit. The Field Investigators' manual is being prepared for printing and we hope to have it completed and distributed to our nearly 500 investigators before the expected fall flap. We'd like to thank the many members who have sent their contributions to be used to print the manual.

On the same subject, several members have pointed out the use of "Field Investigator", "Field Investigator's Network" and "Field Investigator's Manual" by another smaller, localized organization. It is a matter of record that APRO initiated the Field Investigator's Network and related terms in early 1969 and it is an original project.

UFOs: The Search for Proof

by Dr. G. K. Ginnings

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Educators and scientists have stated that knowledge is increasing at an exponential rate and that we can expect the present store of knowledge to double in perhaps the next five to ten years. The rate of increase of knowledge is largely due to the speed with which computers permit man to process data. In the more recent past, man was limited to what he could do by manual computations, which could take years as compared to the matter of minutes required by a present day electronic computer.

One of the interesting ramifications of the ability of man to produce new knowledge is the very important fact that too often he is not able to utilize the knowledge that he has created. For example, consider the so-called "modern mathematics" that has been taught in the past decade in our public schools. The term "modern" is a misnomer; in reality, the concepts were known and taught prior to the 1900s. The point I wish to make here is that man quite often thought up new theories which became toys for him to manipulate, until he became bored with them and they were set on a shelf to gather dust. These same toys in later years (or later generations) were dusted off and found to be of practical use. Man often has much of the power of the Universe within his grasp, but fails to have the key that would allow him to unlock the secrets. Some of these keys have been simple ideas that were really obvious once called into focus.

Many of the advances of science were predicted by the dreamers who asked what might be *IF* certain things were changed. Our present-day accomplishments were the visions of science fiction writers, who were not bound by tradition and could explore the Universe with a pen.

As I look back over some of the years of my boyhood, I recall the many Saturday afternoons spent at the theaters watching science fiction movies about Flash Gordon and Buck Rogers. There was the Disintegrator-Ray Gun, the Space Station which communicated with two-way television. We now have space flight to the Moon and our own version of the ray gun (lasers). Dick Tracy, a few years ago, was given the wrist-watch radio/TV for two way communications. By means of the minute circuits made possible by methods of industrial technology, scientists are now able to produce similar

devices which are used by the Armed Forces, the police and in space missions. Those ideas which scientists too often scoff at are often produced within the immediate future. The science fiction writers and the dreamers provide a fertile field in which the scientist can sow his theories and all can reap the harvest of possibilities.

The Atomic Age was born in 1945 and the Space Age began with the launching of the Russian Sputnik in the fall of 1957. There are those who would hardly have believed that either of these events could have happened. We are now observing landings on the Moon. Recorded history reveals that dreamers of generations past believed that space travel was feasible, although most contemporaries scoffed at such ideas. In addition to the Atomic Age and the advent of the Space Age, there is another period which perhaps might be equally important. This would be the UFO-Age, which came into its own with the sighting by Kenneth Arnold of a fleet of "flying saucers" over Mt. Rainier on June 24, 1947. It was this sighting that gained official acknowledgment, if not official acceptance. This sighting (and millions of others in the succeeding years) set off a controversy probably unequalled in scope. From this dispute has arisen three groups, one relatively neutral, the other two diametrically opposed in philosophy. The two opposing teams are essentially: (1) those who tend to believe in the physical reality of UFOs, even if they are not cognizant of the purposes represented and (2) those who dismiss the idea that UFOs could exist. The latter team has been largely represented by the scientific community and probably is composed of the traditionalists who, as in the past, are reluctant to consider the feasibility of new ideas.

The first team is composed of those who: (1) have observed UFOs and believe, (2) the dreamers and science-fiction writers who sense the feasibility of such UFO existence, and (3) those who have not made sightings, but who *FEEL* UFOs exist more as a result of other persons' observations. The remaining team, of probably the majority, holds a neutral position and acts perhaps as a catalyst causing each of the opposing factions to seek to strengthen their positions. It is interesting to note that the team of the "believers" is becoming larger; those neutrally inclined and the non-believers are shifting allegiance. I think this is due to the mass of observational evidence piling up yearly.

The differences of opinion that exist between those who are "believers" in UFOs and those who are not, probably are no more pronounced than have existed in past generations between those who said the Earth was round and those believing to the contrary. Columbus was faced with this problem when he was

about to sail off the face of the flat Earth! A similar problem existed with the rocks which fell to Earth and which we know now to be meteorites. It has been only a little over a century since the meteorite reality was finally established.

