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NEWS RELEASE

James. W. Moseley, Editor of SAUCER NEWS, personally offers a reward of one thousand dollars to anyone who can produce tangible, conclusive proof that there are flying saucers visiting us from other planets.

Moseley has often stated, both privately and in SAUCER NEWS, that many of the so-called flying saucers seen over the U.S. since 1947 are in reality secret experimental craft of our Armed Forces. Moseley's position is strengthened by the recent public announcement that the United States Air Force is working on two kinds of saucer-like craft. In view of this admission, Moseley feels more strongly than ever that earlier versions of these craft account for most of the otherwise unexplained saucer sightings since World War Two.

In spite of the growing evidence to the contrary, many Americans are convinced that the performance of the so-called flying saucers is so extraordinary that they must be of extraterrestial origin. On the other hand, the majority of people still refuse to accept the overwhelming evidence that saucer-shaped craft have been seen in our skies for the past several years. One of the functions of SAUCER NEWS is to combat both these schools of thought.

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MONKEY FROM MARS?

On June 8th,1953, an Atlanta barber named Edward Watters (pictured above), decided to invent a saucer story. Having made a bet with a friend that he could get his picture in the local papers, he bought a monkey for $50, shaved its hair, cut off its tail, and killed it by a blow on the head. He then placed the dead monkey on a highway near Atlanta, and as soon as a car came by, he excitedly claimed that the monkey was a saucer occupant whom he had accidentally run over in his truck. Many people believed this story until, a few hours later, the animal was examined by scientists, and Watters was forced to admit the hoax. (Photo courtesy of the Atlanta Journal-Constitution).

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EDITORIALS



Moseley

We regret that this issue of SAUCER NEWS is reaching you a little later than intended. We are also sorry that,as the Editor has been out of town on business most of the summer, many of you have had to wait quite some time for answers to your letters. As we warned in the June-July issue, our secretary was authorized to handle subscriptions and other money matters promptly, but mail addressed personally to the Editor had to remain unanswered until his return.

However, we are always more than glad to receive your comments - favorable as well as unfavorable. We hope that in the future we will be able to answer mail more promptly.

Most of our subscribers do not realize that editing this magazine is not the full-time job of the Editorial Staff. Each member of the Staff has other work to do, and can only afford to spend part of his time on this most interesting but hardly profitable publishing enterprize. The Editor is currently engaged in a business which, though it has no direct connection with flying saucers, would nevertheless be of considerable interest to our readers. We may have more to say about this in a future issue.

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Extra copies of the February, March, April and May issues of NEXUS are still available here at Headquarters, and may be obtained for the price of 35 cents each, or four for one dollar.

There are no copies left of the June-July SAUCER NEWS.

Our supply of worthwhile material for future issues is always encouraging, but we are nevertheless glad to receive contributions from our readers. We prefer articles which present new approaches to the subject of flying saucers, or which offer factual data not yet published elsewhere. No poetry, please. - Contributors are always free to express their opinions without restraint, regardless of whether or not these opinions co-incide with the views of the Editors.

We would also like to handle more advertising. Our rates are: Fifty cents per line; $10.00 for a half page (27 lines); and $20 for a full page. The circulation of SAUCER NEWS is at present slightly under two thousand. Satisfied advertisers in the recent past have told us of having received as much as $30 or $40 worth of business from a short two or three line ad. If you are interested, please send in your advertising copy as soon as possible. The closing date for the October-November issue is September 15th.

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In an opinion poll conducted in the June 1st issue of "The Saucer Sentinel", one of the questions asked of readers was "Who do you favor in the Adamski-Moseley Controversy?"The answers to this question ran two to one in favor of Moseley. Incidentally, we are sorry to report that this was the final issue of "The Saucer Sentinel", a magazine which was in our opinion one of the best in the field of saucerian reporting.

One final point: Our side of the "Adamski Controversy" still has not been presented in full;We will have more to say in future issues about Adamski's current book "Inside The Spaceships". Also, we understand that a California writer intends to summarize our evidence in a forthcoming issue of Collier's Magazine.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Friends in the great field of UFO phenomena, can't we settle down and look for truth? Can't we just drop the name-calling and call the meeting to order? Surely, this great field of unprecedented phenomena has enough sensational material in it, without the creation of absurdities for the sake of exhibitionism. Who among us is totally free of ALL of the taints so gratuitously charged?

Have some of us been tempted too far by the lure of the Publisher's royalty checks? If so, let's all let down our hair, confess our blunders, clense our unhappy and restless souls, pick up the scattered debris, and get on with the search for verity. Surely this is not a petty field, so let us not be picayunish and petulant. Will not each of us, in the long run, gain more by joining forces? Or is this whole field of activity to be merely a wrestling match, and the parody of a Roman Holiday?

M. K. JESSUP, New York, N.Y.

You are doing good work in the public interest, but as I say, I do not necessarily adopt all your views, nor of course do you mine. But, as to the rogues and liars, I am with you in exposing them without fear or favor- or lies and unjustifiable imputations. The latter I can safely leave to the liars and rogues. And, while as you say, this blatant barker Scully may be no fool, I, on my side, have evidence that quite another term could be equitably attached to him. He strikes me as adept at "smearing" someone else in order to tone down his own color; and there we may leave a not exactly savory subject.

HAROLD T. WILKINS
Kent, England

I'm really disappointed in Desmond Leslie. When invited to reply to my public criticism of Adamski's claims, he gave every indication of being quite a pleasant and well-mannered character. Why all this pique and pomp in NEXUS? ("Leslie Strikes Back", May & June-July NEXUS).

Regarding my "mass of inaccuracies and inventions", Leslie assumed an air of martyrdom at a recent saucer meeting in this country. He had ample time to answer my article ("Leslie in the Limelight",March NEXUS) in full, but only picked on one major point, the part where I stated that I had heard that 200 pages of Adamski's portion of "Flying Saucers Have Landed" had been cut - an error which I willingly acknowledge. This information was only hearsay,and was told to me in a casual conversation by a person I believed to be conversant with the Werner Laurie entourage and their policy. The remainder of this "mass of inaccuracies" was unchallenged by Leslie at the meeting, except in reference to a couple of hair-splitting points.

I am further disappointed that, in his first letter (May NEXUS) about my attempt to give him free publicity, Leslie could not find a Shakespearean quotation which did not also summarize his own adulation of Adamski. In view of the general tone of his letter, and his personal reference to you as editor of NEXUS, I would have thought this quotation, from the same author, would have better suited his theme: "I am Sir Oracle. When I ope my lips let no dog bark".

JOHN PITT
Surrey, England

NEXUS is getting less and less intelligent. I suggest you be more honest and title future issues "Occult Digest", since there is no saucer news. All that E.S.P. stuff is sheer nonsense.

PAUL REAR, Pasadena, California

UFO'S, ATLANTIS, AND THE ANTIQUITY OF CIVILIZED MAN

- by M. K. Jessup -

I sort of liked John Pitt's approach to the Atlantis puzzle, in the May issue of NEXUS. Of course, it's an approach via levity, of a sort. Yet, if one IS a skeptic, or perhaps a scoffer, as Pitt apparently is, one is in a predicament in presenting the negative case; for he hardly dares admit a serious view, and unless he does so admit, what, then is there to contend about? But, come to think of it, the protagonist isn't much better off - is he?

The great trouble with the whole Atlantis-Mu theme seems to lie in the attempts of pro-Atlantians to prove the details of their theory, and pin-point Atlantis geographically, instead of proving the general thesis that there WAS an Atlantis and/or Mu, and trusting to dogged, consistent, persevering research on the periphery of knowledge to establish the details.

What puzzles me most is the apparent resentment, on the part of the Anti's, against ANY previous civilization of an age, say,of 10,000 years or more. Frankly, I don't know what or where Atlantis was- or Mu either. I do say that if one will study the works of Ignatius Donelly with an open mind, and follow with a reading of H. T. Wilkins' two books on the ancient, prehistoric cities and cultures of South and Central America, one will have to have a most dogmatic mental road-block to deny all possibility of a pre-deluvian, world-wide civilization.

While the idea of Venus leaving its orbit to wreck destruction on the Earth is mere nonsense, there is ample evidence of a cataclysmic disaster of SOME kind, which produced the "Flood" and the baffling "erratics" of the till which covers so much of the northern continental areas bordering on the Atlantic Ocean. There is more than just a little evidence that the "ground zero" of this onslaught was the area which we now know as the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico and the Islands of the Antilles. The destruction was therefore greatest there and in the Atlantic area in general, and least in the antipodes: Asia, India, Tibet, etc. That is why we find more records and traces of the "First Wave of Civilization" in the Orient. Of course, this does not PROVE Atlantis, but it does underwrite the Atlantis hypothesis with a logical explanation.

It is becoming more evident that the UFO's are one (perhaps the major) connecting link with our Atlantian or Muvian antecedents. They may be almost the only chain of intelligent life with that era. The rather obvious association of the UFO's with the Moon and Earth, and the space between, as of today, speaks strongly of antiquity, continuity, and ubiquity.

If only ONE of the little "erratics" like the meteoric, hand-shaped piece of metal from the Austrian coal beds, or the Grave Creek stone tablet from Ohio, or the inscribed slate wall in an Ohio coal mine, can be conclusively accepted as authentic,we have no choice whatsoever in the matter of accepting a pre-deluvian civilization, either on Terra, or "off-shore". Atlantis, then, and Mu, were a part of that culture complex. What does it matter where they were? Actually the "where" is world wide - or it is spatial. Or perhaps it's both. We must try to establish principles instead of details. Unfortunately in our present stage of thinking, we are dependent on the details for the establishment of the principles.

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BOOK REVIEWS

INSIDE THE SPACESHIPS by George Adamski (Abelard-Schuman, Inc; $3.50 a copy)
- Reviewed by Dr. Benjamin D. Benincasa -

Saucer fans will welcome this new Adamski book as the container of further evidence of the existence of flying saucers and aerial cigars, additional proof that these craft are not of this Earth, and of incontrovertible facts pointing to human beings as operators of flying disks and airborne cylinders.

Adamski's critics, equally clamorous in their remarks, will again attempt to discredit the author, labeling him as a "charlatan" and "fabricator of incredible tales".

The ultra-conservative elements will continue to remain comparatively quiet, preferring to caution their friends that "it is better to wait and see".

The last time this reviewer met and conversed with Prof. Adamski, the latter said that he had had no fewer than a dozen separate contacts with men and women from Venus, Mars and Saturn- "all beautiful creatures and possessors of superior minds."

"Inside the Space Ships" is a simple book to read. Direct quotes appear on nearly every page. But these do not cause loss of reader interest. On the contrary, the reader is prompted to continue his reading of the exciting messages which are intended for his consideration.

According to the author, he flies in both small and large space-craft;He identifies his principal hosts and hostesses aboard these craft as: Orthon the Venusian, Firkon the Martian and Ramu the Saturnian- all male pilots; Ilmath, a Martian co-pilot, and Kelma, a Venusian co-pilot (all



George Adamski, author of "Inside The Spaceships", says this is a photo of a Mother Ship which has just launched six Scout Ships (i.e., flying saucers).

large space-ships have women as co-pilots); and the "Great Master", an elderly Venusian sage.

It is the "Great Master", writes Adamski, who briefs him on the whence, why and wherefore of spacemen's visits to Planet Earth. Space visitors come not to conquor us, but to help us, in a rather indirect way, to establish peace on our chaotic Earth. "Nowhere", says Adamski, "did I see anything that even faintly resembled a weapon of destruction", for space creatures "would allow themselves to be destroyed rather than slay a fellow being".

It is Prof. Adamski's contention that ours is the least developed, scientifically and spiritually,of the twelve planets (not the traditional nine planets) that revolve around our sun. The author has held that our Earth has two, and possibly three, moons.

Our visible Moon, declares Adamski, is inhabited by Earth-resembling human beings and is used by both Martians and Venusians as a last take-off base for our world.

Adamski claims that our extraterrestial neighbors, who are believed to be ideal lovers of God and Man, are far ahead of us, socially speaking. They have no wars. They share as a co-operative universal family the expense, man-hour construction and actual operation of these peace-bearing space-ships.

The author contends that the Scout Vehicles (the circular, 35-foot diameter ships) and also the huge Mother Ships are, in truth artificial "planets" which utilize natural electricity as a propulsive medium. He offers an analogy. Our Earth is a natural spherical "craft" which speeds through space and around the sun at about 19 miles per second. It follows a prescribed path set for it by the Laws of Nature. The saucer, on the other hand, is a man-made spherical craft which goes through space at terrific speed. It follows arbitrary paths and is guided by human intelligence. No ill effects are suffered by us as we Earthians make our speedy way around the sun. So too, with space navigators seated in their aircraft. They complain of no discomfort.

Prof. Adamski reports that our jet planes are like horse-driven carriages in comparison to outerspace aircraft.

"Inside the Space Ships" has a foreword by Desmond Leslie, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed", and a biographical sketch of the author by Charlotte Blodget. There are sixteen illustrations. A diagram of a Venusian Mother Ship indicates that smaller space-ships are discharged from below, and are allowed to enter at the top, of the bigger ships.

SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER by Leonard G. Cramp (British Book Centre)

- Reviewed by Justin Case -

(Editor's Note: This book was reviewed for NEXUS by Dr. Benincasa a few months ago, but we find it worthwhile now to present another review from a different viewpoint.)

This is a brief summary of the book, using the words of the text as much as possible:

In the Introduction, Desmond Leslie narrates the story of the Coniston photo of February 15, 1954, and praises Cramp for his success in making a serious scientific study of all the data and an explanation in terms acceptable to the more intelligent physicist.

In the body of the book, Cramp quotes a number of flying saucer reports that indicate their interplanetary origin, and he chides Prof.Menzel for failure to explain the Scoutmaster Desverges sighting in Florida in August 1952. He ridicules Menzel's claim that saucers would become incandescent if they traveled through our atmosphere at the reported speeds of

10 miles per second, and he asks "Just suppose the air in immediate contact with the saucer moved with it, what then?" Cramp discusses the difficulties and hazards of space flight with present day liquid rocket-engine fuel, points out that evidently the flying saucers have overcome these obstacles, and says that this is why we should study them instead of wasting more time on rockets. Rocket engine ships need enormous weights of fuel; they depend on ejection of mass for propulsion, and they cannot accelerate any faster than the crew and the structure can withstand. For space flight they are inefficient. Instead we should seek to develop a uniform field of force for propulsion, of which gravity is an example;If a flying saucer can produce its own G (gravitational) field and this field is controllable, it would accelerate in a desired direction and everything within the saucer would accelerate, producing no stress on occupants or structure. This would permit very high accelerations and velocities. While in the Earth's atmosphere the air immediately in contact with the saucer would be affected by the G-field and move with it. The result would be absence of friction, no drag, and very little noise. This explains why saucers fly noiselessly at high speeds. To prove that gravity can be controlled, Cramp devotes a chapter to Levitation, citing some impressive cases reported by scientists. Cramp believes that gravity, inertia, light, etc., are different expressions of the "condition" out of which all things find existence. He praises Desmond Leslie for establishing virtual proof of the existence of a power employed by men on our planet aeons ago to sail through the upper air in silver, circular ships which were probably flying saucers. He quotes Adamski's story in "Flying Saucers Have Landed", compares his photos with the Coniston photo, finds them very much alike and says this proves Adamski is telling the truth. But he admits Adamski has been accused of using a converted lighting fixture in his photos. This concludes the book.

From this summary, you can see that all Cramp has done is to show that the Earth's gravitational field is an example of the "force-field" that our science-fiction writers have imagined to provide the extremely high accelerations and velocities needed by their heroes to travel throughout space. He assumes that the flying saucers generate a gravitational field for propulsion, but gives no indication of how this is done except some vague references to modulation of etheric rays of light. In his belief that such motion through our atmosphere would be silent,he is wrong. Actually the more air that a moving body carries with it, the more friction, the more drag, and the more noise there are. We purposely streamline our airplanes to reduce the air they carry along on their exterior surfaces.

For a man with some scientific knowledge, Cramp is extremely gullible. He accepts all news reports of flying saucers and quotes estimates of size, speed, and distance. He doesn't realize that no one can make any worthwhile estimates about an unfamiliar object. He accepts Scoutmaster Desverges' story without question, though Capt. Ruppelt in his May 1954 "True" Magazine article, found it very questionable.

But worst of all, Cramp accepts the Adamski story (in "Flying Saucers Have Landed") completely, even though he is aware the Adamski saucer has been called an electric light fixture. One would expect that a man capable of making a "serious scientific study",as Leslie puts it, would quickly observe at least three things wrong with the Adamski photos in "Flying Saucers Have Landed": (1) If the spherical landing gear are assumed to be 2½ inches in diameter, the same size as a 100-watt electric light bulb, and all dimensions are computed from this size, then the Adamski saucer has the same size, shape, proportions and all the characteristics of an old-style electric light fixture, including the glass bowl, the electric light bulbs, the inverted reflector and even the ring at the top for suspension. (2) The forepiece

photo shows three light reflections on one of the spherical landing gear. This proves the photo was taken indoors where there were three or more sources of light, instead of outdoors, where there is only one source of light. (3) Plate One, which shows a flying saucer against a moon background, covers a field of view of 5 degrees. It could not possibly have been taken with a 6-inch telescope as claimed by Adamski, because the maximum field of such an instrument is only 2 degrees. - These three faults prove the Adamski photos are a hoax. These faults should be evident to anyone who studies the photos. Since Cramp didn't notice them, we can only conclude that he was not capable of "the serious scientific study and explanation in terms acceptable to the more intelligent physicist". Hence we are also entitled to question Desmond Leslie's knowledge of physics and his ability to distinguigh the more intelligent physicist from any other kind.

On the whole, the book is well written. Cramp demonstrates some elementary knowledge of physics- more so than Layne, Scully, Leslie, Adamski or Betherum. His book will be welcomed by the "Ardent Believers" who demand no evidence, but it will disappoint the more serious students of the flying saucer phenomenon. After his name,Cramp uses the letters MSIA. They stand for Member of the Society of Industrial Artists, which means that Cramp is an illustrator, a man who makes composite sketches from a draftman's working drawings. The frontpiece in his book is an example of Cramp's efforts. No extensive scientific knowledge is required for this type of work.

A PARABLE
- by Desmond Leslie -

Once upon a time there was a big jungle full of natives. To the West lived the Usa-Usa Tribe,to the East lived the Ussri-Ussri natives, and in the middle lived the Geebee-Geebees;On the whole they were peace-loving natives, quite contented with occasional wars of obliteration and other simple ways of expressing their boyish high spirits.

One day, in the hope of teaching them a few useful things, white men made expeditions to that jungle. Some came in airplanes, some in helicopters, and some came by balloon. But the white men were wise and knew the natives would be afraid if they landed their aircraft or set down a great silver dirigible right in the middle of their villages;So they approached with caution. For a start,they landed in lonely places, talking to individual natives so that these might go back and tell what they'd seen, and thus accustom their people to the idea by degrees. If this proved successful, the white men proposed to fly in and talk to the tribal councils. Eventually they might even persuade them that slinging stones and spears at rival tribes was not quite such a good idea as it seemed.

Anyway, the first landings took place as planned. The natives who had seen the balloon float down went back and told their people, and those who had watched the helicopter descend told their village, and likewise those who had seen the plane land also told of these marvels.

But lo, immediately, dissention and argument broke out among them.

"You say it made great noise and smoke and things like the wings of a bird, but this man here says what he saw was round and smooth and came in silence. One of you is a liar - probably both!"

"...And hark you to this man's tale. He says it came straight down and had huge whirling fans on top".

".....And this one says it came in sideways, had no

whirling things but made great noise."

"...And you say it was bigger than a house and floated on the breeze without sound."

"For sure, these fellows are all liars or lunatics! Send for the witchdoctor at once!"

The witchdoctors and the elders of the Usa-Usa consulted and gave as their official opinion that these were weapons of the horrible red-hued Ussri-Ussris in order to destroy them. And the elders of the Ussri-Ussris, on the other hand, were convinced the Usa-Usas were responsible and that it was all part of their decadent, scaremongering attempts to enslave the working native. The Heebee-Geebees said nothing. They looked glum and puffed their poisonous pipes in silence.

But others argued: "Flying machines with no sails, driven by forces we can't understand! Why, science knows that is quite impossible!" But others, believing in the existence of white men, took sides, one against the other, and argued thus:

"We believe the man who said it was silent and round because he is our friend, but we do not believe he who speaks of whirling things going straight up and down as no bird can do."

"Nay", said others, (believers in white men, mind you), "Our friend who spoke of a great noisy bird spitting flame and smoke speaks true and has seen a god, but he who prattles of a silent sphere larger than a house is an obvious hoaxer and the pictures he did on tree bark are crude fakes".

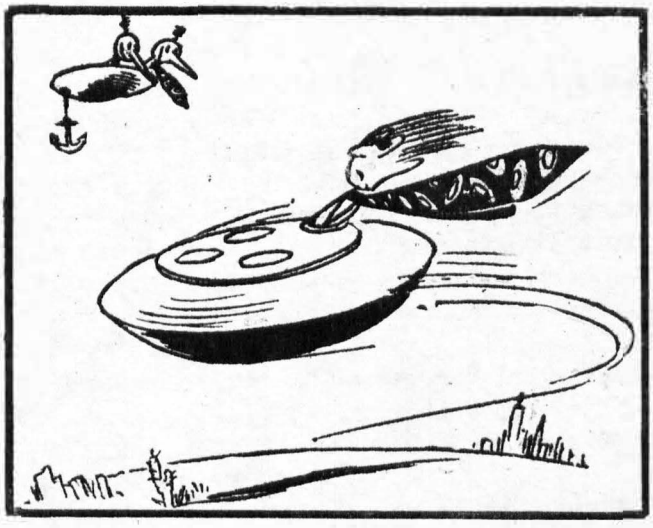
And all these dissentions, mind you, came not from the witchdoctors, but from those who believed that far off,across the great ocean, lived white men many ages greater than themselves. Meanwhile the Believers formed their own council and continued their argument. Loud and noisy came the abuse. Pungent were the remarks. Each called the other a liar, (and other things too which it behoves us not to record). The hubbub became deafening.

Now all this was a great pity because at that time the white men in their main body flew in and landed outside the council hut in order to reveal themselves and their purpose to all. Unfortunately the Believers within were making so much clamor they never heard them arrive. Nor saw they them when, in grievous disappointment, they climbed back into their ships and flew away again - never more to return.

RECENT SAUCER NEWS

FLYING SAUCER TYPE PLANE GETS PATENT: A convertible aircraft with disk-shaped airfoil received one of the 571 patents granted during the week of June 24th. Adolphe C. Peterson of Edina, Minnesota, said that his aircraft can make relatively high speeds as a fixed wing plane, yet under some conditions take off vertically. Its disk-like shape would give great strength with a minimum of weight, he said, and would provide a maximum load of cargo or passengers. He was awarded patent No. 2711295.

FRENCH SAUCER NEARS REALITY: Plane designer Rene Couzinet said in Paris recently that his "flying saucer" should be ready for its test flight next spring. Actually his revolutionary "aerodyne a ailes multiples", as it is called, looks like two soup plates with the bottoms stuck together. Inventor Couzinet said that his new machine will not only fly at "tremendous speeds" but will perform "miracle" feats in the air. He showed a life-size model of the plane to Paris newsmen. The plane is powered by three 135-horsepower motors, which will allow it to rise vertically from the ground.



FLYING SAUCER HOVERS OVER MOTOR BOAT: While a saucer hovered over his motorboat in Catalina Channel (near Los Angeles) last July 10th, the frantic boatman radioed district Coast Guard headquarters for help.

The boatman, named George Washington, said that his wife first saw the object, and that the two of them watched it for about six minutes with field glasses.

Washington said he estimated the object to be about 50 feet in diameter and perfectly round. It was gray-white in color and was spinning rapidly on its own axis, with fumes spurting out from each side, he said. He added that he was sure it was not a weather balloon or other conventional object.

BRITISH MINISTRY CONFIRMS EXISTENCE OF THE "ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN": One of our favorite creatures is back in the news. The British Air Ministry, which consistently pooh-poohs reports of flying saucers, has vouched for the fact that there is, or at least may be, an "abominable snowman" in the high Himalayas.

The Air Ministry announced, quite matter-of-factly, that a team of British airmen-explorers in the Himalayas have found tracks of a two-legged, five-toed creature whose foot is 12 inches long and whose weight is so great that the footprints were 11 inches deep in the snow.

METEORITE NARROWLY MISSES SIX CHILDREN: Six young children narrowly escaped injury or death last July 26th, when a fiery object, apparently a meteorite, fell among them. The children, ranging in age from seven to fifteen, were playing ball near their Illinois home when the incident occurred.

"It landed right in the middle of my kids", said their father, Mr. James Gutillo. "Paul came running over and said, 'Daddy, we've got a message from a flying saucer. We're going to open it'". "You've been reading too many comic books", replied Mr. Gutillo.

The children cracked the mushroom-shaped object with a sledge hammer, and brought it to Mr. Gutillo on a shovel, still smoking. He described the object as "hard and spongy, like molten rock and metal all blended together". The thing weighed about thirty pounds and was a little larger than a volleyball. Mr. Gutillo says that he will use the object as a door stop until "some scientist or professor wants to look at it".

SEQUEL TO LAST YEAR'S WINDSHIELD POX SCARE: This summer the Nation has been plagued with an epidemic of disappearing garden hoses, - a phenomenon equally as strange as last year's outburst of windshield pitting. Experts are still saying it can't happen. A professor of engineering states that there is no mechanical force that could yank an object down into the earth, although he admits that perhaps some small animal might try. Yet, in spite of the good professor, hoses continue to disappear without apparent explanation.

SAUCER RUMORS FROM ENGLAND: Way back in April, the following British newspaper article reached our desk: "Air Ministry chiefs have been shown a full report of the R.A.F.'s five-year probe into flying saucers. To the great question: "Do Flying Saucers exist?" the answer is understood to be "No". But the public is not to know the details.

"Ten weeks ago the 'Sunday Dispatch' knew about this report and pressed for publication in the public interest. Yesterday the Air Ministry stated that a senior officer has ordered that the report is never to be made public. Fear of skepticism is one of the reasons that induced the air-marshals to have the report filed away. They feel that the findings cannot be explained without revealing top-secret facts, and that without a full explanation there would be a nation-wide controversy over the truth of the report."

On May 22nd, the noted columnist Dorothy Kilgallen gave the American reading public her version of this Report. Her column for that date reads in part: "British scientists and airmen, after examening the wreckage of one mysterious flying ship,are convinced that these strange aerial objects are not optical illusions or Soviet inventions, but are actually flying saucers which originate on another planet. The source of my information is a British official of Cabinet rank, who prefers to remain unidentified. - 'We believe, on the basis of our enquiries thus far, that the saucers were staffed by small men - probably under four feet tall', my informant told me. 'It's frightening but there is no denying the flying saucers come from another planet'. This official quoted scientists as saying a flying ship of this type could not possibly have been constructed on Earth."

Immediately denials came pouring in from official sources on both sides of the Atlantic. A representative of the British Defense Ministry in London flatly denied the report, and the United States Air Force, while expressing skepticism, said it would try to determine whether, in fact, "something did crash" in England.

In a personal interview with the Editor of SAUCER NEWS, an Air Force spokesman recently denied any possibility of Dorothy Kilgallen's conclusions being true.

The Staff of SAUCER NEWS will withhold editorial comment on this matter until more facts are available.

MEN FROM MARS BEHIND THE BIG FOUR PARLEY?: In Geneva, the World Interplanetary Association gave its version of the reason the heads of major powers decided to get together for a conference.

This is the reason: To discuss how to deal with beings from other planets who have delivered a "final warning" to the world by destroying atomic plants in Britain and Russia.

The Association made this statement in a memorandum to the Big Four, signed by its president, Prof. Alfred Nahon. The utilization of atomic energy was about to cause the disintegration of the Universe, the memorandum declared. The inhabitants of other planets realized the danger, and the only way to prevent attacks from outer space was to abandon the atom.

The memorandum called on the Big Four to tell the world the truth about aircraft from outer space, "observed in all countries since 1945", in order to avoid a "stupid panic" when the facts finally become known.

SAUCERS EXPLAINED BY SATELLITE EXPERIMENTS? According to the New York News, top-secret preliminary experiments on space satellites, which have been continuing for almost a decade, may contain the secret behind persistent flying saucer reports during the past several years.

SAUCERY AND RELIGION

- by John Pitt -

When flying saucers first presented themselves they were discussed sensibly and with dispassion. They were investigated solely as aerial phenomena and were assumed to be physical, solid, and only abnormal in their appearance and maneuverability.

If UFO research had been permitted to continue as it began, some worthwhile analysis might by now have been made. Unfortunately such investigation was neither encouraged by the Powers That Be, nor did it appeal to those unfortunates who hitch their waggons to the nearest available star.

A saucer cult has sprung up around the UFO problem. It seems to have begun when the first suggestions were made that saucers come from Outer Space, and when science-fiction allied itself to this "Cause". This aptly named "Saucery"is an insidiously growing cult. It seems to have attracted a large number of devotees and has closely followed the pattern of development which can be traced in the origin of popular religions.

A close parallel could be drawn between the source of Saucery and the blossoming of the Christian faith. Both began with a nucleus of physical truth, both appealed to the strata of contemporary intellect that required a more acceptable worship-totem, and both had to cloak themselves in borrowed Mythology.

It is stated that Charles Fort is the father of "Saucery". This man,a highly intelligent professional mental gymnast, set about to undermine the closed minds of both scientists and the public. His books did not "catch on" during his lifetime, but his work is still enduring. This summary also fits the mental technique of the Jewish carpenter in whose name Christianity was formulated.

Neither Fort nor Jesus, if alive to see the consequences of their revolutionary ideas, would be happy at the sad state of decline into which their devotees have allowed their suggested ideas to fall. I doubt if either gentleman expected to be taken seriously, or if so, to be understood by more than a handful of people.

I do not suggest that Fort is actually worshiped by the Saucerers, just as I do not suggest that Jesus did not intend to be worshiped, but the parallel exists insofar as posterity is concerned; both are nuclei of Cultism.

Christianity is based on one element - the man, Jesus. Saucery has not adopted a divinity or deity,but is at present a religion which tends to worship an idea, that of Mankind being about to be guided into the path of righteousness by the kindly intervention of "Elder Brothers" from the realms of Outer Space.

It is a curious facet of Man's personality that spiritually he feels ever obliged to kneel at the feet of some intangible totem. Man has evolved in most other aspects, but still remains mentally and spiritually unweaned. Man, who has conquered Time and Distance, and to some degree Nature herself, still requires the services of a spiritual wet-nurse.

When people find a new idol which looks as if it will fulfill this need they begin furtively to search for an excuse to kneel down. Some 300 years after Jesus, who, driven by some psychological stirring, had acted out his self-destructive tendencies and had succeeded in being liquidated by the very people he perhaps hoped to convert, - the Christians put their heads together to formulate a religion, based on the principal nucleus of Jesus' teachings; and for posterity - a practice which the orthodox churches

have continued to this day.

In much the same spirit of intellectual dishonesty, Saucerers are following the same blind technique of allowing the end to justify the means;Again mythology is consulted and any myth which leads to a semi-convincing "end" is lifted from its original context and added to the framework of Saucery.

Here again there is the parallel in early Christianity. To the original biographies of Jesus were added a number of borrowed myths to lend divinity to his otherwise earthly status. I do not know who was personally responsible for the notion of the Trinity, but it is evident that this mumbo-jumbo owes much to the ancient Osirias cult. The myth of the immaculate conception was not original and was already in vogue in the same Egyptian cult. To those who are unfamiliar with the story, Osiris, the Father-God, was slain by his brother, much as Abel was killed by Cain; but Isis, the Mother-Goddess, conceived Horns from his dead body. The Roman Catholic acceptance of the Mother, indeed, her equal status with Jesus, denotes not only the presence of the Osirias trinity concept but also reflects the image of primitave dualism and perhaps also the Mother Goddess herself, who is timeless. And all this was done in the sweet name of the Nazarene carpenter and before Sigmund Freud discovered the Oedipus complex! I wonder if the end has really justified the means?

In an earlier article in NEXUS, I discussed the misuse of Mythology and gave my reasons for rejecting as unreliable the prehistoric hypothesis for flying saucers. I do not intend to recapitulate all my criticisms but feel that it is only necessary at this point to study why these myths and legends were misused.

It seems again that these prime examples of misunderstood myths, poor scholarship and wishful thinking are a means to an end. What this "end" is remains as yet a mystery, but certain indications are obvious. One of the most alarming ideas is that Jesus Christ is somehow bound up with this Interplanetary hop-scotch and that he was brought to Earth from Outer Space, and will presumably return, as promised, whence first he came. I sympathise with this notion insofar as there are quite a number of issues which he might well enough care to clear up from his first return trip; but the idea of this Jesus being dragged into Saucery seems only to weaken both Christianity and the "Cause".

The Saucerers' neo-mythology, reeking as it does of Jesuition, is presented nowadays as a fait accompli. Those who possess even less critical ability than these producers of conjuring tricks, can be excused if they fall into the error of assuming that this fait accompli is the result of serious and intellectually honest reasoning.

Having referred continually to Jesus, I conclude with a little quotation from one of his numerous lectures: "Let not the blind lead the blind".

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BILLIONS OF GALAXIES

- by Charles M. Samwick -

It may come as a shock to others, as it originally came to me,that not only is the galaxy, of which the Earth is a part, composed of billions of stars, but that our galaxy is just one of possibly billions of other galaxies.

Actually, many astronomers use the phrase "hundreds of billions" when attempting to count the objects in one galaxy. The enormity of just one "billion" is sufficiently inconceivable to me.

It has been estimated that the total weight of all the bodies in our galaxy is 200,000,000,000 times that of the sun. This is an impossible figure for the human mind to absorb, for our only basis of comparison is the size of the Earth on which we live,and the Earth is a mere speck alongside the tremendous diameter of the sun. Composed entirely of incandescent gases, the sun measures 865,380 miles across. This is 109 times larger than the diameter of the Earth. Roughly, it would take 1,000,000 planets like the Earth to equal the sun's bulk.

These are not my calculations. They were determined by trained and expert researchers in astronomy, using the most modern optical and mathematical instruments available today. I am a mere layman. Therefore,I must and do accept their calculations without question.

To the above I can only add this- No telescope nor any scientist has been able to see or even conceive of the end of space or of the entire universe. What has been learned may compose only the tiniest, the most infinitesimal part of everything that exists.

With this definitely-established information in mind, the very next step to take, for those interested in the curious appearance of UFO's, is a consideration of the assertions made by many renowned astronomers - that life must have developed on at least one and probably millions of other planets.

Dr. Harlow Shapley, Harvard University professor and one of the world's greatest astronomers, has flatly declared that there may be millions of "earths", each populated as our Earth is. I do not know how he arrived at this conclusion, but I suspect he may have hypothesized as follows:

1. The basic conditions extant on Earth that probably controlled the development and evolution of life are the sun's warmth and rays, the water supply, the balance of certain basic elements, the presence of carbon compounds which are the bases of our form of life, gravitation, and perhaps, certain cosmic radiations about which,apparently, we know little as yet.

2. There is an unidentified force, supernatural or mechanical, as you will, that controls the direction of life and protects its continuance or arranges its destruction, as the need appears.

3. There is an established law of averages. What has happened once could happen again if there were enough opportunities for it to happen - one million, ten million, one hundred million, etc.

4. There are "hundreds of billions" of heavenly bodies in each galaxy and "hundreds of billions" of galaxies, if not trillions or even quadrillions, since we do not know yet where it ends. The opportunities for repetition or duplication are countless, not only for similar conditions but for exactly the same conditions.

5. If the first four points above be true, the probability is that life does exist on other planets, in and out of our galaxy.

6.There is no reason known to Man why such life should not be intelligent and reasoning.

7. There is no reason known to man why such life may not have developed on other planets thousands or even millions of years earlier than on Earth.

8. Our scientists tell us that we shall negotiate space in the foreseeable future.

9. If the first eight points above be true, there is no reason known to Man why such intelligent beings may not be much further advanced in scientific progress and may be already navigating space at will.

I submit this article as my reply to those who ridicule the possibility that intelligent beings, other than those who occupy Earth, may be observing us, and, very possibly, may occassionally be present in our atmosphere.

It is my contention that the vast majority of sightings can be accounted for either by natural phenomena or by man-inspired research. However, it is also my contention that some of the recent sightings and much of the sightings of past generations and centuries, can be accounted for only when we are willing to accept the fact that man is a picayune nothing in the life that exists in the overall universe.

A REPORT ON THE UFO'S AND ON LEVITATION

- by John Philip Bessor -

One would think that, by now, the Air Force would have received sufficient data on the subject of flying saucers to once and for all end the controversy by issuing a report to the public that flying saucers exist. Indeed, in the late spring of 1949, it DID issue a report stating "Flying saucers are not a joke, but don't worry". Somehow,this little announcement came out at about the same time that Sidney Shalett's "What You Can Believe About Flying Saucers" appeared in a national magazine, the whole effect of which was to play down the phenomena as the product of mass hysteria, poor observation and sky-hook balloons.

Shalett's piece was supposed to have had the backing of Air Force Intelligence personnel. Apparently one faction of Intelligence wishes the public to know the facts, and another, completely bullheaded, wished the public to rest under the delusion that the flying disks were sheer poppycock. The vocal faction of the Air Force still insists on hoodwinking the public! Recently, Air Secretary Talbot denied that his plane was pursued by a silvery disk over California, and General Nathan Twining growled "Baloney!" upon being asked by a Harrisburg newsman what he thinks the flying saucers might be.

At the risk of being disrespectful, I will say to these gentlemen one word,"Baloney!" They might well fool the masses with their misleading statements, but they are not fooling for a minute those of us who have spent years studying every facet of the flying saucers and related phenomena. In 1947 I made a bet with a friend that the Air Force would NEVER tell the public the truth about the flying saucers, as it would never admit, publicly, their fantastic nature and origin,exactly as the Vatican would not acknowledge the reality of reincarnation (which was a Christian tenet till suppressed by the Church Council of Constantinople in 553 A.D!).

Considerable space has been wasted on the controversy relating to alleged landings of "little men". I cannot emphasize too strongly that for over two years (from June 24, 1947 to August 19, 1949) - when two desert prospectors told newsmen they saw two little fellows hop out of a landed saucer - there was not a single mention of "little men" as saucer crewmen. This 1947 report,although believed to be a publicity stunt,started a veritable

avalanche of "little men" tales. The mythical Dr. Gee (Whiz) added fuel to the flame. Adamski elaborated on it. The "little men" grew taller and became benevolent, soft-spoken "guardians" from Venus Etheria, or seductive damsels from Clarion. A unique type of flying saucer, the "Adamski model, 1952" came into being, complete with port-holes and pawn-shop triple ball landing gear. It whizzed over to fertile England and gave birth to the "Coniston saucer".

Later, a fiction writer named Cedric Allingham took a solitary stroll, and was favored by a visit from a gangling, six foot tall saucer pilot from "Mars". Eager Leonard G. Cramp, falling hook,line and sinker for Adamski's version of what flying saucers look like, wrote a very technical book, holding up Adamski's saucer as a model, or nucleus, for his theories involving the principle of the nullification of gravity. His theories should appeal to our rocket technicians. Mr. Cramp adheres strictly to the mechanical. We could call his nullification of gravity theory a form of levitation.

I have before me an account of levitation from the London Evening News, January 1955. The writer, A. Dhar, of Windermere Ave., London N.3, relates his visit to the sacred mountain spring of Gudar, in Kulgam, Kashmir. Near the spring a group of men stood around a huge boulder. One told Dhar that an eleventh person was needed to complete the team. He joined them and they all stood in a circle around the stone. An aged man told them to touch the boulder with their forefingers, to hold their breath, and repeat the word "eleventh" in Kashmiri. They obeyed, and the stone rose about three feet in the air. It remained in the air while they held their breath, and then fell, with a thud, to the ground. They tried again with ten people, but the stone did not move.

Ripley's "Believe It Or Not" book carries an item concerning levitation of a huge boulder in India. I have read of another instance of a boulder being kept in the air over a sacred Hindu shrine by the constant chanting, or singing, of several people. Perhaps India is one of the last of the ancient cultures which has not quite lost the art of levitating rocks. Desmond Leslie's highly interesting chapter on ancient Hindu aerial ships indicates that levitation was the force employed to propel them.

Recently, a form of levitation or teleportation occurred in Minia, Upper Egypt. A 90 year old skeikh had just died. As his coffin was being carried out of the house, it wretched itself free from the grasp of the six bearers, smashed through a door and sailed in the air, making a crash landing two miles away! Since then, it has been reported that other flying coffins have been seen, some having made even longer flights.

Did such ships once sail over Britain and engage the defenders of the ancient "vitrified forts" in mortal combat? Did blasts from these aerial ships scorch the earth of such islands as Crete? In a recent conversation with a Greek friend,I learned that vast areas of Crete, approximately 15 feet beneath the surface, are mysteriously burnt. -Any further information will be greatly appreciated.

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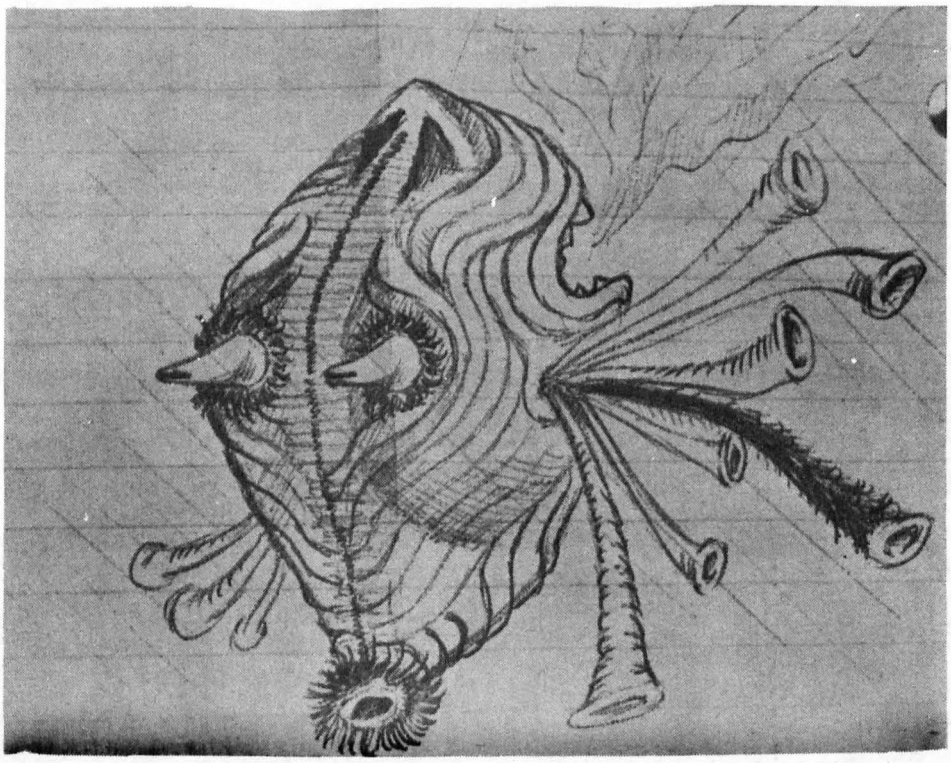
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"HEAD MAN" FROM OUTER SPACE?

In the fall of 1953, the present Editor of SAUCER NEWS was told by supposedly reputable people that the crew and passengers of an airliner, on a flight from Miami to Lima, Peru, had seen this weird creature staring at them from out of a flying saucer that was keeping pace with the plane. Subsequent exhaustive investigation on the part of your Editor, proved the story to be a complete hoax. The above photo is of an alleged composite drawing made by the witnesses. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The following comment should have appeared in my review of Cramp's book "Space, Gravity, and the Flying Saucer" in the Aug.-Sept. SAUCER NEWS: Cramp fails to show how the G-field of the flying saucers could produce propulsion in any direction (except earthwards) in violation of Newton's Third Law of Motion.

JUSTIN CASE
Washington, D. C.

Many thanks for....the copies of SAUCER NEWS, together with photo of yourself....Looks like one of those "spirit photos"!

RICHARD HUGHES
Devon, England

(See cut for a slightly better photo of the Editor.)



After reading the article by John Pitt (Aug.-Sept. SAUCER NEWS) about Saucery and Religion, I request that my subscription be withdrawn and fifty cents refunded. I realize that my subscription means little to you, and I'm not canceling it in anger but in pity and distrust of any magazine that could possibly print such an article. I trust that Mr.Pitt, though completely misinformed as to matters Christian, is at least in good faith,and I'll pray for his enlightenment....

ROBERT SCROGGINS
Union City, N. J.

Notwithstanding the feelings of such as the lady out of Michigan, who won't subscribe because she felt that argumentation and discussion were in themselves worthless ends, I like your current format. It would be appropriate for you to call to the attention of those who evidence this turn of mind, the undeniable fact that it is the function of magazines like SAUCER NEWS to bring pertinent information to the hands of the reader, in order that he may mold his own opinion from them. I feel further that you have been very wise indeed to come out for that in which you believe, while, at the same time, giving full hearing to thine erstwhile enemies....

YONAH H. FORTNER
Tonawanda, N. Y.

I'm enjoying your periodical and wish to thank you for all your real hard work in getting such interesting and vital information to the public. Keep up your publishing so we can find out all about this fascinating subject please!

RUTH C. HELFAND
Honolulu, Hawaii

Your magazine is best, in that it permits diversity of opinion....

KENNETH H. FORD
Pacific Grove, Calif.

THE SKY CROSS

- by Frank Reid -

(Author's Note: In research into aerial phenomena, one sometimes comes across cases that cannot be classified as UFO's. This is such a case. I do not care to comment on any religious or spiritual significance it may have, but merely give the facts as they were reported.)

It was just before twilight, on April 27,1944. An air-raid alert was in progress in Ipswich, England, located near the Strait of Dover.

Suddenly, a great light shone out in the sky. Looking up, the people of Ipswich were startled and awed by what they saw. A few said they saw Jesus standing on a pillar of cloud. The majority, however, said that they saw Him, with bowed head, on a cross.

The vision gradually grew clearer until it was possible to make out the nails holding His feet. Then,as the all-clear sounded, the appearance quickly faded away. It had been visible for fifteen minutes.

A great deal of publicity was given to the vision. It was pointed out that many reputable people, including a naval commander and other officials, had seen it. Statements of witnesses were published, typical of which was that of an engineer, William Gernham: "I saw the sign of the cross actually start to form. There was no mistake either in the shape of the crucifix or the figure nailed to it."

Skeptics said things about "suggestion" and "hysteria". Dr. F. W. Edridge Green, an adviser to the War Ministry on color and vision, stated, "If you're convinced you're going to see something, you'll see it." His theory was that the woman who first noticed the vision did see something like a cross, and her mind automatically connected it with Christ's figure. Such "mental expectation", he said, was what was behind the Indian Rope Trick and other marvels.

Meanwhile, Rev. Harold G. Green, army chaplain and vicar of the Church of St. Nicholas at Ipswich, made a personal investigation. At a mass meeting of 500 eye-witnesses, held on the evening of May 7th, he revealed his findings.

He had spent four days interviewing two thousand people who had seen it, and had gotten hundreds of detailed descriptions.

"I have satisfied myself beyond every doubt that the vision of Christ on the Cross was seen in the sky by hundreds of people," he said. "I regard the sign as a definite good omen, and if only a dozen people had seen it instead of hundreds, I should still say it was God's call to this our nation."

"There was scarcely any variation - if any - in these accounts," he also stated."I have satisfied myself beyond doubt of the authenticity of the vision."

"There were clouds in the sky which drifted by while the vision remained stationary," he added.

(The sources of information are as follows:

"Forgotten Mysteries" by R. DeWitt Miller

"Weird Wonders of the War", by Vincent H. Gaddis, in "Amazing Stories", Jan., 1949.

"Newsweek", May 22, 1944.

"The Chicago Daily Tribune", May 8, 1944.)

CONCERNING "SPACE, GRAVITY AND THE FLYING SAUCER"
- by Desmond Leslie -

(Editor's Note: In the following article, Desmond Leslie takes exception to a review of "Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer" that was published in our Aug.-Sept. issue under the name of Justin Case. In answer to several inquiries, we must state that Justin Case is the pen name of a scientist living in Washington, D.C; It is not the pen name of any member of the SAUCER NEWS editorial staff.)

This "review from a different viewpoint" is written by someone who assumes by his words to have a more scientific knowledge than Mr. Cramp, but who prefers to remain anonymous.

Wisely so! For Mr. Anonymous is very unscientific; He not only knows little of astronomy but nothing of the normal processes of scientific deduction. I do not claim to be a scientist myself, but I try to follow its rules, and I take nothing proven unless the rules of evidence are faithfully followed.

Mr. Anonymous says regarding the Adamski photos:

(1) "If the spherical landing gear are assumed to be 2½ inches in diameter,the same size as a 100 watt electric light bulb, and all the dimensions are computed from this size, then the Adamski saucer has the same size, shape,proportions and all the characteristics of an old-style electric light fixture."

Splendid! But where is an example of an "old-style electric light fixture"? Let him prove his point by producing one. If his theory is true one should not be hard to come by. I suggest the old Sears Roebuck catalogues for a start. How come "Mr. A." has not produced an old-style electric light fixture of the exact proportions of the Adamski saucer? If it's all that simple, let him busy himself discovering one, for there must be a lot lying around somewhere, if this was, as he says, a manufactured object. Having found it, let him apply orthographic projection (if he understands its principles) and see whether the proportions are vaguely similar or <u>exact.</u> If they are <u>exact,</u> then he will have made his case. If they are not, or if he fails to discover such an object, let him discretely remain anonymous.

To reason that because a thing vaguely looks like another thing, it therefore IS that thing, is just about as scientific as stating that because planets bear a superficial resemblance to billiard balls, they <u>are</u> therefore billiard balls. Come, "Mr. A.", produce that lampshade, or shut up!

(2) He complains that the spherical landing gear has more than one highlight, thereby "proving" the picture was taken indoors.

A little more knowledge on the part of "Mr. A." would tell him that,on the contrary,the spheres <u>should</u> have more than one highlight. At the bottom of the photo, pockets of highly incandescent air can be seen (identical to those seen in the second Coniston photo). What it is that causes pockets of air around the saucer to emit light we do not know, but because they are emitting light, the light would naturally be reflected on a curved surface a few feet away. Moreover, these spheres are translucent, and will break up the light in a variety of ways. Also, light with a source inside the cabin of the saucer, would most certainly find its way to them and produce peculiar effects.

Lastly, midway between Adamski's house and the point where the saucer was hovering,there is a large barn with an angled metal roof.

I noticed it on my visit to Adamski last summer, and it struck me at the time that sunlight reflected from this roof could easily have illuminated the whole under side of the saucer. So, with a choice of three subsidiary light sources, it is a wonder that the saucer isn't ablaze with highlights.

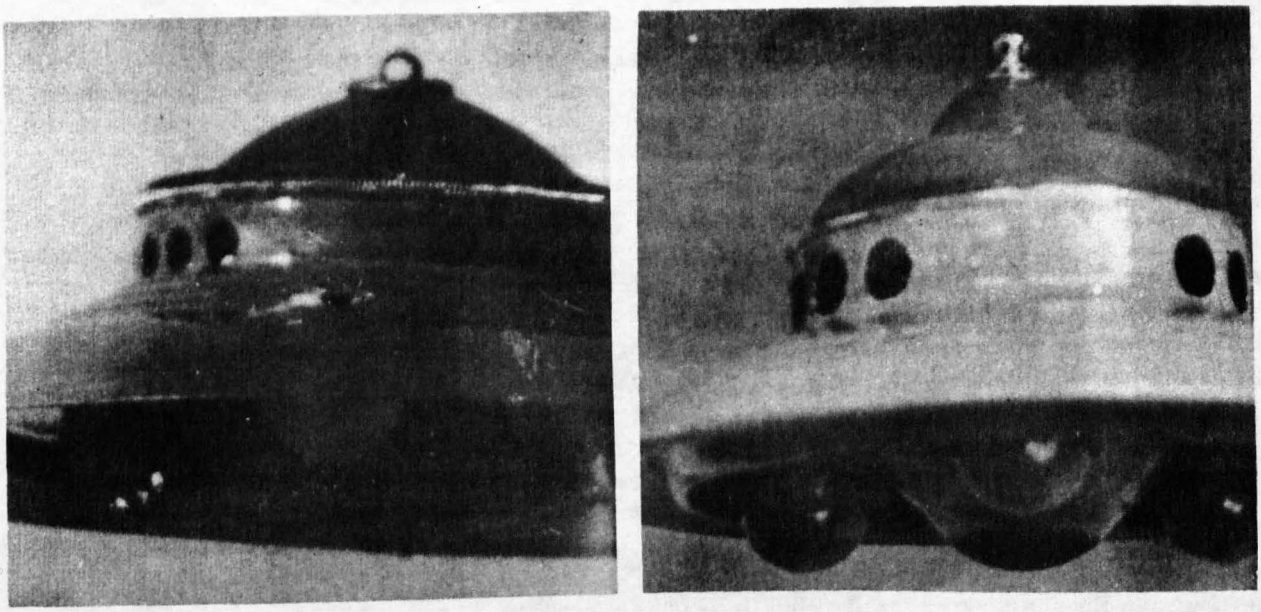
(3) Anonymous says that the picture taken through the telescope showing part of the Moon's surface exceeds five degrees of arc.That, I beg to state, is a clanger-howler of the First Magnitude. I am writing this from the depths of Ireland and do not have a reference book handy, but if my memory serves me aright, the angle of arc subtended by the Moon's total diameter is either two degrees, or it is one half a degree (i.e., thirty minutes of arc). I believe,from memory, it is the latter. Therefore, this photo, showing half the Moon's surface subtends one degree, or thirty minutes of arc. A slight difference!

Has "Mr. A." never looked through a six-inch telescope? He does not appear to have done so, or he would know that with a low power such as X 45 the whole of the Moon's diameter is visible, while when using higher magnifications, only portions are visible,such as with Plate 3 of "Flying Saucers Have Landed".

While trotting around the junk shops searching for lampshades, "Mr. A." should also try to pick up a second-hand telescope and a little first-hand knowledge or I too shall be "entitled to question his knowledge of physics".

It is a pity that SAUCER NEWS prints this kind of ill-reasoned fault-filled nonsense without giving it more careful reading.

The only wise thing this writer has done, is to conceal his identity.



Of the two photos above, the one on the left is one of the alleged saucer photographs under discussion in Mr. Leslie's article, whereas the photo on the right is a model constructed as a joke by the editorial staff of "Yankee" Magazine. Mr. Leslie contends that the striking similarity between Adamski's "scout ships" and light fixtures, does not constitute proof that they actually are light fixtures.