Our Government agencies are brought into this fray by virtue of the activities which they, as protectors of the United States, must assume in the field of national security. One wonders about the repeated denials by these agencies of the existence of UFOs and the attempts to explain away, by a variety of devices, the UFO sightings, many of which are too detailed and witnessed by too many people to be so dismissed. It has been suggested that our "Big Brothers" who take care of us are merely extending their paternalistic umbrella and are shielding us from the traumatic experience of suddenly being confronted with extra-terrestrial life and space-vehicles utilizing systems of power unlike any imagined by our technology. Let us consider two contrasting situations. A moment of reflection on the possibilities of the one as compared with the other may lead us to feel, as many do, that there is more than meets the eye.

Consider the first of these situations which took place October 30, 1938, over the Columbia Broadcasting System from New York. At the microphone was the well known actor, Orson Wells, who was narrating the dramatization of H. G. Wells' novel *The War of the Worlds*. I recall the broadcast quite vividly and remember the reactions of both of my parents who had happened to tune in on this program just after the beginning. Apparently, they missed the information to the effect that it was purely science fiction and a dramatization. The program concerned the invasion of Earth by Martians. It was a tense situation at home and the news coverage of this program later showed that the general public experienced quite a traumatic shock; attempted suicides and serious accidents resulted from the effects. Briefly, the point is this: The public in 1938 was ill prepared psychologically for space travel and any consideration of extra-terrestrial visitations.

Suppose we shift to the second scene for a comparison. In October, 1957, the Soviet Union launched Sputnik I, which began a new era in history. This was quite an accomplishment, to say the least, and the news coverage created quite a stir around the world. However, no traumatic reactions occurred in the U.S. since the public had already been getting used to the atomic bomb, radar signals bouncing off the Moon and other scientific feats. The lock-step of normal life hardly missed a beat (except in the realm of education, which was thrown for a loop by the achievement of the Russians).

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Thus, it seems that our Government is hardly involved in protecting us from a traumatic experience, since the public would not be easily shocked.

Before continuing with some comments about the evidence of UFO sightings, I would like to draw into summary the primary ideas expressed in the previous pages. In essence, I have attempted to point out that the period of the 1930's to the 1950's provided several decades for the dreamer and the science-fiction writer to explore with the pen those theories which a few daring scientists conceptualized. As a result of these verbal explorations, new ideas apparently were conceived among many of the newer scientists and, as a result, we have the Space Age of the present. The culmination of these several decades, I think, might be the discovery that we are being and have been visited by extra-terrestrials.

(Note: this article will be concluded in the next issue of the Bulletin.)

New Planet?

Associated Press carried a story on the 13th of June concerned with the possible discovery of a 10th planet in our solar system. Dated New York, it said that Dr. Henry Courten, professor of astronomy at Dowling College on Long Island and an optical systems engineer at the Grumman Aerospace Corporation had revived one of the great questions of science when he said that evidence for the existence of "something orbiting the sun closer than the planet Mercury" lies in a number of mysterious tracks that have shown up on photographic plates he made during the solar eclipses of 1966 and 1970. He said that analysis of the plates, incorporating a special scanner and computer, indicated that "there really is something there and that the recordings are not just defects in the plates."

The story further said that details of his work concerning the orbiting body was to be presented on June 19 at an international symposium on the total solar eclipse of March 1970 to be held in Seattle, Washington.

If anyone who has further information on Dr. Courten's paper and findings would forward it to Headquarters it would be deeply appreciated and of interest to many members.

E-M Case in Nevada

Four residents of the "Blue Diamond" area a few miles from Las Vegas, Nevada have reported that a bright unidentified aerial object hovered over their ranches on the night of June 26th, a Friday.

The object, described as a brilliant

white lighted object with a pinkish cast, caused panic among the animals on one ranch and simultaneously the generator which furnishes power to the ranch stopped functioning as the object dropped to about 500 feet altitude.

Three other individuals living in the area reported the same object, all calls reaching the authorities within a short span of time.

Officials at Nellis AFB said they had not received any reports of the object from pilots nor did any objects show on their radar. Officials at the McCarran International Airport control tower said they had not seen the object nor did they have any official sighting of the object.

Witnesses said that the object had hovered from two to three minutes before leaving at high speed toward the south. This case is being investigated and a more detailed account will be included in the July-August *Bulletin*. No names have been given at this time as we want to ascertain as to whether the witnesses want their experience publicized.