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ARE THERE OTHER INHABITED PLANETS?

- Justin Case -

We have no proof as yet, despite Scully, Layne, Adamski, Betherum, etc., that flying saucers come from some other world. But let us consider the possibilities of such an origin for these craft.

There have been three principal theories as to how our own planetary system originated. The first, about 1749, was that a wandering star brushed past or collided with our sun and threw out streams of material that later congealed and formed our planets. This extraordinary accident would lend support to the religious belief that we are the only intelligent beings in the universe.

But there are two weaknesses in this theory. First is the utter improbability of such a collision between a star and our sun. The chances are only one in two billion! In our Milky Way galaxy, which contains about 40 billion stars, there would probably be no more than ten planetary systems like our own. The second weakness is that if this collision did take place, our planets would move in elliptical orbits instead of in the almost circular orbits which they follow now.

The second theory (about 1790) was that an explosion in our own sun threw off material which formed rings around it (much like the rings of Saturn) and these rings later formed into planets. About 60 years later a careful mathematical analysis of this theory showed it could not explain why the rings should form into spherical planets. Nor could it explain why the sun rotated on its axis as slowly as it does now, once in every four weeks.

Up until 1943 these two theories were debated pro and con, and many modifications of them were proposed to account for existing situations. As astronomical knowledge progressed it became more and more evident that our sun was very much like most of the other suns (stars) in the universe both in size and in chemical composition. It was learned that chemicals found in our own planet also existed in our sun and other stars but of course not in the same proportions. In other words, there was nothing unusual in our sun.

A study of this and other data led a young German physicist named Carl Weizsauker in 1943 to propose an entirely new theory of the origin of our planetary system. He showed by mathematical analysis how the planets could have been formed by gradual accretion of the fine dust originally scattered around the sun. His theory accounts for the circular orbits of the planets, for their present distances from the sun, and for their chemical composition. In short, it accounts admirably for most of what we know about the sun, the earth, and our planetary neighbors.

This Weizsauker theory is described more fully in Prof. George Gamow's book "One, Two, Three....Infinity". Since Prof. Gamow is one of our best astro-physicists and devotes much space to this theory, we can be sure that it has a sound basis;The important feature of Weizsauker's theory is that it shows our planetary system is not an exception but is rather the rule, and that each star most probably possesses a planetary system. Therefore our Milky Way probably has billions of planets,many millions of which have physical conditions similar to those on our own planet;The likelihood of intelligent life developing on those millions of planets is very high, simply as a matter of statistics.

Therefore our present knowledge indicates there must be an enormous number of inhabited planets within our own galaxy. What is the probability that flying saucers come from one or several of them?

Well, no doubt we are safe in saying that many of these

millions of inhabited planets are much further advanced than we are. Even if they were only a few hundred years ahead of us,they could easily have achieved space flight - as we expect to do in the near future. In their wanderings they could quite easily have visited us, or may even be doing so now.

But first let us take a look at our nearby planets Venus and Mars. Remember that all our planets move in circles around the sun,at different speeds. Sometimes Venus and Mars are near us, and sometimes they are way over on the other side of the sun. If we have visitors from Venus or Mars they can arrive only when their home planets are near us, and they can stay only about a month. Then they must leave before their home planets start receeding from us. If they overstay their time, they have the choice of chasing after their rapidly disappearing homes, or of waiting 18 to 25 months for another favorable opportunity to return home. Therefore, if they come from either of these two planets, we should sight them for about one month, and then not see them for another 18 to 25 months;But the fact that flying saucers have been sighted continuously, month in and month out, for several years, would indicate that they are not from Venus or Mars. Also, our best knowledge is that these planets are not inhabited. The saucers come prepared for longer stays, so they must come from further away.

From where, then? The nearest star to us is Alpha Centauri, 4.3 light years away,a distance of a million times 25 million miles. The next stars are 6.1, 7.9 and 8.0 light years away. There are about 47 stars within a radius of 16 light years of our sun. Traveling even at the fantastic speed of 100,000 miles per second,a round trip would take from 16 to 64 years, an entire lifetime! These are the nearest possible sources for the flying saucers, and the actual origin may of course be even further away. It is these fantastically large distances that force us back to the idea that flying saucers may come from our own planetary system or that they may originate here on our own planet.

The Weizsauker theory indicates that there may well be billions of planets in our Milky Way Galaxy, many millions of which may be inhabited by intelligent life. While the theory may be modified or even disproved in time,it represents the best thinking we have today. The theory can never be proved, for it deals with events that happened several billion years ago. We will never know definitely if there are other inhabited worlds until a visitor arrives from them and makes himself known to us, or until we venture out into space and see for ourselves. Knowing our own limitations we can say that there is greater probability that we will receive visitors from space much sooner than we will be able to do the visiting.

- IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT -

The Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society announces that henceforth it will publish (in addition to SAUCER NEWS, its official publication), a nonscheduled Newsletter, the purpose of which will be to bring to you certain information which is "too hot to handle" in our regular editions of SAUCER NEWS. This Newsletter will be sent free of charge to Honorary Members of the S.A.U.C.E.R.S., i.e.,those who have been receiving SAUCER NEWS gratis in the past. For our regular subscribers, there will be an initial charge of $1.00, for which price they will be put on our Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time.

This Bulletin will be issued irregularly, its frequency depending on future conditions in the field of saucer research. It will

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RECENT NEWS REPORTS

SMALL GREEN MEN INVADE THE UNITED STATES: Last fall, flying saucers piloted by strange-looking little men invaded the continent of Europe, and were duly reported in the issues of SAUCER NEWS covering that period. American newspapers gloated, and in general took an"It can't happen here" attitude; But lo and behold, it has happened here! The American papers for the months of August and September 1955 contain more stories of saucer landings than in all the previous years since the saucer mystery began.

One of the most interesting reports comes from Hopkinsville, Kentucky, dated August 23rd. The J. C. Sutton family of that farming community suffered an invasion by 12 to 15 little green men, who could not be driven off even by shotfun blasts. The little men glowed in the dark, according to the Suttons, who piled their large family into two cars, and excitedly drove to the local police station to tell of the incident. The following night the invaders were back again, climbing over the trees and the roof of their farmhouse. This return visit was too much for the Suttons, who left town hurriedly to visit relatives in Indiana, but then came back to Hopkinsville after calming down a bit. The police investigated both incidents; They saw no green men themselves, but noticed shotgun holes in the house, and admitted that the Suttons were not a drinking bunch.

Mrs. Glenie Langford of Hopkinsville saw the strange visitors too, on another occasion. Said she: "They were just walking around. I saw them from my parlor window, just as plain as day. Those green things are worrying me to death."

From these and other reports, Captain Robert White, the Pentagon's hard-working saucer expert, has been able to make a composite description of these mysterious little men: They are under four feet tall;they're greenish; they usually glow, especially if excited; and they often smell bad. Captain White claims that he does not want to ridicule people who honestly believe they have seen little green men. "But the day I see one," he confides, "I'll turn in my uniform."

Of all the little men stories, perhaps the most bizarre and confusing is one from Riverside, California (Aug. 30th), where a large group of children made wild and contradictory statements about an incident there. One boy says that he was climbing a tree when the first of a series of saucers arrived. A silver arm beckoned to him, and "I just floated off into space from a housetop." He did not say how he got onto the house, but "I sort of slid over there." Other youngsters claimed they had seen this boy leave the roof and fall straight down, landing on his head, unhurt.

Another child in this group said he saw a man about 3½ feet tall get out of a saucer that had landed in a nearby field. The man had "big red eyes, a big red mouth, and four diamond-shaped things where his nose should be";Still another boy told reporters that he saw the strange man carrying two guns, with which he paralized two of the boys. The children in this group,who live in the same neighborhood in Riverside,range in age from 4 to 14.

From Cincinnati, Ohio, comes the story of Mrs. Margaret Symmonds, who saw four little men in green-gray coats while driving through Georgia one night in July. However, she did not tell her story until the other little-men tales appeared in August,as she feared she would be called a crackpot.

Cincinnati seems to have been the nation-wide center of the little-men invasion, and about half a dozen such incidents came to light in the Cincinnati area alone during the months of August and September. Most of these were not carried in the newspapers, for some reason; but an in-

dustrious local researcher named Len Stringfield obtained exclusive, copyrighted accounts of these landings for his saucer magazine "Orbit". Readers of SAUCER NEWS who are interested in these incidents should write to Mr. Stringfield for the September and October issues of "Orbit". (See Footnote).

MORE RADIO SIGNALS FROM SPACE: A team of scientists in Australia is getting weekly "radio" signals from the planet Jupiter, according to a recent news report. The scientists say that the signals appear to originate from a visible marking on that planet. Furthermore, American radio astronomers were reported to have received the same signals earlier this year!

Another news report (Sept. 9th) states that scientists at Ohio State University think they have discovered a new type of celestial body, characterized by rapid changes in the strength of radio waves it emits. Dr. Jones D. Kraus, director of the Ohio State Radio Observatory, said that although the university's radio telescope has discovered several hundred celestial sources of radio signals since 1952, this is the first to show such fluctuations.

It is the"most spectacular" object yet recorded at Ohio State, said the astronomers. They believe the source of the signals may be within the solar system, but that it is more likely a variable radio star outside our system. "Whatever this new source is ultimately found to be," said Kraus, "its behavior suggests that it represents a new type of astronomical object."

SAUCER LANDS AND LEAVES DENTS IN THE GROUND: A flying saucer landed near a house and left "half-circle" impressions in the earth, according to a report given to the papers last Aug. 27th by Mrs. Lloyd Wright of Bedford, Indiana. She and a friend reportedly saw a large white object hovering over their home, at 8-30 that evening. They described the object as larger than an ordinary room in a house, and as having a black streak down its center. The saucer seemed to contract and expand with regularity and as it did so, the lights which had been left on inside their house appeared to dim. The next day, they found a number of small impressions in the ground, each the shape of a half circle. The impressions, they said, were about a quarter of an inch deep.

FIREBALLS MAY BE "SHELLS" IN TEST WAR, SAYS LAPAZ: Dr. Lincoln LaPaz,director of the University of New Mexico's Institute of Meteoritics, recently stated that a "shrewd opponent" could wage an ice-cube test war against the United States with intercontinental projectiles made of ice. The object of the ice missiles would be to determine effectiveness of range for a missile of the more deadly variety.

Said LaPaz: "In range-testing intercontinental ballistic missiles in peacetime, a clever opponent for obvious reasons would seek to employ test objects leaving no tangible trace of their existence or use. It is for this reason that, since 1948, representatives of the Institute of Meteoritics have habitually asked observers of green fireballs and other luminous phenomena whether or not pieces of ice and drops of water were detected falling from the sky at the time of the observed incident."

Some observers have reported drops of water.

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Dr. LaPaz has said repeatedly that he believes the mysterious green fireballs are of earthly origin. The fireballs make no sound as they zoom through the sky and no portion of a fireball has ever been recovered, if they landed.

Dr. LaPaz said an ice projectile could be shot from a plane at high altitude many miles away from the United States. Moving at sufficient speed,it would appear from the ground much like a meteor or shooting star. The ice projectile, melting rapidly as it shot through the atmosphere, would then be photographed by the enemy, or traced on radar.

"FLYING BOTTLE" TESTED AT SECRET SOVIET BASE: An Oct. 4th news item states that eyewitness reports from Afghanistan confirm the existence of a revolutionary, bottle-shaped aircraft that somewhat resembles a flying saucer. More than one thousand residents of the Afghan Corridor - a finger of land jutting eastward toward Red China - have seen these strange craft, which are thought to originate at a remote secret Russian base just north of Afghanistan.

The description of the eyewitnesses was almost identical. They said the craft were shaped like a neckless bottle, about 20 feet high, with "pins" extending down from the bottom and edges,apparently similar to the new U. S. "Flying Platform". Fire appeared to be shooting out of the top and from the bottom, and there was a big wind which officials took to be the downward thrust of air at high speed. The craft had a blue band around the middle and port holes, the witnesses said.

The aircraft was seen twice. Each time it apparently took off from the Russian field,flew along the Corridor at low altitude, hovered, went up and down, and then sped away to the North. Afghan experts were baffled by the description of flame shooting from the top of the plane, but they could not shake eyewitnesses on this point.

BALL OF FIRE TOUCHES OFF FIVE-HOUR SEARCH: Teams of searchers combed the surface of Galvaston Bay for five hours last Aug. 14th, in hopes of locating a possible air crash. They had received information that a ball of fire trailing white smoke had fallen from the sky in that area.

The object - first believed to be an airplane on fire - was spotted at 9-40 A.M. by W. L. Hughes, skipper of a ferry boat, as well as by five of his crew and two passengers. Several passengers waiting to board the vessel at Port Bolivar also reported seeing the object.

The Coast Guard assigned two boats to search the surface, while Ellington Air Force Base sent a helicopter and an amphibious plane. Meanwhile, several planes from the Galvaston County area joined in the search. At 2-45 P.M., after covering a wide area of Galvaston Bay, the Coast Guard gave up the hunt. The base commander said that unless further information was received, the search would not be resumed. He added that he had no idea what the object was.

AIR FORCE BALLOONS TRAVERSING U. S. SKIES: The Air Force announced on Sept.13th that it is tracking huge plastic balloons across our skies,in order to study the building and launching of the projected earth satellite. These balloons appear from the ground as swiftly-moving, brightly-lighted discs, and travel at altitudes as high as 100,000 feet. When seen at nightfall, their extreme altitude causes them to be illuminated by the rays of the setting sun,and they may appear like balls of fire in the sky. According to the Air Force, they also travel at a high rate of speed,and may change course rapidly, because they are pushed along by winds which in the altitudes

of the so-called "jet stream" reach velocities of over 200 miles per hour.

The huge balloons carry scientific recording instruments, including radio equipment to relay readings to the ground. Some of them even carry into the stratosphere live animals in oxygen-pressured, air conditioned metal chambers, to study the effects of mysterious cosmic rays.

It is the opinion of some observers that the Air Force timed the release of this information to offset the large increase,during August and September, of reported saucer sightings and landings.

LAW OF GRAVITY DEFIED ON A CINCINNATI HILL: Add this one to the long list of Fortean phenomena in recent years: There is a hill on North Bend Road in Cincinnati where gravity is apparently defied. In this area automobiles seem to roll up hill when they should roll down.

The phenomenon was called to the attention of the Cincinnati Post by a Mrs.William Case of that city. A Post reporter investigated, and found that his car too appeared to roll up hill. He turned onto North Bend Road from Hamilton Ave., and headed toward Vine Street, where he came to the top of a steep hill. From that point the hill ahead and the valley between look just as normal as any other hill and valley; But, at the bottom of the hill, he stopped his car and put it in neutral, and just as predicted, he coasted up the oncoming hill! The same sort of thing happens when approaching from the opposite direction.

Whether this has any connection with windshield pitting, disappearing garden hoses, or little green men, we cannot say; But the phenomenon certainly does bear further investigating.

NEWS BRIEFS: The Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group of New York held its first meeting of the 1955-1956 season on October 28th. The speaker was Mr. M. K. Jessup, author of "The Case for the UFO".....The latest official Pentagon "fact sheet" on flying saucers states that only 200 reports were received during the first six months of 1955, as against 1,700 reports in 1952, the peak year.....Speaking of little men, here's a true report of little people, less than two feet tall, living right here on the planet Earth! Where? In the Belgian Congo, where a French explorer recently found a woman whom he believes to be the smallest in the world;She is less than 19 inches in height, and is a normal member of one of the pygmy tribes.....More evidence continues to pour in showing that saucers could be Earth-made. An item from the February 1942 "Mechanix Illustrated" reads: "A bizarre flying pillbox, capable of lifting a 75mm field gun and crew to an altitude of four miles in four minutes,has passed small model laboratory tests. The revolutionary craft, designed by an aircraft engine manufacturing company in Burbank, California, employs no propellers. Instead a blower system, powered by a 100 horsepower rotary motor, forces air out over the circular wing and under the lower side, providing the necessary lift." - We wonder if this machine may not have been developed and considerably improved during the past 13 years!

Henry Holt & Co. has moved from January, 1956 to November 28, 1955, the publication date of Major Keyhoe's third saucer book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy". In his new book, Major Keyhoe pursues the idea that the truth about saucers is being kept from the American public by certain groups in Washington. He cites examples of reported sightings to prove his point....Many people are wondering these days about the long silence from Gray Barker, editor of the "Saucerian", world's largest flying saucer magazine. From a recent visit with Mr. Barker, we learned that he has uncovered information of so startling a nature that even the saucer fans may not believe it. If all goes well, this information will be in his next issue.

THE GREEN FIREBALLS OF THE SOUTHWEST
- by "Dr. D." -

It should be clear that the "green fireballs" or "green lights" as they were called in New Mexico when I lived there, are very different objects from the round or oval "flying saucers". The"saucers" typically are seen to hover, make sharp turns, vary their speed, and maneuver a great deal. The "fireballs" travel in straight lines without making turns, always travel at high speed, never hover, and last only a few seconds. We might compare the "saucers" to flying-wing type aircraft of circular shape, and the "green fireballs" to meteors or "falling stars".

The Air Force has not made public any analysis of the numerous reports of "green light" sightings in the Southwestern United States. However, in the Air Force's final official "Project Grudge" report, issued by Air Materiel Command headquarters in August, 1949, Prof. J. Allen Hynek, of McMillin Observatory, Columbus, Ohio, stated his personal opinion that the "green fireball" reports were caused by some secret U.S. research activity being conducted in the Southwest. This statement, of course, has not been widely publicized by the Air Force.

An explanation of this "secret research activity" can be found in the unclassified and openly published article "The First Night-Firing of a V-2 Rocket in the United States", by Dr. Fritz Zwicky, in the Publications of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific, Vol. 59, P. 32, February 1947. This describes the start of a U.S. Government-sponsored program for producing artificial meteors (fireballs) at White Sands,New Mexico. Such artificial meteors would have appeared at about the times and places at which "green lights" were reported, and would have had the same appearance. What more proof is needed that this was the cause of the "green fireballs"? It is significant that the Air Force has never said one word about the work described by Zwicky, although it has often been asked to comment on the "strange coincidence".

In case the "world wide" appearance of green fireballs is considered to rule out the above explanation, it should be noted that the foreign sightings before Zwicky's work started were in the Baltic Sea area. Now this just happens to be the only other place in the world where V-2 rockets were being fired at that time, by the Russians and their captured German scientists. It seems quite probable that they were conducting their own upper-atmosphere research, using "artificial meteors" produced by methods similar to the one described in Dr. Zwicky's article.

It is interesting to note that Dr. Lincoln LaPaz of Albuquerque was one of the official participants in the White Sands test described by Dr. Zwicky. Dr. LaPaz has often said, since, that he believes the "green fireballs" to be man-made. (See last page of the May 16, 1953 Saturday Evening Post article on Dr. LaPaz.) However, he has never seen fit to mention the published articles by Dr. Zwicky which describe the work.

Other groups which participated in the tests would bear watching by those sincerely interested in solving the riddle of the "flying saucers" and "green fireballs". These include the Applied Physics Laboratory of Johns Hopkins University, at Silver Springs,Maryland, the New Mexico School of Mines, and the Army Ordnance Department.

An amateur astronomer at Los Alamos, New Mexico, who himself witnessed eleven green fireballs from December 1949 to April 1950, stated at a meeting of the Los Alamos Astrophysical Association in 1950 that in his opinion the "green lights" were not natural meteors. His reasons were: (a) the "green lights" lasted about five seconds each, whereas natural meteors last about one second only. (b) the brilliant green color would be rather un-

usual for a natural meteor. (c) the "green lights" travelled horizontally, while the natural meteors usually have a vertical direction. (d) the "green lights" travelled in North-South or South-North directions, while natural meteors would tend to move toward the East or West more frequently. (Incidentally, White Sands is south of Los Alamos). Other observers at Los Alamos had reported seeing the "green lights" break up into a shower of red sparks, on occasion.

At least one triangulation of the height and speed of a "green light" was carried out, using reports from two New Mexico cities a number of miles apart. This triangulation was in the official files, and it proved that the fireball was at about ten miles altitude and traveling at a speed of several miles per second. This is about what would be expected of "artificial meteors" as described by Dr. Zwicky in his article in "Ordnance" Magazine, July-August,1947. (Natural meteors usually are much faster, traveling at speeds of about five to twenty miles per second.)

Incidentally, there is no reputable triangulation of a "flying saucer" traveling at speeds of over about one-half mile per second. The much-publicized White Sands sighting reported by Commander R.B. McLaughlin ("True", March 1950) is worthless, since only one theodolite was used, and "it takes two to triangulate". McLaughlin used an incorrect approximation method to overcome this difficulty, but in his article he says he cannot discuss the method used, "for security reasons". This lame excuse was exposed in a private discussion with a "True" editor, who admitted that the altitude was estimated by comparison with the altitude of the rocket that was being tracked. Thus the reported 56-mile altitude was probably only the altitude of the rocket, which presumably was at that time a bit of security information.

The fact that the "saucer" was in focus in the theodolite at the same time as the rocket does not prove that they were at the same altitude. (Anyone with a focusing camera knows that all objects from 100 feet to infinity are in focus together). Therefore,the speed of five miles per second, and the reported size of the object, are in error by the same percentage as the altitude;Thus McLaughlin's story has only served to confuse the difference between "green fireballs" and "flying saucers", since it is the only reported case of a "saucer" traveling at "fireball" speed. The fact that McLaughlin is a Navy man leads one to wonder if he caused this confusion "on purpose".

THE LAST SPACE MAN

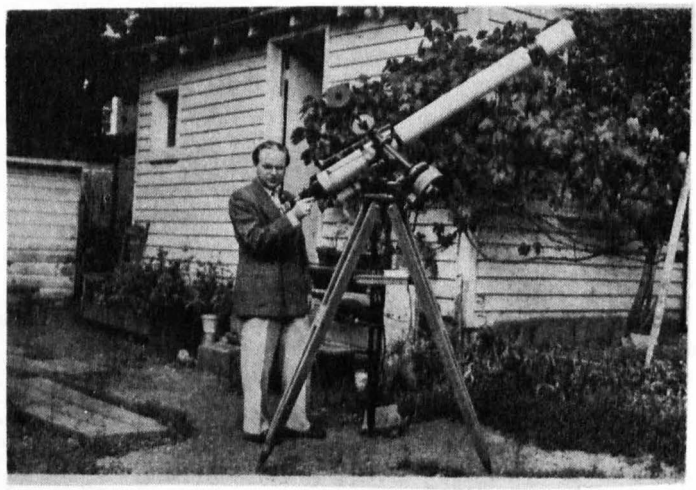
- by Kenneth H. Ford -

Star Man ! You....standing on the far
rim of the last known galaxy
searching with eyes made from a dying star
some light springing on the unknown horizon;
You have come far in your steel shell,
from the unremembered country of selfish
monkeys and now some evolutionary bell
sounds your last act with one last scene.
Like a calculated wheel you have spent
your years transfixing space on paper
and now by brain and brawn and dent
of sheer observation you have come
to stand with your dying eyes rifled
of change, watching force build
in the next universe, your own voice stilled
beside the steel shell of fruitless ambition.

BOOK REVIEW

INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS by George Adamski - Reviewed by Lonzo Dove

(Editor's Note: "Inside the Space Ships" was reviewed in the Aug.-Sept. issue by Dr.Benjamin Benincasa,but we find it worthwhile to present further comments from a different viewpoint. Lonzo Dove is a newcomer to the pages of SAUCER NEWS. He - like Adamski - is an amateur astronomer (see cut), and as such he may be assumed to be at least equally as versed in that science as the author whose book he is reviewing.)



I feel that "Inside the Space Ships" deserves some blunt remarks to show it up for what it is. If the Space Men really spoke as quoted therein, their wisdom reflected in their space-craftmanship is utterly contradicted by their spoken ignorance in even basic principles of the sciences of astronomy, optics, and biology.

On Page 76 of the book, Adamski, inside a space ship, views the Earth from a distance of 50,000 miles, and declares the apparent size of the Earth to be the same as that of the Sun. He also states that the planet Earth appears less bright than the Moon. Now, out there in open space, he did not have to guess. By turning his head he would have seen both the Sun and Moon, as well as Earth,and from out there the Sun would appear the same size as from sunny California. The facts: From Earth,the Sun and Moon appear the same size, and subtend the same angle of 1/2 degree of arc. The moon is 240,000 miles from Earth, and the diameter of the Moon is about one fourth that of Earth. The 50,000 mile viewpoint is about 1/5th the distance from Earth to Moon. If the Moon were only that far away, it would then appear 5 times larger in diameter, i.e., it would then subtend 2 1/2 degrees of arc. Since the Earth is 4 times larger than the Moon, from the same distance the Earth must appear 4 times 5, or 20 times larger than the Moon or Sun appear from the Earth's surface;In order to see the Earth as small as the Moon and Sun appear from Earth, the space ship would have to be somewhat over a million miles away, not a mere 50,000 miles. Even without the Sun out there to compare with, it would be hard to mistake a difference of 20 to 1 in size!

As for the brightness of the Earth as seen from space, it would be about the same as the similar planet Venus, which reflects 8 times more light than the Moon does;Earth and Venus are covered by highly reflective clouds and water surfaces, while the Moon is unobscured dark rocky material that reflects only 7 percent of the sunlight falling on it. Therefore, 50,000 miles away, the Planet Earth, being larger and more shiny, would outshine the Moon by more than 3,000 times!

Adamski also says that the surface features on Earth were invisible from "up there". But just look at the published photographs taken from actual outer space rockets. The ground surface of Venus, far away as it is, shows enough through the denser clouds to enable me, by the help of a clue from the <u>real</u> flying saucers, to determine the axis rotation of that

planet as 125.64 hours. Adamski, with all his claimed first-hand knowledge about Venus, couldn't tell us how long the Venusian day and night is!

On Page 158-159, Adamski betrays complete ignorance of the axis of rotation of our closest neighboring world, the Moon. Actually the Moon rotates relative to the Sun and stars in a period of about 27 1/3 days, with its axis poles at the North and South limbs of the globe as seen from Earth. The sunlight goes around the Moon in a West to East direction as it does around Earth from East to West. Therefore the temperature on the hidden side of the Moon is the same as on the side always turned toward Earth. And Adamski's statement about a temperate zone around the visible edges of that globe is a physical absurdity. On the Moon, the zones of lesser sunlight are to the North and the South, as on Earth and on Venus and Mars. The twilight zone moves around the Moon with its rotation, and we see the line cut the disk into the progressive phases from Full to Quarter to the New,in shadow of night there.

On Page 86: Contrary to what is dogmatically stated here by Adamski, astronomers have never found a single group of 12 suns or stars revolving around a larger body, nor is such a system meant when astronomers speak of "Island Universes". This term means clusters or galaxies of numberless stars, each cluster isolated by the vastness of space. Furthermore, there are not 12 planets revolving around our Sun or star. Even if there were 3 more planets beyond the orbit of Pluto, where already the Sun is so far away that it looks like a bright star and gives as much heat and light, such outer planets would be so dark and cold that organic molecules could never organize for the evolution of life. Mars is near the outer limit of the zone of life in the Solar System, and the next planet, Jupiter, is eternally frozen in mid-day sunshine.

It is ridiculous for Adamski to speak of "horses" and "cows" and "human beings" on Saturn or its satelliites, or for that matter, on the Moon or Venus or Mars, - unless they were transported there from the place of their origin, the Earth. Biological forms evolving on different planets would not take the same structure. Even on Earth, where all life arose from one source, but later became separated by wide barriers, animals adopted to similar environments. Though they develop similar habits, and may have similar size and general external form, they are not the same species. In Australia there are dog-like and bear-like animals,but they are marsupials, not mammals. If the isolation were more complete and for longer time, perhaps man-like marsupials would have arisen; but they would not be human beings, and there could be no mating between the two groups, though both would be on the same planet and from the same earlier biological origin. How much more different man-like creatures of different planets must be by the chance orders and kinds of environments and ultimate origins on the molecular level. For example,I have determined that living cells on Mars are composed of Deuterium, i.e., heavy Hydrogen, instead of universally abundant ordinary Hydrogen as on Earth;In that case, they could not even eat food grown on Earth, nor could we do well on Martian vegetation, as proved by experiments in the laboratory with heavy Hydrogen. Multiply such differences, and dismiss all "Venus Men".

On Page 78: Meteors darker than the darkness of outer space? Nothing can be darker than the background of empty space or the absence of reflected light. From a viewpoint far out in space, away from the shadow cone of the Earth or other body, any meteor close enough to be seen would be reflecting sunlight, and so appear bright like stars, though meteors do not become self-luminous till they reach the friction of an atmosphere around a planet.

Adamski stalls us regarding that 6-foot telescope lens

in the floor of the flying saucer, through which he merely, without eyepiece, looked down upon Earth from "many miles high" and saw details on the ground - at midnight with only a thin crescent Moon in the sky one February 18th. He says this machine was not like our man-made telescopes, and in this I agree. Aside from the impossibility of viewing a scene directly through an objective lens at one's feet, it is impossible to see more than a tiny point at a time, or to see in darkness. Even Adamski's alleged mysterious rays cannot do away with the blurring effect of a turbulent atmosphere which makes impossible any magnification beyond a certain limit. The larger the lens, the more collection of this blurring effect. A large lens alone does not mean high magnification, which depends on the distance the image is formed behind the lens, and the power of the little eyepiece by which this image is viewed. To say nothing of the mystery of Adamski's seeing the "black shadow" and "curving sides" of the cigar-shaped space ship down against the dark background of the Earth on a moonless midnight. (See Pages 51-54 and 157.)

The only way to observe fine details at great distances is to plant on the scene a transmitting instrument, under remote control from the flying saucer. This, Adamski thinks of on pages 122 and 147-148, an idea original with me in my 1950 statements on the subject of flying saucers. But if the saucer has inside it the marvelous telescope described in the story, and if this telescope is able to look directly on a scene below it, then why the superfluous nonsense of sending out any observing devices? That marvelous upside-backward telescope was good enough to see the barnyard animals on Venus, which scenery Adamski then saw for the first time - though this contradicts his own statements about seeing the wonders of Venus before the amazing episode related in his "Inside the Space Ships".

I will pass over Adamski's unscientific "science" about the Sun not being hot, and about radiation not being heat until it passes through a planetary atmosphere which automatically increases the heat and light to human needs according to the distance from the Sun. Radiation mass-energy decreases with the square of the distance from a given area, and the atmosphere of Saturn cannot increase this radiation to human tolerence level, nor can the atmosphere of Mercury, such as it is, decrease the close heat very much. If anyone wants to test this, merely place a thermometer inside a vacuum jar, and let the sun shine through upon it; or place a source of heat inside the jar, and it will be discovered that the same temperature is registered in vacuum as in atmosphere. The contrary statements are on Pages 51, 87, 89 and 158 of Adamski's book.

In the same unscientific class is the statement that ordinary sounds on Earth can be picked up miles away without a transmitter on the spot. Sound waves diminish with distance through air, and at a certain distance, according to the strength of the sound, it is completely masked by surrounding noises, and no amount of filtering or magnifying can bring the original sound to its original form. This corresponds to the blurring of fine visual details. See Pages 46 and 80 for the reversal of this fundamental law of nature!

Having passed over these and much more of the sort, I now come to my favorite topic, those ever-present-with-Adamski photographs of space ships over the Moon or somewhere. In this his latest book, the alleged picture of the Moon can hardly be recognized as such. If his telescope is that bad, how could he get the earlier photos he claims to have taken? I have seen better, sharper photos of the Moon taken through a small toy telescope. Let us assume however that it is really the Moon in these photos, and not some unreasonable facsimile thereof. If the saucers over it are "near the Moon", then their size must be 25 to 150 miles in diameter, since the Moon from edge to

edge is about 2,000 miles across. It is simply a matter of proportion and perspective.

Now to those relatively close-up photos of the cigar-shaped ship with port holes on the side, showing the faces of Adamski in one hole and his Venus Man in the adjoining one - or so the book tells us. The book also says that these photos were taken with a camera that leaves no negatives for inspection, and that it was by artificial lighting from a scout ship whose pilot was taught in the art of using this Earth gadget. Why the highly-advanced space travelers lacked a better picture-taking device is left dangling as one of the abstruse mysteries. Did the light shine on the whole side of the cigar ship, or just in a strip along the port holes? Is that elongated fuzzy blur the outline of the cigar-shaped ship? If so, from the proportion of these windows to the whole image, those faces must be yards wide! This was, so Adamski says, a ship large enough to carry many regular saucers of the 30-foot variety. But let us assume that the holes are only as large as the faces show. The holes are described as being 6 feet through. Imagine a window as wide as a man's face and 6 feet through, like a long tube! It's no good for looking over the outside scenery of space, for the angle is too narrow. This would make the holes about 6 feet apart. A camera at several hundred feet away could barely see through both holes at once to show the two faces behind them, and at a hundred feet distance the inner ends of both tubes could not be seen as shown in the picture. At the several hundred feet distance, human faces would not be identifiable. It is a matter of optical parallax and photographic resolution. But to cap the climax, out there in open space, 2 1/2 hours by saucer from Earth, according to our Authority, why resort to artificial lights to take this blur of a photo, since the full sunshine blazed at all hours upon the polished silvery sides of the space ship?

It would be unfair to reveal what these nebulous patches of light with port holes and faces pasted on actually were originally,for that would spoil the fun of debunking the story the photos were meant to prove. Adamski himself, on Page 248, admits how bad these photos were, and puts the blame on mysterious rays from the saucers. It happens that radiation spoilage of photographic materials can be identified. It does NOT blur the image placed there by the proper exposure, but it only superimposes upon the photograph a fog or spotty appearance evenly,most visible in the dark parts of the picture. So, this picture appears just as intended to appear - a blurred elongated nebulous light with a background of darkness. Why Adamski didn't include the Earth or Venus, by that marvelous television machine on the saucer, as added evidence, only he can answer. He has photos of saucers over the Moon, so when he had the chance of a lifetime, how could he miss the opportunity to take a photo of the cigar-shaped ship with the Earth as a distant background decoration?

In conclusion, let me affirm that I am not "scoffing at the new wonders" of Adamski, as he predicts in this book that the critics will do; but I am merely pointing out the demonstrable flaws in a few of the crucial details of his story,with the honest hope that rational people will decide positively whether they still believe Adamski took his rides in a flying saucer or ever took a photo of one with or without his telescope.

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contain: (1) Rumors and other unsubstantiated information of a nature that is of primary interest to the "insiders" in the saucer field, rather than to the general public; (2) Certain information, such as reaches our office from time to time, which is definite in nature, but which, according to the policy of this and other saucer clubs, is withheld from the general reading public; (3) Any clues we may receive in regard to the "hushing up" of saucer clubs - past, present or future. It is known that certain powerful forces have for some time been working against the saucer movement, but we do not yet know whether these forces are official or unofficial, nor do we know whether in the near future pressure may be brought to bear against SAUCER NEWS. However, should anything occur to hamper or stop publication of SAUCER NEWS, the Newsletter might be our only way of communicating the details. We do not at present expect any such trouble, but it is nevertheless an ever-present danger.

So, if you want to get on the "inside" of saucerdom, and learn the sort of confidential information that ordinarily never reaches the readers of saucer periodicals - then be sure to send us your name and address together with one dollar, and we will put you on our Newsletter mailing list.

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If your subscription to SAUCER NEWS ends with this issue, please don't forget to renew it. Though you may read articles in SAUCER NEWS with which you don't agree,there is no other saucer magazine that offers you as many reputable, scientific, nationally-known contributors as we do; nor is there any other saucer periodical that gives you the advantage of world-wide press clipping services.

The following men are among our frequent contributors: John P. Bessor; M.K. Jessup, author of"The Case for the UFO"; Desmond Leslie, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed"; John Pitt; Frank Scully, author of "Behind the Flying Saucers"; and Harold T. Wilkins, author of "Flying Saucers on the Attack". Other contributors include Justin Case, who is a scientist living in Washington, D. C., and "Dr. D." (another pen name, of course), who is a nuclear physicist living in White Plains, New York.

The December-January issue of SAUCER NEWS will include articles by Harold T. Wilkins, M. K. Jessup, and Justin Case - among others. We know that you won't want to miss it.

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Our supply of worthwhile material for future issues is always encouraging, but we are nevertheless glad to receive contributions from readers. We prefer articles which present new approaches to the subject of saucers, or which offer factual data not yet published elsewhere. - Anyone writing for SAUCER NEWS is free to express his opinions without any apprehension, whether or not these opinions coincide with those of the Editors.

We are also interested in handling more advertising. Our rates are: Fifty cents per line; $5.00 for half a page (27 lines); and $10.00 for a full page. Our present circulation is slightly under 2,000. - Ads for the Dec.-Jan. issue must reach us not later than November 20th.

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LAST MINUTE NEWS (Editorialized)

Just as this issue was about to be mailed to our subscribers,a news story came out of such a sensational nature that we felt we must include it. Therefore, this last page of SAUCER NEWS is being added after the planned 18-page edition had already gone to press.

AIR FORCE ADMITS IT IS BUILDING FLYING SAUCERS!

Saucer-Type Plane to Fly Near San Diego

The Air Force announced on Oct.25th that it would soon have a vertical rising, man-bearing jet plane resembling a flying saucer. In a few days the people around San Diego, Calif., will witness flights by this plane,which was manufactured by the Ryan Aeronautical Co. The Air Force added that all previous saucer sightings were illusions or explainable as "conventional phenomena", and that none of these previous sightings was "in fact aircraft of foreign origin". The news report quoted herein (N.Y. Times, Oct.26th) does not specifically deny the possibility that previous sightings could be accounted for by other American craft.

Second Saucer Project Still Not Ready

A second type of saucer-shaped plane is expected to emerge from the research being carried on by the Air Force under contract with Avro Limited of Canada. News reports as far back as Aug. 23rd stated that this Canadian saucer project had been abandoned by the Canadian government for lack of funds,and had been taken over by the American Air Force. These reports were later confirmed in part by Canadian and American officials. The news stories of Aug.23rd also added that U.S. military security now shields the three-year-old Avro project so tightly that Canadian military and government representatives and even top officials of the Avro plant have been refused access to it without special permission

An artist's design of the Avro saucer, released on Oct. 26th, shows a huge disc with a raised central plateau that is serrated on one side by many vanes. Surmounting the plateau is a transparent cockpit like that of a conventional plane. This drawing was released by the Air Force along with a 316 page book containing many hitherto unpublished facts about the Air Force's research regarding flying saucers. A full report on this book will be given in the December-January SAUCER NEWS.

Inescapable Conclusions

It is now known, as SAUCER NEWS pointed out in detail way back last February, that the Germans were experimenting with saucer-like craft toward the end of World War Two. It is also definitely known, as of Oct. 26th, that the Air Force is building saucer-like craft at present, though it still denies being responsible for past sightings. Yet, in the ten years since the end of the War, thousands of reliable people have seen objects which bear an uncanny resemblance to the aircraft the Air Force now admits it is beginning to fly. Are we not justified, therefore, in concluding that a great many of the otherwise unexplained sightings of the past ten years are the result of top-secret American craft? Or shall we assume that space-men are sending saucer-shaped space ships at the same time we are building similar or identical aircraft ourselves? The conclusion is obvious. We of SAUCER NEWS do not claim that Earth is necessarily the whole answer to the saucer mystery,but we do say that it is a much larger part of that answer than many people want to admit.

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NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE will include additional information on the Air Force saucers, and a photo of the recently-released drawing of the Avro saucer. Also, we will announce the most startling offer ever made by a saucer magazine; It involves a one thousand dollar reward that the Editor is offering!

NEWSLETTER #1 - Confidential

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The following information has been furnished to us by trusted correspondents, on condition that we do not in any way divulge the source. For that reason the names of the correspondents as well as certain other names have been omitted from the material below, which is quoted from recent letters to the Editor:

ADAMSKI'S PECULIAR CONDUCT AT AN EASTERN LECTURE: "There was a time when both Dr. -- and I were more or less in the Adamski camp. Not that I swallowed what Adamski has been cooking up, but simply on a live and let live basis. However, last spring, Dr. -- and I and two business men here sponsored Adamski, and he was honored by a dinner, etc. However, at this affair, Adamski, to our surprise and infinite disgust, acted like a perfect schizoid, and ranted an attack on everybody in Saucerdom, including those of us who had gone to the trouble to sponsor him and arrange the affair. Later, we heard that Adamski said that he had attacked us 'to put them in their place'. That finished Adamski with us, and I've decided to help put him in his place. Since that time, there has been a polite cooling between Dr. -- and myself and the other two who helped sponsor Adamski. At the time Adamski appeared here, he spoke before a dinner group of 100 persons, and I tape recorded the whole thing. This tape is turning out to be a collector's item in terms of psychiatry, if you know what I mean!"

INSIDE STORY ON THE FEUD BETWEEN DICK MILLER AND GEORGE WILLIAMSON: "I met Miller last year at the Giant Rock Convention, where he was heralded as the latest sensational discovery who had had an experience with Saucer people. He was then introduced by George Williamson, who claimed him as his discovery. Miller told his story at the Convention, and later left for Prescot, Arizona, with Williamson. With them went a third man called 'Ring', who is supposed to have found a couple who would finance their project to manufacture instruments to catch messages from Space. Miller did all the work on the instruments. Then, after awhile, they had a row, because Williamson got swell-headed and told them he was the director or president of the little outfit, though they had agreed to be on equal terms. They split up, therefore. Thereafter the story gets complicated, because the backers withdrew their help, and Williamson was with them later when all the instruments were confiscated and stored. These instruments were supposed to have cost thousands of dollars; and Miller claims he was never paid all the time he worked on them. At the same time, Williamson wrote letters to several people, saying that Miller was a liar and that his story was not the true one. I received such a letter, and it was also printed in a magazine in the East called "Flying Saucer News-Service", published by a man named Camella, who is now a partner of Williamson's in his Telonic Research Center. Miller returned to Los Angeles, and is now writing a book on his experience with the Saucer people, and is giving lectures. Now, whom can one trust? Some people in California are for Miller against Williamson, and others for Williamson against Miller. It would be interesting to get the truth behind this story, as there is no such thing as smoke without a fire."

ADAMSKI'S "INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS" SIMILAR TO EARLY FICTIONAL BOOK BY THE SAME AUTHOR: "I have managed to get hold of Adamski's fictional pulp "Pioneers of Space", and I find in it a raft of direct and psychological tie-ins with his current saucer book. For instance, at the drop of a hat, one of the bigwigs from other planets will orate cheap religio-philosophical twaddle. At the drop of a hat, in both books, exotic fruit juices are served. Meade Layne and I may turn out an article together, commenting on these similarities."

This Newsletter is nonscheduled, and will be published only as often as worthwhile material is available. Future issues may contain inside information concerning several mysterious "hush ups" of the past few years, involving saucer clubs and individuals.

QUESTIONNAIRE

I. In your opinion, what is the origin of flying saucers? (Check one or more of the answers listed below.)

- all of them come from Space
- some come from Space
- at least a few come from Space
- all of them are made on Earth
- some are made on Earth
- at least a few are made on Earth
- don't know
- other origin (Specify) :

II. Have space men ever communicated with earth men, either in person, by radio, etc? (Check one answer)

- yes
- no
- don't know

III. What is your opinion of the accounts by George Adamski as published in "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and / or "Inside the Spaceships"? (Check one answer)

- Adamski's accounts are true
- they are untrue
- they are partly true and partly untrue
- don't know

IV. What do you like most about SAUCER NEWS?

V. What do you like least about SAUCER NEWS?

VI. What, in your opinion, could best be done to improve SAUCER NEWS? (Please express yourself freely.)

Signature (optional)

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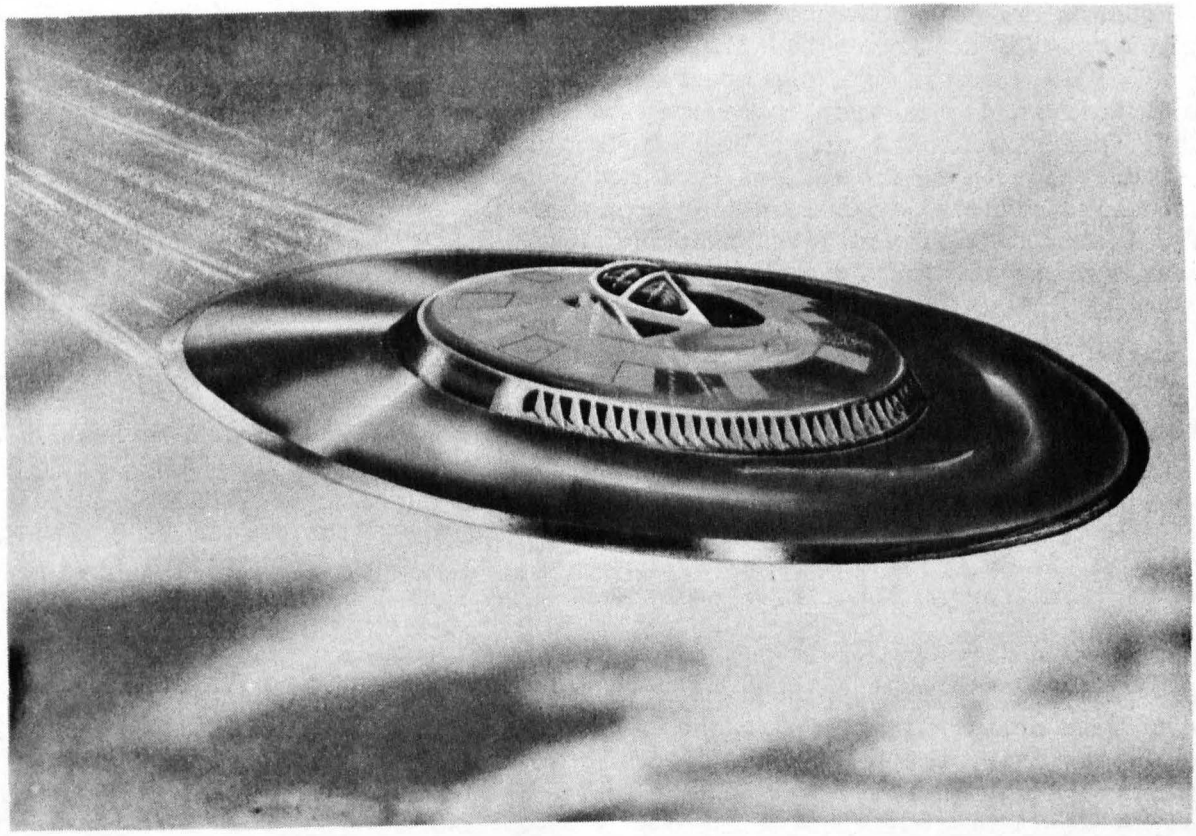
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AIR FORCE FLYING SAUCER

The above is an artist's conception of a vertical-rising, disc-shaped aircraft which "could result"from a project now under development for the United States Air Force by Avro, Ltd., of Canada. (Official U. S. Air Force photo, released by the Department of Defense.)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

THOUSAND DOLLAR OFFER: Here is the important announcement we promised in the last issue: As Editor of SAUCER NEWS, James W. Moseley is offering a reward of one thousand dollars to the first person who can furnish him with concrete, material proof that flying saucers are visiting Earth from other planets. This offer is made in good faith, and is frankly aimed at asking those who claim to have witnessed saucer landings to"put up or shut up".

If the landings reported by Adamski, Fry, Betherum, and others are true, then there must be some valid material evidence available somewhere. If not, then the $1000 is safe.

No photographic evidence will be accepted. However, to win this reward, it isn't necessary to walk into our office accompanied by a little green man. But we will not accept anything less than concrete proof of a nature acceptable to all rational men. Perhaps someone will come forth with a new kind of metal that is not recognizable by Earth scientists. Or, perhaps not. In any case,if you have any proof which you think might meet our requirements, or if you know of anyone who has such proof, do not hesitate to let us know.

NEWSLETTER: As we announced in the October-November issue, we intend to begin publication of a nonscheduled Newsletter, which will be published in addition to the regular issues of SAUCER NEWS. This Newsletter will be sent free of charge to Honorary Members of the S.A.U.C.E.R.S., i.e., those who have been receiving SAUCER NEWS gratis in the past.

For our regular subscribers, there will be an initial charge of $1.00, for which price they will be put on our special Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time.

This Newsletter will contain information of a nature that is "too hot to handle"in our regular editions of SAUCER NEWS. If you want to get on the "inside" of Saucerdom,and learn the sort of confidential information that ordinarily never reaches the readers of saucer periodicals - then be sure to order the Newsletter if you have not already done so. The first issue will be out shortly.

QUESTIONNAIRE: Enclosed with this issue is a questionnaire, the purpose of which is twofold: (1) To obtain our readers' views concerning saucers; and (2) To help us decide how SAUCER NEWS might be improved. If you can spare a three-cent stamp and five minutes of your time, please fill out your questionnaire and return it to us. Unless we receive a substantial number of replies, the results will not be of real value. We urge even those who have expressed their views privately to the Editor by letter, to send in their questionnaires so that they too may be tabulated with the others.

You need not sign your questionnaire, and your name will not be used even if you do. We are only interested in statistics.

The results of this poll will be published in the next issue of SAUCER NEWS.

THE AIR FORCE SAUCER REPORT: Anyone who wishes a copy of Air Force Press Release No. 1053-55 (released Oct.25, 1955) and the attached summary of Project Blue Book Special Report #14, may obtain his or her copy by dropping us a card or letter. There will be no charge to Honorary Members or to subscribers in good standing, as this Report is being given out as a

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I wrote the enclosed letter (see below) to several magazines and papers today. If you read French, you should look up the article referred to. There on the first page is a genuine Adamski-type saucer, dome, skirt, and all!.....Naturally the knowledge that the Coanda effect can be used for a silencer or muffler has a strong interest to those who have been puzzled over why saucers are so silent. Life, in its 1952 saucer article, made much of this saucer characteristic. It was the basis, really, of Life's argument that saucers could not be American. It appears that the Coanda effect will result in saucers which have the proper flying and acoustic characteristics. And this article was published before 1939. (French tests reported in the article took place about 1935 or so.)

I came across a reference (in "Jet Propulsion") to a very interesting-sounding article, which I haven't had the opportunity to look up yet. It is "The Orbit Lifetime of the Two New Earth Satellites" by H. B. Ketchum, in Journal of Space Flight, Vol. 7, May 1955, pages 1 to 7.

Editor, Aviation Week
330 W. 42nd St., New York, N.Y.

Dear Sir:

The recent Air Force announcement that AVRO has a contract to build what looks like a "flying saucer" (Av. Week, Oct. 30, 1955) overlooked one very interesting aspect of this aircraft,related to the Coanda effect on which its operation is based. This was described on pp. 456-465 of the "Proceedings of the Fifth International Congress for Applied Mechanics" (published by John Wiley and Sons, N.Y., 1939.) One significant application of the Coanda Nozzel was its use as a motorcycle engine muffler or silencer. Not only did it silence the exhaust, but the backpressure was less than for free discharge conditions. - This indicates that the AVRO saucer will probably be remarkably silent in operation. This feature is a further example of the astounding prescience of the great number of saucer observers who since 1947 have not only predicted the shape and performance of the AVRO craft, but have also almost invariably remarked on the amazing silence of "saucers" in flight.

Sincerely yours,
"Dr. D." (full name withheld)

To me, the top article in your latest issue is Lonzo Dove's brilliant article debunking Adamski's astronomical idiocies, as outlined in his current "Spaceships" book. Mr. Dove's science is A-1. I don't suppose he meant the debunking to be exhaustive,but there are several more errors throughout the book. For instance, on Page 76, Adamski refers to the billions of stars, etc., and states that they were, to him, flickering and moving in all directions, as fireflies do. No such hap-hazard or rapid movement can ever be discerned. If it were, the positions of the stars in the constellations would be out of joint in a second or two, whereas they have not moved, perceptively, for long ages. Not even the planets dart about like fireflies. Didn't Adamski's publishers have someone check his MS before putting it into print?
(Name withheld on request)

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RECENT NEWS

SAUCERS AND "ANGEL HAIR" AGAIN: At about 2-30 P.M. on Oct. 27th, a large group of students and teachers at Whitsett High School, in Whitsett N.C., saw a fleet of 10 flying saucers like "silvery steel balls" go by. At the same time a large quantity of "angel hair" floated earthward, and was examined by observers at the High School, who included the school principal, a former Air Force officer. The mysterious fiberous substance was later tested by a laboratory technician in Burlington, who said that the material was not cotton, wool, or any commercial synthetic yarn. He suggested that it might be spider webs or a similar animal material. But a Greensboro biologist examined a sample of the "angel hair" under a microscope and said it was "unlikely" that it was spider webs. At week's end the substance was still unidentified, amid rumors that the Air Force had taken away some of the "angel hair" for an examination of their own.

25 PEOPLE DISAPPEAR MYSTERIOUSLY FROM YACHT: A sea mystery as intriguing as the famous Mary Celeste case, was uncovered last Nov. 10th, when a pleasure yacht was found near the Fiji Islands, floating aimlessly, and with no trace whatsoever of the 25 passengers who had been aboard. The yacht had left five weeks previously on a 2-day trip from a nearby harbor. When finally discovered by a passing steamer, the yacht was so flooded that some of its compartments could not be searched. Her funnel had either been blown or washed away, and the ship's log was missing. Among the missing people were several New Zealand government officials and one American.

TWO FLYING SAUCERS FOUND IN BARN NEAR BALTIMORE, IN 1949: We are deeply indebted to an anonymous contributor in Wilmington, Del. for the following article from the Atlantic City Press, Aug. 20th, 1949: "The Baltimore Sun tonight quoted an Air Force officer as saying that two battered old aircraft found near here are 'definitely prototypes of the flying saucer.' The Sun quoted the Air Force official as saying that he believes greatly improved models of the two planes found in an abandoned barn are flying now, and are the source of the flying saucer reports of the past two years.State police found the old machines in a barn near Glen Burnie, about 11 miles south of Baltimore. Their inventor, Jonathan E. Caldwell, dropped out of sight about 1941."

The article, as sent to us, is incomplete, and no further information on this incident is known. We will appreciate any additional information on this matter that our readers can supply.

NEWS BRIEFS: Major Donald Keyhoe will address the Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group of New York on Dec. 9th. This meeting will be held at the Golden Ballroom of St. Nicholas Arena, at 53 West 66th St., New York. Title of the talk will be "Flying Saucers - Censored". Presumably Major Keyhoe's address will be based on his new book "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy", which is now available at last. Keyhoe's publisher claims that the Air Force delayed release of their 316-page saucer report from May to October, to coincide with a similar delay in publication of "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy". ....A bill introduced last Aug. 2nd in the U.S. House of Representatives, provides for a joint House and Senate Committee which "shall make continuing studies of activities and problems relating to the development of extraterrestial exploration and travel."....A New York magazine called "Expose" recently printed the "inside story" as to why Frank Edwards, former Mutual newscaster, was fired by his sponsor several months ago.

BOOK REVIEW

THE CASE FOR THE UFO by M.K. Jessup (Citadel Press) - Reviewed by Justin Case.

The following is a brief summary of the book:

Mr. Jessup has assembled considerable data on oddities - past events that science has not been able to explain, but which may be attributed to physical action by intelligent beings of some sort. He shows that these oddities may be explained as the actions of space ships near our planet and well within the earth-moon binary planet system.

The falls of objects from space are shown to be dumpings from space contrivances. These objects include large chunks of ice, water containing low forms of aquatic and reptilian life, insects and birds not of local origin, vegetable and animal matter, stones and metal objects obviously of artificial shape, and many strange substances of unknown composition. The disappearances and teleportations of ships' crews, and the disappearance of ships, both sea and air, without a trace, are believed to be the work of space craft. Likewise the fantastic disappearance of individual men within sight and hearing of their companions, and the teleportation of a Phillipine soldier to Mexico are explained. Mysterious tracks in snow and rock are also evidences of visits by space craft.

Most important of all Mr. Jessup's work is his compilation of much astronomical data concerning objects seen in space crossing the sun by astronomers, especially during the years 1877-1887. Their movements indicate intelligent control. Detailed analysis of two such sightings, the first by astronomers Watson and Swift in 1878, and the second by Gould and Bone in 1881, indicate that space ships inhabit the area near the gravitational neutral of the earth-moon-sun system,about 160,000 to 170,000 miles from our planet, about in line with the sun. Mr. Jessup believes these are parent ships that sometimes visit us, but which more frequently send their observational craft to obtain whatever they need from our planet. These craft are what are currently known as UFO's.

Mr. Jessup claims that there was a world-wide civilization before the "Flood" and that the tremendous magalithic stonework of the world could only have been made with the aid of levitating space ships. Great stones were moved and handled, some of over 8,000 tons. Some peculiarities of structure show that one world-wide civilization produced all of them. All this plus some ancient records in the monasteries of Tibet and India that describe wingless aerial craft some 70,000 years ago, convince Mr.Jessup that the UFO's originated here on earth several hundred thousand years ago but later took to dwelling in space; or that they came here from some other planet and planted a civilization of which we are the remnants. In either case they have been with us a very long time. The great frequency of their visits clearly shows they live not on Mars or Venus but less than 200,000 miles away.

This concludes the summary of the book.

Mr. Jessup's views on the antiquity of space ships, stonework, and our civilization, are both speculative and incongruous. We will therefore limit our comments to the existence of the UFO's.

Mr. Jessup presents a good case for the UFO, the best of any writer to date, and as good as can be made in the light of present day knowledge. Let us consider broadly some of the weak and strong points of the book.

For every event there is only one true and accurate report, and any number of untrue, inaccurate reports. The reporters are human, and are so very apt to err, especially in describing unusual phenomena, that

the true report is the exception,not the rule. I cannot accept all the reports of oddities with the same faith as Mr. Jessup does. But I do recognize that something unusual did happen in most cases, and the large number of cases cited by Mr. Jessup is impressive.

So,admittedly strange things have happened. What caused them is another matter.We are ignorant of how many possible explanations there may be, although we can eliminate some. To believe we have proved our case by selecting an explanation that satisfies us is simply to resort to proof by ignorance. This is a very common type of proof, especially in dealing with strange phenomena. But it is simply guesswork, not proof. For example, Mr. Jessup is satisfied that the crew of the ship Marie Celeste were kidnapped by space craft. Yet to me there is another much more plausible explanation for their disappearance.

We can also feel certain that objects seen crossing the sun by astronomers were not all space ships but that many were natural satellites of our own planet. Only those that exhibited erratic motion can be considered as intelligently directed,and therefore possibly space ships. These form a fraction of the number of objects sighted.

There are also a number of strong points in Jessup's case for the UFO;Of the large number of oddities,some could probably have been due to space ships. So also were some of the objects seen by astronomers. And we must bear in mind that we can at best have sighted only a few of the space ships that have visited us.

Jessup's book will be welcomed by all people interested in flying saucers. The ardent believers will find much to satisfy their taste for the sensational and fantastic. The more serious students of saucer phenomena will find a wealth of good material to ponder over and weigh carefully. No doubt they will appreciate most the chapter "Fireballs and Lights" and "Part IV - Astronomy Speaks"; for here Mr. Jessup is on much more solid ground. He is quoting careful observations made by competent people whose reports can be relied on as accurate. Remember that Mr. Jessup's research covered the years prior to 1947, especially the period 1877-1887, which was well before the advent of the airplane and the high altitude balloon. His collection of astronomical data cannot be mistaken for planes and balloons, but must be evidence of the existence of space craft.

Having done such a good job for the period 1877-1887, Mr. Jessup should clinch his case by compiling and analysing data on strange objects seen in the sky by astronomers during the past ten years. Let's hope he does it soon.

WHAT ON EARTH WERE THEY?
- by Harold T. Wilkins -

What are the following phenomena, which, in one case, has been described by the well-known authority on meteoritics, Dr. Lincoln LaPaz, as "utterly fantastic", and, in other cases, appear to be cosmic phenomena of a very unusual nature?

One thing is certain: They were <u>not</u> pretty "little men", nor taller "angels" from Venus or Mars; nor will their record here aid myself or anyone else in selling to the public any book of hoaxes, such as the one written by a certain "truthful gentleman" of cinematic notoriety, who claimed that he was "persecuted" when True Magazine forced him to confess himself to be a hoaxer.

On May 1, 1954, what was described as a "brilliant red

hemisphere" suddenly shot out of the ground and bowled over a car driven by one James Fuller of Clarkstone, Utah. In seven or eight seconds the object violently exploded, shaking places, cars, and buildings over an area of about 200 square miles. This explosion created an earth tremor, felt by many persons. The phenomenon left an eight-foot crater, and caused artesian water to well up. Drills, electric drags, and magnets failed to find any metal or fragments of a meteorite. There was no odor of an ordinary explosion,and a Geiger counter failed to reveal anything significant. It was not dynamite, nor does the size of the crater fit in with the tremendous concussion of the phenomenon. This red thing was seen only at ground level. It was almost calculated to make the late Brigham Young, or almost any Mormon elder, turn in his grave!

I ask one question: Is it the same as, or similar to, the phenomenon of the red ball,which, on a January night in 1952, hit a tank at Tucumcari, New Mexico, releasing 750,000 gallons of water, and destroying twenty buildings? (See page 273 of my book "Flying Saucers on the Attack"). If so,was this and the other red hemisphere what is called contra-terrene matter, i.e., matter of another order than we know on earth? Whatever it was, we can hardly conclude that whoever or whatever released these objects on us, did so because it or they desire most ardently to help our poor earth to evade the consequences of blasting our thermo-nuclear and thermo-fusion bombs! On the contrary, whoever or whatever was responsible for these explosions, most certainly is not interested in improving life on our earth. Of this we can be quite sure!

What was the bright red phenomenon which I myself saw at 6-30 A.M. on July 23, 1954, half an hour after high-flying British Royal Air Force jets had departed from very high overhead? The object's altitude was about 500 feet, it was in level flight, and its speed was somewhat more than that of a jet. It was not a long-range guided missile. The object's course was from the vicinity of the Thames estuary, and probably over the North Sea, well south of London, toward midland or western England. There was a complete silence of the press concerning the incident, and of the Royal Air Force, on whose radarscopes, twelve miles away from me, at Biggin Hill Airport, Kent, it was certainly recorded. The Air Force's silence was as complete as that of the London Daily Mail and News-Chronicle whose public-spirited and intrepid news editors ignored the letter I sent to them, the same morning.

A month later this or an identical object was seen high in the sky over Evreux-sur-Seine, France; and a month after that, it startled all Rome, Italy, and coasted all up the west of Italy, being followed by radarscopes.

What,again,was this? At 9-45 P.M. on January 1st 1955, there was seen by three people on the ferry in Sydney harbor, New South Wales, a circular luminous cloud abnormally persistent in shape and position. It moved slowly to the right and down, and then vanished. Then, a minute later, another cloud appeared, brighter at the top, and bell-shaped, which, after a slow movement to the right, separated into four ovoids. They moved slowly to the right, and vanished. Then there appeared a third cloud, which became luminous, and seemed to condense into two ovoids, which vanished in a second or two. I do not think that, as the moon was shining all the time, the phenomena were made visible merely by lunar radiation. The objects vanished while the moon still shone.

Are these above-described objects the type of phenomena called "fourth dimensional",a term which merely confesses our total ignorance? Or, what are they? What purpose do they serve? Whence come the phenomena? Your guess, reader, is as good as mine. I have no revelations to offer - at least, not yet!

THE "LITTLE PEOPLE" CASE FOR THE UFO

- by M. K. Jessup -

Regardless of what the Air Force says or does, we still have a good case for the UFO. In "The Case for the UFO", I showed that saucers in space, and spatial intelligence, were rather to be expected than unexpected. I did this through purely deductive reasoning and on evidence that some readers called circumstantial. I have not changed my mind, and I wish to point out that there is no appreciable overlap between the data which I used and that which the omniscient Air Force used as a basis for a wholly unwarranted negative statement. In that event there cannot be any conflict between my working hypothesis and the conclusions of the Air Force, since they do not share a common basis of fact.

I do not deny that there may be, as the Editor of SAUCER NEWS suggests, many events and sightings explainable as the result of government experimentation, but I believe he in turn would agree with me that there are a lot that cannot be so explained. So, as is often the case, the issue may well be confused by failure to recognize that several things are going on at the same time, and that each set of interwoven circumstances has to have its own explanation. The trick is to sort the symptoms before attempting a diagnosis.

An example of this sort of mess is the centuries-old debate on the formation of lunar craters. One school screams "Volcano", and their opponents yell "Meteor impact". The plain fact is that both causes are interwoven into a tangled net, and both sides are right in part. Each makes the mistake of claiming 100% accuracy.

Nobody has given much thought to a third cause of some of these small craters: Intelligent construction. But, where do the craters and "Bowler Hats" come from,when they suddenly appear on the Moon? - one called Hyginus-N, for example? I have a whole chapter on this crater alone, in my next book "The Expanding Case for the UFO". So before John Pitt and yours truly get into another scrimmage, let's sort the evidence: Frankly (and the Air Force notwithstanding), my research since writing "The Case" has disclosed to me a most awesome vista of the history of Man, and of UFO activity. In "The Case", I thought that I had run the gamut of common denominators. I was wrong! The bredth of circumstance underwriting the UFO is as broad and comprehensive as the history of Humanity - and I believe it is broader. Much broader, possibly.

Also, the Editor tells me that there will be a review of "The Case" in the same issue with this article. I have even been warned that the writer of the review takes issue with me on some points. So what? Am I supposed to be shocked? If nobody disagreed with my timorous hypotheses, I wouldn't have said anything new, would I? For instance, it has been said that I go too far in assuming that the massive stone work of the world was placed by levitation. It COULD have been placed with unlimited manpower and clever use of ropes, levers, rollers, etc. Maybe it could - in a single instance, although it is doubtful as to Baalbek, and the 8500 ton rock at Tiahuanaco. But the overwhelming number of such instances scattered all over the world,coupled with some other minor clues, make it unlikely that everybody, everywhere, developed this knack simultaneously and independently. Still, I concede the POSSIBILITY, in single instances. Any single instance is an indication, and not necessarily a proof; but an infinitude of indications is tantamount to proof. Nobody has proved, for example, the steller evolutionary sequence as indicated by arranging steotra in a logical trend, but thousands of examples fall into the logical pattern, and even over-cautious astronomers accept the conclusions.

Now, about "little people":"The Expanding Case for the UFO" will greatly stress and amplify the part played by "little people" - pygmies - in a development spanning 35,000,000 years of terrestial history. No, I cannot PROVE it, but the theory fits, all along the line. One quarter of "The Expanding Case" will be devoted to "little people". They were here, as a fully developed race, in tertiary times, when the coal beds were forming. If at any time (or times) they spontaneously developed a civilization lasting 10,000 years, this would have been 1/3500th of the life span of their race, and such an upsurge could have happened and been wiped out 25,000,000 years ago. The pygmies of today are related to no other race,not even their immediate neighbors. Some of them speak a language that cannot be associated with any known tongue. They are scattered over the Earth in isolated tribes, with no indication of how they got there unless by aerial transport. Little people built Sacsahuaman's intramountain tunnels and caverns. Little people seem to have built the Great Pyramid. Little people built Zimbabwee. Little people - the picts and gnomes - inhabited Britain. Little people built caverns in Europe, too small for normal humans. Throughout the world little people have left traditions and legends of "supernatural powers" - magic, if you will. Many of the extremely ancient artifacts from coal beds and rock quaries,and even falling from space, are small and delicate as if made by little hands. Some of the pygmies have a god called Puluga, who is supposed to live in the sky in a stone mansion and to have a green wife! Some of the pygmies have a god who comes to Earth in a controlled storm cloud.

If pygmies, in a pre-cataclysmic civilization, invented or discovered levitation and space flight,and took to space for any reason, there is considerable evidence that they are now returning, and they do not like what they find. Certainly there are too many reports of "little people" associated with UFO's to be brushed off. In the 13th Chapter of St. Mark, Jesus says that the Son of Man will return as a glorious shining power,through the clouds. Is the descendant, or son, of Man a race of pygmies - returning from a far journey? If so, where did they go? Where have they been? Why are they returning? - The 13th Chapter of St. Mark is very interesting to"Ufology"; i.e., the study of flying saucers.

NEWS BRIEFS

The National Geographic Society reported on about Oct. 7th that a vast new blue-green area, believed to be living vegetation, has been observed on the surface of Mars. The discovery of this 200,000 square mile area is rated as"the greatest change in Martian geography since the planet was first mapped 125 years ago.....The most fascinating divorce case in the history of American law has recently been revealed: Truman Betherum, author of "Aboard a Flying Saucer", claims in his book to have had frequent meetings with a beautiful space woman named Ora Rhanes. Now Betherum's wife is suing for divorce, and naming the attractive flying saucer captain as co-respondent. ....A news dispatch from Benton Harbor, Michigan, dated Sept. 27th, states that author George Adamski was stricken with a heart attack in that town just before he was to give a saucer lecture there. No confirmation of this report is available yet...A Medina, Ohio newspaper reported on Oct. 21st that a local saucer enthusiast named Joe Leatherman found a "curious piece of metal" after a "fleet of space ships" flew by. The metal was believed to be part of one of the saucers,and was found in the general area over which the saucers had passed. The object is about one inch in diameter and appears to be a finely-machined aircraft component. It is being analysed locally.....Harold T. Wilkins' new book "Flying Saucers Uncensored" is just out.

Summary, Notes and Comments on
PROJECT BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT NO. 14
(The Air Force Report of May 5, 1955)

- by Justin Case and James W. Moseley -

On October 25th, 1955, the Air Force issued Press Release No. 1053-55, giving out the results of their eight-year investigation of unidentified aerial objects. They stated that "no evidence of the existence of the popularly-termed 'flying saucers' was found." The release quoted Secretary of the Air Force Donald A. Quarles as saying that "no objects such as those popularly described as flying saucers have overflown the United States." However, he said "we are now entering a period of aviation technology in which aircraft of unusual configuration and flight characteristics will begin to appear." The Air Force and other Armed Services have unusual aircraft under development, one of which "could result in disc-shaped aircraft similar to the popular concept of a flying saucer." But these strange craft "should not be regarded as supra-natural or mysterious." "They will still obey natural law" and "they will still be manned by normal terrestial airmen." He said "other countries have the capability of developing" such aircraft, but that "we are satisfied at this time that none of the sightings of so-called flying saucers reported in this country were in fact aircraft of foreign origin."



The press release contained a summary taken directly from the report. This report is 316 pages long, and can be examined at the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, at the Pentagon Building in Washington D. C. Here is a brief summary of this report, made from a direct study of the document itself, in order to see how the Air Force arrived at their conclusions. The report is dated

May 5th, 1955. Its title is "Analysis of Reports of Unidentified Aerial Objects", Project No. 10073 - Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14.

From July 1947 to December 1952 the Air Force received approximately 4000 reports. These reports consisted of impressions and interpretations of apparently unexplainable events and seldom contained reliable measurements of physical characteristics. First the Air Force eliminated 800 reports that were contradictory or too vague, and another 1000 were found to be reports of objects previously reported by others. That left 2200 reports of 2200 objects, of which they were able to identify 1766 as Knowns (balloons, aircraft, astronomical phenomena, etc.), leaving 434 as Unknowns. The Unknowns are defined as objects whose descriptions and maneuvers could not be fitted to the pattern of any known object or phenomenon.

Data from these 2200 sightings were tabulated in a multitude of different ways, but no pattern or trends could be found from which anything definite could be learned. Then they grouped the Knowns into six characteristics of Color, Number of Objects, Shape, Duration of Observation, Speed, and Light Brightness, and did the same with the Unknowns. If the percentage distribution for each group in each characteristic was the same for the Unknowns and the Knowns, then there was a good possibility that the Unknowns were no different than the Knowns. This comparison was made by Mirror Graphs, and it looked close in five out of the six characteristics; but the Air Force decided to check this by a statistical method called the "Chi Square". The "Chi Square" method neither confirmed nor denied that the Unknowns were the same as the Knowns.

Another approach was tried. They separated the 434 Unknowns into 186 daylight sightings and 248 night sightings. A re-evaluation of the 186 day sightings and 5 selected night sightings showed that about 80 could possibly be balloons, aircraft, and other conventional objects. Of the remaining 111 sightings, 20 were definitely not of familiar objects, and the remaining 91 were classed as Unknown merely because they were reported to perform maneuvers that could not be ascribed to any known object. These maneuvers had been observed visually and the possibilities for inaccuracies are great because of the inability of the observer to estimate visually the size, distance and speed. Considering this and the results of the "Chi Square" test, they concluded that the majority of these Unknowns could easily have been familiar objects, but that it was impossible to be certain of this.

Out of 434 Unknowns, only 12 were sighted at close enough range to be described in detail.(Only two of these cases are well known to the public: the Chiles-Whitted and the Pittsburg Kansas sightings.) But some of these 12 sightings were unreliable, and no model of a flying saucer could be deduced from these 12 reports.

Therefore, the Air Force concluded that "it can never be proven that flying saucers do not exist" but that "it is considered to be highly improbable that any of the reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge", because:

A. There is no pattern or trend shown by the data on all object sightings.

B.There is no group of Unknowns for which the observed characteristics were the same.

C. No typical saucer could be derived from the close-range observations.

D.No physical material has ever been obtained from any unidentified aerial object.

The Air Force investigated 425 sightings in 1953, 429

in 1954, and 131 in 1955 up to May 5th, in the same manner. This resulted in the same conclusions. Improved methods of reporting sightings, and the prompt investigation, beginning September 1954, by Air Intelligence Service Squadrons whose units were so deployed as to arrive on the spot shortly after receiving a report, have reduced the Unknowns to only 3% of the total objects sighted in 1955.

This concludes the summary of the Air Force report. - The report contains about 60 pages of reading matter, 38 pages of charts and graphs, and the remaining 218 pages contain 240 tables and some miscellaneous material. The document represents a tremendous amount of work by the Air Force Technical Intelligence Center and their panel of consultants.

Comments by Justin Case

This report is not easy to read or to understand. It was written by someone who avoided the use of plain, simple words, but preferred to use language whose meaning could be interpreted in a number of different ways. The above summary of the report uses the same language as much as possible in order to convey the same impressions as the report sought to convey. Therefore both the summary of the press release and the summary of the report should be read several times, slowly, to try to get the full import of the words.

From the above summaries it appears that the Air Force is saying to us "there are no such things as flying saucers, but we now have aircraft on hand and on order, that look and act like flying saucers." This is a confusing statement, so we have to make a careful study of both summaries to see what it means.

The first thing to notice is that the press release concludes that flying saucers do not exist. But the report concludes that they can't prove flying saucers do not exist, and that it is highly improbable that they are something beyond our present-day knowledge. These two conclusions are not the same, and the one in the report can be interpreted in several different ways. This makes room for wide speculation.

The next thing to notice is that this is a statistical report, and if there is a lack of statistics, there can be no definite conclusion.Perhaps the Air Force has brought about this lack of statistics by brushing aside all but 5 of the 248 Unknown night sightings and by dismissing all but 20 of the 186 Unknown daytime sightings as being probably familiar objects or simply inaccurate reports. That way there is little on which to base a conclusion.

There is also the general vagueness of the language of the report, which leads to many different possible interpretations. We can therefore make these three interpretations of the press release and the report:

A. That flying saucers are secret U. S. developments which we will now be seeing much more frequently. That seems to be what the Air Force is seeking to imply, but is careful not to say. If they are secret, the Air Force is entitled to be secretive about them and even to deceive us about them. But if they are secret, why spend such a tremendous amount of work on a 316-page report to tell us they don't exist but we'll be seeing things like them very often, soon? How does the Air Force explain the many sightings of similar objects in other parts of the world? Surely our government would not trust such secret craft outside our own boundaries. Nor would we send up planes to intercept them or engage in dog fights with them. Nor would we allow them to create hazards by flying in crowded commercial air lanes. Therefore, it is somewhat difficult to believe saucers are a secret U.S. development.

B. That flying saucers are merely misinterpretations of ordinary objects known to present-day science. You can interpret the conclusion in the report that way. But what ordinary object was the metallic object that Captain Mantell chased, or the small light with which Lt. Gorman had a 20-minute dog fight, or the large wingless craft seen by Chiles and Whitted, or the metallic object at which Lloyd Booth shot after it hovered 75 feet over him for 25 minutes in Conway, S.C.; or the thin 8-inch disc that flew between Lt.Brigham and his companion plane over North Japan? And what ordinary objects were those in the 40 reports made by experienced and reliable observers, and which the Air Force gave to Donald Keyhoe, and which are quoted in his book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space"? There is nothing in this Air Force report to explain what these ordinary objects were.

C. That flying saucers are in some way connected with intelligent visitors from space. The Air Force doesn't believe this, or is not sure, or is concealing this from us for very good reasons. But nevertheless they and other Armed Forces are doing their best to develop aircraft that can fly like flying saucers. This still seems to be a logical interpretation you can make from the report, because space flight is not "outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge." The general vagueness of the language of the report, and the casual way the Air Force dismisses all but 20 out of the 434 Unknowns, all of which they had previously classed as certain, indicates that this may be the correct interpretation.

But regardless of what interpretation each one of us makes, let us bear in mind that the Air Force knows far more about flying saucers than the great "saucerers" in England and southern California will ever know. They have had the services of our best scientists to help them. Whatever they have done with the results of their investigation has been in the best interests of our country. In their position they are much more competent than we are to decide what these best interests are. For us to think otherwise is to do a grave injustice to a branch of our government to whose bravery,intelligence and ability we partly owe our freedom, our safety, and even our lives. We can think what we please about flying saucers, but let us do so with full appreciation of the knowledge and responsibilities we have entrusted to our Air Force.

In view of all the uncertainties, let us not throw away our records and forget everything we have read about flying saucers. Let us continue our studies of this most interesting mystery, and some day, sooner or later, we are bound to learn the true answer.

It is worth noting that in their evaluation of the sightings to separate the reliable from the unreliable ones, the Air Force used substantially the same methods that were described in the article "How to Evaluate Reports of UFO Sightings" in the April 1955 NEXUS.

It is also worth noting that there is nothing in the Air Force report to show they paid any attention to the great authorities on flying saucers in southern California and England. For this we are not ungrateful.

Further Comments, by James W. Moseley

At least one thing appears certain in view of the new Air Force report: It can no longer be said that the Air Force has not made a thorough and honest attempt to solve the Saucer Mystery. No one who has read the technical details of the Report, and seen its hundreds of complex charts and graphs, can possibly deny that this Report represents a painstaking effort on the part of the Wright Field research team and its consultants. Every mis-

take in technique and improvement in procedure is duly mentioned in the Report, though these mistakes could as easily have been omitted.

I therefore think that we can entirely throw out the idea that the Air Force possesses any proof that saucers are interplanetary,and are hiding this proof from the public. Still present is the possibility that the Air Force suspects some of the saucers could be interplanetary; but if they were subtly trying to prepare the public for this eventuality, as some saucer researchers claim, then there would be some open hint of this in the Report - and there definitely is not. The only open hints in the Report are to the effect that saucers, if they exist at all, are not foreign aircraft nor are they from Space. Though these hints may be subject to other interpretations as well, let us consider the following statements from the Report:



"The Air Force says there are no flying saucers! Let's file our report with the Marines!"

From the Summary: "Analysis of the.....data.....consisted of....an attempt to determine the probability that any of the Unknowns represent observations of technological developments not known in this country.....On the basis of this evaluation of information, it is considered to be highly improbable that reports of unidentified aerial objects examined in this study represent observations of technological developments outside the range of present-day scientific knowledge." (Italics mine.)

Again from the Summary: "Reports of unidentified aerial objects....have been received....since mid-1947.....There was no evidence that the unexplained reports of unidentified objects constituted a threat to the security of the United States." Why did the Air Force feel so certain, from the beginning, that there was no threat to our security?

From the Report itself: "Shape: There is a high percentage of Unknowns in the rocket-aircraft-shape classification." (This indicates to me that these particular Unknowns could have been solved, had all information on flight routes of rocket-shaped aircraft been made available to the investigators.) - Also:"There were a very few (of the Unknowns) that would have been identified as guided missiles or rockets, but that were not so identified because of the geographical location in which they were seen." (Italics mine.) Does this not show that these particular sightings could have been solved except that the investigators did not know, or the public is not supposed to know, that guided missiles fly in many strange places?

Again, in another section of the Report, we read: "A critical examination of the important characteristics of sightings, plus an intensive study of the sightings evaluated as Unknown, led to the conclusion that a combination of factors, principally...the unavailability of supplemental data such as aircraft flight plans.....resulted in the failure to identify as Known most of the reports of objects classified as Unknowns."

I am not suggesting that all saucer phenomena otherwise unidentified are necessarily U. S. devices. But I do insist that this new Air Force Report makes it more clear than ever that the vast majority of recent and current sightings are of U. S. craft rather than space ships or aircraft of foreign origin.

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The Air Force's Twelve Best Unexplained Sightings

The Air Force Report states that out of the 434 object sightings that were identified as Unknowns by the data reduction process, there were only 12 (through 1952) that were described with sufficient detail that they could be used in an attempt to derive a model of a flying saucer. The following is the Air Force's summary of the 12 good Unknown sightings.

(Editor's Note: In the Report, a good drawing accompanies all of these sightings. The wording of the text below is exactly as in the Report. I have added the additional information in parentheses, as the location of sightings and the names of the sighters are still classified by the Air Force, and are therefore not included in the Report.)

Case I: Two men employed by a rug-cleaning firm were driving across a bridge at 0955 hours on July 29, 1948, when they saw an object glide across the road a few hundred feet in front of them. It was shiny and metallic in construction, about 6 to 8 feet long and 2 feet wide. It was in a flat glide path at an altitude of about 30 feet and in a moderate turn to the left. It was seen for only a few seconds, and apparently went down in a wooded area, although no trace of it was found.

Case II: A naval aviation student, his wife, and several others were at a drive-in movie from 2115 to 2240 hours on April 20, 1952, during which time they saw several groups of objects fly over. There were from two to nine objects in a group and there were about 20 groups. The groups of objects flew in a straight line except for some changes in direction accomplished in a manner like any standard aircraft turn.

The objects were shaped like conventional aircraft. The unaccountable feature of the objects was that each had a red glow surrounding it and was glowing itself, although it was a cloudless night. (This incident occurred in Flint, Michigan.)

Case III: Two tower operators sighted a light over a city airport at 2020 hours on January 20, 1951. Since a commercial plane was taking off at this time, the pilots were asked to investigate this light. They observed it at 2026 hours. According to them, it flew abreast of them at a greater radius as they made their climbing turn, during which time it blinked some lights which looked like running lights. While the observing plane was still in its climbing turn, the object made a turn toward the plane and flew across its nose. As the two men turned their heads to watch it, it instantly appeared on their other side flying in the same direction as they were flying, and then in 2 or 3 seconds it slipped under them, and they did not see it again. Total time of the observation was not stated. In appearance, it was like an airplane with a cigar-shaped body and straight wings, somewhat larger than a B-29. No engine nacelles were observed on the wings. (A cross-check with Major Keyhoe's book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" reveals that the pilot involved in this sighting was Captain Laurence W. Vinther of Mid-Continent Airlines. The copilot is not named. The airport was at Sioux City, Iowa.)

Case IV: A part-time farmer and a hired hand were curing tobacco at midnight on July 19, 1952, when they looked up and saw two cigar-shaped objects. One hovered while the other moved up to the east and came back, at which time both ascended until out of sight. Duration of the observation was 3 to 4 minutes. Both had an exhaust at one end, and neither had protrusions of any kind. It was stated that they appeared to be transparent and were illuminated from the inside.

Case V: A pilot and copilot were flying a DC-3 at 0340

hours on July 24, 1948, when they saw an object coming toward them. It passed to the right and slightly above them, at which time it went into a steep climb and was lost from sight in some clouds. Duration of the observation was about 10 seconds. One passenger was able to catch a flash of light as the object passed. The object seemed powered by rocket or jet motors shooting a trail of fire some 50 feet to the rear of the object. The object had no wings or protrusions and had two rows of lighted windows. (This is the well-known Chiles-Whitted sighting. The object was seen near Montgomery, Alabama, on an Eastern Airlines flight from Atlanta to Boston. The pilots were Clarence S. Chiles and John B. Whitted. The passenger was Clarence McKelvie of Columbus, Ohio, who is the Assistant Managing Editor of the American Education Press in Columbus.

Case VI: An instrument technician, while driving from a large city toward an Air Force base on December 22, 1952, saw an object from his car at 1930 hours. He stopped his car to watch it. It suddenly moved up toward the zenith in spurts from right to left at an angle of about 45 degrees. It then moved off in level flight at a high rate of speed, during which maneuver it appeared white most of the time,but apparently rolled three times showing a red side. About halfway through its roll it showed no light at all. It finally assumed a position to the south of the planet Jupiter at a high altitude, at which position it darted back and forth, left and right alternately. Total time of the observation was 15 minutes. Apparently the observer just stopped watching the object.

Case VII: A Flight Sergeant saw an object over an Air Force base in Korea at 0842 hours on June 6, 1952. The object flew in a series of spinning and tumbling actions. It was on an erratic course, first flying level, then stopping momentarily, shooting straight up, flying level and again tumbling, then changing course and disappearing into the sun. At one time an F-86 passed between the observer and the object. He pointed it out to another man who saw it as it maneuvered near the sun.

Case VIII: An electrician was standing by the bathroom window of his home, facing west, at 0825 hours on July 31, 1948, when he first sighted an object. He ran to his kitchen where he pointed out the object to his wife. Total time in sight was approximately 10 seconds, during which the object flew on a straight and level course from horizon to horizon, west to east.

Case IX:A farmer and his two sons, aged 8 and 10, were at his fishing camp on August 13, 1947. At about 1300 hours, he went to look for the boys, having sent them to the river for some tape from his boat. He noticed an object about 300 feet away, 75 feet above the ground. He saw it against the background of the canyon wall which was 400 feet high at this point. It was hedge hopping,following the contour of the ground, was sky blue, about 20 feet in diameter and 10 feet thick, and had pods on the side from which flames were shooting out. It made a swishing sound. The observer stated that the trees were highly agitated by the craft as it passed over. His two sons also observed the object. No one saw the object more than a few seconds. (A cross-check with Major Keyhoe's book "The Flying Saucers Are Real" reveals that this incident occurred at Twin Falls, Idaho. At Salmon Dam, Idaho, the same day, two miners saw two similar objects at a considerable distance away from them.)

Case X: An employee in the supersonic laboratory of an aeronautical laboratory and some other employees of this lab, were by a river, 2½ miles from its mouth, when they saw an object. The time was 1700 hours on May 24, 1949. The object was reflecting sunlight when observed by naked eye. However, he then looked at it with 8-power binoculars, at which time there was no glare. It was of metallic construction and was seen with good enough reso-

lution to show that the skin was dirty. It moved off in horizontal flight at a gradually increasing rate of speed, until it seemed to approach the speed of a jet before it disappeared. No propulsion was apparent. Time of observation was 2½ to 3 minutes.

Case XI: On March 20,1950, a Reserve Air Force Captain and an airlines Captain were flying a commercial airlines flight. At 21-26, the airline Captain directed the attention of the Reserve Air Force Captain to an object which apparently was flying at high speed, approaching the airliner on a north heading. The Reserve Air Force Captain focused his attention on the object. Both crew members watched it as it passed in front of them and went out of sight to the right. The observation,which lasted about 25 to 35 seconds, occurred about 15 miles north of a medium-sized city. When the object passed in front of the airliner, it was not more than ½ mile distant and at an altitude of about 1000 feet higher than the airliner.

The object appeared to be circular, with a diameter of approximately 100 feet and with a vertical height considerably less than the diameter, giving the object a disc-like shape. In the top center was a light which was blinking at an estimated 3 flashes per second. This light was so brilliant that it would have been impossible to look at it continuously had it not been blinking. This light could be seen only when the object was approaching and after it had passed the airliner. When the object passed in front of the observers, the bottom side was visible. The bottom side appeared to have 9 to 12 symmetrical oval or circular portholes located in a circle approximately 3/4 of the distance from the center to the outer edge. Through these portholes came a soft purple light about the shade of aircraft flourescent lights. The object was traveling in a straight line without spinning. Considering the visibility, the length of time the object was in sight, and the distance from the object, the Reserve Air Force Captain estimates the speed to be in excess of 1000 mph.(A check with Kenneth Arnold's book "The Coming of the Saucers" shows that this sighting was made by Captain Jack Adams and copilot G.W. Anderson, Jr., of the Chicago and Southern Airlines, near Little Rock Arkansas, en route from Memphis to Little Rock.)

Case XII: At 0535 on the morning of August 25, 1952, a musician for a radio station was driving to work from his home when he noticed an object hovering 10 feet above a field near the road along which he was driving. As he came abreast of the object, he stopped his car and got out to watch. Having an artificial leg, he could not leave the road, since the surrounding terrain was rough. However, he was within about 100 yards of it at the point he was standing on the road. The object was not absolutely still,but seemed to rock slightly as it hovered.When he turned off the motor of his car, he could hear a deep throbbing sound coming from the object. As he got out of the car, the object began a vertical ascent with a sound similar to "a large covey of quail starting to fly at one time." The object ascended vertically through broken clouds until out of sight. His view was not obscured by clouds. The observer states that the vegetation was blown about by the object when it was near the ground.

Description of the object is as follows:

It was about 75 feet long, 45 feet wide, and 15 feet thick, shaped like two oval meat platters placed together. It was a dull aluminum color, and had a smooth surface. A medium-blue continuous light shone through the one window in the front section.The head and shoulders of one man, sitting motionless, facing the forward edge of the object, were visible. In the midsection of the object were several windows extending from the top to the rear edge of the object. The midsection of the ship had a blue light which gradually changed to different shades. There was a large amount of activity

and movement in the midsection that could not be identified as either human or mechanical, although it did not have a regular pattern of movement. There were no windows, doors or portholes, vents, seams,etc., visible to the observer in the rear section of the object or under the object (viewed at time of ascent). Another identifiable feature was a series of propellers 6 to 12 inches in diameter spaced closely together along the outer edge of the object. These propellers were mounted on a bracket so that they revolved in a horizontal plane along the edge of the object. The propellers were revolving at a high rate of speed.

Investigation of the area soon afterwards showed some evidence of vegetation being blown around. An examination of grass and soil samples taken indicated nothing unusual. Reliability of the observer was considered good. (This sighting was made in Pittsburg,Kansas, by William Squires. I interviewed Squires personally in 1953, and found his story worth taking very seriously.)

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MATERIAL AND ADS WANTED: Our supply of worthwhile material for future issues is always encouraging, but we are nevertheless glad to receive contributions from readers. We prefer articles which present new approaches to the subject of saucers, or which offer factual data not yet published elsewhere. Anyone writing for SAUCER NEWS is perfectly free to express his own opinions, regardless of whether or not these opinions coincide with those of the Editors.

We are also interested in handling more advertising. Our rates are: Fifty cents per line; $5.00 for half a page (27 lines); and $10 for a full page ad. Our present circulation is slightly under 2,200. Ads for the February-March issue must reach us not later than January 15th.

BACK ISSUES: A good supply is still available of the February, March, April, and May issues of NEXUS (former name for SAUCER NEWS). We also have a few copies left of the August-September and October-November SAUCER NEWS.Any of these back issues may be obtained for the price of 35 cents each, or four for one dollar.

ABOUT THE NEXT ISSUE: The February-March issue of SAUCER NEWS will contain articles by Justin Case and John Pitt, among others. It will also include an article by the Editor, entitled "The Bender Story". Oldtimers in the saucer investigation have probably heard of Al Bender, former head of a large flying saucer club, who closed down his club under very mysterious circumstances. Newcomers to the field of saucer research will find the information in this article entirely new;and we can practically guarantee that all saucer enthusiasts, new and old, will find "The Bender Story" extremely interesting, as it concerns one of the strangest, most intriguing saucer incidents of the past few years. DON'T MISS IT!

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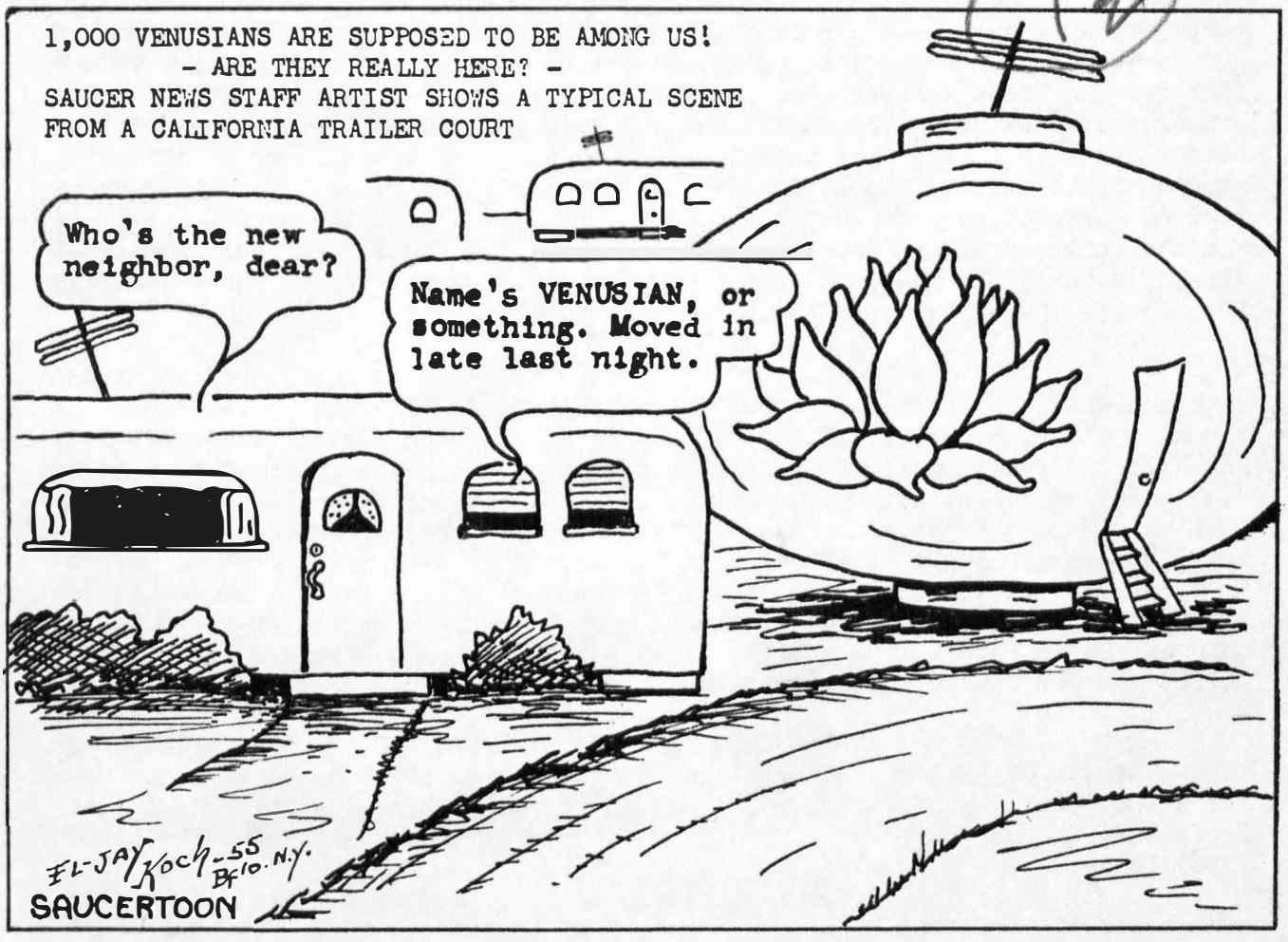
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EDITORIAL NOTES

QUESTIONNAIRES: With the December-January issue of SAUCER NEWS we sent a questionnaire to each person on our mailing list. So far, the answers we have received have been most helpful and interesting, but a great many of our readers have neglected to return their questionnaire forms to us. If you are one of these people, please oblige us by mailing in your questionnaire soon. The more answers we receive, the more valuable the results of the poll will be. The results will be published in the April-May issue of SAUCER NEWS.

SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS: Some of our readers were disturbed by a reference in our last issue, to the effect that honorary members of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society receive SAUCER NEWS free. These honorary memberships are given to only a few people, who either are heads of saucer clubs, or who have made some outstanding contribution in the field of saucer research. This is a common courtesy practiced by almost all the saucer clubs, and facilitates the exchange of information among leading researchers. We want to emphasize, however, that the paid subscribers are the backbone of any saucer club, and without them SAUCER NEWS could not exist. We urge all of you to watch your subscriptions, and to renew promptly if possible. Every dollar we receive is a help!

CORRECTION: The Editor wants to retract at least one statement he made in the December-January SAUCER NEWS (Page 13, bottom), in commenting on the October 25,1955 Air Force Report. Upon further consideration, he no longer feels that it is at all accurate to describe this Report as a "thorough and honest attempt to solve the Saucer Mystery". The Editor now feels that this Report - though long and detailed - is purposely obscure and confusing. However, he still insists that the Report gives a great deal of support to the theory that saucers are made on Earth, and little support if any to the theory that saucers come from another planet. (Note: Copies of a summary of this Air Force report are still available at our Headquarters, and will be mailed free of charge to subscribers who desire a copy.)

BACK ISSUES AND NEWSLETTERS STILL AVAILABLE: Back issues of SAUCER NEWS may be obtained for the price of 35 cents each or four for $1.00. Still on hand are copies of the February, March, April, May, August-September, October-November (1955) issues, and of the December-January (1955-1956) issue.

If you would like to have your name placed on our special Newsletter mailing list, send us a note together with $1.00. This Newsletter is issued irregularly, and contains information "too hot to handle" in our regular editions of SAUCER NEWS. The first issue of the Newsletter is now available. Future issues will be published as often as developments in the field of saucer research warrant it.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

George Adamski is preparing a series of tape-recorded lectures, the first of which is now ready. Two men will make copies of the master tapes. The plan is entirely on a non-profit basis. Mr. Adamski will receive nothing; the other two will give their time.

Almost everyone these days will be able to locate a tape recorder. To secure a copy of this first lecture, one should send his re-

quest to either: Dr. A. G. Dittmar, Au Sable Forks, New York (if you live in the East or South); or to Mr. Henry M. Henriksen, 1312 Grove Ave., Racine 4, Wisconsin (if you live in the West or Mid-West). Individuals in foreign countries may choose either source.

Send the following: 1.A reel of plastic recording tape having 45 minutes playing time; 2. Amount to cover return postage and correspondence; 3. State speed at which recording is desired (7.5 inches per second is suggested),and track; 4. State the probable size of the listening audience.

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A. G. DITTMAR, D.D.S.
Au Sable Forks, N.Y.

A contact with intelligences from outer space was asked, "What about Adamski?" The question rang no bell. Apparently they never heard of him. But I didn't even get that far. They never even asked, "What about Scully?" So I can't tell you whether they heard of him either. But I see that Keyhoe did. His "Flying Saucer Conspiracy" comes in with the same answer (about the slippery tactics of the Pentagonians) that we had five years ago in "Behind the Flying Saucers".

FRANK SCULLY
Palm Springs, Calif.

RECENT NEWS

SAUCER WITH PORTHOLES SEEN IN FLORIDA: Last December 15th, a 70-year-old man named Bradley D. Card saw a saucer "like two plates put together" over the Gulf, near Punta Russa, Florida. In the early afternoon Card was walking to his house along the bayfront, when suddenly he heard a strange buzzing noise and looked up to see a dingy, coffee-brown disc suspended in the air. He described it as having a keel-like apparatus on the top and bottom, and a circle of portholes around the center. "I thought they were taking pictures," said Card, "because every few minutes the thing would sort of turn slowly and there would be a flash. It looked like there were moving objects inside but I couldn't tell for sure."Card said that he waved at the saucer but it made no sign it had seen him. When he stepped aside to change his position, it disappeared in a flash. About three minutes later two jet planes came zooming overhead, but their speed was much less than the speed at which the saucer had departed.

MOON FOR SALE: A New York corporation formed to sell real estate on the Moon recently drew a howl of "claim jumpers" from a Miami man who says he has been selling Moon real estate for the past six months. The New York firm, called the Interplanetary Development Corporation, has already found 4,500 people willing to pay a dollar an acre for the Moon. The Miami outfit, headed by one Harry Hall, has sold about 2,000 100-acre plots for a dollar each. Hall says that his claim to the Moon was legally filed back in March 1955, long before Interplanetary's. Although Hall gives his customers a hundred times more real estate for their dollar than does the Interplanetary Development Corporation, the latter company gives deeds which include oil rights, title to any streets and roads abutting the property,and a reservation on the Corporation's first passenger rocket to the Moon. No departure date for the rocket is given.

THE AL BENDER STORY

- by James W. Moseley -

The International Flying Saucer Bureau was one of the very first civilian organizations to investigate the saucer mystery. The club, headed by Al Bender of Bridgeport Connecticut, had several hundred members by 1953, and their magazine "Space Review" was the first periodical of its kind to be printed rather than mimeographed.

Then suddenly, in October of 1953, something went wrong. The October issue of "Space Review" contained the following peculiar statements: "A source which the IFSB considers very reliable, has informed us that the investigation of the flying saucer mystery and solution is approaching its final stages. This same source to whom we had referred data, which had come into our possession, suggested that it was not the proper method and time to publish this data in Space Review.....'The mystery of the flying saucers is no longer a mystery. The source is already known, but any information about this is being withheld by orders from a higher source. We would like to print the full story in Space Review, but because of the nature of the information we are sorry that we have been advised in the negative.' We advise those engaged in saucer work to please be very cautious."

The October 1953 "Space Review" went on to say that the International Flying Saucer Bureau would be reorganized, but that the new organization would concern itself only with "matters pertaining to the universe in general" and not with flying saucers. As far as I know, this later-day IFSB issued only one small mimeographed pamphlet, which was sent to some of the "insiders" in the group, and which made no mention at all of saucers. After that, the IFSB ceased to exist (although a British branch of the club still remains active and publishes regular bulletins.)

It was in the fall of 1953 that I myself first became actively interested in the saucer mystery. Naturally, as soon as I heard of the strange situation in Bridgeport, my curiosity was aroused, and I determined to make every possible effort to learn what happened there. I talked at length with August Roberts, Dominic Lucchesi and Gray Barker - three men who had been active members of IFSB and who had been close to Bender before he was "hushed up". From these associates of Bender's I learned an even more incredible story: Bender was claiming that three men from some unnamed government agency, dressed in dark clothes and homburg hats, had visited him and told him that he had accidentally hit upon the solution to the saucer mystery. They demanded that he cease his investigation into saucers, for his own good and for the good of the country. This visit frightened Bender so much that he was sick for several days.

Bender's associates were convinced that he was telling the truth. They had known him well long before his "hush up", and felt that he would not lie to them on such an important matter. However, I was inclined to feel that the alleged hush-up must be a cover-up for some personal reason Bender might have had for closing down his club. Perhaps the IFSB was in the red financially; perhaps the paper work involved in running such a large organization had been too much for him, and he had sought a dramatic way to get out from under; or perhaps the man was psychoneurotic in some way, and had misconstrued an innocent visit from government officials, due to a "persecution complex".

In any case, I was anxious to get at the truth. I made a special trip to Bridgeport in November, 1953, to interview Bender. He was pleasant enough, but no more willing to talk to me in person about his strange experience than he had been to talk about it by long-distance phone with Bar-

ker and the others. In the course of a long interview, Bender gave me several hints or clues - whether accidentally or on purpose, I cannot say. He stated or implied that we are about to be attacked by saucers, based in the polar regions of this planet, and which are owned by Russia or some unknown race here on Earth. He added that our government is powerless to do anything about this attack, that a public announcement about this situation would come within six months, and that the truth, when it is known, will be "fantastic".

Bender had stated earlier to Roberts that definite clues as to the nature of his secret information were contained in the statements (quoted above) in the last issue of "Space Review". If the phrase therein mentioning a "higher source" was intended to be taken literally, then this could mean that Bender's alleged solution to the saucer mystery was that the saucers come from an advanced underground race on Earth. This in turn would tie in with the so-called "Shaver Mystery", which is a science-fiction theory to the effect that descendants of ancient Earth races still live in labyrinths of caves underground, their secret civilization known but to a few.

I still do not know if Bender's information was anything along these lines. Perhaps all these hints were only to throw people off the right track. In any case,his statement (in 1953) that the government would make a public announcement within six months, was obviously in error. However, I myself feel at present that if there is ever any proof that saucers do not originate from known Earth governments (i.e., the United States and Russia), the next best guess would be unknown races on Earth - not Space. I feel this way because, if we are to believe the scores of "little men" saucer reports of the past few years, the saucerians are humanoid in appearance, though not exactly of human size and facial features. Therefore(unless all orthodox science is to be overthrown), we must conclude that these saucerian humanoids, if they exist, have a common racial origin with Man, and furthermore can not live on any planet in this solar system except Earth.

Unable to learn anything conclusive from my 1953 visit to Bender, I followed up a few other leads and then let the matter drop, still more or less convinced (at that time) that there was not much if anything to Bender's story. But as the months and years went by, other equally strange cases came to light. In New Zealand, a saucer researcher named John E. Stuart told of having obtained a piece of metal from a flying saucer, and of having had it taken away from him by a mysterious visitor. From Australia came the story that Edgar R. Jerrald, director of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, had received a strange visit shortly after he too had been sent a saucer fragment. Jerrald supposedly wasn't "hushed up", but after his "visit" he stopped answering his mail, and gradually faded out of the saucer picture. In Brooklyn New York, another leading researcher named Eliot Rockmore suddenly stopped publication of his magazine "Flying Saucer Review", and refused to answer mail or even to talk to anyone on the phone. And from a correspondent of mine whom I consider extremely reliable, I learned of still another weird incident: He had obtained a saucer fragment, and sent it to be analysed locally. Thereafter he also was visited, by some sort of government agent, who warned him not to divulge the results of the analysis to anyone, and who spoke to him so threateningly that he feared for the safety of himself and his family. He, however, recovered from this shock, and has continued his investigation of saucers.

In three out of the four cases outlined above, a saucer fragment was involved. Now,the amazing thing is that in the IFSB Case too, a saucer fragment had been obtained by certain members of the club, including Bender, just a few weeks before the "hush up". This similarity certainly tends to confirm that all these cases do have a basis of fact, and that certain government agencies (whatever they may be) do take a much more serious interest

in saucers, and especially fragments thereof,than anyone including myself ever suspected.

But the most convincing confirmation of all came to me just recently, from a man I know quite well,and whose integrity is above question. I am not permitted to give this man's name or the exact nature of his occupation, but I can say that he was, and still is, engaged in scientific work for the government, of an extremely important and confidential nature. In the course of his work, he saw an official document which he felt gave a solution to part of the saucer mystery. He then sent through the proper official channels to have an article on this matter cleared for security; but the government objected to publication of the article,and so it has not been published. As a result of having sent in this article, he was visited by three security officers. The names of these men and the service branches from which they came, are known to him, but cannot be published herein. These officers questioned him at length as to how and why he had seen the document which he referred to in the above-mentioned proposed article. They said they did not care about saucers and saucer theories, but were only interested in the security of the official document in question. After assurances, and after doing some further checking on their own, they were satisfied that there had been no violation of security, and my friend did not hear from them again. He himself was not frightened by the visit, but he tells me that he can readily understand that a man like Bender, unfamiliar with government methods of investigation, could easily have been badly frightened by such an experience.

Bender claimed that his "hush-up" had come as a result of an article on saucers that he had written and submitted for publication. The article supposedly contained a theory backed up by certain facts he had gathered to support that theory. Presumably his trouble came as a result of some sort of security check on this article,which of course was never published. Thus there is a definite similarity between Bender's experience and that of my friend the government scientist.

In November 1955 I reopened my investigation of the Bender Case, in preparation for this article. I was quite surprised when an official Air Force spokesman at the Pentagon told me that an incident such as Bender describes "could have happened", especially in the early days of the saucer mystery. This spokesman said that official investigators had been instructed to keep the saucer subject quiet at all costs, and that some of them might have overstepped their authority in trying to carry out these orders.

Later, on a tip from a former Army Intelligence officer in New York,I tried to find out what magazine Bender had submitted his article to. My hope was that someone on the magazine might remember Bender's article, and could tell me just who had objected to the story and why. But I was unable to find any evidence to either confirm or deny that Bender had submitted such an article.

Finally, in December 1955, I went back to Bridgeport and talked to Bender a second time. He had little to add to what he had told me in 1953, and he still did not feel free to talk about his strange visit. I also spoke with Max Krengel,a former IFSB member who had reportedly been close to Bender, and who had helped Bender put together those mystifying statements in the last issue of "Space Review".Krengel claimed that although he had helped with the last issue, he had ceased to be an active member of IFSB several months previously, and thus did not know anything more than anyone else about Bender's "hush-up". If Krengel had any inside information about the visit, he wasn't talking.

It was the same story with others of Bender's former associates whom I tried to contact in Bridgeport last December. Some had moved

away since 1953, and others were not available for comment. Those I did talk to had nothing important to add to what I already knew. I came back from Bridgeport still no closer to a solution of the Bender Case than I had been before.