Press Reports

Although there has been a slump in UFO activity since January, there has been some increase, especially in Australia (see story elsewhere in this issue) and we have a few select reports from around the world:

Bredasdorp, South Africa. At 3:10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 26, 1971, Mr. J. Stelma, a baker, reported that he and his three black assistants saw a large white object in the sky traveling from west to east and taking about half an hour before it vanished. The object, he said, resembled a stingray fish with a sharp front and a tail.

Canberra, Australia. On May 12, 1971 two individuals observed a "UFO traveling across the city at low altitude and high velocity" in the afternoon. It was an extremely cloudy day and the object was clearly visible below the clouds. Donald Cline, our Field Investigator in N.S.W., telephoned the Canberra UFO Research Society and was informed of three sightings that day in various parts of the city. The first, which was the one reported in the Canberra News, was made by a "young boy," who described the object as "two football-shaped objects connected by a cylinder" and said he saw it at 3:35 p.m. A second sighting, at 5:10 p.m., was considerably less distinct but generally resembled the first object. This one, however, "had a light behind it as though it was being towed." The third sighting was made by a woman who several years before had reported being tracked by a brilliant light for several miles in her car. The May 12 sighting, she said, was similar to her first one in appearance.

A second event was datelined Sydney, 28 May 1971, and reported that a Mr. 'Blue' Archer, who lives in the deserted mining town of Lynchford (near Hobart, Tasmania) was awakened at 2 a.m. on the morning of the 25th of May by a sound he described as "like a big power generator winding up." He went outside, he said, but couldn't see anything and went back to bed. The next day he found, 150 yards from his home, an area some 25 yards in diameter in which the grass and blackberry bushes had been flattened as though by some great weight. The shape of the flattened area resembled a "three-leaf clover," and the article reported that no burning or other residue was found.

Burketown, Queensland, Australia. A cigar-shaped object was sighted by residents of this small town at 6:38 p.m. on Friday, June 18th. Six of the 9 people with telephones in the area called Mr. Bert Lee, the postmaster, to report the object which was described as a "silver streak with no vapor trail." The officer in charge of Civic Aviation in Mount Isa, Mr. B. Davis, pointed out that a Qantas 707 jet was flying over Burketown at the time of the sighting in the same direction as the UFO was reported to have traveled - from the northwest to the southwest and could have been seen for 20 minutes as some of the witnesses testified. Lee, however, pointed out that the object seemed to be some distance (about 30 miles) away to the east.

Pierbach, Linz, Upper Austria. May 22, 1971. A motorcyclist was riding along Königswiesener road between 2 and 3 p.m. (Central European Time) with a friend sitting behind him on the cycle. When they approached Pierbach, the cyclist said he heard a "dashing, whistling sound" coming from the clear sky above him. He stopped and both men ducked their heads - then something crashed down into the nearby field. The two rushed into the field to the crater formed by the object and were surprised to find, instead of a meteorite, a frozen mass of ice. They dug it up with the help of the farmer who owned the field and took it to the nearest inn where it was put in the freezer. It was bluish-colored with a "horrible sulphur smell," they said. Later the mass was taken to Linz where it was analyzed, but there were no specific unusual characteristics about it. No further details have been published since the story of the chemical analysis of May 25. Our thanks to Alexander G. Keul for this one.

APOLOGY

This issue of the Bulletin is late for two reasons: The Lorenzens did not return from California until the 18th of June and second, we felt it important to include at least preliminary information on the New Jersey and Nevada cases.

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Wisconsin Sightings

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Sue Georgeson (age 11) said: "It flipped over real slow. It took about a minute or so to flip over. It was orange, a sandy orange like the sun was shining off of it. My girlfriend saw it move to the right, then left, right after it flipped over." (presumably after the Georgesons had arrived home and the children had called some of their friends)

One friend, David Gerseth (age 14), said: "It was saucer shaped, round like a dime. It moved toward the radio tower slowly. It was silver."

On the evening of Friday, September 11, 1970, at about 10:00 p.m., David Joranson, a social worker, Joseph Naset, also a social worker, and their two friends, Judy Endicott and Mary Blodgett, were boating on Lake Monona. As they looked toward the shore in the vicinity of the State Capitol building, they immediately noticed two bright white lights hovering over the capitol building, which was the same direction (northwest) in which they were headed.

It was impossible to determine the physical shape of the lights. One of the lights appeared to be higher in the sky than the other, but both appeared to be around 1000 feet high; the two lights seemed to be separated by about 300-400 feet. In fact, the two lights never appeared to be in line vertically and were never at the same position. Both lights were brighter than the stars in the sky, did not flicker or "twinkle" like the stars, and were between five and ten times the size (in diameter) of a star. During the sighting, the moon—a half moon at that time—was visible in the south.

As they watched the two lights, the lower one seemed to descend and, as it did, turn an orangish color. As the lower light—now orange—descended, it suddenly disappeared. The witnesses did not see the light disappear; one minute it was there and the next it was gone. Then, they turned away for a second and, when

they looked up again, the second light (orange object) was in view again or seemed to have reappeared. The lower light descended over the State Street area which is directly southwest of the capitol; it appeared to be about 10 or 20 degrees from the horizon. The witnesses heard no noise from it and calculated that it was about two or three miles (horizontally) away from them. During all of this activity, the top light appeared to be stationary; but if it moved at all, it could have been receding from the witnesses. It did not move laterally at all.

Judy Endicott (age 24) said that they saw two white lights on the shore of Lake Monona, above the capitol building. One light was considerably above the other; the lower one seemed to be moving closer to the higher one. The lower one "went out"; there was no movement afterward.

Mary Blodgett said that they were sailing on Lake Monona when they noticed two lights on shore. One light was above a tower near the capitol building and the other light was below the first light. The lower one moved to the left of the tower and the top one stayed in place. Then the bottom light disappeared and reappeared somewhere near its original position. It looked like a large star but it was too near the horizon. "We did not see it go away or arrive."

At about 9:30 p.m. on September 8, 1970, Denise Fritz (age 18 and a secretary) and her friend Mike Butler (age 18 and a member of the Air National Guard) decided to go for a boat ride on the lake in back of Denise's house; the Fritz family lives in a two-story house on Lake Monona, with a private small pier and a boat with an outboard motor. That night there was no wind and no clouds; it was warm, clear, and the stars were plentiful and easily visible.

At approximately 10:15 p.m., Denise and Mike began to head back to the dock when, about 1500 feet off shore, they noticed what appeared to be an "airplane," flying very low, coming in for a landing directly over the Fritz house (which is not that unusual since the Fritz house is on a landing path for the Madison airport). The unusual aspect of the "plane" was that it was flying so low that Mike was afraid it might crash into the house; he teased Denise about this for a few seconds. Then the thought occurred to both of them that it, the "plane" did not look as if it would crash into the house, it certainly appeared as if it might crash into them, as the "headlights" of the "plane" seemed to be pointed at their position and they, therefore, seemed to be directly in the object's path. They began to take evasive action and swerved sharply to the left to get out of the object's path.

When they made these swerving mo-

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tions, they both noticed that the two "headlights" on the object appeared to swerve with them, following them all the way. Denise said: "It seemed like one of them (headlights) was following us and one wasn't. I thought it was my imagination until I saw the light on the water near the boat." At this point, both Denise and Mike began to doubt whether what they saw was a plane. In an effort to test their judgment, they swerved acutely right, and both "headlights" swerved acutely right with them. When she saw this happen, Denise became panic stricken and started to cry. As they began to get closer to the object, they noticed that the "plane" did not appear to be moving on a normal flight path; rather, it appeared to be hovering above and slightly in back of the Fritz house. According to Denise, "The two lights were just sitting there perfectly stationary." The size of the reflection of the "headlights" shining on the water was estimated to be about 15 to 20 feet in diameter. When the lights were directly on them, they could feel no special physical sensation; in fact, they felt nothing at all—not even heat. They heard absolutely no noise which helped to convince them that the object was not a plane or a helicopter. (Since Mike is a member of the Air National Guard, he is perhaps a better judge than most people of what type of craft is flying above.)

Mike and Denise decided to try to get back into the house as quickly as possible since they were both extremely scared and Denise was crying continuously. Denise was so scared that "I felt sick to my stomach and I was shaking." They headed the boat into the dock at full throttle. As they headed in, they noticed that the object appeared to be about "four or five times" the size of the house and was about 200 feet in the air. It took three or four minutes for them to come up to the pier and the lights were shining on them the entire time (they appeared to have no after-effects from the lights). They turned off the engine a small distance before they arrived at the pier and glided in; they could hear no noise from the object at all; Mike said: "I knew it wasn't a plane then." They had no trouble with the boat engine.