Yet, though I can still only guess as to what the exact nature of Bender's information was, I know that he must have learned something - something important enough to cause him to be "hushed up" even in this supposedly free country of ours. If national security was involved, then the government had a right to silence him. But that does not stop me from being terribly curious about the nature of the information Bender has.Some day, perhaps, I will find out.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED IN CANADA: On the morning of Dec. 6th, the Clark family of Ingersoll Ontario saw a flying saucer, and Mr.George Clark managed to take two photographs of it. The saucer appeared to be round and black as it traveled noiselessly from south to north, against the wind. It then made a right-angle turn to the east and disappeared. It was in sight for about three minutes, long enough for Clark to rush outdoors with his family and his camera. One of the photos, published in the Toronto Telegram, shows a crescent-shaped object high in the sky over a telephone pole. - Said Clark, in describing the sighting: "It was a circular object, moving at an angle, with the back end tipped down. It wasn't all black, but was lighter - sort of transparent - in the center. There was no exhaust behind it. It was below the clouds and was as high as an airplane would be if you could see it plainly but couldn't make out any details. It was traveling fairly slowly."

FLORIDA MAN REPORTS TINGLING SENSATION FROM SAUCER: At 10 P.M. on November 1st, C. F. Bell, a policeman of Williston Florida,saw a fleet of six lighted objects pass over the center of town, where he was parked in his police car. The objects appeared to be in formation, moving slowly. Occasionally one of them would be left behind, and would put on a burst of speed to catch up to the others. After the objects had passed over Williston, one of them turned in a gradual bank and began losing altitude. Bell drove about a mile and a half north of town, following the object, and got out of his car to watch as it passed directly over him at low altitude, moving very slowly. For seven or eight minutes he had the saucer in close view. The light from the object was so bright that it lit up an area 50 to 75 feet in diameter, he said. The light was steady, and the object was so bright that at that range it could not be observed directly. Bell judged the strange craft to be about 150 feet away from him and about 3 feet wide, although he said that he had no way of judging these distances or dimensions. The object was pure white, shaped like a wash tub, and had no marks, windows, or other identification. - There was no sound or odor, but the heat thrown off by the object gave him a tingling sensation that he had never experienced before. Eventually the object moved off to the east and disappeared from view, after having been in sight about 45 minutes in all.

NEW SAUCER BOOK: We are reliably informed that a book by Gray Barker (editor of the "Saucerian") is due off the presses about April 20th. The tentative title is: "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". The book will supposedly contain hitherto unpublished facts about civilian saucer research. Rumor has it that Mr. Barker's information is so "hot" that there is an effort being made to stop publication of the book.

CONQUEST OF GRAVITY IS AIM OF TOP U.S. SCIENTISTS

The article below is condensed from a series of three front-page articles that ran in the New York Herald-Tribune, from Nov. 20th to Nov. 22nd, 1955.

The initial steps of an almost incredible program to solve the secret of gravity and universal gravitation are being taken today in America's top scientific laboratories and research centers. A number of major, long-established companies in the United States also are involved in gravity research. Scientists bracket gravity with life itself as the greatest unsolved mystery in the universe. But there are increasing numbers of scientists who feel that there must be a physical mechanism for its propagation, which can be discovered and controlled.

Should this mystery be solved it would bring about a greater revolution in power, transportation, and other fields of living, than even the discovery of atomic power. The influence of such a discovery would be of tremendous import in the field of aircraft design - where the problem of fighting gravity's effects has been basic. One almost fantastic possibility is that if gravity can be fully understood scientifically and negated or neutralized in some relatively inexpensive manner,it will be possible to build aircraft, earth satellites and even space ships that will move swiftly into outer space, without strain, beyond the pull of the earth's gravity field. They would not have to tear themselves away through the brute force of powerful rockets and through the expenditure of expensive chemical fuels.

Centers where pure research on gravity is now in progress in some form include the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton, N. J; Princeton University; the University of Indiana's School of Advanced Mathematical Studies; and the Perdue University Research Foundation. Aircraft firms now participating or actively interested in gravity include the Glen L. Martin Co. of Baltimore; Convair of San Diego; Bell Aircraft of Buffalo; Sikorsky Division of United Aircraft; Lear,Inc. of Santa Monica,Calif; Clarke Electronics of Palm Springs, Calif; and the Sperry Gyroscope Division of Sperry-Rand Corporation, of Great Neck, Long Island. Scientists working on the problem of gravity include: Dr. Edward Teller of the University of California, who received prime credit for developing the hydrogen bomb; Dr.J.Robert Oppenheimer, director of the Institute for Advanced Study at Princeton; Dr.Freeman J. Dyson of the Institute; Dr. John A. Wheeler of Princeton University; and Dr. Vaclav Hlavaty of the University of Indiana.

This experimentation and research could result in amazing flying machines, which will not depend on the air for lift. Space ships capable of accelerating in a few seconds to speeds of many thousands of miles per hour and making sudden changes of course at these speeds without subjecting their passengers to the so-called "G-forces" caused by gravity's pull, are also envisioned.

William P. Lear, chairman of the board of Lear, Inc., one of the nation's largest electronic firms specializing in aviation, for months has been going over new developments and theories relating to gravity with his chief scientists and engineers. Lear told the Herald-Tribune's correspondent that he is convinced it is possible to create artificial electro-magnetic fields whose polarity can be controlled to cancel out gravity. Said he: "All the 'mass', materials, and human beings within these fields will be part of them.The fields will be adjustable so as to increase or decrease the weight of any object in its surroundings. They won't be affected by the earth's gravity or that of any celestial body. This means that if any person was in an anti-gravitational airplane or space ship that carried along its own gravi-

in such research, and that no one has yet been able to alter or control gravity or even to suggest a scientific method of studying the subject.

From this we can safely conclude that the currently planned research on gravity will not yield results tomorrow or next week, but that perhaps we might learn something ten or twenty years from now.

But there can be little doubt that the reports of flying saucers have greatly stimulated interest in gravity research by people who design and build aircraft, or who build systems to fly them.

BOOK REVIEWS

THE FLYING SAUCER CONSPIRACY - by Major Donald E. Keyhoe (Henry Holt & Co.)
- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" is Major Keyhoe's attempt to bring the public up to date on saucer developments since the publication of his last book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" in mid-1953. As in his two previous saucer books, Keyhoe's documentation and style are good, and he retains his position as this planet's number one author in the field of saucer research.

Particularly noteworthy is Keyhoe's chapter containing new evidence for life on the Moon. He describes an apparently artificial bridge seen in 1953 by two reputable astronomers - John J. O'Neal, science editor of the New York Herald-Tribune, and Dr. H. P. Wilkins, a leading British astronomer (not to be confused with H. T. Wilkins, the saucer author). Keyhoe also discusses a peculiar road-like marking that has been seen on the Moon near this bridge, and a mysterious "W", possibly of artificial origin, seen on the planet Mars.

Also interesting are Keyhoe's detailed discussions of several recent plane crashes,some of which show evidence that they were caused by saucers, either accidentally or on purpose. A particularly mysterious crash in 1945, in which six Navy planes disappeared without a trace, in spite of the most intensive air and sea search in history, leads Keyhoe to believe that the planes may have been purposely led off their course by saucers and "spacenapped".

In other parts of the book, Keyhoe gives good evidence to show that saucers may be propelled by an anti-gravity device(such as Cramp described in "Space, Gravity and the Flying Saucer"), and he discusses in detail the two natural or artificial satellites that have been recently discovered by astronomers. In regard to the satellites,Keyhoe believes that they are "mother ships" which are part of a systematic observation of this planet by saucers.

Happily Keyhoe still rejects the various "personal contact" stories which have been circulated in the United States, but he does not make it clear why he also tends to reject the scores of "little men" stories from Europe and South America, many of which are as well documented as other saucer stories which he accepts as true. Keyhoe also dismisses the possibility that saucers are built on Earth as a "crazy rumor"; but he then turns around and accepts the idea that as early as 1946 the Army Ordinance Department was bombarding the Moon and Mars with artificial meteors.He therefore suggests that the windshield pitting mystery (which has never been definitely linked with saucers at all), is a way in which Moon people and/or Martians are retaliating for having had their planets bombarded by these missiles. Somewhere here is evidence of a rather puzzling inconsistency in Major Keyhoe's approach.

tational field - no matter how fast you accelerated or changed course - your body wouldn't any more feel it than it now feels the speed of the earth."

One of America's most brilliant young experimental designers, Eugene M. Gluhareff, president of Gluhareff Helicopter and Aircraft Corp. of Manhattan Beach, Calif., has made several theoretical design studies of round or saucer shaped vehicles for travel into outer space, having atomic generators or electric power as their basic engines. Mr. Gluhareff envisions that propulsion would be obtained by the acceleration of electrons to a very high velocity and expelling them into space in the same manner that hot gases are expelled from jet engines.Such an arrangement would not pollute the atmosphere with radio-active vapors. Control can be obtained by a slight differentation of the deflection of electronic beams in either direction; the beams would act in the same way as an orthodox airplane's ailerons and elevator.

Another leading scientist, when asked how long it will take to get such vehicles into the air, replied as follows: "I know that if Washington decides it will be vital to our national survival to go where we want to and to do what we want to without having to worry about gravity, we'd find the answer rapidly."

Comments by Justin Case on the Herald-Tribune's Gravity Series

These articles were written for the general public, and as usual in such cases, they give the wrong impression that gravity research is going full blast and that neutralization of gravity is just around the corner. But what is behind this increased interest in gravity research?

We may assume that flying saucers maneuver so rapidly because they are very light in weight (and perhaps small too) or they have enormous power for flight or that they can neutralize gravity. All this should be of great interest to airplane manufacturers and related industries, and several of such are listed in the Tribune articles.

In the case of Lear, Inc., leading manufacturers of automatic pilots for airplanes, we know that their president Mr. Lear said in February 1955 that he believes flying saucers exist, that they come from outer space, possibly from some planet outside the range of observation from our Earth; and that they are piloted by beings of superior intelligence. This explains Mr. Lear's interest in flying saucers and in gravity research.

Other organizations may or may not believe in flying saucers but they have two other reasons for gravity research. In the case of the G. L. Martin Co., aircraft manufacturers, gravity is but one of the many fields in which they plan research to obtain basic scientific knowledge that they hope might be of use to them 50 years from now. Their laboratory exists at present on paper only; they have no equipment or building,and they are only starting to build up their staff of scientists.We can safely assume that other aircraft manufacturers have similar plans.

Another reason for gravity research is purely scientific and is related to Einstein's theories. Einstein assumed that gravitational force is propagated with the speed of light. No one knows if this assumption is correct, and scientists would like to find out. They also would like to find a possible connection between magnetic and gravitational fields to test Einstein's Unified Field Theory.

The Gravity Research Foundation in New Boston, N. H., was created to collect all written material pertaining to gravity and to stimulate gravity research. From 1949 to 1955 they have awarded $11,000 in prizes for 39 essays on gravity. These essays show that there has been very little gravity research in the past, that there are enormous scientific difficulties

But my principal objection to the new Keyhoe book is in regard to the central theme, namely that there is a "conspiracy" in the Air Force to keep the public from receiving saucer information it is entitled to. I too, just like Major Keyhoe, have visited the Pentagon many times in quest of saucer information, and I have talked with a number of officers there, including Major General Samford, Director of Intelligence. I can agree with Keyhoe that there have been contradictory and misleading official statements from the Air Force, and that the policies regarding public information have been neither consistent nor aimed at giving the public the greatest possible amount of saucer information within the limits of reasonable security. However, I simply cannot go along with Keyhoe's view, stated and implied again and again throughout his book, that a "silence group" within the Air Force sits practically cringing in terror each time there is an important saucer sighting, for fear that the sighting will reach the public. I feel that Keyhoe's personal observations regarding this alleged conspiracy are, on the whole, exaggerated and unjustified.

As Keyhoe's discussion of this "conspiracy" goes over some of the same ground covered in his previous book, I feel justified in mentioning some of these older matters too. My most specific objection in this category is to Keyhoe's statement, in his current book, to the effect that he was the only unofficial investigator to have been given certain saucer sightings from the early Project Bluebook Status Reports. Major Keyhoe correctly states that outstanding cases from these Reports were cleared for him during late 1952 and early 1953; but, in November 1953, during my very first visit to the Pentagon, I was shown the Reports themselves, which contained additional sightings and other information that Keyhoe had not seen - and still has not seen,as the Reports were withdrawn from public view a few days after my visit, due to a change in Air Force policy. I am not claiming that I received exclusive information, but I merely object to Keyhoe's statement that he did. In an interview with Major Keyhoe in June 1954, I discussed this matter with him. Thus his inaccurate statement on this subject in "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" is a factual error which he could have avoided.

Also, in "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy", Keyhoe again calls attention to a letter written for "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" by Al Chop, who was at one time a public information officer at the Pentagon. The key part of this letter, which Keyhoe still calls "practically" an official admission that saucers are from another planet, reads as follows: "The Air Force, and its investigating agency, 'Project Bluebook', are aware of Major Keyhoe's conclusion that the 'flying saucers' are from another planet. The Air Force has never denied that this possibility exists. Some of the personnel believe that there may be some strange natural phenomena completely unknown to us, but that if the apparently controlled maneuvers reported by many competent observers are correct, then the only remaining explanation is the interplanetary answer." I have italicized the words "some" and "if", which, as Major Keyhoe must know, are the crucial words in the above statement. The letter as it stands is not an official admission or even almost one. For years Keyhoe has waited in vain for an official Air Force admission that saucers are from another planet. It is my opinion that such a statement never will be made. In this opinion Major Keyhoe might agree with me, but for reasons completely different from my own.

I will sum up this review by stating that I find Keyhoe's new book highly recommendable in spite of serious defects, some of which I have touched upon. But in spite of these defects,"The Flying Saucer Conspiracy" is definitely the most important saucer book of the year 1955, and should be read by every serious saucer researcher.

FLYING SAUCERS UNCENSORED - by Harold T. Wilkins (Citadel Press)
- Reviewed by Justin Case -

The first book that Harold T. Wilkins wrote on flying saucers was "Flying Saucers on the Attack". Evidently it was a success, for this Englishman has now written a second book, "Flying Saucers Uncensored". This is just like the first book. It consists mostly of reports on flying saucer sightings and other unexplained aerial phenomena up to about August 1955, and the author's interpretation of them.

You will welcome this book if you believe every unidentified object in the sky is a flying saucer unless proved otherwise, if you don't mind fiction mixed in with your facts, if you accept newspaper reports, gossip and rumor as true even if they come from Southern California, if you believe that housewives and children are just as accurate observers as airplane pilots and airfield towermen, and if you are not tired of the "etheric" explanations of Meade Layne and his Borderland Science Research Associates of San Diego, California.

Here are two examples of the sort of flying saucer sightings you will find in this book. The first is from page 68: "I am informed by a lady that one summer night in 1952 she saw, high in the sky, three flying saucers passing silently over London. There was no sign of any occupants. She wondered if they were remotely controlled from some invisible space ship." The second example is summarized from page 119: "This is a remarkable sighting of my own. I was awakened one morning in June by the drone of RAF planes engaged in summer maneuvers. At 5:25 A.M. the sun was shining in the east, and I saw, in the southwest sky a strange large object that seemed to be on fire from end to end, shaped like an airship, rounded at both ends. It was flying on a horizontal course at twice the speed of a jet plane, about 30 degrees above the skyline. The object appeared to have no windows or portholes, and at that distance of 15 miles I could see no indication of anything within it. It was visible for 30 seconds.By the time I got my binoculars it had passed from view. Its altitude was not more than 800 feet. I think this may have been a non-terrestial space ship."

Little comment is needed on the first example. On the second, a few simple calculations show that Mr.Wilkins' estimates of distance, angle and elevation cannot be right. Whichever two are right, the third must be wrong. Thus, if the object was 15 miles away and 30 degrees above the skyline, its altitude must have been about 40,000 feet, not 800 feet. Or if it was 15 miles distant and 800 feet in elevation, then it must have been only one degree above the skyline, not 30 degrees. Or if it was 30 degrees above the skyline and 800 feet in elevation, then it must have been only 1,600 feet away, not 15 miles. So either one, two or all three of Wilkins' estimates were quite inaccurate, and his estimate of speed could not be accurate either.Also, at 15 miles,the windows or portholes would have to be at least 90 feet in diameter for Wilkins to see them as little larger than specks, and the faces of the occupants would also have to be equally large. From all this we must conclude that Mr. Wilkins' "remarkable sighting" was not of a space ship 15 miles away. It most likely was one of the much nearer RAF planes that had awakened him and which he saw reflecting the red rays of the rising sun.

These are the types of reports to be found in Wilkins' book. They come from newspapers, from correspondents (quite a few in Southern California), from gossip and rumor. Some reports are of strange objects, lights and fires in the sky; of falling ice, stone, metals and strange materials of unknown composition.Some are of damage, injury and death by mysterious means; of unexplained airplane crashes and the disappearances of their crews.

Wilkins accepts almost all of these reports without question. He agrees with Meade Layne that "flying saucers are Mutants; they come from an etheric, fourth-dimensional world. They can change size, color, shape, and become transparent, and they are made of etheric steel, etheric copper, and etheric aluminum. They are here to save us from our own folly in developing atomic, hydrogen and lithium bombs." But Wilkins also believes there are other flying saucers that come from three-dimensional worlds akin to our own, and that they are hostile, i.e., they are on the attack. He quotes one psychic as claiming they come from the planet Saturn. Another claims they come from outside our solar system.

Mr. Wilkins is the author of eight books, some of them on semi-scientific subjects. He refers to himself as a scientific historian, and says that at one time he was London and European editor of a popular scientific journal in Chicago. From this we should assume that he is a responsible and reliable writer,possessing some scientific knowledge and a scientific attitude that demands a careful examination of evidence before accepting it. Therefore it is surprising that he accepts so much doubtful material without question and bases his conclusions on it. He makes no effort to separate the reliable material from the unreliable or even to distinguish between them. He quotes visual estimates of size, distance and speed of flying saucers when he should know that such estimates are hopelessly inaccurate about unfamiliar objects, as we have shown his own estimates to be. He accepts the statements of the Borderland Science Research Associates when he should know that they are neither scientists nor engaged in scientific research by any dictionary definition of those terms.

There is the possibility that Mr. Wilkins is aware of all this, but that he feels he is giving the public what it wants.

THE AIR FORCE AND THE SAUCERS
PART ONE - WHAT DOES THE AIR FORCE DENY?
- by "Dr. D." -

So much space is now devoted in saucer magazines to arguments about people who have, or have not, ridden in flying saucers, that very little attention is being paid to a very important and remarkable fact. This fact would have created a tremendous commotion when it first became apparent, if it had not been overshadowed by the controversy over Adamski, Betherum, et al. This fact will also make many saucer fans unhappy, as it may be a blow to their cherished ideas. But since we all claim to be interested in making the truth about saucers known, let's face the facts and examine them regardless of our own pet beliefs.

The amazing fact which has been widely overlooked is simply this: **THE AIR FORCE NO LONGER DENIES THAT THE FLYING SAUCERS SEEN SINCE 1947 WERE ACTUALLY AMERICAN DEVICES!**

It will be left for possible later articles to discuss the reasons for the saucer flights, the methods of propulsion, the probable bases, etc. This article will only be concerned with the question of whether or not saucers are officially denied to be American objects. This question is important because most writers rely on the Air Force "denials" that saucers are American, as part of their "proofs" that saucers are extraterrestial. If saucers are not denied to be American, then much of the basis for belief in "visitors from space" is removed.

Throughout this article the term "flying saucer" or "saucer" will be defined as "a circular object which can hover practically motionless, make very sharp turns in flight, and fly at speeds greater than

those of ordinary military aircraft." I exclude green fireballs, foo fighters, and other objects which do not hover. These do not operate on the same principle, and will be discussed in a later article.

Let us all be honest with ourselves and admit that we never heard of or read of such flying saucers (as defined above, please note), before the summer of 1947, when Ken Arnold's report received wide coverage in the press. If any reader sincerely believes that he or she personally heard of such saucers, even under some other name, before that date, please notify the Editor of this magazine of the circumstances, and he will consider publishing a list of "Saucer Old-Timers".

Now, it turns out that the idea that flying saucers are secret American devices is almost exactly as old as the idea that flying saucers exist. In fact, that was the very first explanation given for saucers, as quoted in "The Coming of the Saucers",by Arnold and Palmer (pp. 13 and 14). After Arnold had just seen the famous nine objects while flying near Tacoma, on June 24, 1947, he relates: "It was about four o'clock in the afternoon when I landed at Yakima and went straight to Al Baxter.....In his private office I related the story of my observation. He called in several of his flight pilots and helicopter instructors to listen to my story.....One of the helicopter instructors said, "Ah, it's just a flight of those guided missiles from Moses Lake."......After talking to the editor of the East Oregonian newspaper, I was fairly convinced that it was some new government invention along the line of guided missiles.....that the government had taken this way to announce a new principle of flight."

Similarly, Keyhoe says in his article in <u>True,</u> Jan. 1950, p. 12: "If the saucers are not extraterrestial, the only other possible explanation is that the saucers are extremely high-speed, long-range devices developed here on Earth. Such an advance (which the Air Force has convincingly denied) would require an <u>almost</u> incredible leap in technical progress even for American scientists and designers." (Emphasis supplied.) Thus Keyhoe relies on an Air Force denial to support his belief that saucers are from space. So does Martin Gardner, on p. 60 of his book "In the Name of Science" (Putnam, 1952). So does the editor of "The Saucerian" (pp. 9-11, Spring, 1955, issue No. 6). They all believed an Air Force statement that the saucers "are not any plane, missile or weapon developed, or under development by the United States."

The time has come to see just what the Air Force really is saying. The original denial, quoted just above, was undoubtedly written sincerely and in good faith, by some junior official who didn't know any better. It is clear that the bulk of the people in the Air Force were caught unawares in 1947 by the appearance of the saucers, and knew nothing about them. But what about the Navy? The Navy has never officially denied that saucers were American, although this "allegation" has often been published. The Navy acts as if it were afraid to open its mouth on the subject. If the saucers were actually a Navy development, already flying in 1947, would the Navy have told the Air Force about it? Of course not! Does Macy's tell Gimbel's?

The feud between the Navy and the Air Force has gone on since the Air Force was created as a separate service in 1947. The feud still continues, although the general public may not be aware of it except for occasional outbursts such as the Navy fight against the B-36, the Air Force fight against the Forrestal-class supercarriers, etc.(The recent fight between the Army and the Air Force about the merits of the Nike guided missile,in November 1955, is an example of this kind of inter-service rivalry.) Those who read the aviation and military trade journals and follow the Washington news reports closely,accept the continuing Navy-Air Force fight as one of the facts of American political life. I claim that no one can understand the flying sau-

cer situation without a good knowledge of this grudge. (Incidentally, the Air Force changed the name of its saucer investigation to "Project Grudge" early in 1949, but this name was not made public, for obvious reasons. See Keyhoe, "Flying Saucers Are Real", 1950, p. 83.)

By 1952, the Air Force had learned the true nature of the saucers, and it could not honestly continue to deny that they were American. However, there is an old military tradition against volunteering, so the Air Force did not volunteer any statements that "Saucers are American." Instead, General Samford, head of Air Force Intelligence, neatly side-stepped the issue at his Pentagon press conference on July 29, 1952. The official transcript, of which I have a copy, shows such verbose dodging of questions and confusing of issues by the General as to be a veritable masterpiece of gobbledygook. Even Keyhoe, who was present, took note of the General's strange behavior. In "Flying Saucers from Outer Space", p. 75, Keyhoe says:

"In his opening remarks, General Samford set a pattern which he used later in answering difficult questions. Normally, Samford is not a verbose man; on occasion, he can be as terse as a drill sergeant. But..... (he) wanted no drama here. A dry, academic approach was the best answer, and Samford did his utmost to set the pattern. The General's involved sentences could not have been better calculated to ease the tension. Already the saucers seemed a little less real. He went on in the same detached, academic manner... Several reporters looked at each other blankly. The man on my right leaned over to me. 'If he's trying to befuddle us, he's already got me', he whispered ....General Samford's preliminary remarks had, somehow, lifted the saucers into a distant, shadowy realm."

Twice during the press conference, the transcript shows, General Samford was asked point blank whether the saucers were "some very highly secret new weapon that we're working on." He evaded the question the first time, but the second time he gave as his answer a very definite declarative statement: "We have nothing that has no mass and unlimited power!" The transcript indicates laughter at this point, and no wonder! Anyone who has had a high school science course knows that this statement is a complete evasion of the question, not an answer or a denial, since every real object must have some mass. Thus the General <u>did not deny</u> at that press conference that saucers were American. Through his use of gobbledygook and double talk, however,he thoroughly confused the majority of reporters present,and the impression arose that he had actually denied this possibility.

Even the Air Force Press Desk at the Pentagon was, accidentally or purposely, confused. Their press release, condensed from the transcript of the press conference, had the following incorrect paragraph:

"The Air Force has stated.....and reaffirms.....that these unidentified aerial phenomena are not a secret weapon, missile, or aircraft, developed by the United States. None of the three military departments nor any other agency in the government is conducting experiments, classified or otherwise, with flying objects which could be a basis for the reported phenomena...."

The release containing this paragraph was used by the Air Force in replying to queries about flying saucers, throughout 1953 and the first part of 1954, even though proof of the falsity of the statement was submitted to the Chief of Staff, General Twining. By the Fall of 1954, however, the Air Force took two steps to "correct" the situation. It issued Air Force Regulation 200-2 (quoted in Keyhoe's new book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy", p. 312; except that Keyhoe deletes the important text of paragraphs 3(a) and 3(b) because they indicate that saucers may be American devices.) AND THE AIR FORCE DISCONTINUED USE OF THE PRESS RELEASE PARAGRAPH WHICH DENIED SAUCERS TO

BE AMERICAN DEVICES!

The October, 1954, "annual edition" of the Air Force Press Release on flying saucers contained the following substitute paragraph: "...No evidence has been received which would tend to indicate that the United States is being observed by machines from outer space or a foreign government. No object or particle of an unknown substance has been received and no photographs of detail have been produced...." (Emphasis supplied). This whole 1954 press release did not contain one word of denial that saucers are American.

When the Air Force was questioned as to whether omission of the previous denial was actually a retraction of it, Captain R.C. White replied on Feb. 25, 1955: "The paragraph.....was, I discovered some time ago, omitted from the later summary. I can offer no explanation other than oversight.....The oversight appears to be of minor importance, however, since our position in that respect has been a matter of record for a number of years."

It is difficult to believe that the denial was omitted merely by oversight, since it is such an important part of the saucer situation. Therefore, the recent 1955 edition of the Air Force saucer news release deserves careful consideration, to see whether the denial was put back in this time. It was not! There is not one word in the October, 1955 Press Release(No. 1053-55) which serves to deny that the saucers seen from 1947 to 1952 were American. If the reader would like to verify this personally, simply write to the Air Force Press Desk, Pentagon, Washington 25, D.C. (The Air Force doesn't mind receiving postcards); and request a copy of Press Release No. 1053-55. (Or, write to the Editor of this magazine for a copy.) I would be interested in hearing from anyone who can find in that release the slightest trace of a denial that saucers have been American devices all along.

Moreover, it would be expected that somewhere in the full 316 page Summary of the whole Air Force saucer "investigation" to date, made public on October 25, 1955, there would be a denial that saucers were American, if the Air Force still holds that position. Yet those who can manage to see a copy of this full report (Special Report No. 14, Project Blue Book, Loan Copy No. 37 available at Air Force Press Desk, Pentagon), will find not one word of denial in it at all!

I think that it is an inescapable fact that the U.S. Air Force does not now deny that the circular and spherical objects seen in the period 1947-1952 were indeed secret American devices. This should be carefully considered by those who were misled by the previous false denials. For those who would prefer to believe still that saucers come from Space, I can only suggest a simple experiment. Write to the Department of Defense, Washington, D.C., and ask whether any of the saucer sightings in 1947 were due to the sighting of secret American devices. The results should be very interesting!

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The Gray Barker book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" is already proving to be the most controversial saucer book yet written. Some of the alleged "hush-ups" described therein have been over-dramatized. For example, Barker's comments about Elliott Rockmore, former editor of "Flying Saucer Review", are misleading. Rockmore's disappearance from the saucer scene was caused by a combination of two factors: First, lack of funds to continue publication of his "Review"; and second (and more important), a psychological deterioration resulting from talks with a well-meaning former Army Intelligence officer. This officer's only purpose was to warn Rockmore about possible Communist interest in the saucer question. I know the inside story on this, as I have had several talks with the same Intelligence officer.

Barker's comments about me in "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" are largely misleading and, in parts, untrue. In reference to Barker's description of the alleged "hush-up" of Edgar R. Jerrold, former head of the Australian Flying Saucer Bureau, I quote in part a recent letter from a British correspondent of mine: "I had a letter from Fred Stone of the Australian Flying Saucer Research Society, and he seems pretty steamed up over Gray's book. Apparently, he had placed his files on the Jerrold affair at Gray Barker's disposal and was horrified to see (from the publisher's blurb) that Gray had written it up as another 'closing down' case, whereas, in fact, Jerrold had thrown in his hand when the work got to be too much for him, and had, incidentally, bilked scores of subscribers out of their subscriptions."

However, Barker's information on the "Bender Case" (alleged "hush-up" of Al Bender of Bridgeport, Conn.) is very good. Also, he presents a good account of the "hush-up" of a man living outside the United States whom he calls by the pseudonym of "Smallwood". "Smallwood" claims to have found a saucer fragment and to have been visited and threatened as a result. I have corresponded extensively with "Smallwood" myself, and feel his story to be true.

But here's something that even Barker won't know till he reads this Newsletter: It concerns Dominick Lucchesi, one of the insiders on the "Bender Case", and one of the two men to whom "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" is dedicated. LUCCHESI HAS ALSO BEEN "HUSHED UP"! This occurred in March. Lucchesi, while on his way home from work one night, was stopped by two men who presented "authorized credentials", and who questioned him for over two hours.

Yes, Barker's book may not be as accurate as it should be, but these "hush-ups" are going on. Perhaps yours truly will be next!

SAUCER BRIEFS: - We hear that Truman Betherum, author of "Aboard A Flying Saucer", now claims to have been 170,000 miles up into outer space in a saucer. But Adamski is still ahead of him!.....A California man recently claimed to have been "hushed up" by eleven men. Usually it only takes two or three to do the job.....Further information has reached us concerning the feud between George Williamson (author of several saucer books) and Dick Miller, a California lecturer. The two were together in Prescot, Arizona, during the early days of Williamson's Telonic Research Center there, but soon quarreled seriously and separated. I don't know Miller personally, and I never thought I'd find myself in agreement with Williamson on anything; but according to the information I have recently received, Miller seems to have been involved in a number of dubious and downright dishonest activities. Williamson has all the details, together with the names and addresses of several people who can confirm his version of this dispute.

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In the photo above, 8-year-old Janice Watson holds a mysterious rock which struck her while she was riding in her father's car along a New Jersey highway last February 4th. Experts were unable to agree on the nature of the rock, which had crashed through the car windshield and careened off the little girl's chest. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

The Staff of SAUCER NEWS, in co-operation with several other saucer researchers, is considering reproducing the full text of the 316-page Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report #14. The actual text of the Report runs only about 40 pages, as most of the Report consists of charts and graphs which are meaningless to the average person. Although the Report was made public by the Air Force in October of last year, only a few copies were printed, and none are available to saucer researchers unless they personally visit the Office of Public Information at the Pentagon. SAUCER NEWS and other saucer periodicals have published summaries and parts of the text of this Report, but the full text has never been seen by the vast majority of saucer researchers.

We are thinking of printing this material, together with our analysis and comments, and selling it for the price of one dollar. If you would be willing to pay a dollar for this Report, please let us know, as we cannot undertake such a large printing job unless we have enough advance orders to be sure it is worthwhile. Send no money now, and please do not write directly to SAUCER NEWS. If you are interested, simply send your name,address, and number of copies you want, to: Box D-40, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York.

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NEWSLETTERS: The second issue of our non-scheduled Newsletter is being mailed out together with this issue of SAUCER NEWS to those who are on our special Newsletter mailing list. These Newsletters are issued irregularly, and contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in SAUCER NEWS itself. You too can have your name placed on the Newsletter mailing list, if you are not already on it. Just send us your name and address together with one dollar. A few copies of the first Newsletter, issued last December, are still available. Therefore, subscribers who write in now for the Newsletter will receive two different issues of it by return mail.

BACK ISSUES AND AIR FORCE FACT SHEET: The following back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still available: February, March, April, May, August-September, and October-November of 1955; December-January (1955-1956); and April-May, 1956. These may be obtained for the price of 35 cents each, or four for $1.00. - We also have a large number of copies left of the most recent Air Force "fact sheet".These will be sent free of charge to any subscriber who asks us for one. (Note: This is not the Air Force Report referred to above, but a statement consisting of three mimeographed sheets.)

MATERIAL NEEDED: We still need good material for future issues of our magazine - assuming that SAUCER NEWS will be allowed to continue publication. (See the very important article on next page.) We particularly want articles which deal with new and previously unpublished aspects of the flying saucer subject, or which present new facts about old aspects. Views expressed need not coincide with those of the Editors.

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THE SOLUTION TO THE FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY

- by James W. Moseley -

Old-time readers of NEXUS (predecessor to SAUCER NEWS) will remember that in the October 1954 issue, I promised to publish in the November issue details which I had just received concerning the solution to the saucer mystery. Then, in the November issue, I stated that I was not able to publish this information after all. In the issues of NEXUS and SAUCER NEWS that followed, I indicated that I now believe the saucers are made in the United States, and I gave a number of reasons to back up this belief; but I have never published the information I referred to in the October and November NEXUS of 1954.

During the past few months, I have been increasingly annoyed by the rumors and statements by other saucer researchers to the effect that because I do not believe that the saucers are interplanetary, I am in league with the Air Force in its alleged efforts to keep the truth about saucers from the public. It has been implied that because I have not printed the "conclusive evidence" I promised in the October 1954 NEXUS, that this evidence does not exist. I have therefore decided to take a chance - and a very big chance, I assure you - and publish <u>some</u> of the information I received back in 1954.

A very important clue to the solution of the saucer mystery is contained in Captain Edward Ruppelt's recent book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", in the chapter entitled "The Radiation Story", pages 263 to 274. In this chapter Ruppelt tells how several teams of highly qualified scientists proved that the background radiation content of the atmosphere increased sharply on several occasions at the same time a flying saucer was observed visually in the vicinity of the radiation-measuring equipment. The proof was not sufficient for the Air Force's scientific consultants on Project Blue Book, because no photographs were ever taken of any of the saucers seen visually when the radiation count on the instruments increased.

However, I can tell you that this radiation clue <u>is</u> correct, and very important. Ruppelt does not know it, but the type of saucers that the Government particularly does not want us to know about, run on atomic energy. They have a method of converting atomic radiation into electrical energy, and they operate by means of this combination - which, of course, represents an entirely new and previously unknown type of propulsion. They vary in size from about 6 to 30 feet in diameter, and they are remotely controlled, as a human being probably could not survive in these highly radioactive machines.

Research on this type of saucer was being done as early as 1946, and its startlingly advanced design and performance represents an improvement over earlier experimental saucer-shaped aircraft. These saucers are capable of speeds in excess of 4,000 miles per hour, and are also capable of hovering, changing course abruptly, and all the other performance characteristics that are usually attributed to saucers. This type of saucer operates from a <u>super-secret underground base</u> in one of our southwestern states, and is sent out over the country from there - and overseas, as well.

The whole project is so highly classified that ordinary military pilots and even the Air Force's saucer investigators on Project Blue Book could not possibly know about it. In fact, this type of saucer is not

built by the American Government as we ordinarily understand the word "Government". As fantastic as this may sound to you,these saucers are actually built, operated, and maintained by an organization which is entirely separate from the military and political branches of the Government that we know about. Although a handful of people at the very top of the Government know about the existence of this project, they have no direct connection with it. In the remainder of this article, I shall call this secret project "The Organization".

The main reason for the fantastic secrecy surrounding this project is not because of the new type of propulsion involved. The key to the saucer riddle is not what are the saucers, but the purpose for their operation. People naturally wonder why, if the saucers are American devices - why are they sent up over cities and other areas where people can see them, and where they would supposedly endanger civilian lives if they crashed or went out of control. The reason is that "The Organization"has no choice in the matter. These saucers were originally designed to test, in machines capable of very high speeds, the heat resistence of metals that would later be used in the construction of larger rocket-shaped craft that would travel at lower speeds within our atmosphere, and which would use another, less dangerous system of power. But these cigar-shaped craft are another story, outside the scope of this article. The important fact is that the saucers, originally built primarily for the purpose stated above, were found to be far more vital for another purpose- that of absorbing excess radioactivity in our atmosphere.

This is the service they are now performing, and this is why the people of the United States have not been told about the very existence of the saucers - for "The Organization" could not tell us without revealing the fearful purpose that these machines are serving. The truth is that one or more of our secret tests involving atomic energy got decidedly out of hand. The atmosphere has been polluted to a dangerous and alarming degree. (In considering the above statement, please remember that not all atomic tests involve bombs; there are others which do not have anything to do with bombs.)

The saucers run on a small atomic plant. As they pass through or hover in a given area, they absorb radiation from the atmosphere. This they convert into what I will call, for lack of a better technical term, electrical energy. (I do not feel it necessary or advisable to go into technical details on this.) Thus,when a dangerously radioactive cloud is over a certain area, one or more saucers are sent to that area for the specific purpose of absorbing this excess. If the cloud happens to be over a populated area, there is all the more reason to proceed with the job of decontaminating it. If the cloud is over a foreign country, there is as much reason to absorb its excess radioactivity as if it were over the United States.

The saucers cannot absorb all the radioactivity in a given area, but they can reduce it to below the dangerous level. After a given flight, they return to their base for servicing; but at times it occurs that a saucer becomes "saturated" with radioactivity and is too dangerous even to return to the base. If this happens, then it is sent out over the ocean and directed down into the sea, at one of the deepest parts of the ocean. Thus the rate of replacement of these craft is fairly high. However,their cost of operation is extremely low,and their range and power supply are practically limitless. By their construction, no saucer of this type can land or come closer than a few feet to the ground; nor can one crash on the ground even if it should go out of control. An automatic destruction mechanism causes it to dis-

integrate in flight if necessary. Similarly, a device which for want of a better term I shall call "reverse radar" prevents them from crashing into objects to which they fly near, such as airplanes. During flight, these saucers operate partly by remote guidance, and partly by an extremely complex system of automatic devices within the machine itself.

These saucers make very little noise in flight, because they ionize the air in front of them, and minimize air friction as they fly along. Because of their electrical nature, they glow in the dark, and when photographed in daylight they do not show a sharply-defined outline. Because of the fact that they overload the atmosphere with electricity, they are the cause of many thunderstorms, and of much of the unusually perverse weather we have had during the past few years. They are usually flown over populated areas at night if possible, and "The Organization" is happiest when they are not seen often or from close range. However, the purpose they serve is so important that it is merely a "calculated risk" if the saucers occasionally cause an air accident or a mild panic - as in the summer of 1952, when the necessity of having saucers fly over Washington D. C. caused an unusually high amount of speculation as to their nature. But anything is preferable to allowing this radiation to go unchecked.

"The Organization" knows the panic that would follow if the public were to realize the fact that the atmosphere is dangerously contaminated. Perhaps damage too great to undo has already been done, or possibly this radiation is still out of control, and will continue to get worse until or unless some new and better method is invented to cope with it. I believe that the saddest thing of all is that all this has been going on - the pollution of the atmosphere and the attempted control of this pollution by the saucers - without the public knowing anything about it. This shows just how far the people have lost touch with the technical advances of our Nation. While the battle for our survival against radiation poisoning is going on secretly in the skies above us, we continue to maintain our Economy by building almost as many conventionally-propelled aircraft as ever - the ones we all read about and see overhead every day. And the public is never the wiser!

Even the nation's top rocket experts seem to have been kept in the dark about saucers in the early days - <u>until</u> it became necessary for them to know about them. I said earlier in this article that the saucers were originally designed to make tests that would eventually lead to the construction of large rocket-shaped craft. Some of these larger craft have already been constructed. - Willy Ley, one of the world's outstanding authorities on rockets, stated publicly on April 7, 1950, that his personal opinion is that the saucers are a United States military secret. But on April 22, 1956, the same Willy Ley stated that he is convinced that "nothing is being surpressed by the Air Force except the names and addresses of the multitudes reporting saucers." In other words, he no longer <u>claims</u> to believe that saucers are U.S.-made. Why is it that, of recent years, every top scientist or engineer who has made a public statement on saucers either claims to believe they do not exist, or that they are extraterrestial? Why do they not suggest or even consider the "Earth Theory" in public any more? Are these men being sincere, or are they covering up something of vital importance to all of us?

In closing, I wish to point out that I do not claim to have discussed <u>all</u> flying saucers in this article. There are other unconventional craft <u>being</u> built by this country for other purposes. Some of these

are saucer-shaped and some cigar-shaped - and quite a few are piloted. There are also unidentified flying objects, which have been seen for many, many years, and perhaps even for centuries. These latter may or may not include space ships from other planets. What I have discussed in this article is the type of saucer which is the cause of all the secrecy. It is this type, and its purpose, that "The Organization" does not want you to know about. In short, this type is the "key" to the saucer mystery.

Therefore we have the present mystifying situation, in which several saucer investigators have already been "hushed up" by associates of "The Organization" merely because they came upon a fragment of a flying saucer. Almost as frightning as the solution to the saucer mystery, is the lengths to which "The Organization" has had to go in order to keep the saucers a secret. Al Bender, former head of the International Flying Saucer Bureau, possibly learned some of the same information I have printed here, and was so upset after having been visited by security agents, that he gave up his interest in saucers altogether.

I too am afraid that I may be "visited" once this article reaches print. Quite possibly this will be the last issue of SAUCER NEWS. I do not want to stop publishing this magazine. Even though I have known a good part of the answer to the saucer mystery for over a year and a half, I have refrained from publishing any material that might cause me to be "hushed up", because I hoped to eventually learn still more details about the Mystery, and also because I happen to enjoy this publishing enterprize. But now, as I have said, I feel it is more important to get the information I already have across to the public, than to"play it safe". I am quite sure that the majority of my readers will not believe what they have read in this article,even though it might be the most important information they have ever read in a saucer magazine, or ever will read. But I am certain that at least one reader will take this article seriously - the subscriber, whoever he is, who regularly reads this and the other saucer periodicals to make sure that no one gets too close to The Answer.

As to the rest of SAUCER NEWS' subscribers, many of them will still cling to their cherished ideas about space men, and many will insist that this article merely represents my personal theories,without proof. I assure you that I do have proof, but it is of such a nature that I do not feel it advisable to identify it here. I would only like to point out that the solution presented in this article is the only one ever given anywhere which accounts sensibly for all aspects of the saucers' performance characteristics - their apparently random appearance in all parts of the world, the great number of times they have been seen over and near atomic plants, their appearance even behind the Iron Curtain, the fact that they make very little sound, the fact that they sometimes change speed or direction too fast for a human being to endure, the fact that they cause electrical disturbances in areas through which they fly; and so on. I cannot identify my proof, but I would like to call the attention of my readers to two interesting sources of information. One is a little-known science-fiction book of a few years back called"So Shall Ye Reap" - a book which appears to have been suppressed. The other is a pamphlet published by a leading electrical company about four years ago,and which contains a drawing of a very interesting saucer-like device.

But I had better not say any more. The men(and I don't mean space men) in the other types of saucers would not like it!

In the following article, John Pitt, noted British saucer researcher, takes exception to the theory held by M.K. Jessup (author of "The Case for the UFO") that "little people" played a large part in Man's prehistory.

"THERE WERE GIANTS IN THE EARTH IN THOSE DAYS"
- by John Pitt -

But I see that my amiable opponent would belittle their stature!

When Mythology is filled with fabulous stories of Giants, when almost every prehistoric remain of Eolithic Man points to his having been a considerably taller creature than his modern descendant, I am struck dumb with admiration at M. K. Jessup's preoccupation with sawnoff pygmies!

Beginning with my title, selected from one of the most interesting of all the Books of the Old Testament (Genesis 6:4), continuing by way of the Hellenic myths of the War of the Gods and the Titans, the inference of size-superiority shown in the larger-than-life representation of Egyptian sculptures of their gods and goddesses, down to the more matter-of-fact evidence of Early Man's stature as evidenced in the caves of northwest Europe, where he indulged in that oldest of all forms of self-expression - Murology - we can, I feel sure, ask of Mr. Jessup whether he is not generally belittling our forbears when suggesting that all these marvels were constructed by pint-sized little gnomes.

I myself was very taken with Walt Disney's "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", but to that rather puny mental order I think we can reduce most of the Dwarf myths. They abound, so I understand, to this day in Ireland. There they, the "Little People", the children of one Dana, are alleged to have engaged a somewhat more generously proportioned race in mortal combat for the possession of that fair country. The Pygmy races of Central Africa are, if my schoolbooks were worth the price they cost my dear parents, singularly unspiritual and most unusually intransigent - and they are not anywhere near as intelligent as the most incoherent Martian ever to have taken part in a fishing-coast story. (Editor's Note - Mr. Pitt refers to the Martian landing described by Cedric Allingham in "Flying Saucer from Mars".)

I have yet to see how author Jessup supports his statement that edifices such as Zimbabwe, the Pyramids or the Sacsahuaman catacombs were the products of these "little men" - unless of course they too suffered from that characteristic trait of the down-to-earth - the desire to surround themselves with objects of over-compensatiary hugeness. I am glad that Jessup has doubts whether he can honestly list Baalbek or the rather massive Tiahuanaco stonework as pygmy-built, before the time of Christ.

They do say, don't they, that "the best things come in the smallest packages"? Yet somehow many of these things, good though they may be, are generally accompanied by an irritating grandiosity of demeanour. I could imagine some massive Nephilim erecting some of the structures Mr.Jessup chooses to mention, and with a carefree abandon - almost as if to defy those who one day would "discover" them again to explain how any race of Man could enjoy so much strength, could design on so ponderous a scale, or would find time in a normal life-span to make worthwhile so vast and whimsical a project.

Again I find that I am at loggerheads with M. K. Jessup on aetiology. The Author is assuming all too readily that Man is thirty-five million years old! I remember that our Theosophical bretheren (or rather "sisteren") held similar views. But what can he offer by way of evidence? I realize that radio-carbonology has something like a five per cent margin of error per reading, but I cannot recall having seen any such reading for any object ever to have been subjected to analysis. I do not think that this science is the be-all and end-all of aetiological certainty, but I would put it a few blocks ahead of any Occultist or Metaphysical counterpart.

Turning heavenward, setting our backs on this mere Terrestial problem, I find that my amiable opponent is busily engaged on speculation over the Craters on the Moon. I bow to his superior knowledge, being no Moon-raker myself, but I have always held rather a different view of their origin. Steeped, like Mr. Jessup, in Atlanteology, I have looked at the pock-marked face of the Man in the Moon, and have wondered whether or not our wonderful Atlantean ancestors had displayed the same Philistine behaviour of the Napoleonic soldiery who fired cannon at the face of the Sphinx. After all, there was the Old Man of the Moon grinning down at them with the same superior smile. Luna, according to a few Cosmologists, had given Terrestials something of a headache when she decided to become a next-door neighbor, and perhaps these wonderful Atlanteans thought what a wonderful target she would be for their guided missiles and/or "vimanas", so they sent a few hundred up into Space to try to wipe off that Cheshire Cat smile. The fact that there are similar craters on our Earth only shows that history repeats itself, doesn't it? Somebody had made a hash of the project and the Atlanteans were hoisted by their own petard. Perhaps the Siberian and other meteorites were missiles which had taken some time to return to base - who knows?

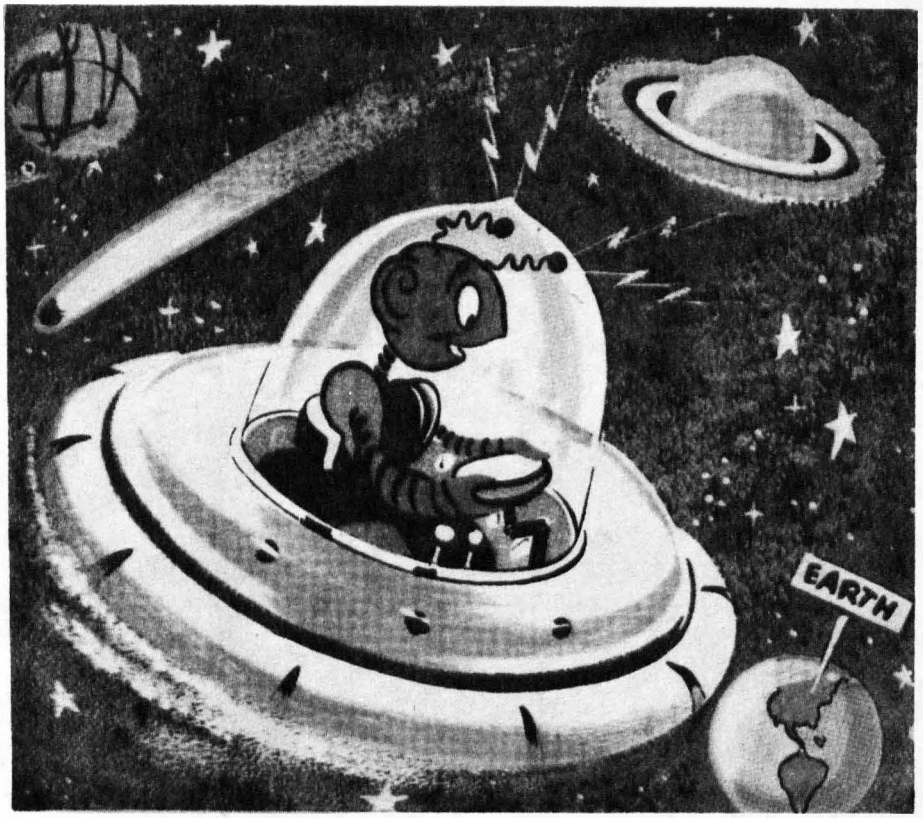
But back again to Pygmies. From the clairvoyantly described Lemurian of 27 sky-blue feet in height, to the athiestic Titans, we have a pretty fair view of the overgrown playboys of prehistory - our own childhood-day Giants and Ogres. From the little that can be observed of Primitive Art I think that I am safe in saying that it is, for the most part, lacking in such refinement as Perspective, and when one sees, as one can do so easily, pictures drawn by our ancestors in which they represent themselves on the same vast scale as Mammoths, Dinosaurs, and trees of a substantially large size - we can safely assume these same ancestors to have been certainly the largest pygmies ever to have walked this Earth!

RECENT NEWS

ELECTRONIC DEVICE CAN TURN 200-INCH TELESCOPE INTO A 1200-INCHER! : A new electronic device that amplifies light up to 40,000 times has been announced by the Bendix Aviation Corporation. Called the Lumicon, it is described as "a major scientific break-through providing for the first time an electronic device even more sensitive to light than the human eye." It is expected to have an important impact on many processes basic to science and industry. The Lumicon consists of a detector unit or anticon image tube linked to a monitor or picture tube through a closed television circuit. The closed T. V. system - without broadcasting or receiving antenna - amplifies light through new discoveries in electronic circuitry. Some of the most important work already done with the Lumicon has been in medicine, where it has been linked with X-ray. Because of the Lumicon's ability to amplify light energy, doctors can examine patients using a very low level of X-ray, and also can use

the new device for instantaneous and continuous examination of X-ray treatments. In Astronomy, where the 200-inch telescope has represented the practical limits of observation, the Lumicon will have the effect of achieving a 1200-inch lens. This is expected to make possible the first photographs ever made of the rarely seen canals of Mars.

(Drawing on right depicts our artist's conception of a Martian.)



SAUCER DOCUMENTARY FILM SHOWN IN NEW YORK: Last May 9th the Editor of SAUCER NEWS was privileged to witness an advance showing, at the United Artists offices in New York, of the documentary saucer movie, "Unidentified Flying Objects". Also present at the showing were officials of the Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group of New York and the North Jersey U.F.O. Group. The showing was sponsored by Felix Morrow, publisher of Gray Barker's book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers".

This documentary contains two genuine previously-secret motion picture clips of flying saucers - the first taken in Montana in August, 1950, by Nicholas Mariana, and the second taken in Utah in July, 1952, by Warrant Officer Delbert C. Newhouse. Although the Newhouse film has received far more publicity in the past, the movie taken by Mariana was actually the better of the two,in this observer's opinion. It is shorter in length than Newhouse's Utah film, but it is clearer, and shows two saucers flying near and behind a good point of reference - a water tower. The Newhouse movie shows approximately 14 saucers in all, moving in a changing formation, but it is not nearly as clear, and has no point of reference.

The documentary as a whole is a dramatization of some of the outstanding episodes in "saucer history" - the Mantell Case, the Lt. Gorman "dog fight", the famous night sighting over Washington D.C. in July of 1952, and others. "Unidentified Flying Objects" will be given a general release at about the time this issue of SAUCER NEWS reaches you. Don't miss seeing it if you have the chance.

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SAUCER CONVENTION: California's annual flying saucer convention was held on April 28th and 29th at Giant Rock Airport, California, which is the home of George Van Tassel, author of "I Rode A Flying Saucer". Other saucer authors were on hand to make speeches to the crowd. This year the speakers included Orfeo Angelucci, George Williamson, Truman Betherum, Dick Miller, Edward Ruppelt- and, for the first time, Major Donald Keyhoe. A saucer movie (not the documentary referred to earlier in this issue) was shown. The movie included close-up views of a saucer and a fireball.

CALIFORNIA DOCTOR INVENTS SAUCER: Still another proof that saucer-like devices can be built right here on the Planet Earth,was given in a San Diego newspaper last April 25th. According to the article, a physician named Frederick Streib, who lives in Chula Vista California, has constructed a three-foot diameter model of a saucer. The model has made successful test flights. It consists of a propeller in the center of a circular foil, which creates a downdraft for initial lift. Changing the pitch of the prop by raising and lowering the foil (similar to a helicopter) gives the saucer horizontal flight and elevation changes. Dr. Streib is trying to interest officials at the Pentagon in his invention. He believes that an 18-foot diameter version of his craft could carry one or two persons. Such a saucer would cost about $10,000 to build, and would weigh about 600 pounds. Jet pods at the outer edges of the foil would give additional power to the full-scale model.

NEWS BRIEFS: Soviet scientists claim to have explored a strange Antartic oasis covering about 200 square miles. The mid-day temperature there rises to 77 degrees, and there is primitive plant life. A high degree of solar radiation and the heat of the rocks supposedly make the snow melt early in the spring. No further explanation was given.....Early in May, a group of seven men waited in vain for six days at a point north of Buenos Aires, Argentina, hoping for the arrival of flying saucers from one of the moons of the planet Jupitor. The group included two Argentine spiritualists, three photographers, and two newspaper men. The arrival of the saucers had been promised at a spiritualist seance....Information reaching us from England indicates that the Thames River monster,reported in the April-May SAUCER NEWS, was a hoax perpetrated by British students. Sorry, but we too get fooled sometimes!