As Denise and Mike got closer to the pier, they noticed that the headlights were about the size of airplane landing lights and also that there was a row of lights, the same color (white) as the headlights, on "top" of the object. At one point, Denise thought that she could distinguish part of the shape of the left side of the object; it appeared to be oval; she was not sure about the right side of the object.

Once Denise and Mike came up to the pier, she ran into the house. Meanwhile, Mike looked up and noticed that the object seemed to have tilted down to the left and had "slid" down to the left behind some trees. No sound was heard. Mike thought that he saw a green light on the object. During the entire episode, they could hear the neighbor's dog barking but their own dog was quiet. Once Denise was in the house, she cried and remained upset for about two hours. Afterward, Mike and Denise went to the Monona Police Department to report the incident and they were told they had seen a plane, helicopter, meteor, or other "explainable" objects. Denise and Mike had previously thought that flying saucers were "a bunch of baloney" and are still not prepared to say that they might have seen a UFO.

Denise's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz, were inside the house during the entire episode. They noticed nothing unusual, heard no noise, noticed no interference with the television set, did not hear their dog bark.

On Wednesday, September 16, 1970, Mrs. G.C. Klingbeil decided to give Reverend Robert Reed and his family some fruit that she had picked from the trees in her backyard. As she walked the block or so from her house to the Reverend's, some children on bicycles passed her and told her that there was a "flying saucer" in the sky. It was about 8:30 p.m. and it was dark.

Mrs. Klingbeil looked up and saw what appeared to be a "bright star but closer." It was orange-yellow in color and remained this color throughout the sighting. It was traveling east to west in a smooth motion; it traveled in the direction of the television station towers and the area called "Westgate," beyond Mineral Point Road as far as Madison Memorial High School. It made no audible noise.

As Mrs. Klingbeil approached the Reverend's house on foot, the object was directly in front of her and appeared to be over the Reverend's house. She estimated it to be about 500 to 1000 feet high. She said that the object, at arm's length, was about the size of a quarter. She watched the object for five minutes at the most before she arrived at the Reverend's house. When she arrived at the Reed residence, she immediately called the Reed family out to look at the object. Reverend Reed, his son, Robert, and his daughter, Laurie, all saw the object (see testimony below). Once at the house, Mrs. Klingbeil watched the object for another 10 minutes. She could not determine what shape it was. As she watched it, she saw about three to four "sparkly things" fall from it on two different occasions. After the discharge of the "sparkly things," the object "blinked

off" for a few seconds and then reappeared. It then repeated this maneuver. During this time, there was no audible noise from the object. Mrs. Klingbeil did not see the moon but said that it "wasn't the moon, of course." Mrs. Klingbeil said that there *might* have been another object above the bright object witnessed, but she was not sure (see Laurie Reed's testimony).

Laurie Reed (age 11) said that the object was a steady light that was low and close to the earth. It was too big and too low to be a plane. It looked like a star. As it moved through the sky in a westerly direction, it dropped things. As it went farther away, it got smaller. Pretty soon it was so small that it was hardly visible. Laurie also stated that it looked as if something was above it; the light from the first object illuminated what she thought was a second object directly above the first, star-like object. The object above either looked like a "balloon" or a dome. Laurie seemed to lean toward the idea that it was dome shaped.

Reverend Robert Reed saw a very bright, magnesium-like, white light moving toward the west. It was visible for three to six minutes. It made no audible noise. Reverend Reed said it was very difficult to determine the shape of the object but it appeared to be rectangular or square. It was higher than it was wide. At arm's length, it appeared to be one-half the size of a dime. The object appeared to be quite low, only a few hundred feet in the sky. Reverend Reed first thought that it was a large star but it was "many times larger and brighter than a star." He had the feeling that he was seeing the headlights or the "exhaust" rather than the object itself. As it moved to the western horizon, "fragments" fell from the object on two different occasions. Reverend Reed could not determine whether the fragments were from inside or outside the object. The fragments were less intense in color and brightness than the object itself. Both the object and the fragments appeared to be on fire. As the object moved westerly, it began to diminish in intensity and took on a "reddish" glow. Toward the very end of the sighting, it "blinked off" and reappeared again in a slightly different position, as if it were continuing unobstructed on its path, and became invisible for a second.

Rob Reed (age 16) saw an object which was orangish in color and about 500-1000 feet in the sky. It moved across the sky in a westerly direction, fairly "slow." At arm's distance, it was as big as a dime and it appeared to be square. Things fell from the object: "It looked like a plane on fire and burning passengers were fallin' out." The object "blinked off for a split second while it was going away."