SEES SAUCER LOW OVER CALIFORNIA TOWN: Last April 25th, R. M. Grace, a resident of Covina, California, reported that he had seen a saucer "which looked like half an egg", hovering about 1,000 feet above the town, at 8-30 the previous evening. Said he: "It had no riding lights and that dismissed my first thought that it was a plane." After hovering for awhile, the object made an arc, and finally increased its speed greatly and disappeared from sight. When asked if it might possibly have been a jet plane, Grace emphatically replied no, because of the egg-shape and because of the fact that it gave off no sound or flame. Grace went on to say that his wife gave birth to her third child on the same evening he saw the saucer, but he added that the delivery of the child in no way affected his sense of vision.

- - - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - - -

As you read my story, remember that you don't know me, but please consider my story. I am a high school graduate. I am now 19 years old and I am working for the Fish and Game Department. I am a real believer of the Bible, for it says, "All things are possible". I can prove all my state-

ments. My neighbor will back up my story. He has seen my proof.

I moved from Oregon to Redding California about 4 years ago, and since I've been here, I have seen many flying saucers. Mostly, I've seen them at night. The reason I speak of these saucers is because I have talked to them many times. In the last year alone,I have seen several hundred. I speak to them in a known language that many people have heard of.

While I was out in our yard one night, I asked them to shine a ray on me that wouldn't hurt me, and about 5 minutes later they did. It was red, and it didn't hurt a bit. I will not answer yes or no to a lot of people as to whether I've seen saucers because I am a Baptist boy and would only talk to a person personally about this.

I know a United States scientist that has these green men under study, and has had them under study for at least 15 years. How I know, I won't say for Security Reasons. To any one that will come and see me in person,I will prove to you my story. The person or persons that is offering the $1000 - tell him or her to come and see me, and the proof shall be there in front of his eyes, but the money must be given to my church and not to me.

JIM FUGATT, Paynes Creek, Calif.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Fugatt refers to a statement I made in the Dec.-Jan. SAUCER NEWS, offering $1000 to anyone who can furnish conclusive proof of extra-terrestial saucers. This offer still stands.)

"Flying Saucer Review"has selected June 30th and Sept. 8th as International Flying Saucer Sighting Days for 1956, in an attempt to get the maximum number of people all over the world looking out for UFO'S at the same time, so that any seen can be timed and tracked across the world. We have suggested that saucer sighting parties keeping watch on these two days report their findings back to their local groups - i.e., time of sighting, locality, direction of travel, description of the object, etc., so that all the information can be classified and correlated on a nation-wide and world-wide basis.

DEREK DEMPSTER, Director "Flying Saucer Review"
1 Doughty Street, London W.C.1, England.

- - - BOOK REVIEW - - -

THE TRUTH ABOUT FLYING SAUCERS by Aime Michel (Criterion Books; Price: $3.95)

- by Isabel Davis -

Ever since the appearance of Aime Michel's book,"Lueurs Sur Les Soucoupes Volantes" (i.e., "Light on the Flying Saucers"), an English translation has been eagerly awaited by students of the subject. This has been handsomely provided by Criterion Books. The Research Section of Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, which served as the American editors for this edition, recommends the book as a thoroughly sensible contribution to the field.

Michel, a French science writer, approaches this frequently sensationalized topic with objectivity, humor, and the logical spirit for which the French are renowned. After a critical summary of famous American sightings and the investigation by the U. S. Air Force, he gives numerous important Old World observations, almost all of which will be new to American readers. Particularly notable among these are the two identical "angel-hair" cases at Oloron and Gaillac, France (the best-witnessed and most extraordinary on record),and the saucer landing at Marignane, which was meticulously investigated by Jean Latappy, the French illustrator of the book.

Michel gives each case in detail, and takes up the possible explanations for it. In particular, the various optical-effect ex-

planations proposed by Professor Donald Menzel receive from Michel their first serious examination in print; in every case considered they are shown to be scientifically untenable.

One chapter is devoted to an exposition of Plantier's thought-provoking theory of saucer propulsion, never before published in this country.Michel feels that this hypothesis offers the most rational explanation of the remarkable and mysterious powers possessed by the saucers.

This American edition has been extensively revised by the Research Section of CSI of New York. Although a tight printing schedule prevented the revision from being quite as thorough as was desired, nevertheless it was possible to check names, dates, and details, to correct misinterpretations, and to provide a number of footnotes bringing the material up to date. An index has also been supplied.

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The following is a partial list of saucer magazines and clubs in the United States which have information that would be of interest to subscribers to SAUCER NEWS. Inclusion of a magazine or club on this list does not necessarily imply recommendation, or that the Editors of SAUCER NEWS can vouch for the information of, or agree with the policies of, the magazine or club in question.

"The Saucerian Bulletin",a non-scheduled but frequently-published magazine, edited by Gray Barker, P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va; Also published by Barker are: "The Saucerian Review", an annual saucer digest; and "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", a full-length book about saucer researchers.

The North Jersey U.F.O. Group- holds meetings and issues a newsletter. Write to P.O. Box 606, Morristown, New Jersey.

"Orbit", a monthly saucer bulletin, published by Len Stringfield, 7017 Britton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio.

"The Little Listening Post", a bi-monthly publication concerning saucers and associated topics, edited by Mrs. W.C. John, 4811 Illinois Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Fortean Society - publishes a quarterly magazine called "Doubt", edited by Tiffany Thayer, P. O. Box 192, Grand Central Annex, New York City. Magazine is politically slanted,but contains a lot of good information on saucer sightings and other odd occurrences.

"Saucers", a quarterly saucer bulletin edited by Max Miller, 1420 S. Ridgely Drive, Los Angeles, Calif.

"The Telonic Research Bulletin", published quarterly by the Telonic Research Center, P. O. Box 1654, Prescott, Arizona. The main purpose of this organization is to contact alleged space beings through mechanical and telepathic means.

Borderland Sciences Research Associates - an organization devoted to the "4-D" or "etheric" explanation of saucers. This group publishes "Clips, Quotes and Comments", "Round Robin", and other literature. Write to Meade Layne, 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego, Calif.

"The A.P.R.O. Bulletin", published approximately quarterly by Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, 519 New York Ave., Alamogordo, New Mexico.

OUR NEXT ISSUE will contain, if possible, further information as to the nature and purpose of the various types of American-made saucers. We also hope to reveal details concerning the location and operation of the secret saucer base referred to in this issue. All this will be in the August-September SAUCER NEWS, which will be mailed to you about August 1st. Don't miss it!

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The above photo was taken by a Jersey City youth named Michial Aurelio, on April 6th, 1956. Aurelio allegedly saw a saucer while looking out the window of his home, and was only able to take this one photo before the object passed from view. The dark square in the left part of the picture is the corner of a building. The photo is a poor one, because it was taken through the window, hurriedly, and with a very cheap camera. The saucer is the round object in the center of the picture. Analysis shows that if this round object were in reality the sun or moon, its apparent size would be much smaller. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIALS

We are glad to report that as yet no attempt has been made to close down SAUCER NEWS as a result of the important information we printed in the June-July issue. However, we have decided to postpone for the time being the additional information we promised to give in this issue.

EDITORIAL NOTES: The second issue of our confidential Newsletter is still available. These Newsletters are issued irregularly, and contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in SAUCER NEWS itself. You too can have your name placed on the Newsletter mailing list, if you are not already on it.Just send us your name and address together with one dollar. .....We also have a large number of copies left of the most recent Air Force "fact sheet". These will be sent free of charge to any subscriber who asks for one....The following back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still available: February, March, April, May, August-September, and October-November of 1955; and April-May and June-July of 1956. These may be obtained for the price of 35 cents each, or four for $1.00.....We still need good material for future issues of this magazine. We particularly want articles which deal with new and previously unpublished aspects of the saucer mystery, or which present new facts about old aspects.Views expressed in submitted articles need not coincide with those of the Editors.

- - - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR - - -

In reference to your letter of May 13 concerning reproduction and sale by you of Project Blue Book Special Report #14, I have been instructed to inform you that the Air Force would most strenuously object to your selling copies of this Report.

Special Report #14 is an official Air Force report which carries the classification of "official use only". It is not the prerogative of any individual to reproduce and sell for profit any official Air Force material.

ANDREW J. WOOD, Major USAF
Executive Officer, Public Information Division
Office of Information Services

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Thus, the full Report will not be published, by official request. However, the most interesting parts of it have already appeared in the December-January (1955-1956) issue of SAUCER NEWS.)

Letters Concerning the "Earth Theory" Article in the June-July Issue

The story on the pages of the June-July SAUCER NEWS was very interesting, but I believe that without some concrete proof, this theory will be rejected as an invention of your own....

LAIMON MITRIS, Rouyn, Quebec, Canada

Many thanks for the mighty interesting June-July issue. Moreover, Newsletter #2 offers a real and even better ration of confidential information than the first number. I hope that if and when the hush-up threat gets around to you, that you won't scare easily, and will publish the details of the threat....

EDWARD S. SCHULTZ, Buffalo, New York

Your article about the origin of saucers really sounds okay, if you are really giving us the facts and it is not just a dream. In a way I really hope that it is not the answer; but facts are facts, and if that

is the way it is, that's it. However, as you state, "The Organization"is probably only one of the sources, and there may still be interplanetary saucers... If you are on the right track with your explanation, I feel sure you will be "hushed". I hope not; but if you are,you may be sure that you will be "hushed" knowing that you did the greatest service to saucer investigation and to the country in general by releasing this news....

ADOLPH G. DITTMAR, Ausable Forks, N. Y.

Having seen none of your information, I therefore don't know how reliable it is, but I am inclined to believe you. I don't doubt that you do have information which says just what is in your article.

A great many things fit in. In the latest FATE there is an article on the "Hubbard energy transformer", a device that allegedly was able to convert radiation into electricity. I once had a clipping from the Dec., 1939, issue of "Mechanix Illustrated" that told of "Stapp natural power", another method of converting radiation into, I think, electricity. It was claimed that a discovery was made of sources of radiation more powerful than radium, making such a device practical. According to the magazine, English authorities were interested in its application to defense, as it could make cars, ships and planes run without gasoline. There were two photos with this item, one of which showed several light bulbs allegedly lit up through the use of the device.

People will write you and ask: What about earlier sightings of disk-shaped machines, such as Roerch's sighting of 1926 and the white disk over Addis Ababa, Ethiopia in 1935? The answer is simple: These are the real UFO's, the ones that have been around for centuries. It is my contention that whatever the "saucers" are, these other things are from Space. If I may judge by pre-1943 sightings,these UFO's make a trip through our atmosphere at an average of one every two weeks - a thing much more believable than the idea that the air is cluttered with them! And, of course, not all are sighted, much less recorded and reported.

And, of course, these true UFO's are much more interesting, to me at least, than any terrestial saucers, and I intend to continue my research into past records of them. I think it must be admitted that space ships - even if they are a rare occurrence within the earth's atmosphere - are potentially just as important, if not more so,than the present radiation trouble. As for "The Organization", judging by your description, it is not only unconstitutional, but has usurped dictatorial powers in these United States, and is not likely to ever want to relinquish them. I hope that no one uses any of the methods- subtle or obvious - that a dictator or dictatorial group leans to, on you.
(An excellent letter, in my opinion - EDITOR.)

Too much has to be ignored to permit me to consider the possibility of "The Organization's" saucers.....I admire your courage in the face of what you think might be giving away a top secret,but I don't think you will hear from anyone in the Government regarding your article....

WILLIAM B. NASH, Miami, Florida

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SAUCER PHOTOS FOR SALE: August C. Roberts announces that he has for sale over one dozen different saucer photos, including the famous 1952 Passaic, N.J. series, and many others. The cost is $1.00 per photo, but the entire set will be given free to any researcher who is working on a full-length saucer book. For further details, write to August C. Roberts, 443 Ogden Ave., Jersey City, N.J.

SAUCERS AND SCIENTISTS

- by Justin Case -

Flying saucers are a scientific mystery. The Air Force recognized this early in 1948. But the Air Force did not know to which particular scientific field the flying saucers belonged, so they enlisted the help of top men in several different fields of science. Among these fields were meterology (dealing with weather and the atmosphere), physics, astronomy, psychology, and others. Therefore it is safe to say that flying saucers should be of interest to many different branches of science.

The strongest force that drives our scientists forever onward is their search for knowledge and their desire to know. This desire to know is stronger than the desire for fame or fortune. As proof of this, we know that most scientists shun publicity, and very few of them have ever been known to become rich. What they want most is freedom to pursue their chosen fields of research.

So here we have a baffling scientific mystery which has every reason to be of interest to scientists in many different fields, all of whom are strongly imbued with the desire to know. Yet there is no public evidence that scientists are interested in flying saucers. A careful search among many scientific journals and magazines and among the proceedings of the various scientific societies shows almost no literature on this subject. In fact, only three scientists have discussed it. Professor Menzel of Harvard wrote his well-known book "Flying Saucers", in which he claimed they were all conventional objects or natural phenomena. Professor Wylie of Iowa State University wrote a brief article agreeing with Professor Menzel. Herman Oberth, world-famous space travel scientist, wrote a very short article saying he thought flying saucers came from some distant world. This very small amount of literature is all that scientists have to offer to the serious student of flying saucers. If he wants any more, he has to search among the various sciences himself for information that might shed light on this mystery. This search is like looking for a needle in a haystack.

There are several reasons why scientists, almost to a man, have shunned the subject of flying saucers. Among these reasons are (1) The Air Force policy of ridiculing both the sightings and the observers; (2) The same attitude by the press, radio, and public; (3) The lack of reliable information, due to security restrictions imposed by the Air Force, and due to the elusiveness of the flying saucers. Our purpose is not to discuss these reasons but to point out several of their consequences.

The first consequence is that there has been no solution, or even good progress toward a solution of the mystery. No mystery has ever been solved by ignoring it, and if the men most qualified to solve it are not interested in it, the mystery will remain forever unsolved. So long as the Air Force refuses to enlist the aid of all scientists in a nation-wide effort, this deplorable situation will continue.

Second, the failure of the Air Force to find a solution, and the refusal of our scientists to discuss flying saucers in public, have left us with an unsatisfied demand for news and scientific information on that subject. The demand for this news and information is widespread. A host of quacks, hoaxters and incompetents have taken advantage of this demand and have written a number of entirely misleading books on flying saucers. Thus we have "scientific" books by writers with little or no scientific knowledge, who cannot even distinguish between a good, reliable UFO report and one that is worthless. We have books by "distinguished" writers who have completely solved the flying saucer mystery with the aid of ancient writings, legends, and more

ignorance than knowledge. We have other writers to whom every unidentified object in the sky is a flying saucer, and who accept as true every UFO report, no matter how fantastic. These writers also have solved the mystery, but their solutions sound as though they come from mental institutions. Finally we have the "contact" stories, wherein each writer has seen or talked with the occupants of a flying saucer. That all these solutions to the mystery are different, that no two of these contact stories are alike, no two descriptions of the space visitors or their craft or their origin agree - these facts seem not to bother these writers in the least. These quacks, incompetents and hoaxters have put the flying saucers into greater disrepute than ever before. Even the very few good books - those by Menzel, Keyhoe and Ruppelt - have failed to restore much respectability to the subject.

The third consequence stems from the second. Partly as a result of the misleading books, a number of strange cults have adopted flying saucers as part of their beliefs. Other cults have sprung up solely because of flying saucers.

Thus, the lack of interest in flying saucers by scientists has delayed the solution to this mystery, and has aided charlatans to reap a rich harvest by writing misleading books to satisfy the public demand for information. These books,plus the activities of various cults,have brought flying saucers into such disrepute that the serious student of this phenomenon finds himself mostly in strange company from whom he can expect much more confusion than help in his study.

We cannot hold scientists entirely responsible for all this. Ours is a free country. We still have freedom of the press and of religion. No one can prevent quacks, incompetents and hoaxters from writing misleading books about flying saucers. No one can prevent people from buying and reading these books and believing whatever they wish about flying saucers.

Our best hope is for some development that will stimulate our scientists to take an interest in flying saucers, to discuss them extensively in public, and thereby give us information that might shed some light on this mystery. Meanwhile, let us continue our interest in flying saucers despite the stigma brought to them by some people.

- - - BOOK REVIEWS - - -

MY FIRST 10,000,000 SPONSORS by Frank Edwards (Ballantine)

- Reviewed by Frank Reid -

This is the autobiography of a man who is well known to saucer fans, due to the myth that saucer news reporting cost him his job.

The myth is exposed as such: Out of 158 broadcasts, only 17 even mentioned saucers. UFO's, says Edwards, were used as a cover-up, along with other things, for the real reason for the firing: censorship.

Most of the saucer information is found in only one chapter. This contains little that is not already generally known, except for a disk report that was picked up, and dropped, by wire services only the day before Kenneth Arnold's sighting!

Of peripheral interest to saucer fans is the story of Nathan Stubblefield, a Kentucky inventor who apparently was sending wireless messages and obtaining power through the Earth's magnetic field in 1885!

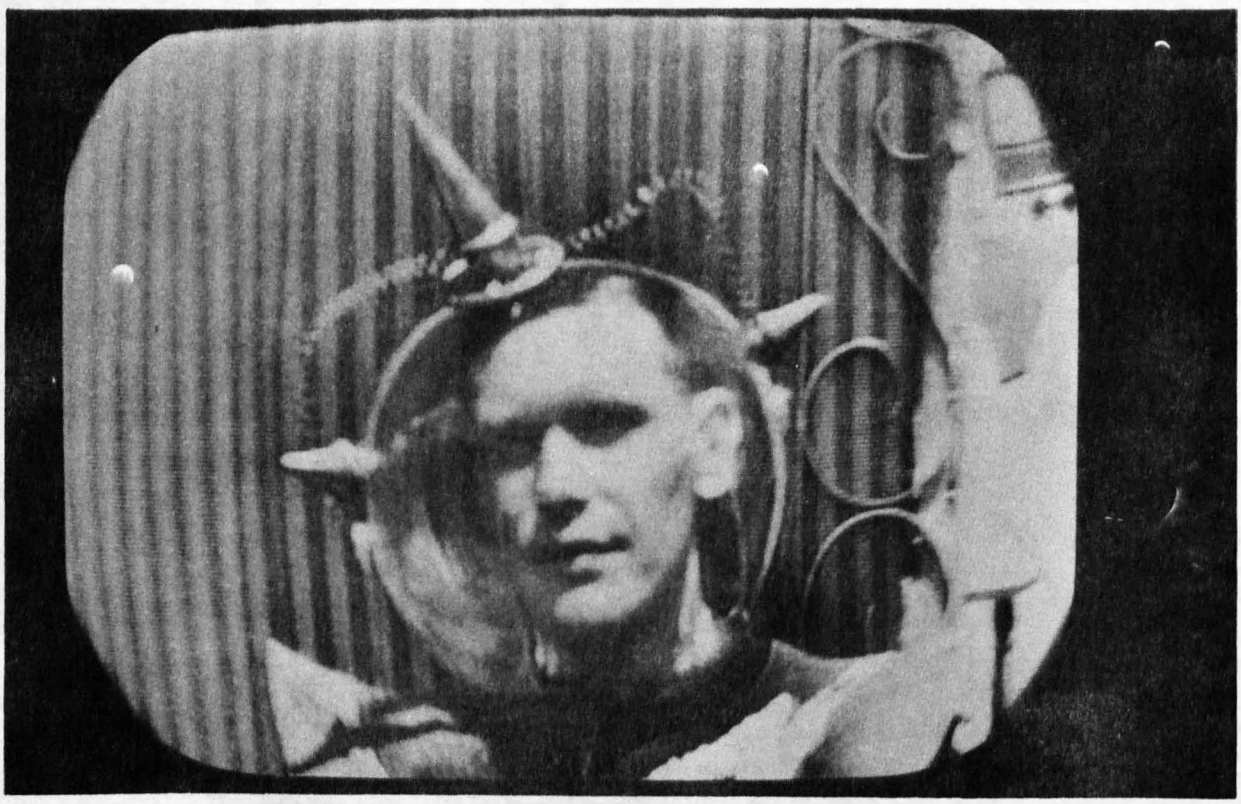
This book should be bought (35¢ paperback) not only for its good entertainment value, but also for knowledge of the background of a man that "saucerdom" may hear more of in the future.

THE UFO ANNUAL by M. K. Jessup (Citadel Press; Price: $4.95)
- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

Jessup's "UFO Annual" represents the first really large-scale attempt to keep the public informed about saucer sightings on a yearly basis. Previous attempts in this direction consisted of Wilkins' books - so poorly edited that the value of the data contained therein is almost lost; and Barker's "Saucerian Review", which unfortunately does not enjoy a circulation comparable to that of a hard-cover book.

The "Annual" is organized into chapters according to the months of the year 1955. The bulk of the book consists of quotations from selected newspaper clippings, from periodical saucer magazines (including SAUCER NEWS), and from some of Mr. Jessup's large circle of personal correspondents. A number of photographs of saucers and other "Fortean" occurrences are also included. Jessup's editorial comments on this data are, on the whole, well put and well organized.

The only serious question that occurs to this reviewer is whether or not the frequency of saucer sightings and/or the level of public interest will justify the continuation of the "Annual" for more than one or two years, or at the most, a very few years.



THIS UNUSUAL PICTURE was taken directly from the television tube of a home set, during Gray Barker's appearance on the Herb Sheldon T. V. Show last May 28th. Barker was dressed in a space suit to advertise his current book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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UFO'S AND UNNATURAL CLOUDS
- by Frank Reid -

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Where did this cloud's light come from? If it had been sunlight from below the horizon, the cloud would have appeared red. If there were a bright moon below the horizon, why was the light uniform all the time, as the cloud passed over the town? Also, would a source of light shining on the eastern edge of a cloud a quarter of a mile wide cause it to shine uniformly?

The "explanations" just don't seem to set right. There are loose ends here and there; and we are left with a self-luminous, insect-dropping cloud. How can it be explained?

One possible answer is given in Michel's book, "The Truth About Flying Saucers". This book sets forth the theory of Plantier, according to which strange and unnatural clouds are explained as by-products of a saucer's force field. Such a force field would occasionally cause a cloud to form just above a hovering saucer, according to Plantier.

There are a number of reports of just that - a UFO with a cloud above it. One such report, from 1783, is given on Page 209 of Wilkins' "Flying Saucers on the Attack": "Northeast of the Terrace, in clear sky and warm weather, I saw appear suddenly an oblong cloud nearly parallel to the horizon. Below the cloud was seen a luminous body. It soon became a roundish body, brightly lit up and almost stationary. It was about 9-25 p.m. This strange ball at first appeared bluish and faint, but its light increased, and it soon began to move. At first it ascended above the horizon, obliquely toward the east. Then it changed its direction and moved parallel to the horizon. It vanished in the southeast. I saw it for half a minute, and the light it gave out was prodigious. It lit up every object on the face of the country. It changed shape to oblong, acquired a tail, and seemed to split up into two bodies of small size.About two minutes later came a rumble like an explosion."

Michel's book gives the case, from 1953, of a small cloud that suddenly shot upwards at a terrific speed, and then discharged a UFO.

In a similar incident, on Sept. 20th, 1952, an ex-pilot of the Swedish Air Force and his wife saw a "snow-plough-shaped cloud", emitting a trail of bubbling smoke from its rear, that moved at a "colossal speed" and dropped a thing like a "blue-green shimmering plate" which vanished at great speed in a direction opposite to the cloud's.

I wonder if it might be possible to create such a cloud around a UFO, rather than just above it. Might it be possible for a number, or a swarm, of craft to create such a cloud? Perhaps that was the strange shape-changing object seen from the BOAC airliner and also from the Navy ice-breaker Edisto, on June 30, 1954.

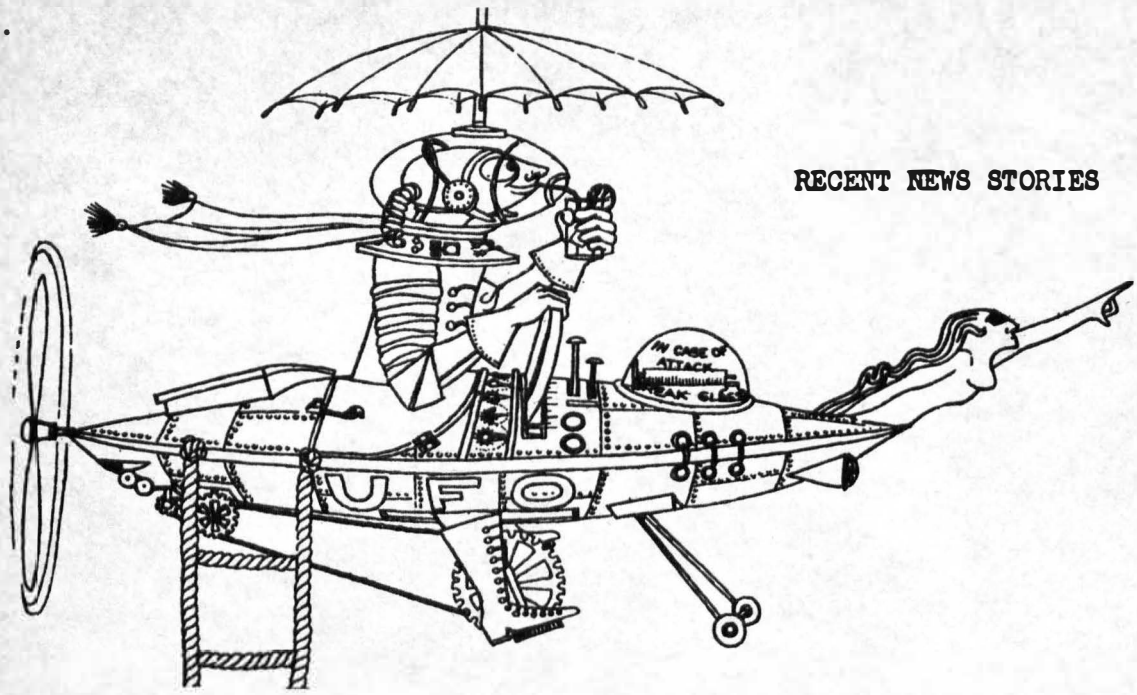
In March, 1952, a British pilot in Korea flew his jet into a cloud and never came out of it. In 1930 there occurred the two mysterious plane crashes already referred to.

Clouds - Clouds that have objects in them. Clouds that drop things. Clouds that give.

And, - Clouds that take?

How, in Heaven's name, can they be explained otherwise than as phenomena related to UFO's?

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RECENT NEWS STORIES

"I BELIEVE IN FAIRIES" SAYS FORMER BRITISH AIR CHIEF!: Saucer researchers who have been pleased by pro-saucer statements by Lord Dowding, former British Air Chief, may be considerably less pleased to hear about the old gentleman's latest pronouncements. Speaking at a spiritualist meeting at Canterbury, England, Dowding recently said: "There are fairies in everybody's garden. I have never seen them, but I believe implicitly in their existence." Lord Dowding read a message which he said had been sent to him by a group of fairies who live in a garden at Colchester. Then he went on to say that the fairies are very unhappy because humans do not believe in them. "They don't see why we should not accept their presence just as they accept ours," he said. Dowding added that the fairies have a very active sex life, which is an important part of their existence.These little people have been photographed, he claimed.

SAUCERS SEEN SIX NIGHTS IN A ROW IN PUEBLO, COLORADO: From May 5th to May 9th, flying saucers were reported every night at a Ground Observer post in Pueblo, Colorado. Apparently the Air Force was not very excited about the sightings, as no attempt was made to investigate them with interceptor aircraft. However, a team of Intelligence officers from the 4602nd Air Intelligence Service Squadron was sent to Pueblo to look into the reports. Sergeant Gilbert Nelson, a member of this Intelligence squadron, saw six of the objects himself during the three hours he watched for them. He described them as "dull, more or less florescent glows, faint,but bright enough to see." He said that the objects were moving very fast through an arc of about 90 degrees. Five of these saucers were triangular in shape, whereas the sixth was round, and brighter than the others. All were moving very fast, and none were visible more than about five seconds,he said. It was Sergeant Nelson's opinion that the triangular objects could have been birds flying at night with lights from the city reflecting on them. The round one,however, could not be explained away so easily, and Nelson admitted that"it could have been that the source of light was the object itself, rather than a reflection."

NUMEROUS SAUCERS SEEN BY AMATEUR ASTRONOMER IN WISCONSIN: On the night of May 4th, several flights of unidentified objects were observed by the Rev. Charles Burmeister, an amateur astronomer of Marinette,

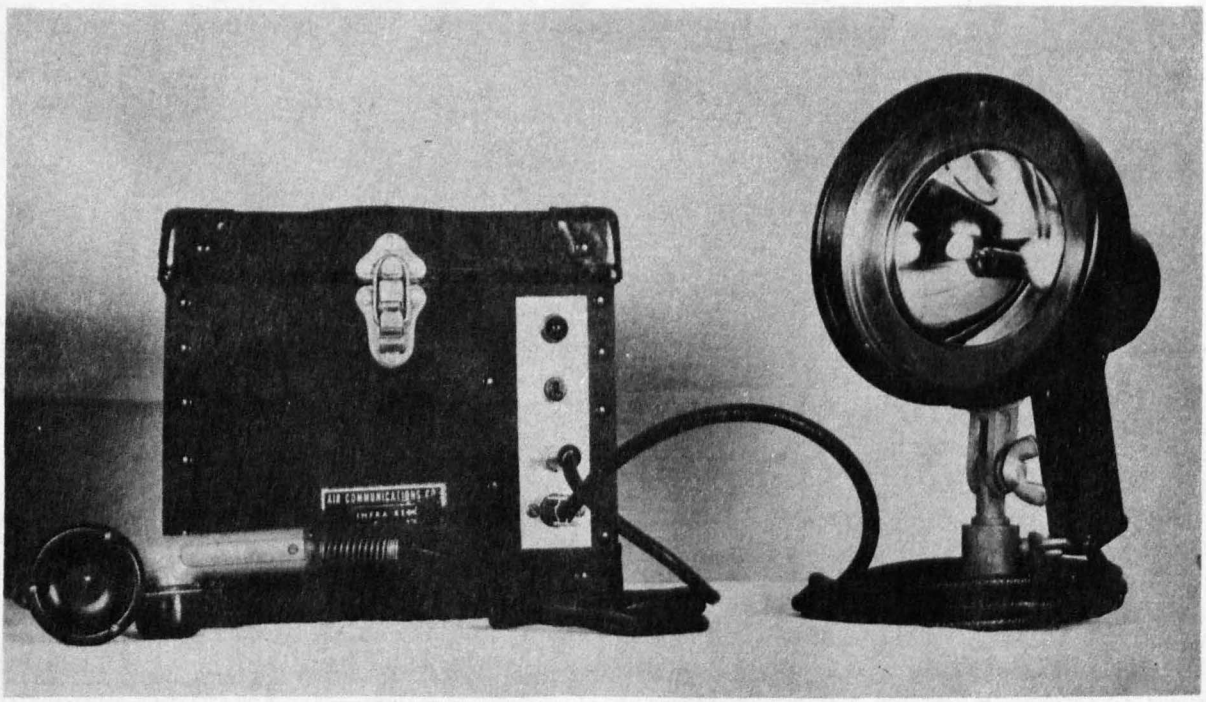
Wisconsin. Burmeister was at the rear of his parsonage, observing planets through a telescope and field glasses, when, at 8-30 p.m., he left his instruments to look up at the zenith. He observed a group of five orange blobs in a shallow U formation moving westward at a high rate of speed. They disappeared over the western horizon in about five seconds. Burmeister estimated their height to be about 30,000 to 40,000 feet. No noise accompanied their flight. About three minutes later two more flashed across the sky,and in another three minutes,nine more. All moved westward although the paths of the various groups varied somewhat. At this point Pastor Burmeister summoned his family; and a few moments later, with his son, he viewed first one more object and then five or six. Single objects were again seen at 9-30 and 9-55 p.m., making a minimum total of 24 for the night. All were viewed with the naked eye rather than with telescope or binoculars. Burmeister, who had previously been skeptical about flying saucers, said that the objects he saw that night cannot be placed in any known astronomical category such as shooting stars or meteors. Because the objects were seen several times, and because of the clarity of the sky during most of the appearances, he believes that the mirage effect of temperature inversion can be ruled out. With the exception of the last few appearances, all had a bright glow to them. Later on, an overcast caused the last few objects to appear duller.

U.S. NAVY GETS RADIO SIGNALS FROM VENUS: The Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D. C., stated last June 4th that it has been receiving radio signals from the planet Venus. The scientists who picked up the signals said that they are not yet ready to state whether or not the signals are artificially made. However, it is significant that when another group of scientists received similar signals from the planet Jupiter several months ago, the signals were immediately said to be natural - whereas this time, the door is left wide open as to whether they are natural or not. - These signals from Venus were received through the use of a 50-foot radio-telescope and specially designed electronic equipment, operating at a radio frequency of 10,000 megacycles.The 10,000 megacycle area of the radio broadcasting spectrum is assigned by the Federal Communications Commission to "ham" radio operators, radio navigation, and experimental broadcasting. The Navy disclosure said that "very weak" radio waves from Venus have been observed for the past several weeks by three radio astronomers, named Cornell H. Mayer, Russel M. Sloanaker, and Timothy P. McCullough. This was not the first instance of the Navy picking up radio waves from outer space, but it was the first time they have pinpointed the location of the source of such waves. The Naval Research Laboratory technicians expect measurements of these radio waves to provide new information about Venus, whose surface cannot be seen due to the thick covering of clouds which perpetually blankets the surface of the planet. (Note:Later newspaper accounts of this incident stated that these signals are believed to be natural rather than artificial after all, and that similar signals have been received from the Moon as well as from Jupiter.)

SAUCER BRIEFS: Dick Miller,California saucer lecturer, claims to have been in the control tower at Scott Field, Illinois, at the time of Captain Mantell's famous chase with a saucer over Godman Field, Kentucky. Miller says that the conversation between Mantell and the Godman control tower was relayed to all air bases in the area, and that he heard Mantell say, "My God, I see people in this thing." Captain Edward Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects", was told of Miller's claim, and denied that Mantell ever used those words. Ruppelt has read the uncensored reports of Mantell's last conversation with the tower, and says that Mantell never made

any reference to having seen people in the saucer he was following.....An unexpected feature at California's 1956 Flying Saucer Convention was the presentation of tape-recorded messages supposedly given by space people to the people of Earth, through the mediumship of Dick Miller. Miller and six others have formed a group called the Solar Cross, which is the sole distributor for these tapes. The group is selling the tapes for $4.50 each!.....News from England: On June 2nd, at a saucer meeting organized by medium George King, a tape-recorded message from Jesus Christ was played for the audience. As a second feature the audience heard from a Martian, who was introduced by a being called "Aetherius". As if this wasn't enough for one evening, the "grand finale" of the program was a demonstration of Spiritual Healing by King himself. (No comment! - Editor.)...On June 18th the mid-morning calm here at S.A.U.C.E. R.S. Headquarters was shattered by a hysterical and abusive phone call from the mother of Elliott Rockmore, a New York saucer researcher who used to publish a magazine called "Flying Saucer Review". As nearly as we could understand from Mrs. Rockmore's rantings, she was objecting to remarks about Elliott that appeared in the most recent issue of our Newsletter. She even warned us not to mention Elliott's name again in our publications without his permission. Well, here it is, Mrs. Rockmore, and what are you going to do about it?....

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THE LIGHT BEAM RECEIVER PICTURED ABOVE is apparently similar to receivers in use by John Otto and others in their alleged communications with space beings. The above model is manufactured by the Air Communications Co., an electronic firm in Hackensack, N.J. According to this firm's instruction sheet, the circuit used involves "a sensitive front end photo amplifier and a conventional resistance coupled audio amplifier which in turn operates a high or low impedence earphone.....The receiver can be hooked up with a telescope for the purpose of probing outer space and receiving various types of signals that are coming from our galaxy and perhaps from other systems far out in space. This involves experimenting to a great degree, which is strictly up tc the operator of the receiver." (Photo courtesy of Taylor Photo Lab., Rochelle Park, N. J.)

FORTEAN PHENOMENA IN ENGLAND: The following items are a bit out of date, but nevertheless interesting: Last March 8th, two more car windshields were shattered on the London to Portsmouth road, which has been nicknamed "missile mile" because of the frequency of these strange occurrences along the road. One of the cars was driven by Mr. C. N. Booty, of Bexleyheath, and the other by Mr. Francis Rosati, who said, "There was a little pop, and then the windscreen frosted over." In the same area, a third car stopped after its driver heard a loud bang and felt a terrible shock; but the car was undamaged. A fourth driver said that his windshield had been shattered the previous Monday at the same spot.....April 20th: As he was lighting a cigarette in his apartment just after midnight, a Mr.Brian Clout of Weston-super-Mare was blown across the room by a mysterious explosion, but escaped injury. A window was broken, floor boards caught fire,and part of the ceiling of the room was blown down; but Mrs. Clout, asleep two rooms away, did not hear any noise. The cause of the explosion is unknown.....Another "mystery bang" shook London last April 30th. Streets were shaken and windows were rattled by the bang, throughout the London area. The cause is unknown. An Air Ministry spokesman said that it was not caused by any British supersonic aircraft. (Our thanks for this series of items go to correspondent Bryan Essenhigh of Kent, England.)

AIR FORCE CONFIRMS SAUCER SIGHTINGS IN KANSAS TOWN: On May 27th, the Air Force confirmed a number of flying saucer sightings that occurred two and a half weeks earlier in Pratt, Kansas. In the meanwhile, some two dozen witnesses had been interviewed by Air Force officials. The unidentified objects, described as resembling "two saucers back-to-back", were seen three times on the night of May 8th-9th. Four were flying in formation in the first incident, at 8-30 p.m. on May 8th. They were first seen by several persons at a drive-in theatre, who phoned the local Ground Observer Corps observation post. The objects were visible from the observation post too, as well as from several other points in the city. A single saucer was seen at 12-30 a.m. on May 9th,and a pair of them at 1-30 a.m. The objects were described as glowing pink, with shadings of orange and green. They reportedly all left Pratt heading northeast.

NEWS BRIEFS: The weight of the "Abominable Snowman" of the Himalayas has been calculated at about 3,000 pounds by British scientists. This figure is based upon the tracks of the hairy monster found on snow-hardened surfaces and measured by British explorers. The tracks were 12 inches long, 6 inches wide, and 11 inches deep. The track of a human being in the same snow was only an inch deep. Another recent news report of the Snowman states that the corpse of one of these creatures has been found preserved in the ice of a mountain crevasse in the Himalayas. Peter John Webster, a British explorer who has climbed several mountains in Tibet, plans to make an expedition next year to personally investigate the story, told by "superstitious mountaineers", that the corpse has been found.....A report to the New Zealand Parliament last April 14th by a commission of inquiry on the wreck of the 70-ton launch Joyita last year, said that the disappearance of all persons aboard the yacht is still inexplicable. The Joyita had set out for Apia in Western Samoa on Oct. 3rd, 1955, and was found wrecked and flooded on Nov. 10th, and with all 9 passengers and 16 crew members missing....

An Associated Press story of May 28th states that a study of deep ocean currents will be made during the International Geophysical Year to find out how much radioactive waste can safely be dumped at sea. The development of peaceful uses of atomic energy is expected to result in the production of huge quantities of radioactive substances, which somehow must be

disposed of safely. The ocean is a very large hole in the ground, and its currents might spread out radioactive substances to such an extent that they would be harmless. (Editor's Note: As we pointed out in the last issue of SAUCER NEWS, we believe that this dumping has already begun,quite a while ago.... An early edition of the May 21st Buffalo Courier-Express, in describing the air-dropped H-Bomb tested that day, mentioned mysterious and unexplained "points of light" that were seen a few seconds after the blast. The newspaper says,"There was speculation that they might have been some form of instrumentation dropped from the high-flying B52 bomber that dropped the Bomb, or possibly just stars." Significantly, later editions of the same paper dropped all mention of these "points of light" in describing the test. Why?....

There's a new sea monster loose in the North Atlantic, according to a June 7th Associated Press report from Nova Scotia, where a 45-foot, white-spotted sea turtle was seen by a Liberian freighter. The Coast Guard warned all ships in the area to be on the alert for the giant reptile, which is said to have 15-foot-long flippers, and to be able to raise itself eight feet above the surface of the water.....The Bridey Murphy mystery has been solved! A Chicago minister and a team of newspaper reporters have learned the truth about the Colorado housewife whose hypnotic trances and alleged previous incarnation in Ireland were the subject of the best-selling book "The Search for Bridey Murphy". It turns out that the housewife, whose real name is Mrs. Virginia Tighe, used to live in Chicago, where as a child she was greatly impressed by a flesh-and-blood Irish woman named Bridey Murphy.Under hypnosis, Mrs. Tighe confused events from her own life with other events that had been told her by the real Bridey Murphy.

SAUCER BRIEFS (Continued from Page 12): The latest newsletter from the North Jersey U.F.O. Group states that the May 24th meeting, at which Gray Barker was guest speaker, was a complete failure. Only 40 people were present, in a hall hired to contain 400. As a result, the North Jersey Group's treasury is in debt, and their newsletter and meetings will be suspended until further notice...In an exclusive interview in Toronto, Canada, your Editor received permission from Laimon Mitris of Rouyn, Quebec, to reveal to the public that he is the man called "Smallwood" in Barker's book"They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Readers of Barker's book will remember that "Smallwood" was threatened by a mysterious visitor in connection with the analysis of a saucer fragment.Mitris also wants it known that Barker's account of this incident was written without his permission....A fictional saucer play called "Flying Object at Three O'Clock High" appeared on the June 20th showing of the Kraft Television Theatre. The play was entertaining, but it bore little resemblance to the actual facts of the saucer mystery, nor was it intended to. ....Kenneth Arnold has been injured in a plane crash in New Mexico.

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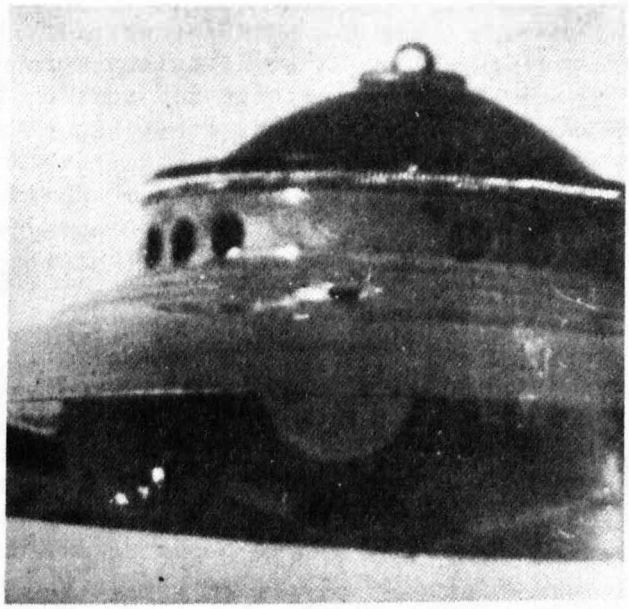
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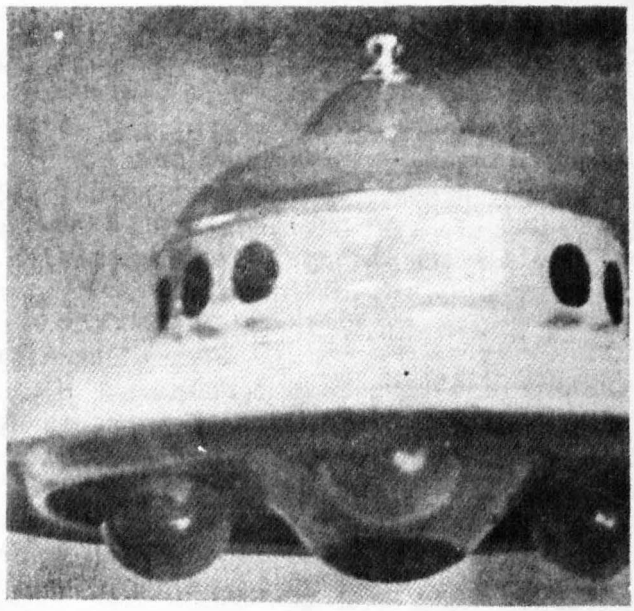
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WHICH TWIN IS THE PHONY? Of the two photos above, one is an alleged flying saucer seen and photographed on December 13th, 1952, by George Adamski, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and author of "Inside the Space Ships". The other is a photograph of a small model, and was published in the May, 1954 issue of "Yankee" Magazine. The Editor of "Yankee" has written us that their model was made from a Chrysler hub cap, a coffee can, and three ping pong balls. It is our contention that there is a striking similarity between these two pictures! (See Page 6 for the answer to the mystery of which photo is of the "genuine" Adamski saucer.)

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SOME NEW FACTS ABOUT "FLYING SAUCERS HAVE LANDED"

- by James W. Moseley -

During the past few years, numerous accounts have been given concerning alleged landings on this Planet by space ships, i. e., flying saucers, from other worlds. It is my intention in the following article to consider in detail the most widely publicized of these stories, namely, the one told by Mr. George Adamski. This story is given in detail in "Flying Saucers Have Landed" (British Book Center, published 1953). It is probable that most "Nexus" readers have read this book, which is co-authored by Mr. Adamski and Desmond Leslie; but for the benefit of those who are not familiar with the book, a brief resume of Adamski's portion of it is given below:

George Adamski's Story

Mr. Adamski begins his section of the book by stating that he is a "philosopher, teacher, student, and saucer researcher." Also, for several years he has been an amateur astronomer, and has in his possession two small telescopes: one a 15-incher, housed under a dome, and the other a 6-incher. Though he lives on the slopes of Mt. Palomar, California, where the giant 200-inch telescope is located, Adamski concedes that he has no connection with Palomar Observatory.

Adamski has long been interested in the possibility of life on other planets, but his first attempts at photographing flying saucers came only when, in late 1949, he was visited by two men - J.P. Maxfield and G.L. Bloom - of the Point Loma Navy Electronics Laboratory near San Diego. These men assured Adamski that flying saucers are probably interplanetary, because an Earth government is also making them. They also asked his co-operation in trying to get photographs of these strange craft, on the assumption that Adamski's 6-inch telescope could maneuver more easily than the large telescope at the Observatory. They told Adamski that they planned to make a similar request for photographs from the Observatory itself. Later, on a subsequent visit to Adamski's home at Palomar Gardens, Mr. Bloom confirmed a radio report of a flying saucer said to have landed in Mexico City.

Thus, having been asked by "the military" to co-operate with them in taking saucer photographs, Adamski proceeded to buy more photographic equipment. To quote the book, "Since then, winter and summer, day and night, through heat and cold, winds, rains, and fog, I have spent every moment possible outdoors watching the skies for space craft....Night after night I stayed outdoors watching the heavens....The cold winds wrapped me round and seemed to penetrate the very marrow of my bones. And steaming hot coffee was incapable of warming me. Once I caught such a cold that it took me many weeks to recover, but still I persisted."

Even though Adamski's liason with the Point Loma technicians soon fell through, he continued his efforts at saucer photography, and gradually his efforts were rewarded by an increasing number of good photos, though most of his pictures did not turn out well enough to prove anything. All through this

period, Adamski hoped that some day the time would come when he could make a personal contact with a man from another world. Many times he wandered out onto the desert in hopes of such a contact, but it was not until November 20th, 1952 that he succeeded in making this wish a reality.

In August of 1952 Adamski became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Al Bailey of Winslow, Arizona, and Dr. and Mrs. George Williamson of Prescott, Arizona. (See Footnote #1 below.) The Baileys and Williamsons were as interested in making a contact as was Adamski, and they asked to be invited along the next time he made a trip into the desert. Accordingly, Adamski phoned Williamson on November 18th and arranged to meet the two couples near Desert Center, California, on November 20th. Accompanying Adamski to the rendezvous were Alice Wells, owner of the Palomar Gardens Cafe, and Lucy McGinnis, Adamski's private secretary.

These seven people met on schedule, and proceeded to a point on the highway about 11 miles from Desert Center. The Baileys brought a movie camera, the Williamsons had a still camera, and Adamski brought his 6-inch telescope, binoculars, and a case containing his still camera and gadgets for attaching the camera onto the telescope; also, he had seven film holders and a cheap Brownie camera. Thus, the party was quite well prepared in case they should see a saucer or a space man.

The first unusual occurrence was the sight of a large "mother ship" type of saucer,which appeared at high altitude and was seen by the whole party. As the group was camped right next to the highway when they made this sighting, the "mother ship" could have been seen by any passing motorist, says Adamski.

But Adamski had the feeling that this would not be the spot where he would make contact with a space man. Accordingly, he had Lucy drive him to a place a half mile or so from the highway. He requested that Lucy return and wait with the others for a period of one hour, after which time he would rejoin the group. Thus, for one hour Adamski remained alone on the desert,while the other members of the party watched his activities as best they could from a distance of between a half mile and a mile.

Adamski set up his telescope and other equipment, and within five minutes was rewarded by the sight of a small "scout ship" type saucer some distance away from him. He took seven photos of this "scout ship", though as he notes further along in the story, none of these pictures turned out well for some reason. Not long thereafter, Adamski saw a man approaching him. As Adamski walked up to the man and took a good look at him, he realized that he was looking at a human being from another world. The Visitor looked basically similar to an Earth man, though different in many details of his clothing and personal appearance. But the thing that made it obvious to Adamski that this stranger was indeed from Space, was the beautiful feeling that the sight of the man

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Footnote #1: Bailey and Williamson later co-authored a book of their own called "The Saucers Speak", based on alleged radio and ouija board contacts with space men. Bailey later dropped out of saucer research, but Williamson has remained active. He organized the Telonic Research Center in Arizona, which published a bulletin for about a year. This organization and bulletin are now defunct, and Williamson's activities have shifted to Peru, where he currently heads the Brotherhood of the Seven Rays, a mystic philosophical organization. He has also recently published a second book called "Other Tongues, Other Flesh".

caused him. To quote the book: "The beauty of his form surpassed anything I had ever seen.....I felt like a little child in the presence of one with great wisdom and much love, and I became very humble within myself, for from him was radiating a feeling of infinite understanding and kindness, with supreme humility."

The meeting lasted exactly long enough to use up the remainder of the hour Adamski had allotted himself;During this time Adamski learned,by using mental telepathy and gestures (as the stranger spoke no English), that the man was from Venus, and that his visit here on Earth was due in part to concern over our use of atomic weapons. To express the idea of atomic explosions, the Visitor said "Boom! Boom!". Unfortunately, the man would not allow Adamski to take a photograph of him.

Toward the end of the interview, the Venusian made a point of calling attention to his own footprints. It developed that the soles of the Visitor's shoes were inscribed with significent markings. After the Venusian returned to his "scout ship" and departed, Adamski rejoined his friends. Dr.Williamson happened to have with him a small package of plaster of paris, as "on this trip we tried to be prepared for any eventuality". Plaster casts were therefore made of the footprints, and over the subsequent months attempts have been made to interpret the strange symbols thereon.

In the course of his talk with Adamski, the Venusian had asked permission to take one of Adamski's film packs, with the promise that it would be returned to him before long. Sure enough, on December 13th (i.e., about three weeks later), the same scout ship flew over the vicinity of Palomar Gardens, and Adamski's space friend dropped the film pack out the window. When the film was developed, more strange symbols were found, and they too are now being interpreted by Adamski and his co-workers. On December 13th Adamski succeeded in getting several good photos of the "scout ship". These are reproduced in the book, and one of them is also shown on the cover of this issue. Adamski's account also states, "It (the 'scout ship') was seen and photographed by others." Though these "others" are not named in the text, one of them must be Jerrold Baker, for a blurred close-up shot of a "scout ship" is given in the photographic section of the book, with the following caption: "Flying Saucer Passing Low Over Trees: This photo, taken a few minutes later (i.e.,a few minutes after Adamski's series of Dec. 13th) was made by Sargeant Jerrold E. Baker with a Brownie Kodak camera as the saucer flew away and passed rapidly over the low hill on which he was standing. The blurred effect is due to the rapid speed at which the craft was moving."

As if this were not confirmation enough, Adamski's account is further strengthened by the inclusion in the book of sworn statements by each of the six people (other than himself) who were present at the November 20th contact. These affidavits read as follows: "I/we the undersigned, do solemnly state that I/we have read the account herein of the personal contact between George Adamski and a man from another world, brought here in his Flying Saucer "Scout Ship"; and that I/we was/were a party to and witness to the event as herein recounted."

Adamski's portion of "Flying Saucers Have Landed" concludes with an appendix, which describes a meeting held on June 1st, 1953, at which flying saucers were discussed by several qualified men. The most noteworthy features of this appendix are some remarks attributed to Al Chop, former Public Inform-

ation Officer at the Pentagon, and the following statement attributed to Pev Marley, a cameraman for Warner Brothers Studios in Hollywood. Mr. Marley is quoted as having said that Adamski's pictures, if faked, were the cleverest he had ever seen, rivaling a Houdini. Marley pointed out that the shadows on the saucers, and also on the ground, correspond to such a remarkable degree that they could not be faked, and to fake such pictures would require costly equipment which Adamski obviously does not possess and which, even then, would not assure such a result.

Some of the Flaws

I have done my best to relate the above account without sarcasm or prejudice of any kind, though in view of the detailed study I have made of this story, I must admit that I find it difficult to present it without editorializing a little here and there. However, if I have made my account too brief to suit those of you who have not yet read "Flying Saucers Have Landed", it is merely because of limitations of space; and if I have seemed to emphasize some phases of the narrative more than others, it is because I now intend to raise an objection to nearly every portion of the story as I have presented it above.

There are others besides myself who have studied the Adamski story, and their conclusions vary according to their own particular "bent" and also according to how thoroughly and open-mindedly they have studied the evidence. To two of these fellow researchers- namely Mr. Jerrold Baker and Mr. John Pitt, of Surrey, England - I am deeply indebted for some of the material I am about to present. I am also indebted to other informants whom I am not at liberty to name. But in all due modesty, I must say that to the best of my knowledge, very few researchers have made as complete a survey of the Adamski tale as I have. I have traveled personally through Arizona and California, interviewing all the principals mentioned in the story, with the exception of Mrs. Bailey. Through interviews and lengthy correspondence I have made it my business to obtain all possible details concerning the "inside story" of Adamski's portion of "Flying Saucers Have Landed". Therefore, I now proceed to give you - <u>not</u> opinions - but to the best of my knowledge and ability, <u>facts</u>, fully mindful of the libel laws which compel me not to deviate from the truth.

Point One: Taking these points more or less in the order of their occurrence in the narrative, the first objection I raise is that Mr. Bloom, of the Point Loma Navy Laboratory, stated to me on the phone when I was in San Diego that he has been grossly misquoted in "Flying Saucers Have Landed". In particular, he claimed to have no knowledge whatsoever of a saucer landing in Mexico City.

Point Two: In the book (but omitted in my summary)is the following statement by Adamski: "If these (saucers) were secret experimental military devices, I would not be allowed to copyright my photographs and send them so publicly through the mails. And I sent a set of them to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. In the interests of national security they would have stopped me, if I was photographing our own secret craft. They never have." This statement is, in all probability, true; but the same arguments would apply if Adamski was photographing extraterrestrial craft, if we are to assume that there <u>are</u> extraterrestrial aircraft in our atmosphere, and that the Air Force does not want details or proof in regard to these objects to be given out to the public. The obvious conclusion is that Adamski is not photographing any sort of craft at all, that the Air Force knows this, and therefore does not bother him. (Note:

Adamski has run into really serious difficulty with "officialdom" only once, as far as I know, and that was for circulating among a group of "intimates" a ridiculous letter purporting to show that certain military officials back up the authenticity of his story and photos.)

Point Three: When I first read "Flying Saucers Have Landed", I was impressed by the fact that Adamski's story was backed up by four people (the Baileys and the Williamsons) whom Adamski knew only slightly. Although the text does not explicitly say so, I came to the conclusion (as many other readers did, no doubt), that these four were impartial, reasonably conservative, well educated people, not prone to indulge in hoaxes or be easily swayed by a hoax perpetrated upon themselves. I learned, however, from my own investigations, that all four were already ardent "Believers" before they made the November 20th contact, and that none had any particular educational advantages that would qualify them as expert or impartial observers. In particular, Williamson, though a pleasant enough young man, admits that he has no degree entitling himself to be called a "doctor", even though he allows himself to be called "Dr. Williamson" throughout the book - just as Adamski, among his friends and admirers (though not in the book), is known affectionately as "professor", without benefit of any degree. Put together, I think these facts add up to an entirely new picture of Adamski and his six witnesses. When we remember that two of Adamski's witnesses were close personal friends (one the owner of the property where he lives and the other his secretary), and when we find that none of the other four can be called either impartial or objective, then, I believe, a new light is thrown on the whole situation.

Point Four: The photographs: This subject has already been partly covered in the paragraph on the cover of this volume. Incidentally, it is the photo on the right that is the "phony", and the one on the left is the "genuine" "scout ship" photographed by Mr. Adamski. Additional remarks will be made further along concerning the photograph bearing Jerrold Baker's name; and indeed, a veritable volume could be written concerning the other photographs, some of which appear as "scout ships", others as "mother ships", and still others as mere spots of light without any definite form. But perhaps it will suffice here to quote a few of the remarks made by Arthur C. Clarke in the Journal of the British Interplanetary Society, March, 1954:

"Mr. Adamski's hobby is photographing flying saucers, and he undoubtedly is the most successful at this interesting art.....There are (in the book) several close-ups of space ships, leaving no doubt that they are artifacts. The uncanny resemblance (of the 'scout ships') to electric light fittings with table tennis balls fixed underneath them has already been pointed out.....To us, the perspective is all wrong, and though this is a qualitative impression perhaps not susceptible to rigorous proof, the pictures seem to be of small objects photographed from very close up and not of a large object seen through a telescope. Many people, including, we suspect, Mr. Adamski, do not realize that a large object seen through a telescope bringing it to within 20 feet looks quite different from an object itself 20 feet away....

"We have a much more serious comment, however, to make on photograph #3, which purports to show a fleet of saucers taking off from the Moon. Alas, something has gone wrong here. We would like Mr. Adamski to account for the fact that one of his saucers appears to be <u>inside the telescope.</u> This would not be apparent to anyone who was unacquainted with lunar geography, but an inspection of the background shows that the line of saucers is not clear of

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the Moon's edge, as appears at first sight, but extends off the field of view of the lens altogether. It is odd to say the least that Mr. Adamski's discriminating telescope is able to see a saucer and to ignore the Moon shining around it."

Point Five: Disagreement among witnesses: At least one of Adamski's six sworn witnesses no longer upholds the account as presented in the book. Mr. Al Bailey, who is a railroad worker in Winslow, Arizona, told me in a personal interview that he did not see the space man with whom Adamski allegedly talked, nor did he see the "scout ship" that allegedly landed on the desert. He did see the "mother ship", and some flashes of light in the direction where Adamski was supposed to be during the contact. To the best of his knowledge, no one else present saw any more than he did. Furthermore, a drawing in the book, supposedly made by Alice Wells while watching Adamski and the Visitor through binoculars, could not in Bailey's opinion have been made from that distance (i. e., about a mile away), nor was it made that day as far as he knows. Although Bailey admits that Adamski's account is not true in all details, he feels that Adamski's contact may actually have taken place, though he himself cannot vouch for it. I therefore feel that, if a hoax was involved, Mr. Bailey was duped rather than being in on it, for he further states that he believes that the advance text of the book sent him by Adamski, and on the basis of which he made his sworn statement, was not the same text actually used in "Flying Saucers Have Landed". (See Footnote #2 below.)

These points are further borne out by a letter from Bailey to Mr. Baker, dated June 1st, 1954, from which I now quote: "I am well aware of the placement and disposition of all members of the party that day (November 20th, 1952.) I also feel sure that no one saw any more than I did. (Italics mine.) There is a possible exception, and it is this: At the time of returning to the spot where Adamski was, he took Williamson off alone to the spot where the alleged footprints were. Just what transpired then, I have no way of knowing, nor did I make any inquiries at the time....There is a remote chance that during this interval he too saw the space man....I will no longer place myself on record to back up or refute anyone in such a controversial escapade again with no better proof than was mine at that time."

Point Six: Mr. Al Chop, who, it has been noted, is quoted at length in the appendix of the book, told me in a personal interview that he is misquoted, and that he has considered suing Mr. Adamski because of this fact. Similarly, in a phone conversation with me, Pev Marley denied having made the statements attributed to him, and also denied the rumor, circulated by Adamski and a few of his admirers, that Marley had blown up one of the Adamski "scout ship" photos and found, in the blow-up, the head of a man looking out of one of the "portholes".

Point Seven: Burning questions left unanswered by the book: How did the Venusian's footprints turn out so well on desert sand, in an area in

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Footnote #2: Bailey apparently made his sworn statement based on Adamski's original manuscript, which was later edited, expanded, and "improved" by a mysterious "C.L.J.", whose editing is acknowledged by Adamski in some editions of "Flying Saucers Have Landed", and omitted in others. As we revealed in our February-March 1957 issue of SAUCER NEWS, "C.L.J." is Clara L. John, a Washington D. C. friend and admirer of Adamski, and currently the editor of "The Little Listening Post".

which, according to a West Coast informant, there had been no rain for several months?

In the book (but omitted from my summary) Adamski says that American aircraft were seen overhead several times during the November 20th contact. These planes were apparently trying to catch the "mother ship" and the "scout ship". Why, therefore, were the saucers not reported by the pilots of these aircraft? If any such confirmatory evidence were available, Mr. Adamski would have it by now. The fact that he does not have it seems to indicate that there were no airplanes overhead that day.

If the space man was indeed from Venus, how was he able to defy every scientific principle by existing so easily and comfortably in the Earth's atmosphere, since it is a well known fact that the atmosphere, etc., on Venus is entirely different from ours? And how was the Venusian able to defy every law of probability by looking so similar to earth men?

Why did no one succeed in taking any movies or decent still pictures of the saucers seen during the November 20th contact?

And last but not least, what was the necessity of Adamski having his companions remain at such a great distance during his contact? Could this have been to make it easier to perpetrate a hoax on some of his friends (those who were not co-conspirators)?

The Evidence Presented by Mr. Jerrold Baker

Jerrold Baker is a young saucer researcher who, after his discharge from the Army a few years ago, became personally acquainted with Frank Scully (author of "Behind the Flying Saucers") and George Adamski. From November 12th 1952 until January 12th, 1953, Baker lived and worked with Mr. Adamski at Palomar Gardens, earning his board and keep by working as a secretary, chauffeur, and general handyman. Thus, Baker was present during the critical period covered in "Flying Saucers Have Landed." The reader will recall that November 20th and December 13th are the two important dates in Adamski's narrative.

I met Jerrold Baker at Scully's home some time ago, but did not know then of Baker's intimate knowledge of the details of the Adamski story. Now, in a letter dated September 11th, 1954, Baker writes me the following startling facts: "1. I did not take the Brownie snapshot accredited to me; 2. This was not the only Brownie picture taken; 3. George Adamski was the photographer, and the other Brownie pictures were destroyed at his request by Lucy McGinnis; 4. The photograph was not taken on the date indicated (i.e., not on December 13th); 5. The desert contact was pre-planned and Adamski related the details to me of what was to take place there previous to the venture.... 6. Lucy (McGinnis) purchased the plaster of paris in Escondito (Calif.) with me, and it was Adamski who carried it (on November 20th), not Williamson."

At this point I wish to state that whereas I do not know Mr. Baker well, and therefore cannot be absolutely certain of his motives for coming forward at this time, I nevertheless do know this: (1) That I have offered Baker no money or other inducement; (2) That by admitting that he was duped by the Adamski hoax he is gaining nothing, as far as I can see, except the knowledge that through his efforts and mine, the truth on the Adamski matter is at last coming to light; (3) That much of his evidence corresponds with inform-

ation I have received from other reliable sources, and which I therefore readily accept as true; (4) That no one, other than Adamski and his six witnesses, has as great a first-hand knowledge of the incidents described in "Flying Saucers Have Landed" as does Mr. Baker.

Baker's information is contained in a number of letters and other documents that he has kindly lent me. Therefore, rather than run the risk of coloring Baker's information by putting it into my own words, I will tell his story mainly by quoting from these various documents.

First, here, in part, is a sworn statement made by Mr. Baker on June 29th, 1954: "To whom it may concern: In a recent book, "Flying Saucers Have Landed," an alleged photograph of a flying saucer was credited to Sargeant Jerrold E. Baker. I, the undersigned, am the said party....I make this statement in hopes of separating facts from fiction, truth from lies, and the real from the unreal. I did not take the alleged photograph accredited to me. The alleged photograph was taken with the Brownie camera, along with three or four similar photos, by Mr. George Adamski, on the morning of December 12th, 1952, and not on December 13th, 1952, as indicated (in the book)".

In a letter to me dated November 18th, 1954, Baker states: "Shortly after beginning work at Palomar Gardens, I had a long discussion with George Adamski, in which I tried to point out his slipshod manner of publishing what saucer photographs he had taken during the five years previous. In the discussion, I suggested that he not be the only photographer present during a flight of saucers over Mount Palomar.....It was my suggestion that he be located at one spot with his telescope and camera while I or any other individual be located at another spot on the property with a different type of camera.....Much to my amazement, within a week after this suggestion, George Adamski early one morning disclosed the fact that he had taken pictures with the Brownie camera, adjacent to his cabin. The date of the photography was December 12th. I chauffeured Alice Wells to Escondito to purchase the week's supply of restaurant articles. On our return, there was a fire on the slopes of Mount Palomar, and we stopped at the ranger station to ascertain its location....I insert this to perhaps give you some means of substantiating my whereabouts. Alice Wells liked me very much and if anyone would reveal the truth, she would be the one, but her admiration for George Adamski proves the greater, and I feel she would be likely to protect him.

"However, there are two other people who can provide you with the necessary proof of my claims regarding the photographs. They are: (1) Mr. Detwiler, the professional photographer who processes Adamski's work. (See Footnote #3 below.) He must fully recall the dates on which the photographs were presented to him. Secondly, he also developed the additional negatives to substantiate the erroneous fact of merely one Brownie photo. (2) Mr. Hal Nelson, who was and is presently an investigator for the United States Civil Service. ...Hal was present the morning Mr. Detwiler and his wife delivered said photographs to Palomar Gardens, and can verify seeing more than one Brownie snapshot."

Here I must interrupt Baker's account for a moment, to state that although I met Mr. Detwiler while I was in California, I did not yet know of the controversy over the Brownie photo, and therefore did not ask him about

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Footnote #3: Detwiler has died since this account was written in 1954.

it. However, I did ask Detwiler what he thought, in general, of Adamski's photographs, and his answer was as follows: He himself does no "fakery" in the processing of the pictures, and he receives genuine negatives from Adamski. Therefore, if Adamski's pictures are not genuine, then the "fakery" on Adamski's part does not consist of retouched negatives, but rather, it consists of the use of models. Detwiler says that he has no way of knowing whether or not Adamski uses models, or whether the photographs are of genuine saucers.

Now back to Baker's account. This time, I quote from a letter from Baker to Frank Scully, dated January 31st, 1954: "Case 'A': He (Adamski) has taken hundreds of photographs. Here are the most astounding photographs obtained thus far on the elusive saucers. This man claims he has spent untold hours watching and waiting, both day and night, to obtain the pictures. (See Page 2, next to last paragraph.) This is not true. I know that he knows exactly when a (space) ship is coming, and is there at the precise instant to snap the picture. It is a planned, purposeful action, not the mere chance which he implies. Why the necessity of the deception? Is it as he claims? Perhaps yes; but more likely, NO.

"Case 'B': Contact with space man on the desert: Here again, misleading,untrue stories are concocted to have the public accept what is supposed to be a fact....It is too purposeful, planned, and with peculiar motives. I was with Lucy when the plaster of paris was bought prior to the trip. I purchased the photographic plates myself. And,I accidentally heard a tape recorded account of what was to transpire on the desert, who was to go, etc.,several days before the party left Palomar Gardens. Though this recording was a 'communication through psychic means', the account as presented (in the book) is entirely untrue. Regardless of the reasons presented to you or me, the witnesses, or the reading public, its manner of presentation to the public has been misleading and false."

In another letter, Baker expands on this point: "The tape recording I heard was a metaphysical discourse received through Professor Adamski approximately one week before the desert contact. I had heard about ten minutes of the tape-recorded talk when Lucy came to the office and advised me not to play the tape recorder. From this brief behind-the-scenes listening, I was able to determine that the desert contact was not a mere stab in the dark or a picnic on the desert, but a planned operation."

"Case 'C' (again quoting from Baker's letter to Scully): The Brownie Snapshot: You are presently familiar with this episode so I will not have to go into it again. However, in talking with this man (Adamski) when we met in town last week, he urged me to continue using my name on the picture because, 'You have to enter the back door sometimes to get the truth across.' What kind of a fool does he think we are, Frank? And actually, what kind of imbiciles are we to pledge our support to such stories? Is not all this a corruption of the truth? I say it is! I know it is! I will not condone it or support it any longer."

The above letter was written on January 31st, 1954. On November 2nd, 1953, Adamski, in an obvious effort to induce Baker to "stay in line", had written Baker as follows: "Now you know that the picture connected with your name is in the book, too - the one taken by the well with the Brownie. And with people knowing that you are interested in flying saucers as you have been, and buying the book as they are.....you could do yourself a lot of good.

For you have plenty of knowledge about these things (i. e., saucers), whereby you could give lectures in the evenings. There is a demand for this! You could support yourself by the picture in the book with your name. Remember that you are as much publicized in the book as I am, as far as the picture is concerned. And having the knowledge you have of these things, you have your break right here."

Notice that Adamski does not say "the picture in the book which you took", but rather, "the picture in the book with your name". Has not Baker proved his contention right here? Furthermore, if the blurred effect in the "Baker photo" is due to the saucer being out of focus rather than, as Adamski claims, in motion - then the "saucer" must be less than ten feet from the camera, as anything beyond ten feet is in focus with a Brownie!

Yes, Adamski attempted to bring Baker "back in line", as noted above, but the present state of the controversy can be summarized by the following letter from Baker to Desmond Leslie dated August 4th, 1954. After reiterating that he did not take the Brownie photograph, Baker states: "I am fully cognizant that words and accusations that prove unfounded are vain. So - with such an awareness and knowledge - I am proceeding to take whatever action I deem congruent with the nature of the Adamski fabrications, being confident that sufficient evidence to substantiate my claims is in my possession at this time. I readily admit that I fell victim to a hoax. I sustained the blow, and condoned the erroneous stories. But I have not supported them in any way, shape or form. And presently, under existing conditions, I will no longer continue to condone the erroneous stories or fabrications of any party connected with flying saucers...."

Finally, here is one more extract from a personal letter written by Baker to a friend of his: "Shortly before his disappearance, Karl Hunrath called a number of people. (See Footnote #4 below.) Among these were Frank Scully, Manon Darlaine, and Mrs. Wilkinson.....He denied Adamski's pictures as being real. He even told Mrs. Darlaine he saw the model. This I cannot confirm or deny. However, I can truthfully state that both Karl and I did see something one morning on our way down to the Palomar Gardens Cafe from our cabin, that closely resembled a skeleton for a saucer mock-up. It was a piece of wooden frame in a circular shape with strips of copper, about one inch in width, strung in circles on this wooden frame....We both questioned George Adamski about this paraphernalia behind his cabin, at which he grew somewhat uneasy, (italics mine), and assured us that what we saw was his own television antenna. I cannot say one way or the other, that it was or that it wasn't. But it is interesting and important considering the mathematical analysis made by several astronomers, who claim the photos couldn't be of anything but a small model."

This same information has been conveyed to me by other reliable informants.

Conclusion

The parade of evidence in regard to "Flying Saucers Have Landed" could go on almost indefinitely. Naturally, I have used my most sensational

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Footnote #4: The mysterious disappearance of Karl Hunrath and Jack Wilkinson is another very interesting story, but outside the scope of the present article.

material in this article, but were it not for limitations of space, I could give dozens of other examples, from Baker's files as well as my own, which would show other small and large matters of fact on which Mr. Adamski has "slipped up". If there is sufficient reader demand, I will give some of this additional information in a future issue of "Nexus".

In the meanwhile, let us remember that I am not saying - nor is Mr. Baker, that George Adamski's account is necessarily entirely untrue. In the final analysis, the true story may be known in its entirety only by Adamski himself. All any outsider can do, in regard to what another man claims to have seen and done, is to point out flaws in that man's narrative. However, I do believe most definitely that Adamski's narrative contains enough flaws to place in very serious doubt both his veracity and his sincerity. Furthermore, I am hoping that in the light of all the previously unpublished facts contained in this article, the reader will be moved to make for himself a careful re-evaluation of the worth of the Adamski book.

One final note: On my own part, at least, I am moved by no personal antagonism of any kind toward either George Adamski, Desmond Leslie, or any of the other principals in this narrative. Ever since my meeting with Adamski about a year ago, I have been convinced that he is a kindly man who would do harm to no one. If he has written a fraudulent book, perhaps he did so not so much for personal profit, but to put across, in dramatic form, philosophical principles in which he sincerely believes. In any case, his book has entertained thousands, and injured no one. But I sincerely believe that if the truth concerning the flying saucers is ever to be arrived at, someone must now and then perform the rather thankless task of sifting away the "saucer fiction" from the "saucer facts". It is with this goal in mind, and no other, that I have written the above account.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article originally appeared in the June-July 1955 issue of SAUCER NEWS. It is written by the woman who was later to become Jerrold Baker's wife. She gives an excellent picture, in our opinion, of the strange behind-the-scenes happenings at Palomar Gardens around the time that the events in "Flying Saucers Have Landed" took place. The article was written in answer to counter-charges made by Desmond Leslie as a result of the article you have just read.

FURTHER REVELATIONS ABOUT ADAMSKI

- by Irma Baker -

I met George Williamson and Al Bailey first a day or two after the Desert Contact. I saw Williamson only one other time until he moved bag and baggage to Palomar Gardens. At this time, Lucy McGinnis and George Adamski told me that Williamson was having trouble and had been ever since his arrival, with "low spirits" taking over his body, and that George was trying to help him, as Williamson was now controlled by this "low element".

On January 3rd, 1953, I drove to Palomar Gardens again with friends. We were approached by Lucy very confidentially for funds, as no one there had money (nor ever did, for that matter), and by then work was being done to prepare another half-finished cabin and furnish it for three men- George Williamson, Karl Hunrath, and Jerrold Baker. These three were to form the "Adamski Foundation". We were told that Karl Hunrath was an inventor par excellence,

and was having his equipment shipped from the east for use on George's property. Some of this equipment consisted of magnetic frequency machinery designed with an eye to contacting a saucer and bringing it down on Palomar.

On January 10th I revisited Palomar and viewed the photographic plate - the one with hieroglyphics, supposedly dropped on George's premises by a saucer. I viewed this on a screen through a projection machine rigged by Karl Hunrath. I will only say at this time that I feel a space man capable of space travel, superior intelligence, and such a superior way of life as described by George, should have figured out an easier way of communicating with our present level of evolution!

Another thing that troubled us all was the manner in which Hunrath, Williamson, and Baker all disappeared from the Cafe after viewing the plate, whereas prior to this they had been most friendly toward us, and Williamson had danced original Indian dances, etc., for our benefit. I was puzzled and of course suspicious.

Two days later, on January 12th, 1953, I received a tearful and pathetically distraught telephone call from Lucy McGinnis, from a tavern just below Adamski's property. (George did not have a phone.)

"Irma", said Lucy, "Please do something fast. Professor Adamski said to call you and that you would know just who to phone. This is an emergency. The 'boys' are threatening to shoot down our own jets with that awful machine!" She continued by saying that the machine she had told me about had arrived, and that Hunrath said he would just as soon bring down our own jets with it as a saucer. She said that the Professor had become righteously indignant and ordered them off the premises, and that they- the Professor, Lucy, and Alice Wells (owner of Palomar Gardens) - were frightened to death that "the boys" would return and do them harm.

By this time, I was a bit punchy! I told Lucy to remain by the phone. I took her number and said I would call her back.

First, I called a close friend, a Lieutenant in Navy Meteorology, stationed in San Diego. He advised me not to get involved but suggested that I call the O.S.I. or Army Intelligence.

I called the office of the O.S.I. I reported exactly what Lucy had told me, and gave them her name and telephone number. They assured me they would call her immediately,and that they would also call the F.B.I. The O.S.I. did this as I waited.

I was intrigued. I couldn't resist the urge to learn more about all this, because by then I was well aware that every story told by George and his disciples could be interpreted to have a different meaning. So I gathered three other people in my car, and drove to Palomar Gardens. We arrived shortly after dinner. The F.B.I. and O.S.I. men were already there. Here are some of the highlights of what George said to these men in the presence of myself and three other witnesses:

Adamski's Statements to the F.B.I. and O.S.I. Agents

1. Karl Hunrath (whom George had formerly called an esteemed col-

league and close friend) was now a beast, an uncontrolled monster, and a sadist. He had an ego complex and was anti-female to the point of insulting the women. He had stated that it was irrelevent if he brought down American jets by use of the magnetic machine in his quest of grounding a saucer. He was practicing occultism, but had only progressed to the point of "being taken over by a beast". He had threatened George all of a sudden - "a weak, feeble old man, afraid for his very life." (George is really quite strong, and much bigger than Hunrath.)

2. Dr. George Williamson wasn't really a doctor at all. He only posed as one, and used an honorary degree to gain recognition. (This is really true, and is common knowledge in select circles, but this is a case of the pot calling the kettle black.) Williamson was on Palomar to have Professor Adamski help him. He was constantly being taken over by a "low element" of spirit which would put him out cold for sometimes as long as an hour at a time. Of course, no good "element" would think of doing such a thing. Williamson was posing as a medium, but was a fake, because Adamski had proved many times (to his own satisfaction) that when Williamson went into a trance, he was only putting on; - and his study of Indian lore, etc., enabled him to pretend as though an Ancient Being was speaking through him as a guide. (By this time the F.B.I. men must have inwardly burst into convulsions of laughter!) Williamson was weak and spineless, and had left his poor pregnant wife. (It is true that he did for a time, but not with intentions of separation.) He had left her to treck up to Palomar and stay there eating the food from Adamski's poor table. George asserted to the F.B.I. that he knew this as he was a real medium. He related experiences to them of tests put to him by his Teachers. Lucy's head bobbed up and down all the time in silent agreement with every word Adamski said. The F.B.I. and O.S.I. men sat silent and wide-eyed. "I am the only real medium", George repeated to them many times. (The poor F.B.I! What they go through to earn the taxpayers' money! I'll bet this was a new experience for them!)

3. Jerrold Baker was a nice quiet boy - always writing letters to his mother. He seemed like such a good fellow. He must have been really taken in by the other two. Of course he (George) wasn't always too sure about Baker. He did seem to have a weak character. He always agreed with everybody, and wasn't ever disagreeable. George sometimes wondered if maybe he was a secret investigator, "but then you fellows can find out better than I can about that, ha-ha!" - Anyhow, Baker did receive regular checks from the American Air Force while he was here at Palomar, but never paid any rent. "I would like to collect that, of course", said George. (No mention was made of the work Jerrold did there and which I witnessed, from typing by the hour, chopping logs, and washing dishes, to waiting on tables in the Cafe, etc. The statement about the checks was another falsehood, but I didn't learn that till later.)

All three men were accused of having attempted to hi-jack the Professor's mail. Lucy was supposed to have called the police to stop them. All this took place in Escondito. (The true story is that Hunrath, on being confronted by Lucy in Escondito, called a policeman to make this fanatical woman let them alone, as she threatened all sorts of things if they left Palomar. Jerry had been delegated to pick up Adamski's mail as a representative of Palomar Gardens. This Adamski had to admit to the F.B.I. when questioned. The fact that they were bringing George's mail back with their own to the Cafe did not come out till later, when it was learned that the fracas in Escondito occured before they had packed the car with their personal belongings. At the

time of the fracas their belongings were still in the cabin on Adamski's property, to which they had every intention of returning.)

It seemed apparent that any and all means to discredit these three must be made that night. But why? Because they wished to leave the Adamski stronghold. Why should that disturb him so? I couldn't help but see just how disturbed he was - shaken and scared. The F.B.I. agents assured him repeatedly that they didn't believe the men intended to return to Palomar to attempt to harm him. It seemed to me that there was only one answer: "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." Adamski, although a man, had obviously been scorned. The three new disciples had walked out, and for a reason. What that reason was I was determined to find out,and did. It was also obvious that three disciples don't up and leave the "Master" unless they have discovered that his feet of clay are showing!

Adamski made no mention that night of any money stolen by anyone, although he did later. They had all the mail there. The F.B.I. determined that, and George reluctantly admitted that "they hadn't made off with a thing, of course,but they might have but for Lucy." George added as a further thought, "Hell, there might have been a check in the mail for all I know. People are always sending me donations."

"Was there?" asked the F.B.I.

"I don't think so, but I haven't opened all the mail yet," George answered. But if any chance or opportunity to pin a theft on anyone had arisen, he would have done so then and there! The present answer is pretty damned obvious!

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My friend the meteorologist went to the F.B.I. some time later, and checked this whole affair for me. He disbelieved in Adamski, and relished the opportunity to get his own story on him,which of course he did. The F.B.I. was then watching George for more "slips" in his oratory efforts in the Cafe, in which he often elaborated on his confidential knowledge of troop, atomic, and secret military movements, supposedly passed on to him by his military contacts and informants. The F.B.I. had him listed as a complete crackpot, and completely discredited his report on Hunrath, Williamson, and Baker, as the ravings of a jealous madman. (George would often elaborate on stories he heard in the Cafe from servicemen, and because of his exaggerations, a private or corporal in passing his story would be identified as "the military" or a "top notcher". Much of Adamski's pattern today is precisely the same. He continually uses witnesses' testimony, which he perverts to use in furthering his beliefs.)

Some Further Points Regarding Adamski's Claims

1. Mayme Maum was not present the day Detwiler returned the Brownie snapshots to Adamski, in spite of Desmond Leslie's claim that she was. I confronted her at the recent saucer convention at Giant Rock, California, and she admitted that she and I went up to Palomar together and arrived at a later time. When invited to walk the length of two automobiles to meet the Nelson Brothers who were present when the Brownie photos arrived, she reneged and backed down completely.

2. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Scully, as well as Hal and Wally Nelson, witnessed my efforts the same day as the Giant Rock Convention (March, 1955) to engage George Adamski in an out and out discussion of the Brownie snapshot. I challenged him and he evaded me for three solid hours.

3. Adamski has changed his space man story distinctly from the way it was the first several times I heard it. I took notes at the time,and therefore am sure that the story has changed.

4. The original communication between Adamski and the space man consisted purely of telepathy. His later meetings with these space men (after publication of "Flying Saucers Have Landed") always were in a bar in Los Angeles, where they met him and then supposedly drove him (as he can't see well enough to drive himself) to isolated spots for conferences. If space men are meeting people like George in bars, I feel that I prefer not to meet one myself!

Clark Hotel

5. I questioned George Williamson in April of 1954, to find out whether or not he ever saw the space man during the November 20th 1952 contact, and he answered me a straight NO! Furthermore, I told him I thought Adamski was lying about the material facts of the meeting, and that I believed if it happened at all it was spiritual in nature - and he agreed!

This was the point Adamski and I fell out on first. I contended that the law of averages prohibited life on other planets from being exactly as we are, because atomic nuclei respond differently to different atmospheric conditions. He replied that in order to get across to the people his teachings and philosophies, he couldn't be too"mystical", as he put it, and that he must present all the happenings on a very material basis because that is how people want them. I contended that this was as good as lying! He answered, "Sometimes to gain admittance, one has to go around by the back door." To gain admittance to what? The cloud of literary achievement? Or public acclaim? The latter I do not agree with!

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EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article is a review of "Inside the Space Ships", the book that Adamski wrote as a sequel to "Flying Saucers Have Landed". The article originally appeared in the October-November 1955 issue of SAUCER NEWS. Lonzo Dove, the author, is an amateur astronomer of considerable standing.

INSIDE THE SPACE SHIPS

- Reviewed by Lonzo Dove -

I feel that "Inside the Space Ships" deserves some blunt remarks to show it up for what it is. If the Space Men really spoke as quoted therein, their wisdom reflected in their space-craftmanship is utterly contradicted by their spoken ignorance of even the basic principles of the sciences of astronomy, optics, and biology.

On Page 76 of the book, Adamski, inside a saucer, views the Earth from a distance of 50,000 miles, and declares the apparent size of the Earth to be the same as that of the Sun. He also states that the planet Earth appears less bright than the Moon. Now, out there in open space, he did not have to guess. By turning his head he would have seen both the Sun and Moon, as

well as Earth, and from out there the Sun would appear the same size as from sunny California. The facts: From Earth, the Sun and Moon appear the same size, and subtend the same angle of 1/2 degree of arc. The Moon is 240,000 miles from Earth, and the diameter of the Moon is about one fourth that of Earth. The 50,000 mile viewpoint is about 1/5th the distance from Earth to Moon. If the Moon were only that far away, it would then appear 5 times larger in diameter, i. e., it would then subtend $2\frac{1}{2}$ degrees of arc. Since the Earth is 4 times larger than the Moon, from the same distance the Earth must appear 4 times 5, or 20 times larger than the Moon or Sun appear from the Earth's surface. In order to see the Earth as small as the Moon and Sun appear from Earth, the space ship would have to be somewhat over a million miles away, not a mere 50,000 miles. Even without the Sun out there to compare with, it would be hard to mistake a difference of 20 to 1 in size!

As for the brightness of the Earth as seen from space, it would be about the same as the similar planet Venus, which reflects 8 times more light than the Moon does. Earth and Venus are covered by highly reflective clouds and water surfaces, while the Moon is unobscured dark rocky material that reflects only 7 percent of the sunlight falling on it. Therefore, 50,000 miles away, the planet Earth, being larger and more shiny, would outshine the Moon by more than 3,000 times!

Adamski also says that the surface features on Earth were invisible from "up there". But just look at the published photographs taken from actual outer space rockets. The ground surface of Venus, far away as it is, shows enough through the denser clouds to enable me, by the help of a clue from the <u>real</u> flying saucers, to determine the axis rotation of that planet as 125.64 hours. Adamski, with all his claimed first-hand knowledge about Venus, could not tell us how long the Venusian day and night is!

On Page 158-159, Adamski betrays complete ignorance of the axis of rotation of our closest neighboring world, the Moon. Actually the Moon rotates relative to the Sun and stars in a period of about 27 1/3 days, with its axis poles at the North and South limbs of the globe as seen from Earth. The sunlight goes around the Moon in a West to East direction as it does around Earth from East to West. Therefore the temperature on the hidden side of the Moon is the same as on the side always turned toward Earth. And Adamski's statement about a temperate zone around the visible edges of the Moon is a physical absurdity. On the Moon, the zones of lesser sunlight are to the North and South, as on Earth and on Venus and Mars. The twilight zone moves around the Moon with its rotation, and we see the line cut the disk into the progressive phases from Full to Quarter to New, in shadow of night there.

On Page 86: Contrary to what is dogmatically stated here by Adamski, astronomers have never found a single group of 12 suns or stars revolving around a larger body, nor is such a system meant when astronomers speak of "island universes". This term means clusters or galaxies of numberless stars, each cluster isolated by the vastness of space. Furthermore, there are not 12 planets revolving around our Sun or star. Even if there were 3 more planets beyond the orbit of Pluto, where already the Sun is so far away that it looks like a bright star and gives out as much heat and light, such outer planets would be so dark and cold that organic molecules could never organize for the evolution of life. Mars is near the outer limit of the zone of life in the Solar System, and the next planet, Jupiter, is eternally frozen in mid-day sunshine.

It is ridiculous for Adamski to speak of "horses" and "cows" and "human beings" on Saturn or its satellites, or for that matter, on the Moon or Venus or Mars - unless they were transported there from the place of their origin, the Earth. Biological forms evolving on different planets would not take the same structure. Even on Earth, where all life arose from one source, but later became separated by wide barriers, animals adopted to similar environments. Though they develop similar habits, and may have similar size and general external form, they are not the same species. In Australia there are dog-like and bear-like animals, but they are marsupials, not mammals. If the isolation were more complete and for a longer time, perhaps man-like marsupials would have arisen; but they would not be human beings, and there could be no mating between the two groups, though both would be on the same planet and from the same earlier biological origin. How much more different man-like creatures of different planets must be by the chance orders and kinds of environments and ultimate origins on the molecular level. For example, I have determined that living cells on Mars are composed of deuterium, i. e., heavy hydrogen, instead of universally-abundant ordinary hydrogen as on Earth. In that case, they could not even eat food grown on Earth, nor could we do well on Martian vegetation, as proved by experiments in the laboratory with heavy hydrogen. Multiply such differences, and you can dismiss all "Venus Men".

On Page 78: Meteors darker than the darkness of outer space? Nothing can be darker than the background of empty space or the absence of reflected light. From a viewpoint far out in space, away from the shadow cone of the Earth or other heavenly body, any meteor close enough to be seen would be reflecting sunlight, and so would appear bright like stars, though meteors do not become self-luminous till they reach the friction of an atmosphere around a planet.

Adamski stalls us regarding that 6-foot telescope lens which he claims to have seen in the floor of the space ship, and through which he merely, without eyepiece, looked down upon Earth from "many miles high" and saw details on the ground - at midnight and with only a thin crescent Moon in the sky one February 18th! He says this machine was not like our man-made telescopes, and in this I agree. Aside from the impossibility of viewing a scene directly through an objective lens at one's feet, it is impossible to see more than a tiny point at a time, or to see in darkness. Even Adamski's alleged mysterious rays cannot do away with the blurring effect of a turbulent atmosphere which makes impossible any magnification beyond a certain limit. The larger the lens, the more collection of this blurring effect. A large lens alone does not mean high magnification, which depends on the distance the image is formed behind the lens, and the power of the little eyepiece by which the image is viewed. To say nothing of the mystery of Adamski's seeing the "black shadows" and "curving sides" of the cigar-shaped space ship down against the dark background of the Earth on a moonless midnight. (See Pages 51-54 and 157.)

The only way to observe fine details at great distance is to plant on the scene a transmitting instrument, under remote control from the flying saucer. This Adamski thinks of on pages 122 and 147-148, an idea original with me in my 1950 statements on the subject of flying saucers. But if the saucer has inside it the marvelous telescope described in the story, and if this telescope is able to look directly on a scene below it, then why the superfluous nonsense of sending out any observing devices? That marvelous upside-backward telescope was good enough to see the barnyard animals on Venus, which

scenery Adamski then saw for the first time - though this contradicts his own statements about having seen the wonders of Venus before the amazing episode related in "Inside the Space Ships".

I will pass over Adamski's unscientific "science" about the Sun not being hot, and about radiation not being heat until it passes through a planetary atmosphere, which automatically increases the heat and light to human needs according to the distance from the Sun. Adamski apparently does not realize that radiation mass-energy decreases with the square of the distance from a given area, and that the atmosphere of Saturn cannot increase this radiation to human tolerence level, nor can the atmosphere of Mercury, such as it is, decrease the close heat very much. If anyone wants to test this, merely place a thermometer inside a vacuum jar, and it will be discovered that the same temperature is registered in the vacuum as in atmosphere. The contrary statements are on Pages 51, 87, 89, and 158 of Adamski's book.

In the same unscientific class is the statement that ordinary sounds on Earth can be picked up miles away without a transmitter on the spot. Sound waves diminish with distance through air, and at a certain distance, according to the strength of the sound, it is completely masked by surrounding noises, and no amount of filtering or magnifying can bring the original sound to its original form. This corresponds to the blurring of fine visual details. See Pages 46 and 80 for the reversal of this fundamental law of nature!

Having passed over these errors and much more of the same sort, I now come to my favorite topic, those ever-present-with-Adamski photographs of space ships over the Moon or somewhere. In this his latest book, the alleged picture of the Moon can hardly be recognized as such. If his telescope is that bad, how could he get the earlier photos he claims to have taken? I have seen better, sharper photos of the Moon taken through a small toy telescope. Let us assume, however, that it is really the Moon in these photos, and not some unreasonable facsimile thereof. If the saucers over it are "near the Moon", then their size must be 25 to 150 miles in diameter, since the Moon from edge to edge is about 2,000 miles across. It is simply a matter of proportion and perspective.

Now to those relatively close-up photos of the cigar-shaped ship with port holes on the side, showing the faces of Adamski in one hole and of his Venus Man in the adjoining one - or so the book tells us. The book also says that these photos were taken with a camera that leaves no negatives for inspection, and that it was by artificial lighting from a scout ship whose pilot was taught the art of using this Earth gadget. Why the highly-advanced space travelers lacked a better picture-taking device is left dangling as one of the abtruse mysteries. Did the light shine on the whole side of the cigar-shaped ship, or just in a strip along the port holes? Is that elongated fuzzy blur the outline of the cigar-shaped space ship? If so, from the proportion of these windows to the whole image, those faces must be yards wide! This was, so Adamski says, a ship large enough to carry many regular saucers of the 30-foot variety. But let us assume that the holes are only as large as the faces show. The holes are described as being 6 feet through. Imagine a window as wide as a man's face and 6 feet through, like a long tube! It's no good for looking over the outside scenery of space, for the angle is too narrow. This would make the holes about 6 feet apart. A camera at several hundred feet away could barely see through both holes at once to show the two faces behind them, and at a hundred foot distance the inner ends of both tubes couldn't be seen as shown

in the picture. At the several hundred feet distance, human faces would not be identifiable. It is a matter of optical parallax and photographic resolution. But to cap the climax, out there in open space, 2½ hours by saucer from Earth, according to our Authority, why resort to artificial lights to take this blur of a photo, since the full sunshine blazed at all hours upon the polished silvery sides of the space ship?

It would be unfair to reveal what those nebulous patches of light with port holes and faces pasted on actually were originally, for that would spoil the fun of debunking the story the photos were meant to prove. Adamski himself, on page 248, admits how bad these photos were, and puts the blame on mysterious rays from the saucers. It happens that radiation spoilage of photographic materials can be identified. It does NOT blur the image placed there by the proper exposure, but it only superimposes upon the photograph a fog or spotty appearance evenly, most visible in the dark parts of the picture. So, this picture appears just as intended to appear - a blurred elongated nebulous light with a background of darkness. Why Adamski didn't include the Earth or Venus, by that marvelous television machine on the saucer, as added evidence, only he can answer. He has photos of saucers over the Moon, so when he had the chance of a lifetime, how could he miss the opportunity to take a photo of the cigar-shaped ship with the Earth as a distant background decoration?

In conclusion, let me affirm that I am not "scoffing at the new wonders" of Adamski, as he predicts in this book that the critics will do; but I am merely pointing out the demonstrable flaws in a few of the crucial details of his story, with the honest hope that rational people will decide positively whether they still believe Adamski took his rides in a flying saucer or ever took a photo of a saucer, with or without his telescope.

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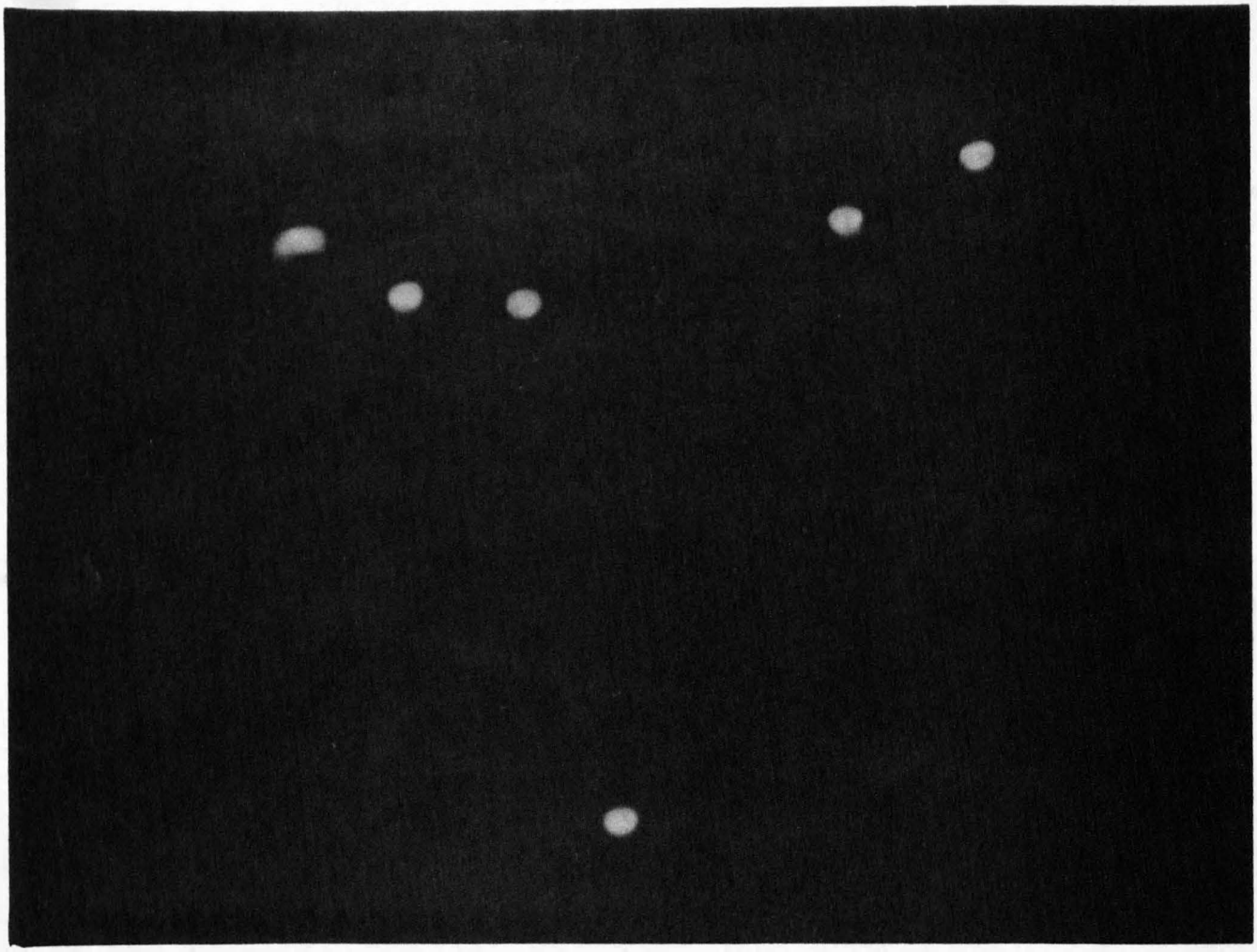
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THE ABOVE PHOTO was taken last summer by a Jersey City, N.J., man named Robert Stevens. Mr. Stevens was watching the night sky with a telescope, when a flight of strange-looking lights came suddenly into view. Fortunately he had a camera with him, and was able to take several pictures of the objects, of which this one is the best. Stevens said that the mystery lights had an apparent size slightly larger than stars. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

We are really sorry that this issue of SAUCER NEWS is reaching you so far behind schedule. Contrary to rumor,we were not closed down; in fact, there was nothing mysterious about our long silence. The fact is that your Editor is in a business which demands that he be away from his Fort Lee desk for several months each year. Printing SAUCER NEWS is only a part-time occupation,and at times it must take second place to more urgent matters. We will appreciate your patience in the future if other issues of this magazine are occasionally delayed.

In this issue we are including a larger number of saucer sightings than usual, even though they will be considerably out of date by the time the magazine reaches you. Our sources of information are world-wide, and all the sightings printed herein are either of unusual interest or else received so little national publicity that you in all probability have not heard of them before.

As always, we welcome your comments and criticisms. Send all mail to P.O. Box 163, Fort Lee, New Jersey.

We now have available two almost complete sets of URANUS, the best of the British saucer magazines. These sets include the issues dated Dec. 1954 through October 1956, inclusive, (10 issues altogether), and will be sold for $4.00 per set. We also have for sale, at long last, a booklet entitled "Mystery on the Desert - a New Revelation of Ancient Peru". This is the booklet on which was based your Editor's April 1955 article in SAUCER NEWS, and his October 1955 article in FATE Magazine. The price is $2.00 each. We expect the demand for this book to be large - so first come, first served.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Concerning Radiation Article in the June-July Issue

I've recently returned from a month's visit to the Soviet Union,with four days' stopover in Prague. I thought you might be interested to learn that UFO's of the classical type (glowing, fast-moving, quick-turning, etc.) have definitely been seen by pilots of both the Czech and Soviet airlines during the past year or so. In my own view, such evidence militates strongly against your hypothesis that authentic UFO's are secret U.S. military devices. We might be clumsy or imprudent enough to test such gadgets over Washington, D. C., and in civil air lanes; but it strains credulity to think that we've put them into the Czech and Soviet air lanes.

GEORGE L. KLINE
New York, N.Y.

Now you've gone and spilled it. I mean your article, "The Solution to the Flying Saucer Mystery". You look out now, for you're in quite a jam. They're surely after you. I'll tell you who that Organization is: It is the Deros - those evil men that live underground. Mr. Shaver tells about them in Palmer's magazine MYSTIC. They are pretty bad people. So you better watch out from now on.

E. B. WAETZIG
Orchards, Washington

You're getting pretty high in the classification ranks when you speak of a project so secret that even Ruppelt's Project Bluebook didn't know about it. Ruppelt could walk into any atomic, etc., installation in America and converse with any scientist there. This means "Q" security clearance.....While there is knowledge that is secret, there are always people probing to detect that secret. To assume that this "Organization" has kept its project absolutely quiet since 1946 is almost unbelievable.

Another point: If the atmosphere is at the danger point it means that there is enough radiation in the atmosphere to injure humanity if not destroy it. In view of such a calamity it would be natural for the U.S. and Russia to realize that to continue bomb tests would be suicidal. Yet these A and H bomb tests continue to get bigger and bigger....

Concerning the performance of the UFO's: In your article a couple of years ago you stated that earth-msde saucers can travel up to 2,500 m.p.h. Obviously the propulsion has become more efficient now, for your last article gave 4,000 m.p.h. as the top speed. Anyhow, after an extensive investigation with top U.S. scientists, Ruppelt had this to say about saucers: "If flying saucers exist they are interplanetary;There is no other explanation for the fantastic speeds and maneuvers"....

T. M. COMELLA
Shaker Heights, Ohio

Your article is most interesting and most startling. I read it through several times before I started this letter to you. At first I thought it was fantastic,but I started putting items in their proper perspective,and the article took shape as a very definite policy. I am fully in agreement with your ideas and theories because whatever way you look at it, they fit!

DAVIS PARNABY
Quinton, Birmingham,
England

Miscellaneous Letters to the Editor

Something of recent occurrence has aroused my suspicion concerning the United Artists film "Unidentified Flying Objects". This picture was released in the early part of August and after only a few weeks in circulation was suddenly withdrawn. I am a projectionist in a local theatre here, so was able to follow the progress of the picture through the various trade journals we receive. Although the picture is still listed in the release charts of these magazines, after about the middle of August I could not find the picture running in any Connecticut theatres.

I hardly think the picture was a box office failure... The only conclusion I can come to is that some kind of censorship must be involved.

WILLIAM LABB
Meriden, Conn.

In the June-July issue of SAUCER NEWS there is a letter on page eleven from Mr. Jim Fugatt, who explains that he has proof that little green men actually exist. Since $1000 is at stake, I presume you have investigated. I would like to know the outcome of your investigation. Has Mr. Fugatt shown you his proof? If he has, have you accepted it?

LARRY KALINOWSKI
Detroit, Michigan

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Kalinowski refers to a reward I offered in the December-January (1955-1956) issue of SAUCER NEWS. I said that I will give $1000 to the first person who can produce conclusive proof of the existence of space men. This offer still stands. The only person so far who has written in with serious evidence to claim the reward, is the Mr. Fugatt referred to above. He and I are still in correspondence, but I have not yet had the opportunity to visit him to see if he can prove the evidence he claims to have.)

A RARE UFO - THE "FLYING SERPENT"

- by Frank Reid -

Among various "odd" U.F.O. reports, there are a few of "serpents in the sky". Although few in number, they are very hard to explain as natural phenomena.

Harold T. Wilkins' book,"Flying Saucers on the Attack" has two of these early reports in it:

A "twisting serpent", descending toward the ground, that lit up the town of Bideford, Devon, England, for six minutes, and then faded away, on Dec. 5, 1762.

A "serpent of fire"that appeared over Geneva, Switzerland on May 15, 1811. It took the form of a horseshoe and moved slowly to the west. It was observed through a telescope to be made up of separate segments in its brightest section. It was also seen in Paris, France.

Charles Fort notes some similar phenomena in "Lo!": They are:

A thing like an enormous serpent seen floating over farms near Bonham, Texas, in early July, 1873. It was seen by several people; it scared workers in the fields.

About a day later, something like the Bonham "serpent" was reported from Fort Scott, Kansas. Fort quotes the New York Times: "About half way above the horizon, the form of a huge serpent, apparently perfect in form, was plainly seen."

In late May, 1888, there were several reports from various places in Darlington County, South Carolina, concerning a huge serpent in the sky that moved with a hissing sound- the only time any sound has been heard to come directly from one of these things.

The next cases I want to mention, are recorded by Vincent H. Gaddis, a noted researcher of unusual phenomena. These are the most recent reports I know of:

In March, 1935, something described as "a large shining form resembling a gigantic snake, wriggling forth in the northwestern sky" was seen over southern Norway and over Denmark. A newspaper correspondent said that it had 4 or 5 curves, was in a vertical position with its "head" toward the earth, and was very brilliant. There were no clouds and the thing was seen clearly.

The same or a similar object was seen twice over the city of Cruz Alta, Brazil, in December, 1935. It reappeared in July, 1937, over Cruz Alta. This time its "head", in position toward the earth, appeared as a ball of fire.

It should be noted that Vaughn Maynard Greene, in his letter printed in the January, 1955 issue of FATE, mentions one of the December 1935 Cruz Alta reports, in support of the "space animal" theory for saucers. I, however, disagree, because in its reappearance in 1937, the serpent had a fiery "head". While there may be space animals, it is unlikely that such a creature would go about with its head on fire!

I myself have dug up something that may have a bearing on this subject.

It seems that in the summer of 1937 (note the nearness to the most recent serpent sighting), a Mr. G. B. Lincoln was vacationing on Long Island. Among other things,he took a picture of the sky. To his amazement, the photograph, when developed, showed a lot of streaks in the sky looped in the shape of letter "L"'s as written in script. Mr. Lincoln wrote a letter to a photography magazine, enclosing a print of the photo. The letter and photograph were included in the March, 1939 issue of this magazine.

The explanation for the streaks was said to be merely a swarm of gnats, flying about in front of the camera. However, this overlooks the fact that all the gnats would have to be doing the same maneuver.

The photo is not as clear as one could want. Also, some of the streaks are rather faint, although they are all exactly in the same shape. Perhaps the picture isn't anything at all, but then it might be very important.

Well, there you have it. Nine sightings and a doubtful photograph.

Are there such things as flying serpents? Are they,perhaps, a special type of object used for some unknown purpose? Or are they the vehicle of beings who only occasionally visit our Earth?

I don't know. Do you?

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MY OPINION ON THE ADAMSKI CONTROVERSY

- by Aime Michel -

(This article is by the author of the best-selling French book"The Truth About Flying Saucers". It was translated from the French by Jim Villard.)

As soon as I heard of Adamski's two books, I began doing a lot of thinking about them. If these books are true, they certainly represent an extremely important contribution to the solution of the flying saucer mystery. But the problem is, can Mr. Adamski's claims be verified? The truth is that they have not been as yet. I have given a lot of attention to this subject, and here are the results of my research:

In France we have not heard very much about Adamski. His books give no details about his personality, character, integrity, etc. One therefore has to judge him solely by his books.

First, the photos: They are very interesting. I have shown them to various well-known experts, among them the Chief of Photography for the Bulletin of the Astronomical Society of France. Their answers were always the same: "I cannot tell if the pictures are real. What I can tell you, however,is that it is easy to make false photos identical to those of Adamski!" So, they could be real,but it is impossible to prove it. Far from being proofs in themselves, the photos themselves need to be proved. One of these experts also said, "Suppose you were to show me a cane and tell me it belonged to Napoleon. I would have no way of knowing if this was true, because anyone can present a cane under certain conditions (i. e., belonging to the period of Napoleon), and claim that it was Napoleon's cane. Adamski's photos belong to the same category. Only he knows whether they are real or not."

Secondly, the story itself: (A) At first glance, the story is very suspicious. Why? Because Adamski describes the Venusians as being of human appearance. On our Earth people vary greatly among each other in their physical appearance - in skin color, for example. Going back into history, mankind was even more different - Neanderthal, Cro-Magnon, etc. Therefore, we must assume that the planet from which Adamski's Venusians come is exactly the same as Earth, and had the same history; but this <u>isn't</u> the case with Venus!

(B) Paleontology shows that there is an infinite variety of life on this Earth and that two identical beings have never been produced by different origins. This is one of the most certain laws of science. It is therefore impossible that beings who are the product of a different evolution from that of human beings, could look like we do. If Venusians exist, they couldn't in any way resemble the description Mr. Adamski gives of them.

Thirdly,the most questionable thing in Adamski's books is that he wants to prove what he has seen, by pictures, testimonies, etc. As some of the scientists I have met have said, if he really had met these extra-terrestial beings he would have absolute and indisputable evidence. For instance, his space friends could have told him an unknown scientific fact, such as the cure for cancer, and this information could then be very easily proved. Or, as another example, they could have given Adamski a demonstration of the famous theory of Ferma - something which mathematicians lost in the 17th century, and which has never been found again. This theory has no use, and it can not harm Man in any way. But its demonstration would undoubtedly prove Adamski's story.

In summary, I don't think much of Adamski's books. People who are equally as religious and respectable as Adamski, feel that he hasn't seen anything. In view of all this uncertainty, I choose to be open-minded. I am sure that if his story is true, he can give proof. Until he does, I reserve my judgment.

they apparently became frightened and left. They just got into the ball and vanished." (Editor's Note: Could these be the three men Gray Barker talks about in his book? Hmmmmm??)

SAUCER SCARE IN WICHITA, KANSAS AREA: Flying saucers were seen on the night of July 18th by a number of persons in the vicinity of Burden, Kansas. The most interesting sighting was made by a highway patrolman named Dick Hadsall. After receiving a number of calls about mysterious lights being seen near Arkansas City, Hadsall set out in his patrol car to investigate, accompanied by a photographer and newsman from the Arkansas City newspaper. At the north edge of the city he and his companions also spotted two flying objects, which they described as looking like "two 200 watt light bulbs flying across the sky." Brian Coyne, the newsman, watched the lights through binoculars, and said that "both appeared to have lines of fire extending from them both vertically and horizontally at all times." The group watched the objects move about in the sky till almost dawn, during which time still more reports were received from other residents of the area.

MILITARY PILOTS HAVE ORDERS TO SHOOT DOWN SAUCERS! According to a press report of last July, American military pilots have,and have had since 1949, orders to engage flying saucers in combat and to shoot them down if possible. This story apparently originates from Hawaii, where a naval air station reserve squadron was briefed on extensive operational procedures to follow in the event they should encounter a saucer;The Hawaiian Air Defense Command reportedly is on the alert for saucers at the present time, and if one is sighted, pilots throughout the islands,armed with various new-type weapons, will be scrambled into the air ready to fight. - This story has been confirmed by Irwin R. Vermillion, a California saucer lecturer, who is a C.A.A. flight examiner and a former Air Force bomber pilot. Vermillion added that "it is imperative that the Air Force get a tangible fragment of a flying saucer, from which to detect its possible origin and construction."

REPORT OF MARTIAN CATTLE RUSTLERS IS HOAX: Widespread reports from Twin Falls, Idaho last September, of a steer being kidnapped by a flying saucer, turned out to be nothing more than a hoax. It all began when E. L. Rayborn, a Twin Falls attorney and rancher, reported to a deputy sheriff that a steer was missing from his farm. Somehow the following story got onto the wire services: "...A strange object about 200 feet in diameter flying with a whirling effect swooped to where a 400-pound Hereford steer was standing. Then the object speeded off like a streak of light and the animal was gone." Rayborn, after a deluge of telephone calls,said that the steer was still missing, but that he doubts if any Martians were responsible after all.

"ANTI-WORLD UNIVERSE" MAY EXIST: Dr. Emilio Segre, one of the world's best-known physicists, has put forward a theory that another universe may exist that is in every scientific sense completely opposite and hostile to the one of which Earth is a part. If the two universes were to approach one another, mutual annihilation would begin immediately, and catastrophic amounts of energy would be released at once. Such is one of the possibilities resulting from the recent discovery of the physical partical called "anti-protron",in which discovery Dr. Segre played a major role. When an anti-protron meets a protron in a normal atom, more energy is released than by the splitting of nine atoms of uranium. "We must suppose," says Dr. Segre, "that somewhere there are anti-protrons and anti-electrons equal in number to those in our own universe."

RECENT NEWS STORIES

CALIFORNIA WOMAN STARTLED BY BRIGHTLY-LIT SAUCER OUTSIDE HER HOME: At about 3 a.m. last July 20th, Mrs. Marion Ager of Long Beach, California, was awakened by a brilliant light, as if some huge searchlight had suddenly been turned on outside her front window. For a moment, she was too awed to move. Then, turning around toward the window, this is what she saw: A circular-shaped object, the size of which was difficult to determine for lack of something to compare it to, all of it colored bright red, with a smaller bright light in the center of it. Spaced evenly around its outer edges were wire-like "feelers". While the object hung suspended in mid-air, the "feelers" suddenly began rotating like a pinwheel. After three or four revolutions, the object shot off at almost incredible speed in the direction of Santa Ana, and was out of sight in a matter of seconds.

FALLING MYSTERY OBJECT ALMOST HITS WOMAN: This story goes all the way back to June 20th, but it's so interesting that we want to print it. Mrs. George Kerwin, of Toledo, Ohio, was mowing her yard on that date when a falling piece of metal almost hit her on the head. The object was examined by a physics professor at Defiance College, who found that it contains nine minerals, principally silicon and copper. The professor says that this indicates it is part of a flying missile or saucer, rather than from an ordinary aircraft. Said he cryptically, "We have had some unusual things occur similar to this which cause me to believe these objects come from flying missiles."However, another professor from the same university disagrees, and contends that the metal is nothing more than accumulated waste expelled from the exhaust of a jet plane. Mrs. Kerwin accepts this scientific disagreement calmly. She says that until a little green man knocks at her door and asks for return of the piece of his saucer, she will keep it as a souvenir.

SPACE MEN VISIT LOS ANGELES AREA (AS USUAL): Ho-hum, more Venusians in Southern California. This time the story is dated July 20th, and comes separately from three persons in the Panorama City area. There were three spacemen also - six feet, eight inches tall, with blond hair hanging down over their shoulders, and wearing tight green suits. They began their reported adventures by telling a housewife that they were from Venus, but not to be afraid. The lady told reporters,"I thought this was some kind of stunt for a movie company, so I told them to get off my property." Minutes after this weird incident, a telephone lineman working in Van Nuys (who, like the housewife, refused to give his name), saw "a big ball that dropped about a foot from the pole on which I was working." He went on to say: "I was so scared that I felt like getting on top of the pole, but instead I climbed down and started to inspect the huge ball. Just then,three guys walked right through the ball and came toward me." The men shook his hand, and showed no hostility. "They seemed to be holding some kind of mental communication among themselves, but they spoke with their mouths to me,"claimed the lineman. The third witness also saw the big ball. It landed in his front yard, and the three men got out. Said the witness: "The dogs kept barking so loudly that



SAUCER ESCAPES FROM IRISHMAN ON WAY TO POLICE HEADQUARTERS: A "level-headed, God-fearing" Irish farmer named Thomas Hutchinson claimed last Sept.8th that he was running to the police station with a captured flying saucer in his arms, when the object suddenly escaped. A Royal Air Force officer said that what Hutchinson picked up must have been a weather balloon, but local police preferred the farmer's version of the story. Hutchinson said he and his wife saw the saucer drop from the clouds into a bog 200 yards from his front door, shortly after lunch. It was egg-shaped, about 3 feet high and 18 inches in diameter. The object was bright red with two dark red marks at the end and three dark red stripes. It had a saucer-shaped base. When Hutchinson kicked it over, it returned to its original position. When he got down on his knees for a closer examination, it began to spin. So he put a hammer lock on it and started toward the police station. But on the way over he had to put it down for a moment, and that's when the thing rose up into the air and took off out of sight.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM OVERSEAS: Dr. Rolf Alexander of Devon, England, claims to have the ability to make clouds disappear by mental concentration. In a recent filmed television appearance, Dr. Rolf concentrated for seven minutes on a "target" cloud, after which time it disappeared, while a larger "control" cloud nearby remained where it was.....Last Sept. 1st, a saucer set off an alert all along Britain's south coast radar defense system. For hours the radar screens showed a "blip" which should not have been there. Jet aircraft sent to investigate were plotted across the screens, and their tracks went right through the mystery "blip"; but the crews reported, "We have seen nothing." The object was seen visually by the crew of a Meteor airplane, but whatever it was, it remained unidentified.....Hundreds of small frogs fell to the main square of Verona, Italy, during a storm on July 18th. The frogs were still alive when they landed in the town, and made for the puddles of water in the square. This incident has been "explained away" by saying that the frogs were caught up from lagoons in Venice, by a whirlwind....Flying saucers caused a big stir in Anglesey, England, on Sept. 9th, but this time they were not the real thing. Motorists saw two land in a field about three miles from the road, while a third climbed to 3,000 feet, and then returned in the direction of a nearby R.A.F. camp. Inquiries at the camp disclosed that the machines were radio-controlled "scale models of saucers",made by a young corporal at the camp. The question remains, however: scale models of <u>what</u> saucers? One can't make a scale model unless one knows the dimensions of the real thing!



FLYING SAUCER LANDING? No, it's only a "radome", or housing for radar, on a new type plane under test flight for the U. S. Navy. Workmen took this photo for a gag.

MYSTERY LIGHT BURNS HOLE IN STREET: St. Paul, Minn., Sept. 22nd: Residents of a residential area of St. Paul were surprised last night by a strange light from a small molten mass that burned a hole in a street and lit up the neighborhood at 12-30 a.m. George White, one of the witnesses,said he awakened at that hour to find his room as bright as from a large ceiling light. He noted that the light came from the street, but when it died out a few minutes later, he went back to sleep. This morning (Sept. 22nd) residents found a hole about a foot long and two inches deep and wide in the pavement surface. The hole was encrusted with a molten white material resembling plaster of paris, but heavier. White stated that he believes the object, whatever it was, fell from the sky.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON SAUCER DAMAGED IN CRASH: Last August 25th, an American-made flying saucer (RF84-F), attached to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base at Dayton, Ohio, was badly damaged when it crash-landed on takeoff after losing power. The pilot, First Lieutenant Paul L. Maier, blew the canopy off his plane immediately upon landing. He escaped with only a bruised ankle. The plane settled rapidly and crashed into a construction area at the end of the runway. Fire equipment was reported hampered in reaching the plane because of runway construction work, and the fire could not be quickly extinguished.

FLYING SAUCER RECORD IN HOT WATER: It seems that saucers cause trouble and confusion even when they're only on wax. The top-selling record "Flying Saucer" is being sued by a number of other record companies for alleged infringement of copyright. The saucer record uses no less than 15 short inserts from other popular records, and now that the disc is making big money, the competition wants their share of the loot. In addition, "Saucer" is in trouble on another score: The NBC and ABC radio networks have banned it for being too scary. It seems they still remember the trouble caused by Orsen Welles' "War of the Worlds" broadcast a few years back, and they are taking no chances on a repeat performance of what happened then. Although the record is full of gags, it uses a documentary style similar to the Welles broadcast. "Saucer" has even been banned on some British stations, "because people might take it seriously and panic."

PLANE HITS MYSTERY OBJECT, LANDS SAFELY: On July 23rd, a twin-engined Air Force transport plane made an emergency landing at Kern County Airport (California),after it was struck by an unidentified object while flying at 16,000 feet. The pilot of the plane, Major M.M. Stenvers, told C.A.A. officials that he heard a loud bang and felt the plane shudder as it was flying through clear weather at about 11 a.m. He said the plane then went into an uncontrolled dive and didn't pull out until it had reached about 7,000 feet. Major Stenvers said he regained only partial control of the plane, and radioed Kern Airport that he was coming in for an emergency landing, and that crash equipment should be called to the field. The plane carried three other men besides Major Stenvers. They suffered only minor injuries. Officials at the airport reported that half the plane's left elevator control surface was gone. One official said it looked like "something had struck it from above." - A few days after this incident the Air Force announced it had solved the mystery. Official explanation: metal fatigue!

WEIRD, WHIRLING LIGHT FRIGHTENS PENNSYLVANIA WOMAN: A lady living in Juniata, Pa., who preferred not to give her name to the papers, told of an unnerving experience she had last August 27th. Said she: "I stepped out onto my back porch at about 11 p.m.,and a bright light immediately attract-

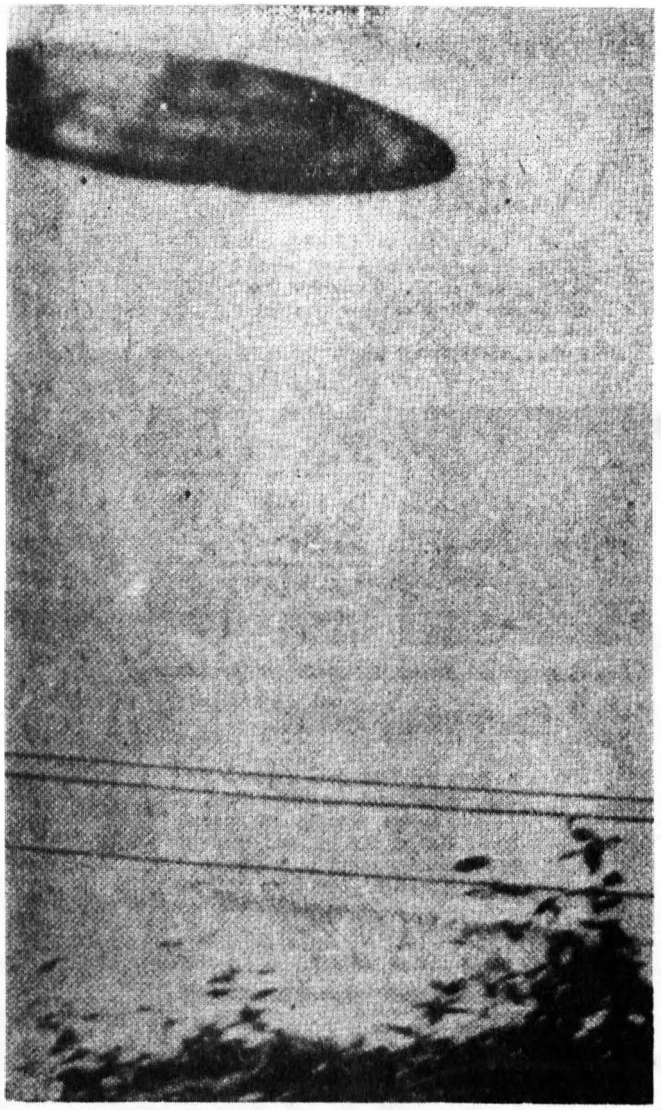
ed my attention. In the center of my neighbor's yard, I saw a disc-like object 2 or 3 feet in diameter, about 4 feet above the ground. Almost at the instant I looked at it, it started to rise rapidly. As it rose, it looked as though it had a plastic dome, but it went up so rapidly that I couldn't be sure. A cold wind seemed to come from it, and I felt as though I was freezing. The object rose to a height of about 20 feet. Both my yard and my neighbor's yard were as bright as day, and I could see every blade of grass and every flower clearly. As the object continued to go up, its roof lit up momentarily, and at that time I could see for a distance of about three blocks. As the thing went still higher, it appeared to get smaller, but it continued to be bright."Later,careful examination of the yard by the woman and her husband produced no physical evidence that the mysterious object had been there.

SAUCER BRIEFS: Believe it or not, the term "saucers" in reference to unidentified flying objects was first used on Jan. 25, 1878. On that date, John Martin, a farmer living near Denison, Texas, saw an object high in the sky, and in describing it for the Denison Daily News, he said: "It was about the size of a large saucer...." So it wasn't Kenneth Arnold after all who first used the term, though he certainly revived its use.....On July 29th of this year, three women of Oakland, California, reported seeing a mysterious sparkling light fall to earth. Police officers searched a square-mile area but were unable to find anything.....Prof. Alfred Naon, publisher of a Swiss saucer magazine, announced that at Christmas he would start a "hunger strike until death" to force an end to A-bomb and H-bomb explosions which, he feels, are endangering interplanetary relations....

In Van Wert, Ohio, a woman reported last August that "every two weeks, all summer long, early in the morning,there has been the most unearthly, weird, soul-shriveling shrieking," that strikes terror into the hearts of the sleeping residents of her neighborhood. She thinks it's an animal of some sort.....The much-publicized flying saucer sighting days, June 30th and Sept. 8th, are reported to have been something of a flop.....Charlotte, N.C., August 11th: Mrs. Frank Middleton of Derita said that the roof sailed off her barn, flipped three times and landed in the yard. Weathermen found no signs of a freak tornado and police could discover no signs of an explosion. (Our thanks to Professor Frank Reid for that one.)....On August 4th, a former Air Force pilot from Dallas, who refused to give his name to the press, watched a brilliant saucer which seemed to maneuver through a dark cloud. The man, accompanied by his wife and children, watched it for over two hours and took several photographs of it....

The latest report of a sea monster comes from a remote section of the Alaskan coast, where two fishermen tell of having examined the carcass of the weird creature, as it lay rotting on the beach. The creature is said to have a head that measures 5½ feet across, eye sockets 7 to 9 inches in diameter, 42 inches apart, and reddish-brown hair 2 inches long....As of Sept. 10th, Intelligence experts are reported in a tizzy over radar sightings of mysterious objects over the Baltic Sea. For at least three weeks, the NATO radar station on Denmark's Bornholm Island tracked the objects at night, flying at speeds of 2,000 to 2,500 m.p.h. The mysterious objects are said to be coming from the Peenemunde area of Russian-occupied East Germany. They fly from east to west, and then turn back in a wide arc.....On July 24th, monstrous spacemen were said to have landed in a thousand-foot-long flying cigar on an Andean peak in Argentina. The National Police could not confirm the scare rumor, but warned everyone to watch out for an invasion. A mining engineer said he sighted "gigantic human tracks" on an extinct volcano called El Macon. While urging Argentinians to remain calm, police said they had found other traces that just might belong to the space visitors....

CALIFORNIA BOY PHOTOGRAPHS SAUCER(See picture on right) - In San Bernadino, California, Michael Savage,a 15-year-old school boy, told the following story last July 25th:"As I was returning home, I decided to buy a camera. It was a birthday present,for which my folks had given me the money. I stopped at a camera store and got a Brownie This was the first time I had ever had a camera. I took a bus home and when I arrived I started to take some pictures of my house at random to see if the camera took good pictures or not. I was lying on the grass in the back yard about to take a picture, when suddenly a movement caught my eye. I turned, and saw a disc-shaped object not too far away, which was receding rapidly. Immediately on seeing it, I turned my camera and took a quick shot because of its strange shape. .....The object did not disappear over the horizon, but seemed to shrink as it disappeared. It was gone within 30 seconds after I spotted it." Air Force officials are supposedly investigating the photo. In our opinion, it is probably genuine,for if it is true that this boy knew nothing about photography, then he could hardly have faked it.



SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED BY JERSEY YOUTH: A story quite similar to the one above, dated August 30th, comes right from-our home state of New Jersey. This time the photographer was a 14-year-old boy named Laszlo Matyasovszky, living in New Brunswick. He was taking a picture of his cat in the back yard when he spotted a saucer. It was moving fast, like a jet-powered plane, he said. The object was silver in color, and had a "cap" on top, which was a brilliant red. The boy could not estimate the size or altitude of the craft. We have a copy of his photo, but aren't printing it in SAUCER NEWS as there is not enough contrast in the picture for it to print well.

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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows John Nebel (foreground) at the microphone of his Long John Program, heard six nights a week from 12 midnight to 5-30 a.m. over radio station WOR in New York. This program features discussions on saucers, treasure hunting, and other off-beat subjects. Among the many saucer personalities who have appeared on the Long John Program are Howard Menger, Daniel Fry, George Van Tassel, August Roberts, John Otto, and various members of New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group. (Photo from the files of August Roberts.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

In the letter of mine you published in the October-November SAUCER NEWS, I should have said, "If and when the Earth Theory is proven true, as it may be some day, your light will shine." The flying saucers are still a big mystery as far as I am concerned.

It has always seemed to me that the possibility that some advanced race on earth (unknown because they desire it so) is responsible for some of the strange craft seen in our skies, has not been explored enough, or at all, for that matter. Cigar-shaped ships were often reported in the Mt. Shasta area as far back as 1936. I also feel that some of the saucers come from outer space.

MARY J. HYDE
Alexandria, Va.

I regret to announce that my bulletin "Satellite" will no longer be printed, due to lack of funds. Thanks for the plug. I was just getting established when money ran out, and I have nothing to fall back on.

I will continue to write articles, etc. I have enjoyed reading your magazine, particularly the articles by Justin Case. It seems to me, however, that your ideas fall far short of explaining the key UFO cases, which are the ones I am concerned with. Lots of things are reported as UFO's, (including, possibly, secret devices), but what are the "unknowns"?

RICHARD HALL
New Orleans, La.

I found the October-November issue of SAUCER NEWS particularly interesting. I just wish there were time to comment in detail. You do a much-needed service by publishing careful, thorough, well-written book reviews in the UFO field. We get so little of this sort of thing. Most saucer book reviews are written either by the ignorant skeptics of the J. Leonard variety or else they are almost equally uncritical descriptions written by "Believers" of various stripes.....

ISABEL DAVIS
New York, N.Y.

Congratulations on the October-November SAUCER NEWS. I don't know how you do it!....

The Guzman story is certainly nicely relevant to the contact claims....Dick Hall has done a beautiful job in a few words. I admire his article all the more on rereading it carefully....

My main reason for writing you is to endorse with enthusiasm your proposal to republish your Adamski expose material. I am quite sure it is too little known. Perhaps, while you're at it, you could say something about Adamski's early fiction book, "Pioneers of Space". And how many people remember Adamski's first appearances? In Fate Magazine, September 1950, he published a static-spark photograph that he claimed was an object he had seen, and in the July 1951 Fate he presented a group of photos that came to grief when Lonzo Dove and several others pointed out a "shadow" cast in a wholly impossible manner. These early appearances (as "Professor" Adamski) deserve to be recalled. As a matter of fact, in California newspapers there are doubtlessly early claims of his even more tell-tale than the Fate pieces, if you have any way to get hold of them. We have long needed a collection of anti-Adamski evidence. I can hardly think of any more useful project. Congratulations for undertaking it.

LEX MEBANE
New York, N.Y.

I read with interest your reference to me among others while writing in your October-November issue about a fund left in trust to the French Academy of Sciences in 1804 by a woman named Guzman. The truth is that I have known about this fund and several others, for a number of years....

I would respectfully comment on your reference to my endeavors as related to the Guzman will, in this manner: My efforts at extra-terrestrial communication have, to date, been restricted to occupants of craft deemed extraterrestrial in point of origin. However, to date, I have not attempted to establish mechanical or other types of communication with "heavenly bodies", as worded in the Guzman will.

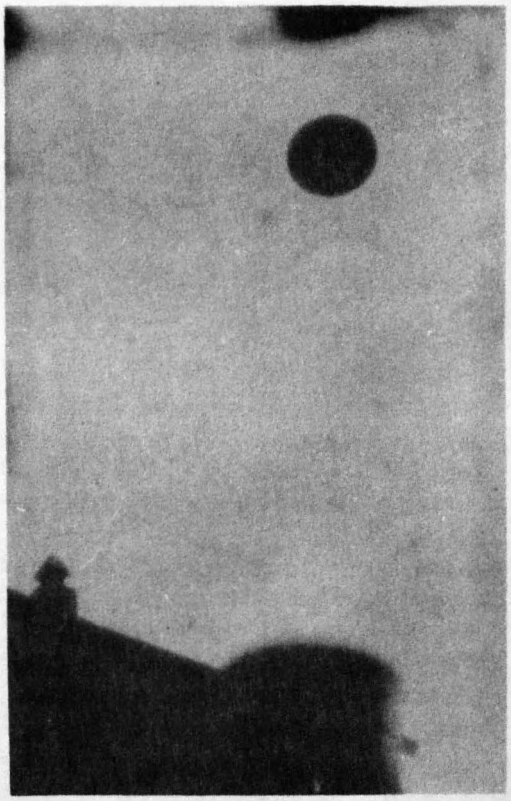
In further comment, I would say that there are probably many persons and organizations attempting actual interplanetary body or "heavenly body" communications that wouldn't move a finger to acquire bequeathed legacies. Their adamant attitude would in no way reduce the validity of their research and efforts. It would in my estimation show their truly honest intent, for I realize, as thinking people do, that the wills of the deceased have a way of finding their level, as do all other things in this universe! I personally have a disgust for people who would chase after monies left by someone else's efforts. It reminds me very much of vultures picking at the bones of decaying remains!

I suppose I should thank you for inserting my name in your bulletin, even though every time I do read it, it is with some round-about pass at my integrity.

I have thoroughly enjoyed your last few issues. Your reporting is getting better...JOHN OTTO
Chicago, Illinois

- IMPORTANT NOTICE -

Over the years, the SAUCER NEWS free mailing list has grown from a few saucer editors and publishers to an unwieldy list of several hundred individuals and organizations. We have now decided to take off the list the names that do not really belong on it. This will therefore be the last free issue sent to a number of people. Those who remain on the list will fall roughly into the following categories: (1) Editors and publishers who receive SAUCER NEWS on an exchange basis; (2) People who contribute articles or other material to SAUCER NEWS; (3) Overseas patrons who cannot easily subscribe because of currency restrictions in their home countries; (4) Former saucer editors and publishers, and others who keep in touch at least occasionally to let us know they are receiving their issues; (5) Personal friends of the Editor.



THE PHOTO ON THE RIGHT was taken by Mr. Yusuke Matsumura on January 17, 1957, at about 9-45 a.m., in the back yard of his home in Yokohama, Japan. The original print is said to be clearer than this one. The picture is probably a fake, in our opinion.

EDITORIAL NOTES

BACK ISSUES: In addition to the back issues of SAUCER NEWS and Nexus (original name for S.N.) that have been available all along, we have recently acquired a few copies of Nexus #1, #2, and #3, as well as issue #12, which was our first issue under the name SAUCER NEWS. For the convenience of those who will want to purchase back issues while they last, we give below a complete list of the issues available, together with their prices and the features of unusual interest they contain.

Nexus #1 (July 1954) - $1.00
Nexus #2 (Aug. 1954) - 50¢
Nexus #3 (Sept.1954) - 50¢ - Contains the controversial "Wright Field Story", which was later reprinted in part by Harold T. Wilkins and others.
Nexus #7 (Jan. 1955) - 50¢ (only one copy left)- Contains the original expose by James Moseley on George Adamski's book "Flying Saucers Have Landed".
Nexus #8 (Feb. 1955) - 35¢* - Contains the original "Earth Theory"article by James Moseley.
Nexus #9 (March, 1955) - 35¢* - Contains an important article by Frank Scully.
Nexus #10 (April, 1955) - 35¢* - Contains Moseley's noted article on the mysterious lines to be found on the Peruvian desert. This story was later expanded for an article that appeared in Fate Magazine.
Nexus #11 (May, 1955) - 35¢* - Contains articles by Desmond Leslie, Frank Scully, and M. K. Jessup.
Saucer News #12 (June-July, 1955) - 50¢ (very few left) - Contains a second expose article on George Adamski.
S.N. #13 (Aug.-Sept. 1955) - 35¢*
S.N. #16 (Feb.-March 1956) - 50¢ (only one copy left) - Contains the story of Albert K. Bender's famous "hush up". This is one of the most mysterious cases in the history of saucer research.
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Any issues marked with a star (*) on the list above may be had at the price of 3 for $1.00 or 8 for $2.00. A set containing Nexus #1, #2, and #3, and any other four starred issues of your choice, may be had for the price of $3.00. Better place your order with us promptly, as several of the issues on this list are nearly sold out.

The enclosed prospectus contains an order blank for your convenience.

WHY ARE THEY HERE? - PART II

- by Justin Case -

In discussing the possible reasons why flying saucers are here, we assumed that they contain intelligent visitors from somewhere in space outside the planet Earth. Part I of this article showed that five of the reasons given by saucer writers, especially those of the "contact stories", are not credible. Thus, our visitors are not here to help us solve all our world problems, nor to prevent our self-destruction by nuclear bombs, nor to obtain materials that are scarce on their home planets, nor to live among us in peace, nor even for scientific exploration and study.

Once again I wish to state that this article, unlike all others I have written previously for SAUCER NEWS, has no scientific basis. I am indulging in speculation, using logic as my chief guide. I am merely analysing possible reasons why visitors from space would be here, and trying to select the most plausible ones.

I shall now discuss the sixth and seventh possible reasons why flying saucers are here. These last two are inter-related.

The sixth reason is that our visitors are here to conquer us. This has been a favorite theme of science-fiction writers for a long time. They have imagined space visitors to be all sorts of strange creatures, with all kinds of subtle, powerful and fantastic weapons, invading our planet to destroy us. All such stories have one thing in common. After much havoc, and just when mankind seems to be on the verge of being conquered, and just when the outlook is darkest, we are saved by the superior courage and intelligence of one or a few red-blooded (usually American) men, aided and encouraged by some attractive and equally courageous girls (usually blondes).

Needless to say, these happy-ending science-fiction stories are no more realistic than most other stories we see or read which also have happy endings. The plain fact is that any visitors from space could very easily conquer us with very little risk to themselves. They could do this most easily by a method ignored by most science-fiction writers because this method means no happy ending, and even no story at all. Except for a few stragglers here and there, the human race could be wiped out in short order before any imaginary science-fiction hero or heroine could even get started.

This method is bacteriological warfare - germ warfare for short. It is far faster than nuclear bombs because it can be done on a much larger scale and with much less equipment and cost. It is far more deadly because it is self-propagating, and cannot be controlled or protected against. History shows us a few examples: In the past, great plagues swept across large areas of our planet and decimated the population far more rapidly than warfare. Perhaps many of the lost civilizations on our planet succumbed to such plagues, for it is known that they occur in all parts of the globe. We know that the white man unintentionally carried tuberculosis to the natives of the South Pacific and to the Eskimos, and now these people are almost extinct. Currently we have the Asiatic flu scare to show us how rapidly and widely disease germs can spread even when there is no organized effort to spread it, and despite organized efforts to prevent it. Imagine what can happen if a totally new variety of deadly disease germ should suddenly strike simultaneously in many places! One week and it would be all over for us, for there would be no time to study the disease and experiment to find its cure.

People are wasting their time if they indulge in worry over nuclear bombs, disintegrator rays, M-rays, or other science-fiction weapons of destruction. If they think worrying will help, they should concentrate on germ warfare.

But before we get too discouraged, let us examine some of the reasons why our visitors would want to conquer us. One plausible reason is to establish a new home for themselves. They might be refugees from some cosmic catastrophe, or some interplanetary war, or from some dying planet like Mars. The only argument against conquest for settlement is that our visitors might find it much easier, quicker, and better to select some uninhabited planet, or one much less densely populated than our own. But on the other hand, the climate, atmosphere and other conditions on our planet might be so suitable for our visitors that they would want to fight for it.

Another plausible reason for some form of conquest leads to the seventh possible reason why our visitors are here. It might be self-preservation. They want to prevent us from becoming a menace to them. We are now on the threshold of space flight. When we accomplish this, we will visit other planets - for scientific exploration and study, for conquest, for settlement, and to prevent <u>them</u> from becoming a menace to us. We will carry germ warfare to them, deliberately or unintentionally, as we did to the South Pacific and the Eskimos, and with the same dire results to the victims. Thus, every intelligently-inhabited planet that develops space flight is a possible menace to every other intelligently-inhabited planet.

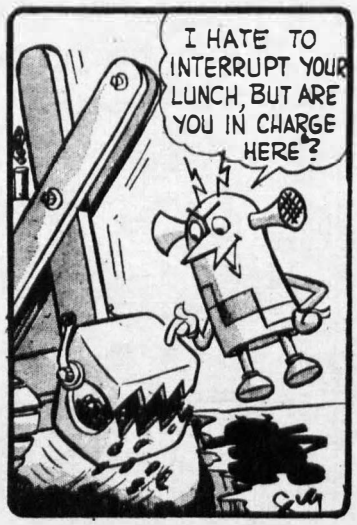
To keep us from developing space flight and thus menacing them, our visitors can (1) keep knocking our experimental aircraft from the skies; (2) destroy us; (3) establish a dictatorship over us. The first requires perpetual vigilance by our visitors, and the second means they must be ruthless with no moral sense. Assuming they are of higher intelligence than we are, we can hope they decide on the third course of action.

If our visitors identified themselves and displayed their powers, we would be forced to accept their dictatorship. If they made it clear that they intended to keep us out of space until we proved that we have developed enough morally to live without warfare among ourselves, they would bestow a great blessing on us. In this way they would immediately relieve us of the tremendous burden of armaments and free us from the perpetual fear of war. We could then direct our efforts into more constructive channels and solve peacefully the two basic problems of mankind - a rapidly increasing population and a more slowly-increasing food supply.

The coming of space ships to our planet will be an epoch-making event of tremendous importance to mankind. It is bound to happen some day. When it does happen, we have good reason to be afraid. We also have some reason to be optimistic. But in any event, we have every reason to be courageous.







EXTRATERRESTRIALISM AS AN HISTORICAL DOCTRINE
Part One - The Extraterrestrial Factor in the Cultural Development of Early Man

- - by Y. N. ibn Aharon, B.D. - -

AUTHOR'S PREFACE: This article is Part One of a manuscript that will eventually appear in book form. For the moment, suffice is to say that this book is the result of research originating in the study of Chaldaic literature. These works are appended to Judaism as the Kabalah, or tradition of human history. Whenever I make a statement without further justification or verification, it should be understood as drawing upon these works for its authority. The Chaldean books of history are in no sense theological, and must be dealt with objectively, as must every other acknowledged work of history. The most important of the Chaldean works are: The Old Testament (in its original text); the book "This Is the Light" (Zohar); The Book of Enumerations (Sefer Sefirah); and The Book of Formations (Sefer Yetsi-rah). There are something on the order of four dozen additional works in the Chaldaic canon, but they are worthless unless one has studied the four works just mentioned. These books are, all of them, less ambiguous than works of history on the market today. The confusion over them has been caused by men of authority who don't like what they say. To be fair to these men, we must admit that we live in a world in which unpleasant truths are not welcome, and the various rabbis and masonic leaders who do have an idea of what the Chaldaic works are all about, would be out of a job if they were to make known their findings, or agree publicly with another who had done so. I have held up the publication of this work of mine for four years, hoping that, in the meantime, a reliable translation of the Chaldean classics would make its appearance. This has not come to pass, however, and I cannot be too vigorous in urging that all non-Aramaic editions of these works are mere forgeries. In saying this, I am not arrogating to myself the sole authority of construing them; but I am stating that the only scientifically acceptable study of the Kabalah is, for the present, that carried on from the Aramaic.

Chaldaic literature is a field as yet untouched by saucer researchers. Proponents of the Earth Theory find sightings before 1947 more or less embarrassing, and those who support the Space Theory usually decline to trespass upon territory which they regard as belonging in the realm of the "unscientific" metaphysician. Most people in both schools are somewhat hostile toward the humanities, and are so accustomed to seeing the literati caught in fumbling attempts at analogy with physical science, that they will be surprised to learn that historical studies have more to offer the ufologist than do the contemporary natural sciences of Europe and America.

In his "Flying Saucers Have Landed", Desmond Leslie called our attention to conventional sighting reports extending over much of human history and most of the Earth's surface. Beyond this, he introduced the splendid offerings of Sanskrit literature in the field of our early history. His quotes from the Ramayan were apt and to the point, and the reader may be assured that the Maha'Bharat has more to offer in a technical way. However, Mr. Leslie neglected to mention the Travels of Panini, which, while usually regarded as novels, purport to be travelogues of the Inner Planets.

At the present time Pandit Nehru has been objecting to the fact that Indian scholars of the past hundred years have been indulging their fancy by equating the mythological survivals of Ancient India with proof of an advanced technology. He feels that such hypotheses tend to lead the young Indian of today away from the more pressing work of the industrialization of his country. We can sympathize with this attitude, but expediency must

never be preferred over truth; and, like it or not, we have to admit that such a technology did exist, and that many aspects of it are above our present understanding. Not that the ancient inventions in question were more complicated than our own modern productions; it is just that the basic philosophy underlying their principles of operation is to us a closed book.

Those who will, at this point, turn their attention to Chaldaic literature will find there the fullest conceivable explanation of the assumptions, hypotheses and attitudes which led the Vikya Bharati to build their infernal machines.

Whatever we may think of Colonel Churchward's specific evidences, we must admit that his researches show that something quite unexpectedly sensational is to be found behind the indolent facades of India's rural temples. There are cosmological and historical backgrounds of far-reaching proportions, which connect unmistakably with similar conceptions all over the world. And when we look into the writings of such men as Hyatt Verrill and Julio Serife, we are led to believe that the ancient civilizations of America were intimately connected with those of Iran and Babylonia; This corraboration, which finds continual augmentation on every side, cannot be ignored as proof that the Magi were not altogether without justification in their claim to have ruled the world.

If they did rule the world, they did not, of course, do it without the aid of the sort of devices which take up so much of their time in their scientific literature. When we open an Aramaic book and find before us the title, "Instructions on the Operation of a Magic Carpet" (Marvid at-qesm), we may be amused at such fantasy, until we remember that descriptions and depictions of such machines are to be found in each of the cultures whose connections with Chaldea have been substantiated; and they may well have existed in other cultures as well. These Marvidi were generally made of wood, and were operated by the intention (qawn) of the driver. The book Zut Geometriki goes into painful detail on the magnetic orientation by which the Marvidi operated.

Another remarkable device which is described in detail in Hieroglyph is the maql zakhbi, or Golden Rod. These were generally in the form of a serpent, and were used for personal purposes of travel and portation by the dignitaries of all Asia. Its magnetic properties were such that almost unlimited power could be obtained by thrusting it on the ground upon the Tail of the Serpent. These devices could also be used to direct the Marvidi.

All these statements concerning the existence, theory, and operation of magic devices are matters of fact, susceptible to proof and disproof. For this reason, Kabalah is rarely studied except by those who gloss over it as a religious obligation. Their revenge, as it were, for the pain engendered by this unwelcome task, has been first to attack the authenticity of the works themselves, and then to claim that they are all allegorical. This has given rise to an amusing situation whereby modern scholars are claiming that work attacked as sacrilegious during the time of Talmud (ca. 150 A.D.) were written in the 17th Century - A.D! The tragedy is that, in the face of these many detractors, Aramaic literature has no one to defend it. It is not religious, and yet non-religious people will have nothing to do with it. In the absence, therefore, of philosophically competent attention, and consequently of the ample apparatus which we take for granted in the other Semitic languages, this present study can only continue to make simple statements of what the Chaldeans had to say about our history and science during the early days of our race; and I will then relate this, as has been done above, to information gleaned from any other relevent sources whatsoever, in the hopes of being of the greatest possible use to other researchers.

The early stages of the development of the human race were observed by those from upon High (Elohim), i. e., interplanetary beings. Of this race we know little. Those who settled on Venus 18,000,000 years ago from Earth, found this race still there. They may have been related to the Titans. As earnest students of planetary development, this race made periodic predictions based on observed phenomena. From their space ships (which are called ruakh in the Bible), they collected samples for closer examination. That their predictions were fulfilled was but a matter of exhaustive scientific study producing good results, and they are nowhere credited with having caused the phenomena in question.

Genesis 1:3 gives us a good idea of their activities: "Those from upon High declared, 'There will be light'; and there was light; and they saw it because it was appropriate (to the perceptive ranges of their eyes)".

The Chaldeans then go on to tell us of the Titans (Gdolim), who came from afar to build Titania, now Khorasan in Central Asia. They are also reported to have settled in Nigeria. The archaeology of both regions is in its infancy, but the Greeks confirm certain things about the Titan race, and we may safely say that, beyond being physically larger than we are, they were also longer-lived, and possessed great individual intelligence. Their science was based upon sonics and radionics. The great gems of the Kelt, Aryan, Tiahuanacan and Israelite priesthoods were of their manufacture. In Sanskrit there is an essay on the energy-storing potentials of various gems, and the Magi were want to expose light-sensitive tablets to the stars, using geometrically-placed redstones to reflect the strong images of the planets and the nearer stars. These are called yat tithnaya, and resemble the Druid breastplates, and those of Aaron.

These people traveled usually by a system which we would call teleportation. The individual would concentrate himself into a half-symmeter, and emerge from the other half, wherever that might be. For purposes of actual transportation they used the Golden Rod, one of which, of immense length and cigar shape, I myself observed in November of 1956. It was drawing its energy from the rays of the setting sun.

From all accounts, the Titans were trying to escape some thing or condition when they set down on our planet. The Chaldeans were insistent on the voluntary nature of the Titans' departure, and said that they left because they felt that, as our race was native here, the planet belonged to us. The Sefer Leqt Tithna Saliqa gives the impression that communications with this race continued for some time after, at least until the time of the great Boddhisatavas, Gautama and Zarathustra. The Titans were held to be available in time of need, and are pictured as rescuing survivors at the time of the Great Flood.

The Chaldeans gave little attention to the Titans, however, as compared with that they gave to the Nakhash-na, or Serpent Men. Briefly, the race which we call Serpent, arrived on this planet at a time before the biotic development of the planet, and was forced underground at the time of the Titans. They possessed a science, which we had no trouble in understanding whenever they had need of our services in that respect. They interrupted the homogeneous development of our race during the period between 3,000 and 500 B.C., and they interfered badly in the government of predynastic Egypt, as well as of the mountain states of Central Asia and China. There is some evidence that they are still around, and the subject bears further study. Attempts to romanticize their malevolence are disgusting, and the alien nature of their origin and psychology should not be over-emphasized.

Less attention was given by the Magi to the Elohim

than to the Nakhsha. The reason for this will be evident when we remember that this race, members of which are still worshipped as gods over much of the world, was quite human in appearance, although of extraterrestrial origin. One member of this race, namely the God of Israel, is the target of Western monotheism at the present time.

The Chaldeans insisted that the anthropoid form of Man originated on Earth, about 31,000,000 B.C. But the settlement of Venus (about 18,000,000 B.C.) is a point which wins equal prominence in their writings. As a matter of fact, they were so impressed with the superiority of Venusian civilization, that they would accept the decision of an Inner Planetarian even over their own calculations, in questions of weather and astronomical predictions. Astrology is simply the determination of the magnetic interrelationship of the various planets, and has more to do with space travel than with personal fortune.

During the half million year course of the development of our species, we produced many mutations and deviations of a sort which we do not care to remember, except for their biological interest. At certain points in this development process, we reached peaks in some ways superior to our present civilization; but even so, because such superiority was not efficient, nor in harmony with the job at hand, it had to be surrendered as detrimental to us in our present environmental situation. The Elohim assisted in our process of stabilization, by cultural missions which assisted in the introduction of language, and in the organization of stable social patterns.

Adam was not the first man, nor was he an individual. He was simply the type of person with whom the Venusians had to deal over a period of years. Many generations went by, and the Nakhsha were waging an opposition campaign. It cannot be said that either side won, nor is it fair to characterize this as a struggle between right and wrong. It was basically a pointed opposition of social philosophies. As has been said, however, the Elohim were of our race, and our flesh was their flesh. And thus, it was logical for us to ally ourselves with them and to comply with their will.

They were not here for charitable purposes, and they never said they were. I wish to explore their techniques at closer range, and explain more about this remarkable civilization whose influence over us has been so very profound. This, then, will be the subject of my next article in the present series.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: Your SAUCER NEWS Editor has been away from his Fort Lee office during the past few weeks. We regret that those of you who have written personal letters during this period have had to wait for a reply, and we hope that routine matters have been handled satisfactorily by John Marana, our Associate Editor.

Now that the Editor is back in town, the backlog of mail will be taken care of as promptly as possible.

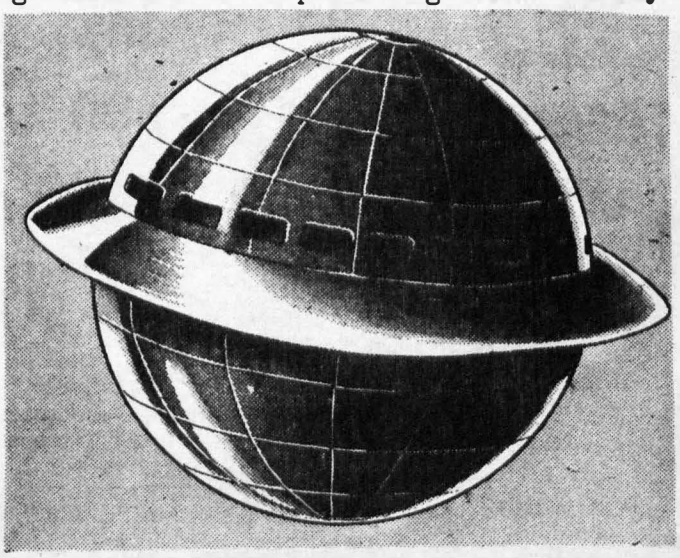
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RECENT NEWS STORIES

RUSSIA SENDS UP EARTH SATELLITE; CHICAGO MAN OBJECTS: The daily newspapers were so full of news about the Russian satellite during October, that we won't waste space by rehashing the event here, except to observe somewhat cynically that as embarrassed as our officials seem to be over the fact that Russia beat us to Space, the event nevertheless gave a needed shot-in-the-arm to the cold-war atmosphere by which we maintain our prosperity and full employment. A little-noted sidelight of the satellite announcement was the statement by James T. Mangan, a Chicago industrial design expert, that the Russians are trespassing in his domain. It seems that in 1950, Mr. Mangan proclaimed the formation of Celestia, a territory composed of the empty space around our Earth. A legal charter for Celestia has been issued to Mr. Mangan. Upon hearing of the Russian satellite, he stated, "I refuse to issue any license to Russia for use of outer space. Neither Russia, the United States, or Great Britain has any claim to space except through my nation, Celestia."

FORMER INTELLIGENCE OFFICER PLAYS SPACE RECORDINGS FOR THE PENTAGON: Wayne S. Aho, a former Air Force Intelligence officer, played recordings of alleged space messages recently at the Pentagon for the enlightenment of the Armed Services and the press. The messages feature the voice of Enid Brady, a Florida medium, who is supposedly in telepathic communication with Venus. According to the 1½ hour long recording, Venusians are over six feet tall, have fair hair, and have "finer features" than we earthlings do. Among other things, the Venusians would like to help the U.S. build an advanced space satellite. The Defense Department officials who were treated to this show were cynically unimpressed.

OHIO MAN MAKES DETAILED SIGHTING: Fred Gage, a radio announcer living in Worthington, Ohio, saw a saucer while driving his car in traffic at about 4-30 p.m. last August 2nd. According to Gage, the object appeared to be made of poliahed aluminum, and the sun's rays reflected from it brightly. The thing was hovering motionless at an angle of 45 degrees above the horizon. Due to the traffic, Gage soon had to stop staring into the sky and move on; and by the time he could look again, the saucer had disappeared from view. Gage was reluctant to mention the incident to his family or friends, but he had the good sense to make a sketch of the object that same day. The drawing at the right is based on his sketch. Gage said that the object was perfectly round, and had a ring of nominal depth circling its equator. There were grid lines running vertically and horizontally over its surface, indicating that it had been fabricated from plates rather than molded as a whole. It made no sound. Two weeks later, Gage broke down and told some people about the sighting, and it eventually got into the newspapers. The object may remind some readers of the Russian satellite,



THE WEIRD OBJECT which Fred Gage saw in the western sky is shown here, sketched from memory. Gage studied the object carefully while it was still in range of vision so that he could give a detailed account later.

but remember, satellites don't stand still, and this event occurred two months before the satellite announcement anyhow.

OVERSEAS ROUND-UP: A twin-engined R.A.F. Varsity training plane crashed near Falstone, Northumberland, England on Sept. 21st, leaving a mystery as to why the five occupants were dead before the plane hit the ground. All five men were found in their seats, wearing their parachutes. The plane had been seen flying normally shortly before the crash. Then there was a loud thump in the sky, and the plane fell to pieces before hitting the ground. The Air Ministry is investigating this case behind a strict security screen... Several residents of North London saw an intensely luminous cigar-shaped object on the night of Sept. 18th. According to one witness, it was a mass of blue-green light, traveling at an incredibly fast speed.....A crater appeared overnight near the home of John Blewitt, in Richmond, Surrey, England. Police found that the crater, fairly small at the top, contained soft soil to a depth of at least 12 feet. Blewitt stated that a similar cyllindrical-shaped hole had appeared overnight at the same spot last year, and that he had filled it in himself without notifying the authorities....

Here's another case of mysterious falling stones, this time from Basingstoke, England. Off and on for the past two years, stones have been coming through the open back windows of two neighboring houses, and landing inside the homes apparently without causing damage. In some cases the windows were only half open, making it nearly impossible for a person to be outside throwing the stones without being seen. On one occasion, the owner of one of the two houses was sitting reading the paper when a large rock suddenly appeared on his lap. Some think a poltergeist is at work, while others believe that a clever practical joker is responsible.....An empty wrecked sailing boat was found by a fishing boat off the coast of Cornwall, England, on the night of August 15th. The 15-foot dinghy was dismasted and half-submerged, drifting seven miles off the coast. The skipper of the fishing craft boarded the dinghy and tried to take it in tow, but had to give up because of high seas. The strange thing is that no one has been reported missing on such a boat, nor has anyone reported losing the boat.....Tracks of a fantastic underwater monster, comparable to the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas,have been found by means of underwater photographs taken of the Atlantic Ocean floor. The pictures were taken by Dr. Anthony Laughton of the British Institute of Oceanography. Said Laughton, "We have studied the pictures closely for evidence of something at the end of these tracks, but so far we have not found it." Among the other strange things photographed on the ocean floor, 2½ miles below the surface, were giant sponges three feet in diameter, and a fish 10 feet long with hypnotic shining eyes.

SCIENCE NOTES: A ring-shaped deformation of the earth's crust, 400 miles in diameter, has been discovered in the Hudson Bay area of Canada, and is believed to be a previously-unknown meteorite crater. It was discovered recently from the study of aerial photographs. It is similar in size to the Mare Imbrium, a meteorite crater on the Moon. Other smaller craters have also been discovered in Canada from the same study....A Soviet popular science magazine says that the Russians have developed a flying saucer similar in appearance to the "flying platform" that is being built by the United States. The Soviet model has four ducted fans that suck up air and enable the machine to rise vertically and to hover.....Another Russian newspaper claims that an atomic-powered aircraft, with a speed of more than 66,000 m.p.h., and capable of circling the Moon and nearby planets, will be built by Russia "before long".....According to Aviation Week, an attempt to launch

guilty to charges of fraud. He faces a maximum of eight years in prison and a thousand dollar fine....A saucer landing was reported in Newark, New Jersey on October 14th by two teen-agers who are the co-founders of an organization called Civilian Saucer Patrol. This one sounds like a hoax to us....A Government-approved expedition was reported underway in Manitoba, Canada, last Sept. 9th, searching for a 35-foot monster which is said to bellow like a train whistle. The team will explore an area near Lake Manitoba where the monster has been seen. Mr. F. Jobin, Minister of Industry and Commerce, said: "The safety and prosperity of many Manitobans are tied up with this expedition, and we hope it will succeed."

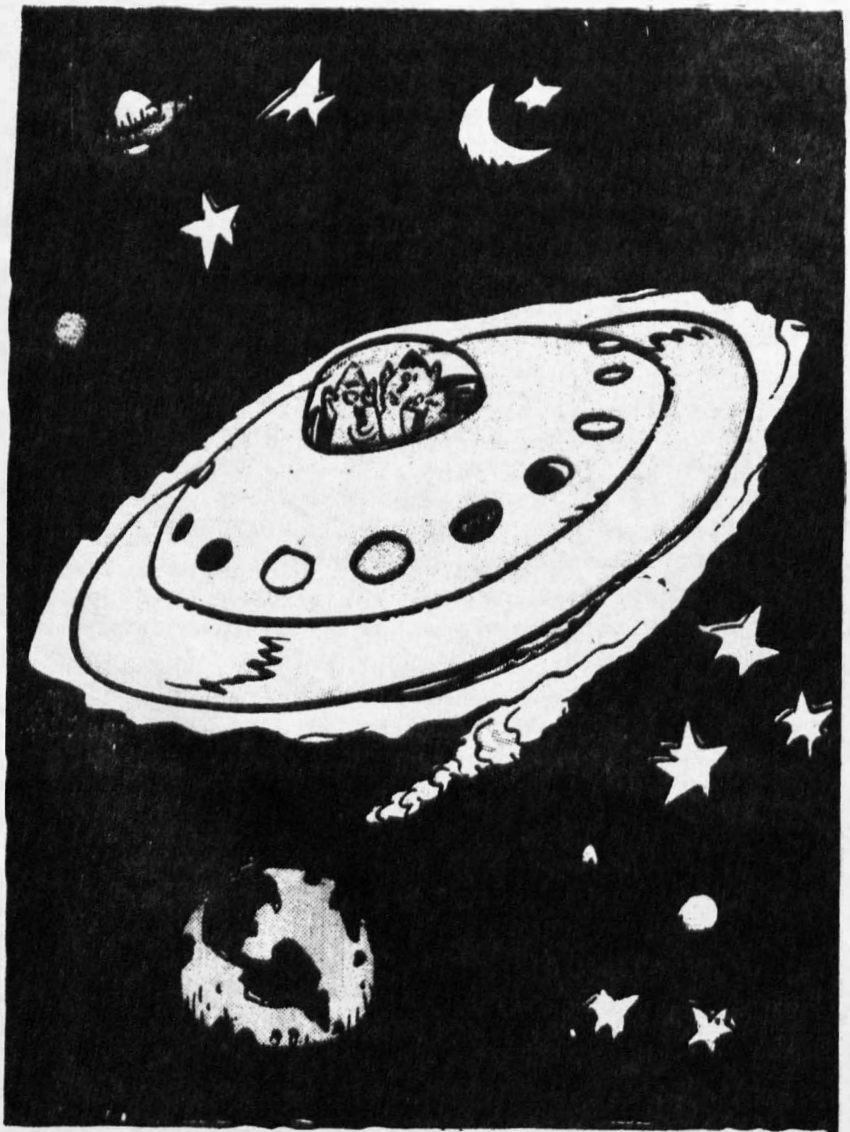
SAUCER BRIEFS: At a members' meeting on September 27th, the current officers of New York City's Civilian Saucer Intelligence were returned to office unanimously for the 1957-1958 season. President of the organization is John Duberry, close associate of Major Donald Keyhoe and a former editor of True Magazine. The vice-presidents are Lex Mebane, Harold Oxenkrug, and Ivan Sanderson; Ted Bloecher is Research Director. - Our only criticism of the meeting was the CSI officers' refusal to allow time for a short speech by August Roberts. Roberts, who has spent a number of years in saucer research, and who was one of the very early members of CSI, had come to the meeting to give a short talk in connection with his resignation from the club. Certainly CSI, which has in its day spent whole evenings listening to George Adamski and others of similar caliber, could have had the courtesy to hear what Roberts wanted to say.....An excellent list of over 700 saucer books, clubs, periodicals, etc., is now in its second edition. Send $1.00 to John L. d'Aquin, 4955 Bluebonnet, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The list is called "UFO Forum Source Material".....

With this issue of SAUCER NEWS, the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society begins its fifth year of operation. We are now one of the oldest saucer clubs in existence....The August-September issue of "The UFO Investigator", official publication of NICAP, contains a long and interesting though somewhat prejudiced discussion of the various versions of the "Earth Theory" origin of saucers. Also included in this 32-page magazine is a discussion of SAUCER NEWS, and several good sightings and other items of interest to saucer fans. (See Page 16 for NICAP's address.) Incidentally, Lee Munsick, formerly the associate editor of the "Investigator", has left the NICAP staff.....Rumor has it that there is more than meets the eye to the sudden disappearance of "Cosmic News" from the saucer scene. We hope to have the full inside story for Newsletter readers soon. In the meanwhile, Roger Pierce, one of the co-editors of "Cosmic News", is said to be trying to start another saucer magazine under a different title.....The entire staff of the Detroit Interplanetary Foundation is rumored to have resigned recently....

A new Air Force "fact sheet" was issued in October, and can be obtained without cost by writing to the following address: Major L.J. Tacker, Information Services USAF, Pentagon (Room 4C-916), Washington 25, D.C. You can also still obtain the 80-page Project Bluebook Special Report #14 by sending $1.50 to Dr. Leon Davidson, Box S, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York.....We have learned that the photograph on the cover of our October-November issue is definitely a fake. The Japanese photographer who took it in Sao Paulo, Brazil, was working in a toy factory at the time, and apparently used a toy as a saucer model. We are informed that he tried to sell his pictures for a large sum of money, but could find no takers.....A new book written by Gavin Gibbons (author of "The Coming of the Space Ships") is entitled "They Rode in Space Ships". It is reportedly nothing more than a favorable review of the contact claims made by Daniel Fry and Truman Betherum. Another new

a rocket 4,000 miles into space will be made by the U.S. Air Research Development Command before the end of 1957. The unofficial height record for a rocket so far is 600 miles. The new project is called "Project Farside", and is under the direction of Brigadier General H. F. Gregory. The vehicle will be a four-stage rocket, 30 feet long, and will have a 10-pound instrument payload. Maximum velocity achieved on the flight up will be 17,000 miles per hour.

NEWS BRIEFS: So many mysterious falls of ice from the sky occurred in Pennsylvania during September that Pittsburg police were asked to bring in samples of it to the State Police laboratory for analysis. The C.A.A. was also called in to investigate.....A California movie director and saucer lecturer named Ron Ormond, claims to have the mummified body of a 17-inch tall space man. The Santa Barbara (Calif.) News-Press of September 4th says that Ormond obtained the body in New Mexico, but does not give further details.....A gigantic rattlesnake, 20 feet long and as thick as a railroad tie, has been seen by people at several different times in the Florida everglades.....Harold J. Berney, the sign painter who was accused last April of swindling a woman out of several thousand dollars on a space hoax, has pleaded



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book, based on saucer contacts near Lake Michigan, is called "The Venusian Speaks". Other new contributions to the field of saucer literature include "The Saucer People", by Ronald G. Garver, and "The Night Has A Thousand Saucers", by Calvin G. Girvin. Also just out is a book called "Inside Saucer Post 3-O Blue", by Leonard Stringfield, former editor of the monthly saucer bulletin "Orbit". A review of Stringfield's book will appear in our next issue....

George Adamski is finally back from Mexico, and gave a lecture in Long Beach, California recently.....George Williamson is now back from Peru. He gave a lecture in Miami, Florida, about October 20th, and is expected to give several other lectures in various parts of the country in the near future. In an interview with a Miami newspaper, Williamson claimed to have discovered (among other things) a Peruvian lost city known as "the city of a thousand stone roofs". In it he says he found a temple and a cave containing two hundred graves. He also claims to have discovered a large rock near Peru's Madre de Dios River, inscribed with a number of hieroglyphic characters. Incidentally, your Editor knows that this particular rock was discovered several years ago by another man, and for over a year we have had an unpublished photograph of it in our files!

SAUCER CONTACT STORY FROM BRAZIL: Issue #4 of "The Flying Saucer", published in Sao Paulo, Brazil, contains a long account of a contact story told by a man whom the magazine gives the pseudonym of Fidelis, and who is said to be a physics teacher in a local Catholic college. "The Flying Saucer" makes no claim that the story is true, and emphasizes that the version of his experiences that Fidelis gave to the magazine differed from earlier and later accounts told by the same man. In "The Flying Saucer" version of the story, Fidelis claims to have seen a disc-shaped machine 90 feet in diameter, hovering about one yard off the ground. The saucer had a crew of several men, all looking very young, with green slanted eyes and tight-fitting suits and gloves. One of the crew conversed with Fidelis about physics in his native Portuguese, and claimed to be from another planet, although Fidelis kept insisting to the Visitor that they must be Russian spies. Fidelis entered the saucer and saw many marvels, including complicated instrument panels, a television set, and an Adamski-type space telescope. After conversing awhile, the space man told him that it was time for them to leave; so Fidelis returned to his home in Sao Paulo. Fidelis' story is continued in an issue of "The Flying Saucer" which we have not received as yet, but up to the point we have read so far, Fidelis is still one step behind Adamski, in that he has not yet actually ridden in a saucer.

The September 9th issue of Time Magazine contains a contact story from Brazil which apparently concerns the same man. Here, Fidelis (if it is he) is identified as Jao de Freitas Guimaraes, a wealthy and respected professor of Roman law at the Santos (Brazil) Catholic University. In the Time version, the saucer has shrunk to 60 feet in diameter, and contained a crew of only two, who were able to communicate with the professor only by means of mental telepathy. From here on the Time story is better, however, for in it Freitas goes for an hour's jaunt into space with his interplanetary hosts. The professor has appeared on television to expound his story, but has refused to make public all the details of the secret messages that the space men communicated to him telepathically. The most interesting aspect of the whole thing, to us, is that here at last is a man of some community standing who is telling a contact story. We have grown a little tired of reading about interplanetary jaunts by social outcasts!

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United States

"The UFO Investigator", published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1536 Connecticut Ave.N.W., Washington,D.C.

"The UFO Newsletter", published by Lee Munsick, P. O. Box 606, Morristown, New Jersey. Price: $2.50 per year.

"The CSI Newsletter", published by Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York. Write to Lex Mebane, 245 W. 104th St., New York, N. Y.

"Saucers", a quarterly bulletin edited by Max Miller, 1420 S. Ridgely Drive, Los Angeles, California. Price: $1.00 per year.

The Fortean Society - publishes a quarterly magazine called "Doubt", edited by Tiffany Thayer, P. O. Box 192, Grand Central Annex, New York, N. Y.

"The A.P.R.O. Bulletin", published by Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, 519 New York Ave., Almagordo, New Mexico. Price: $3.50 per year.

"The Little Listening Post", edited by Mrs. W. C. John, 4811 Illinois Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C. Price: $2.00 for six issues.

"The Saucerian Bulletin," edited by Gray Barker, P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia. Price: $2.00 for six issues.

Borderland Sciences Research Associates - an organization devoted to the "4-D" or "etheric" explanation of saucers. This group publishes "Clips, Quotes and Comments", "Round Robin", and other literature. Write to Meade Layne, 3524 Adams Ave., San Diego, California.

"The Saucers Report", edited by Ronald G. Garver, R. D. #2, Box 264, Wooster, Ohio.

England

"Uranus", edited by David Wightman. Write to Markham House Press Ltd., 31 Kings Road, London S.W.3, England.

"Flying Saucer Review", edited by The Hon. Brisley le Poer Trench. Write to 1 Doughty St., London W.C.1, England.

South America

"UFO Critical Bulletin", edited by J. Escobar Faria, Rua 13 de Maio 1240, Sao Paulo, Brazil. Written in English.

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JAMES W. MOSELEY

In our October-November issue of SAUCER NEWS, we made what we thought to be our final report on Jim Fugatt, the Californian who claims to have definite proof that flying saucers are from another planet. We reported that Mr. Fugatt had been committed to a mental hospital. Shortly after the October-November issue was published, we received a letter from Mr. Fugatt stating that he had escaped from the mental hospital, and indicating that his confinement had been due solely to his beliefs concerning saucers. During a recent trip west, we interviewed Mr. Fugatt, and personally investigated his claims. Although he was unable to furnish the definite proof he had spoken of in his letters, it was nevertheless obvious that he has been persecuted for his saucer beliefs, and that he has no mental illness sufficiently severe to warrant confinement. Mr. Fugatt still expects to be able to furnish us with his conclusive evidence in the near future. We will keep our readers informed as to further developments in this most interesting case.

William Dudley Pelley, of "Soulcraft" fame, claims to have received voice messages from the ghosts of Henry Ford, Thomas Edison and Alexander Graham Bell, urging him to build a new kind of television set by which the living can communicate with the dead! Says Pelley: "I have their recreated and literal voices on electronic tapes acquainting me with the fact that it should be possible to assemble and perfect a type of television that would be for all intents and purposes a 'mechanical medium' for both seeing and hearing the survived personalities of people who had earlier departed their physical bodies." Pelley tried to interest some big capitalists in financing his idea, but they cynically turned thumbs down. Now he is appealing to his "Soulcraft" readership for funds. You can send your money to Pelley at P.O. Box 192, Noblesville, Indiana, but don't say we recommended it!....

News continues to pour in from all directions concerning the activities of George Williamson and other members of the "Saucer Contact Crowd". On December 15th Williamson lectured in New York City, and earlier in December he spoke in several places in the Los Angeles area, sponsored by Daniel Fry. Fry will be remembered as the author of "The White Sands Incident", in which he told of an alleged personal contact with space people. Lately Fry has been branching out, and now controls at least eight small saucer clubs, which send him a percentage of the profits they make on the sale of saucer literature, lectures, etc. - One of Williamson's recent lectures in Miami, Florida, was attended by a confidential correspondent of ours, who writes, "It was an interesting lecture on the whole, but mostly about the ancient cities he searched for and found in his recent South American journeys. Williamson showed several colored slides of huge stone faces carved many years ago by man. Some of these can only be seen from the air, proof that the ancients had the principle of flight. Also there was a slide or two of a huge rock with hieroglyphics on it. (We will soon bring forth proof that Williamson was NOT the first man to discover any of these wonders! - Editor.) At the time of the lecture, I was at first under the impression that Williamson was imitating Adamski's Venusians, as his hair was very long. Later he explained to us that he wore his hair like this because the Peruvian natives do not respect a man with short hair. (This simply isn't true! - Editor.) Williamson, in the whole course of his talk, mentioned very little about his famed saucer contact on the California desert, together with Adamski. I would say that the lecture was not at all worth the dollar and a quarter I was charged."

Note to those of you receiving this Newsletter with the Dec.-Jan. issue of SAUCER NEWS: We are far from unaware of the big saucer "flap" in November (1957), but we have gotten a bit behind. Our Feb.-March SAUCER NEWS will contain detailed descriptions of the most important sightings during this "flap", and will also present our answer to new "Air Force Spy" charges made against your Editor by Gray Barker and Roger Pierce. Also scheduled is another fine article by Dr. Leon Davidson. This will be an outstanding issue, so don't miss it!

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SPECIAL ADAMSKI ISSUE NOW AVAILABLE: As almost all our subscribers must know, George Adamski's personal contact with a space man as related in "Flying Saucers Have Landed" is undoubtedly the most famous and most widely discussed flying saucer report in history. In the October-November SAUCER NEWS we announced plans to print a special issue about George Adamski's claims, provided that reader interest was sufficient. Already the number of advance orders for this special issue has been tremendous, and we have decided to go ahead with the project. By the time you receive this notice, the Adamski issue will be back from the printer. It will contain 20 pages, and will include three long factual articles reprinted from back numbers of "Nexus" and SAUCER NEWS, some of which are now out of print. The price is only $1.00. If you are a new subscriber, or an old subscriber who would like to have all the Adamski articles under one cover for your files, you won't want to miss this opportunity! Our Adamski expose is probably the most thoroughly-documented as well as the most controversial piece of independent "negative" saucer research that has been done by any individual or organization to date. Ever since the expose was begun in January of 1955, it has drawn comment in saucer magazines and books all over the world, and even now after almost three years, it is still being discussed heatedly.

ARE YOU ON OUR SPECIAL NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST? Since December, 1955, irregularly-issued Newsletters have been made available to SAUCER NEWS subscribers who want to be on the inside of the strange and baffling behind-the-scenes events in saucer research. These Newsletters often contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in the regularly-scheduled issues of our magazine. Any SAUCER NEWS subscriber can be placed on the special Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time for the price of $1.00. Recent Newsletters have dealt in detail with the current Peruvian adventures of George Williamson, key witness to Adamski's 1952 desert contact. As of this writing, Williamson appears to have given up his Peruvian metaphysical colony at least temporarily, and is rumored to be heading back to the United States for a lecture tour. Future issues of the Newsletter will tell you about these and other equally interesting events, just as soon as sufficient information is received here at our Headquarters. Don't miss out! Send us your name and address today, while you're thinking about it, and let us put you down for the Newsletter. We can't guarantee when or where something sensational will break, but when it does, our organization will have the inside facts, through our world-wide network of correspondents, clipping services, and other informational sources.

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THE ABOVE PHOTO was taken in early 1956 by a West New York, N. J., youth named Bert Buhler. The boy was outdoors taking pictures near his home,at about 11-00 a.m., when he saw three bright lights, moving quite fast. This is the only picture he had time to take before the objects disappeared from view. The print has purposely been made dark in order to bring out the mystery lights more clearly. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIAL NOTES

In the June-July, 1956, issue of SAUCER NEWS, we discussed plans to print and distribute to saucer fans the Air Force's huge Project Blue Book Special Report #14, released in October, 1955. Although this Report has been made public, only a very few copies of it were printed by the Air Force, and none have been available to saucer researchers unless they personally visit the Office of Public Information at the Pentagon in Washington.

We were unable to obtain Air Force permission to reprint this Report, but a determined researcher we know in White Plains, New York, has finally obtained this permission, through persistent effort. He is now distributing a book containing the 96 worthwhile pages from this 300-odd page Air Force document. The price is only $1.00. If you want to read the information that the Government released but still didn't want you to see, then send your dollar now to Box D-10, 64 Prospect St.,White Plains, N.Y. The staff of SAUCER NEWS can assure you that you'll be glad you did!

We wish to apologize (a bit late, however) for having stated in the June-July issue that Major Donald Keyhoe was a speaker at the Giant Rock Saucer Convention last summer. This information was taken from an advance press report of the Convention. The press report was in error,as often happens in newspaper accounts of saucer events.

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The Letters to the Editor section has been omitted from this issue, but will appear as usual in the February-March SAUCER NEWS.

The third issue of our non-scheduled Newsletter is still available. These Newsletters are issued irregularly,and contain material that we consider "too hot to handle" in SAUCER NEWS itself. If you would like your name placed on our special Newsletter mailing list, just send us one dollar together with your name and address.

We also have a few copies left of the most recent Air Force "fact sheet". These will be sent free of charge to any subscriber who asks us for one. (Note: This is not the Air Force Report referred to above, but a more recent statement consisting of three mimeographed sheets.)

Back issues of SAUCER NEWS are available, and may be obtained for the price of 35¢ each, or four for $1.00.

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AUGUST C. ROBERTS AND DOMINIC LUCCHESI are beginning a series of lectures, using slides and tapes. Mr. Roberts will speak on flying saucers, and Mr. Lucchesi will speak on metaphysical phenomena and related subjects. Learn about the Bender Mystery from the people who know it first-hand, as published in Gray Barker's book, "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers". Learn the other amazing things that have happened to these two lecturers during their more than eight years of saucer research! For further information about this lecture series, contact Mr. Roberts and Mr. Lucchesi in care of this magazine. For further information about the tapes, write to Gray Barker, P.O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

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NEWSLETTER #3 -
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John Otto, the Chicago lecturer who confidently and correctly predicted that Mon-Ka would not show up last November 7th (See footnore #1), evidently has a rather dubious record in saucer research himself. We are in possession of a letter from a woman named Mildred Maier, who accuses Otto of commercializing on a tape recording she made in November of 1954. The tape was made of an alleged coded message from outer space, which came in during a saucer broadcast Otto made on a Chicago radio station. (Footnote #2.)

We quote, in part, Miss Maier's letter: "....This code was received by my sister and myself. Mr. Otto came to my home, and I let him re-tape it, but before that I had him sign an agreement that it would not be used for any commercial purposes. For about two hours he refused to sign the agreement, but he finally signed it.

"His appearances on T. V. shows with the tape were in violation of that agreement, and I finally stopped him from playing it on the Don McNeill network show....It seems that Mr. Otto is using my code at lectures and charging $1.50 admission, which he had agreed not to do. The write-up he had in the American (newspaper) concerned the same code. We have witnesses who were at a lecture at which he played the code, and at which he admitted it was ours and that it was the only recording received during his November 1954 broadcast."

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SAUCER NEWS is also in possession of confidential information concerning the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, called NICAP for short. (Footnote #3.) This information comes from one of America's best known and most respected saucer researchers, who prefers that we do not use his name. Here is a part of this correspondent's letter:

"About NICAP....They are in a mess. There are many unpaid bills, running into a few thousand dollars. Several people have already quit. The Board of Governors elected on November 1st has been finagled into delegating its authority to an "Executive Committee". Secret committments were made to certain Baltimore people to pay one small private firm $1850 per month for so-called public relations work, which has never materialized. The present management has no business ability at all. Memberships total only about 50 people, of whom 40 are fully paid up. These are mostly local Washington people, who are beginning to ask questions. NICAP has very big plans, which would require a staff of hundreds of people, but there is very little evidence that anyone has the ability to carry out the plans. I would advise a period of watchful waiting before you contribute any money to NICAP. I would not be surprised if Frank Edwards resigns as Governor. (Footnote 4.) It is all a sad case of mismanagement, for this group could have been a wonderful thing."

Footnotes:

#1: See Dec.-Jan. (1956-1957) SAUCER NEWS, Page 12.
#2: See the Spring, 1955 SAUCERIAN, Pages 37-38.
#3: See Dec.-Jan. (1956-1957) SAUCER NEWS, Page 9.
#4: As of this writing, Frank Edwards has already resigned from NICAP.

BOOK REVIEWS

- by Fred Broman -

(Editor's Note: Should you be interested in buying any of the books reviewed below, please do not order them from SAUCER NEWS, as we do not sell books. The largest East Coast distributor of saucer books is Gray Barker, P. O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia.)

UFO AND THE BIBLE - by M.K. Jessup (Citadel Press): The Bible is filled with events which are commonly called miracles. They are called miracles because nobody has ever been able to "explain" them. But now M.K. Jessup, in this challenging new book, gives us a clear, detailed and convincing explanation of many of the most perplexing Biblical wonders.

An understanding of the roll played in Biblical history by UFO phenomena provides the key to long-misunderstood truths and numerous prophecies found in the Bible. "UFO and the Bible" is a serious study, made in the light of modern science, common sense, and a host of bewildering and unexplained events surrounding the UFO mystery. Here is a searching examination of the "flying wheels" of Ezekiel, an illuminating verse-by-verse analysis of Chapter 13 of the Gospel According to St. Mark, a fascinating interpretation of the celestial visions of The Prophets, and a new view of the tortuous trials of Moses leading the Exodus from Egypt.

Mr. Jessup's "The Case for the UFO" and "UFO Annual", two of the most important saucer books of recent years, brought the astounding truth about saucers to many thousands of readers. Now "UFO and the Bible" deepens the message of these books with new material, even more profound and more surprising. Religious bigots, who would deny scientific truths, and scientific bigots who would deny religious truths, will not like this book; but all people with open minds will welcome it.

THERE IS LIFE ON MARS - by Earl Nelson (Citadel Press): Here is the strangely unpublished story of the recent scientific "about-face" on the subject of Mars. Here is the final reason why astronomers, who used to insist that the Martian Canals are natural phenomena, now grudgingly admit that they must have been constructed by intelligent beings.

In words that the non-technical reader can easily understand, the author explains why Mars is the only planet in our solar system, other than Earth, on which intelligent life could exist - life that has adapted itself to atmosphere, gravity and temperature so different from our own, that the implications of what the Martian race might be stagger the imagination.

In the past few years, many scientific theories about space-life and life on other planets have been quietly discarded, because of surprising findings that are as yet unsuspected by most people. But now you can read the truth, as revealed by a famous and titled Englishman - a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, the Royal Geophysical Society, and the Royal Society of Anthropologists. Here are the things we know today about life on Mars and its meaning to our own planet. Here also are the things which the beings on Mars probably know about us!

STRANGEST OF ALL - by Frank Edwards (Citadel Press): In this age of matter-of-fact answers to baffling phenomena, Frank Edwards, noted radio and T.V. commentator, rudely snatches the carpet from under his complacent fellow-newsmen with this new collection of true stories that defy explanation. As you read this book, you will discover why these curious stories, each worthy of big headlines in its time, often never even made the newspapers!

Here is living proof that the age of mystery never ends.

You'll read about: Mysterious deaths and disappearances; Flying saucers; The restless dead and why they refuse to stay in their tombs; The strange case of a man who made millions of dollars on dead horses and lost every cent of it on live ones; and many other fascinating true stories.

These events couldn't happen - but they did. Revealing the truth, upsetting the scientific applecart, beating the skeptics at their own game - these are all in a day's work for Frank Edwards. The evidence presented in "Strangest of All" is incredibly accurate. All the names, dates, and places come directly from trustworthy records. And Mr. Edwards' rare ability as a story-teller has never been better demonstrated.

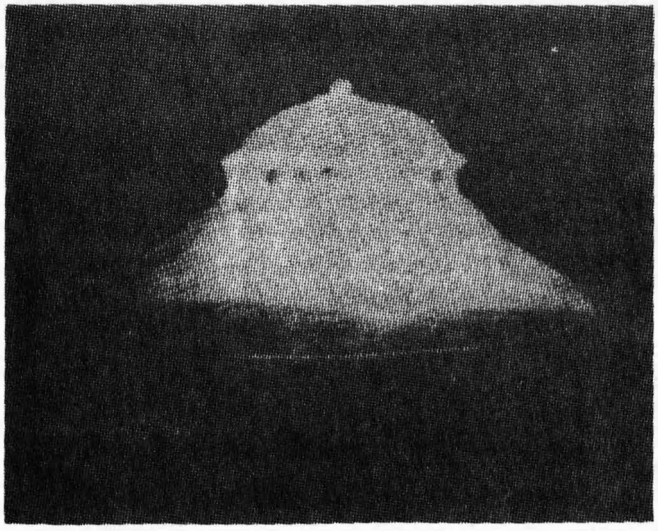
RECENT NEWS STORIES

SAUCER SPOTTED VISUALLY AND ON RADAR: On Nov. 25th, in Hot Springs, S. D., a saucer was spotted visually at the same time that a jet interceptor from Ellsworth Air Force Base reported registering an unidentified blip on its radar screen. The object was seen at about 4-30 p.m., by a group of persons in Hot Springs. This group included Sheriff Allen Coates and his son Robert, who said that the object was brilliantly lighted, flashed red, green and yellow lights, and was moving up and down in the sky. The younger Coates said that a jet interceptor made three passes at the object, and that on the third pass the pilot reported seeing a blip on his radar screen. The jets' radio was being monitored by the police radio. Coates added, however, that two other jets flying in the vicinity did not report picking up anything unusual on their radar. The Air Force refused to confirm any details of this most interesting sighting.

THE MENGER STORY: In the New York area during the past two months, a new group of saucer "contactees" and others with weird tales to tell, have been coming forward to give their stories to the public. This East Coast saucer revival has been largely due to a new all-night radio program on New York station WOR, where a saucer-minded announcer called Long John takes on all comers till the wee hours of the morning - the stranger the story, the better. Among those who have been interviewed on this program are George Van Tassel of California, author of "I Rode a Flying Saucer". Another man has rocketed to saucer fame largely as a result of having been on Long John's program. He is a new-comer to the field named Howard Menger, a 34-year-old sign painter from High Bridge, New Jersey.

Mr. Menger's contacts are of the Adamski type, in that the space people he meets invariably have messages of peace and love for humanity. A typical Menger contact occurred last August 4th. He relates the incident as follows: "It was 1-30 in the morning. I received two telepathic messages to go to a spot about a half mile north of my house, and about a mile from Route 69. I left the house alone while my wife was sleeping. I approached the spot and saw a glowing shape. I was not afraid because they (the space people) had taken all fear out of me.....I approached to within about 75 feet of the space ship, and saw three people emerge from it. The ship was bright with pulsating, colored lights. One of the three men walked toward me. He had blond wavy hair, which the breeze ruffled. He was wearing a uniform of a pastel color, and similar to a ski suit. The man spoke to me in a deep, beautiful voice. We talked a few minutes, and then the men returned to their craft and took off. The craft hovered in the air for a few moments so I could take pictures."

Mr. Menger has taken a number of pictures of the saucers and their occupants - unfortunately always with a Polaroid camera, which





leaves no negatives for examination. Two of his pictures are printed above. The left one shows a luminous saucer, while the right one shows the same space ship with one of its occupants standing in front of it. - In addition to the pictures, Mr. Menger has other "proofs" for his story. There are allegedly 16 people in the High Bridge area who have seen saucers near the Menger residence recently. One is a lady named Mrs. Tharp, a neighbor of the Mengers', who not long ago asked if she could be present at one of these space contacts. Shortly thereafter, she and her daughter accompanied Menger on a trip to a field near High Bridge, where they all allegedly saw three saucers. "One landed and a man got out," Mrs. Tharp relates. "He came to within 20 feet of us and Mr. Menger started talking to him. As a result of what I've seen, I do believe in flying saucers."

As a result of his experiences, Mr. Menger has been called upon for several appearances on radio and T. V. in the New York area. His home has been swamped by letters, phone calls, and personal visits by hundreds of people interested in his story. He has also begun making public lectures, the most recent of which (Dec. 16th) your Editor was privileged to attend. Menger, who claims he is not out to commercialize on his experiences, was charging $1.25 per head for this lecture. The meeting began amid rumors that the speaker's life had been threatened, and that he might never reach the lecture hall alive. The hall was supposedly swarming with police, though this reporter saw only two. Menger reached and left the meeting alive, and without incident. The man is an uninspired speaker, but talks with apparent sincerity, mainly concentrating on the spiritual truths he has learned from his space companions.

With George Adamski now reported to be living in Mexico, the saucer-minded public in America apparently needs new saucer stories of a sensational nature to keep interest in the subject from fading. Mr. Menger has amply filled that need.

SAUCER SEEN BY THREE MARINE PILOTS: On Oct. 14th three pilots of the 241st Air Reserve Squadron, while on a routine formation flight, saw a saucer over West Orange County, California. Said one of the pilots: At 24,000 feet I saw a shiny, definitely circular object pass above us, going in the opposite direction to our flight. Two of the other three pilots in our group also saw the thing.....It was only a momentary glimpse. The object was silver-colored, and had no appendages of any kind." The Marine officers were not certain of the height, speed, or size of the object.

FLYING SAUCERS: HOW TO SEPARATE FACTS FROM FICTION

- by Justin Case -

Readers who have followed my articles in SAUCER NEWS have asked me some questions about myself, and have also asked me to state my views on the origin of flying saucers. Here are my answers:

I am a mechanical engineer of many years experience, and a licensed professional engineer in the state of New York. I use the pen name of Justin Case to protect myself against the stigma attached to flying saucers by my fellow engineers and scientists.

Quite often the lives of many people and the safe operation of much equipment and large facilities, depend on the judgment of engineers. Therefore engineers must make sure their judgments are as accurate as possible. To do this they must base their thinking on facts plus extensive education and experience. Unless they do this,they are untrue to their profession and to the people they serve. I have sought to maintain this same attitude in all my articles on flying saucers, and especially in this one.

When I became interested in UFO's, I first looked for facts where I most expected to find them. To my surprise I found no information in the journals of the many scientific and engineering societies to which UFO's should be of interest. They unanimously ignored the subject completely. Therefore I had to launch my own program of investigation.

I have read about 20 books on flying saucers. Five are very good - one by Ruppelt, one by Menzel, and three by Keyhoe. The other 15 are trash. Most of these are "contact" stories, such as those by Adamski, Betherum, etc. Others are falsely scientific, such as those by Leslie, Cramp, Wilkins, etc. The first 5 books we will call fact books, and the other 15 we will politely call fiction books. In addition there are one or two books that do not quite belong to either class. There have been some good articles, notably those in TRUE Magazine.

The fact books contain about 110 good, reliable UFO reports. Almost all the other UFO reports are worthless, particularly those in newspapers and especially those that originate in Southern California. Now that we have the facts, the next step is to interpret them.

Flying saucers are a scientific mystery, so we have to consult the sciences for information to help us interpret and solve it. But what sciences? No one knows. I have read about 100 books on many different sciences, searching for any information that might shed light on the subject. Briefly, this is what I found:

Books on Psychology and Hypmotism show that people are wholly unreliable and inaccurate observers, especially of unfamiliar objects and strange events. Therefore most UFO reports can be considered worthless. Furthermore, many people, particularly the less educated, can easily make themselves see anything they want to see. Therefore all "contact" stories in the fiction books are deliberate or unintentional hoaxes, and this is further borne out by the many and obvious flaws in all of them.

Biology and Evolution clearly indicate that there is very little likelihood that visitors from space, if there ever were any, could look and act like us, as they are reported doing in the fiction books. This is further evidence that these books are false.

A study of Chemistry and Physics shows that the laws of these sciences apply throughout the universe. If there is life on other planets and if flying saucers come from them, they would be subject to these same laws. There is no evidence that saucers violate any of these laws. In particular they do not fly on "magnetic lines of force"nor do they neutralize gravity as claim-

ed in the fiction books.

Meteorology is the science that deals with weather and the atmosphere. There are many curious phenomena that take place in the atmosphere, and quite a number result from unknown causes. But most of these phenomena have motions that do not indicate intelligent control. By contrast, most of the 110 UFO reports found in the fact books clearly indicate intelligent control. So we must conclude that most of these UFO's are not meteorological phenomena.

Physical Geography indicates that only certain conditions will cause intelligent life to develop enough to produce space flight. If living conditions are too favorable, as in our tropics, life is too easy, and there is no stimulant for scientific development. In fact, the most backward people on our planet are found in the tropics. If conditions are too severe, as in our polar regions, there is so much difficulty in staying alive that there is no time for scientific development.

From Astronomy as well as from the sciences mentioned above, we learn that any kind of life is the exception, not the rule, throughout the universe; that life can exist without being intelligent, and that intelligent life can exist without producing space travel. It can be roughly estimated that of the millions of stars all around us, only one star in about 200 is likely to have a planet with life intelligent enough to produce space travel. Within a radius of 16 light years' distance from our Earth, there are only 48 stars, so it is hardly likely that any one of them has such a planet. But even if it did, the enormous distance of even the nearest of these stars (4.3 light years, or about 20,000,000,000,000 miles), seems to be an insurmountable barrier to any visitors from them. It can be shown that Einstein's "time-dilation" theory is of little help in overcoming these enormous distances, even if the visitors could travel at 90% of the speed of light,or 167,000 miles per second!

To sum it all up,everything in all the scientific books that I have read indicates the utter improbability of our having intelligent visitors from space, and that all the fiction books are deliberate or unintentional hoaxes, or that they are written by ignorant people who pretend to be scientific. - The possibility of intelligent life existing on other planets in our own solar system is considered very unlikely by reputable scientists.

Our scientists are as near right in their knowledge as human beings can be,for that is their chief goal. We owe to them all the things that make our lives safe, comfortable, and interesting, from the cradle to the grave. Nevertheless the history of science shows that they have been wrong sometimes. In one case, the so-called "Phlogiston Theory" of combustion, they were wrong for 75 years, and they refused to recognize this for an additional 25 years, despite the clear proof presented by Lavoister in the year 1775;Science today recognizes its past errors, and many scientists freely admit that there is much they do not know or about which they are doubtful, and that much of what is considered true today may turn out to be false or only partly true tomorrow.

There you have a brief summary of what can be learned from the many different sciences that might pertain to flying saucers. We now have the facts - the 110 good UFO sightings, and we now have some scientific education with which to interpret the facts. What, then, is our judgment?

All of these 110 UFO reports indicate intelligent movements. There must be some truth in these reports. But even if we assume that some parts of these reports are not reliable, or even if we assume that only one report of the 110 is accurate, we still have a mystery that present-day science cannot explain. The saucers cannot be meteorological phenomena, for they show intelligent motion. The answer must lie somewhere else. We do not

know enough to say what it is; we can only make as good a guess as our education and experience allow.

There might be some mistakes in our present scientific knowledge, or our knowledge is simply not advanced enough to explain flying saucers. Fifty years ago, how many scientists could have explained a modern guided missile streaking through the sky? Today, how many scientists can possibly explain some new development that might come fifty years in the future? Engineers have shown that space flight is possible between planets in our solar system. It may be possible between the stars, especially for intelligent beings whose life spans and abilities greatly exceed our own.

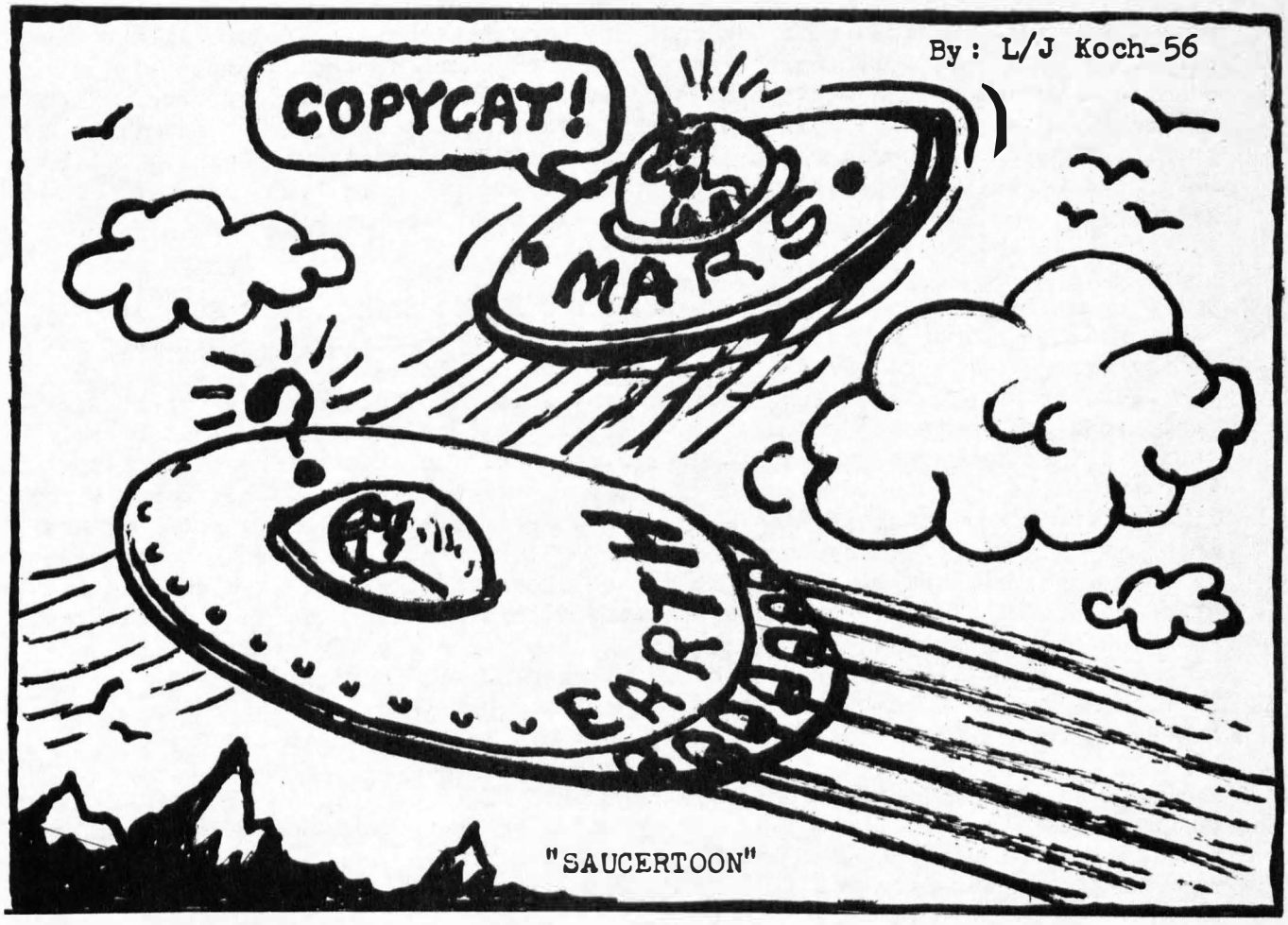
Therefore I am quite willing to admit the possibility of our having intelligent visitors from space, despite all the overwhelming evidence of present-day scientific knowledge against it. But I freely admit the weakness of this view, and I am willing to consider any new evidence that comes along. There is still a strong possibility that flying saucers are man-made after all.

In my opinion, the flying saucer mystery is still unsolved.

RECENT NEWS STORIES

SOUTH DAKOTA MAN DESCRIBES HUGE SAUCER: The following is the account given to newspapers last Nov. 15th by a young Redfield, S. D. truck driver, describing a sighting he had made at 1 a.m. the previous Wednesday morning: "At first I saw what I thought was a bright star. Then it began changing colors. I thought my eyes were playing tricks on me, so I stopped my truck and got out to stretch my legs. As I rounded the back of the truck, this thing swooped down about a half mile to the east of me and stopped at an elevation of about 1,000 feet. I was very frightened. If it had been on the ground, it would have covered about a square block. It looked to be about 12 feet thick. It was a slate gray color, and appeared to be made of metal. It was round, and at the base was an opening about one tenth the size of the object, from which a very brilliant light was shining. Around the edge of the thing was a lighted outline. I couldn't tell if there were windows in the lighted part, or if there was exhaust coming out all around it." The driver finally got back into his truck and drove on, but the object remained in sight for 5 hours, during which time he had traveled 150 miles. At no time did it make any noise.

CONGRESS PROBES PENTAGON'S SECRECY ON SAUCERS AND OTHER MATTERS: House investigators recently asked Pentagon officials to explain the Defense Department's strange and confusing security policies on such matters as flying saucers. A House government operations sub-committee investigating suppression of public information also wanted to know why Defense Department censors tried to blue-pencil material in magazine articles that had nothing to do with military secrets. The Director and Deputy Director of the Defense Department's Office of Security Review were called to testify. Later in the same investigation, Air Force officials faced questioning on why they alternately unclassified, stamped "secret", and then declassified again a report on flying saucers. Among other matters probed was the Army's refusal to allow a former intelligence officer to write a book dealing with intelligence work during the American Revolution. The officer had been denied permission to discuss intelligence procedures during the Revolution (1775 - 1783) on the grounds that they might throw some light on present-day procedures. (How absurd can you get!!! - Editor.)



DEAD ANIMAL THAT FELL FROM SKY CAUSES WILD SPECULATION: Here's a really weird story, from San Francisco, Calif., dated Oct. 27th: When Faye Swanson, a local housewife, stepped into her back yard on the morning of the 26th, she found a small, furry body that had obviously fallen out of the sky during the night. The body had struck her clothesline with such force that a solid 4-by-4-inch post was splintered;Mrs. Swanson told police that possibly the body had fallen from an airplane, but a check with the local airport showed that no regular airliner had been transporting animals during the previous night. A lid of secrecy was immediately clamped on the case. Apparently the animal was finally identified as a Philippine monkey of the kind flown in by the thousands to help out in the manufacture of polio vaccine. But the question still remains - how did it get in Mrs. Swanson's yard? It seems that the local authorities know a lot more about this incident than they care to tell.

GIANT SAUCER CLUB FORMED IN WASHINGTON: A group of about 70 respected and scientific-minded people have formed the beginnings of what they hope will be a million-dollar budget saucer investigation organization, with headquarters in Washington, D.C. Although no government sponsorship is claimed, the organization intends to operate on a scale that will put all other saucer clubs to shame;Already a plush office has been opened on fashionable Connecticut Ave;The group is called the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, and is headed by Thomas Townsend Brown, a 51-year-old physicist. Other leaders include the following men, whose names will be familiar to avid saucer fans: Frank Edwards, radio and T. V. commentator; the Rev. Albert N. Baller of Greenfield, Mass; and the Rev. Leon C. LeVan. Several

scientists and a retired rear admiral are among the others who are listed as members of the board. To their credit, the group has adopted a completely scientific approach to the subject of saucers,and they start with no preconceived notions as to what they will discover in their investigations. Two official publications are planned. However, confidential information reaching SAUCER NEWS Headquarters indicates that the whole scheme may have been just a bit too grandiose, and that the organization is already showing signs of financial difficulties and possible failure.

NEW JERSEY MAN SEES FIREBALL SKIM OVER RIVER: At 3-45 a.m. on October 2nd, a Trenton, N.J. night watchman named Harry Sturdivant saw a terrifying sight: A large glowing object swooped down out of the sky over the Delaware River, and came to within a few feet of the water before it suddenly took off into the air again. All this happened so quickly that Sturdivant was unable to get a complete description of the object. He says that it was very large - probably over 100 feet in length,- that it did not have wings like an airplane, that it made a hissing sound as it skimmed over the water, and that it gave off an overpowering odor. Sturdivant remembers the odor more vividly than anything else, for it was so sickening that he was afraid he was going to become ill. - An unusual aspect of this sighting is that Sturdivant later became probably the first man in history to apply for workmen's compensation for disability received from a flying saucer. The night watchman claims that he was terrified by the object and that his throat was affected by its fumes. He says that he has permanently lost his sense of taste and smell.

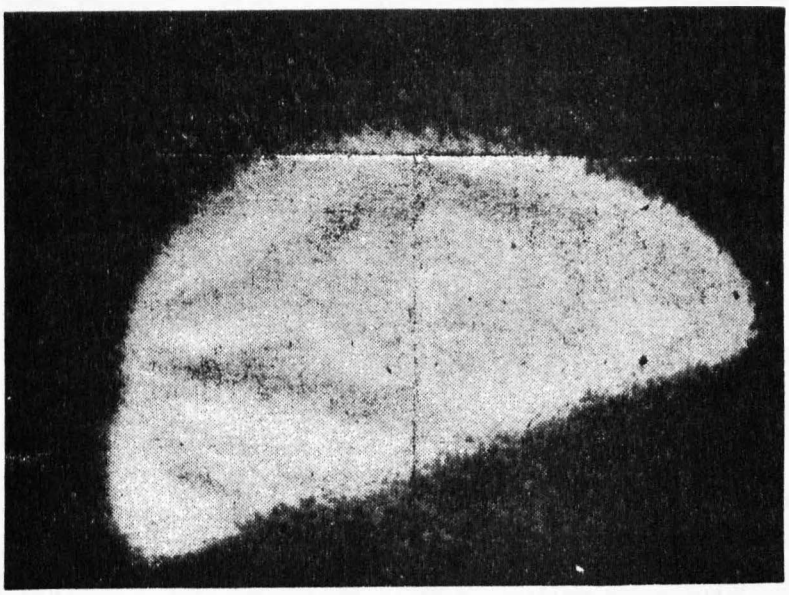
MYSTERY NOTE IN BOTTLE TELLS OF BATTLE WITH SPACEMEN: On July 15th, the Seattle (Wash.) Post-Intelligencer published a story of a strange note found inside a bottle by a woman living on Bainbridge Island, near Seattle. The note read: "REPORT TO PENTAGON: Actually I doubt if anyone will ever find this message, but I am going to send it in the hope that someone does. I have been shot down by flying saucers over two weeks ago now. Today is Dec. 4, 1952, and I am dying. I will have to admit that to myself no matter how much I dislike it. The fact I want known is that there are flying saucers, as I am one of their victims. (signed) Cmdr. J. P. Sinclaire, USN." Local Naval authorities checked their records to find out if there actually was a commander named J.P. Sinclaire in their ranks in 1952, and found no record of anyone by that name - thus giving rise to the suspicion that the note is nothing more than a hoax.

SAUCER SEEN CLOSE-UP BY THREE SOUTH DAKOTA MEN: Three responsible persons, all engineers of Rapid City, S.D., reported seeing a saucer over the city last October 9th. The object came into view at 5-15 p.m., traveling in a northerly direction, about 15 degrees from their angle of view. It was about 20 feet wide and eight feet long, traveling with the long dimension across the line of flight. The speed was about 120 m.p.h., and the object was flipping over and performing "falling leaf" maneuvers, although maintaining a more or less northerly direction and climbing slightly. Within a minute or so it flew out of sight. The engineers looked for a tow plane or other aircraft in the area, but could not see or hear one, nor could they hear an engine or any visible method of propulsion on the unidentified craft.

NEW SIGNS OF LIFE ON MARS: An extremely interesting news report dated Dec. 14th reads as follows: "American astronomer E.C. Slipher (of Lowell Observatory in Arizona) claimed today that his observations with advanced television apparatus show that intelligent beings built canals on

Mars. But don't expect visitors. Slipher thinks the Martian civilization is extinct and that the planet has passed its life-supporting era." - Other signs of Martian life have also been reported recently, by several reputable scientists. During the week of Sept. 2nd, Soviet astronomers reported seeing striking changes on Mars, particularly in the Southern Hemisphere. These included bright spots, and a red line seen on August 30th. Two days later this line split in two. R. A. McIntosh, an astronomer in New Zealand, said the planet's ice cap melted three months earlier than usual this year. Other astronomers reported strange dust clouds, as well as lights and saucer-like objects flying near the Red Planet.

NORTH DAKOTA POLICEMAN PHOTOGRAPHS SAUCER: Last Nov. 25th, two state employees, including a state highway patrolman, saw a saucer near Pierre, N. D., and took pictures of it. Patrolman Don Kelm, and Jack Peters, dispatcher for the state police radio system, said they got to within a block of the object. The saucer was first seen at 12-45 a.m. on a highway 25 miles east of Pierre. The two men told reporters that the object was bright red in color, and was hovering 50 to 100 feet above the ground when they first saw it. They watched it for about half an hour. As they drove back toward Pierre, the thing seemed to follow their car. "It was shaped like half an egg with the bottom round, and made no sound,"said Peters. "It appeared like someone was shining a red light on a mirror. There was enough light from it to make the center lines on the highway gleam." Peters took several photos of the object, using a fence post to steady the camera. The negatives, developed in the state law enforcement laboratory, appeared to show a dot of light in the dark;There was no symetrical shape such as the men reported to have seen with the naked eye.- At Rapid City, it was reported that radar screens had picked up the strange object, and interceptors were sent up to try to make contact with it. - The photograph on this page is a blow-up of one of the pictures taken by Mr. Peters.



THE MON-KA STORY: This incident has already received so much publicity that we will not give as much space to it as we would like to, although it is one of the biggest (and most disappointing) saucer stories of the Fall season.

It all began as a result of tape recordings from Mon-Ka, a Martian, that have been distributed during the past several months by a California saucer outfit called the Solar Cross Foundation, which is headed by a man named Dick Miller. On one of this series of seven tapes, Mon-Ka said he would appear over Los Angeles in his saucer at 10-30 p.m. on the night of November 7th, and that he would broadcast a message to the people of Earth at that time. These tape recordings were brought to London, England, by a saucer

enthusiast named Kenneth McKeller. Through his efforts, together with the efforts of the British magazine "Flying Saucer Review", the Mon-Ka story received wide publicity in England. A wire service newspaper story about these goings-on in Britain, was misinterpreted in America to suggest that recognized scientists had recorded and confirmed the authenticity of the space messages, although such was not the case at all. In the United States, the Mon-Ka business received publicity through an organization in Los Angeles called the Space Interplanetary Study Group. President Gabriel Green of this group persuaded radio station KATY in San Luis Obispo, Calif., to agree to go off the air for two minutes at 10-30 p.m. on Nov.7th,to allow Mon-Ka's message to come through In addition, two Los Angeles television shows - Paul Coates on KTTV, and Tom Dugan on another channel - gave some of their time on the "big night"to interviewing various people among the crowds in the Los Angeles area who were waiting for Mon-Ka's appearance and message.

Unfortunately, the Martian apparently got lost in a mental fog on his way to California that night, for he failed to show up. One routine saucer sighting was made that night, by one of eleven mobile stations set up by the student engineering council of California Polytechnic Institute. This student group, for reasons that are not quite clear to us, was co-operating with the saucer enthusiasts in this affair. Another routine sighting was made by a ham station working together with the engineering students, and numerous other sightings were reported by residents of the Los Angeles area on the nights of Nov.7th and 8th. But no space messages came through."Flying Saucer Review" had already issued a special bulletin denying any responsibility for or official connection with the Mon-Ka affair,and all of the more sensible saucer magazines in this country had deliberately ignored or played down the whole thing; so when the story turned out to be a fiasco, there were few red faces except in Southern California. Even John Otto, a Chicago lecturer who has had some pretty fantastic contacts himself in his day, was not caught out on a limb; he predicted all along that Mon-Ka would not appear.

Some time before the "big night" Miller had disbanded his Solar Cross Group, supposedly for financial reasons, and rumor has it that he has disappeared.

NEWS BRIEFS: Cedric Allingham, author of the British saucer book "Flying Saucer from Mars", has died in a sanatorium in Switzerland. The author had been suffering from tuburculosis for quite some time...The newly-elected president of New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence is John DuBerry. Mr. DuBerry is a former editor of TRUE Magazine, and is well known for his work with Major Keyhoe during the early days of saucer research. Other new C.S.I. officers include Ivan Sanderson, Courtland Hastings, Ted Bloecher and Lex Mebane. Your Editor is one of the former presidents of this organization. .....George Williamson, one of Adamski's former associates, has folded up his Telonic Research Center in Arizona, and the organization's quarterly magazine "The Telonic Research Bulletin" will cease to be published. Williamson is said to be heading for Lima, Peru, for reasons unknown.....James Rigberg, former publisher of "Flying Saucer News", New York City's largest (and only) saucer magazine, has declared bankruptcy. Rigberg was also the proprieter of a store that sold books on saucers and occult subjects. It is ironic that this news should come only a few months after Rigberg was featured in a Saturday Evening Post article emphasizing how well he was doing at that time in commercializing on saucers.....British astronomer H. P. Wilkins (no relation to H. T. Wilkins, the saucer author), has resigned from the sedate British Astronomical Association, due to that society's failure to accept unorthodox findings he reported in his study of the Moon. He is now forming a new astronomical society, composed of more liberal-minded scientists.

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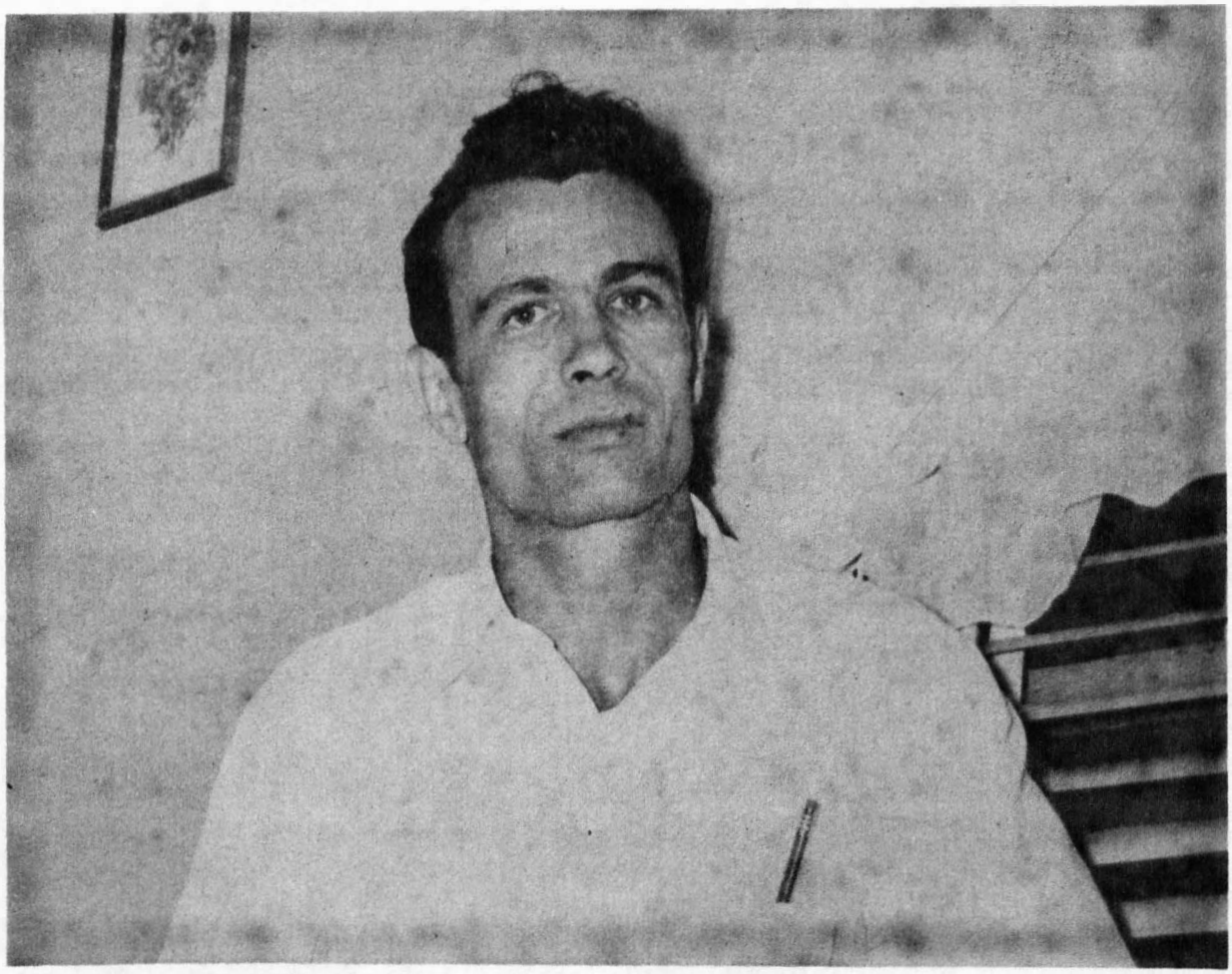
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EDITORIAL NOTES

An excellent article appeared in the December 1956 issue of URANUS, the best of the British saucer zines. Entitled "Adamski, the Last (Coffin) Nail", the article pointed out that both Adamski's books were "ghosted" by other writers. URANUS pointed out, as your SAUCER NEWS Editor already knew, that "Flying Saucers Have Landed" was "ghosted" by one "C.L.J.", who might as well be identified here as Clara John, editor of Washington D.C.'s "Little Listening Post". Mrs.John, in an angry open letter replying to URANUS, points out that "ghosting" a story does not necessarily mean improving on the plot. But here are Mrs. John's own words, written in 1953 and quoted now by URANUS: "Things (are) all mixed up, publicity not handled right, pathetic and his (Adamski's) story is too prosaic, not put together right...." If this does not imply that Mrs. John was ready to "jazz up" the Adamski story in order to make it better, than we don't know what does!

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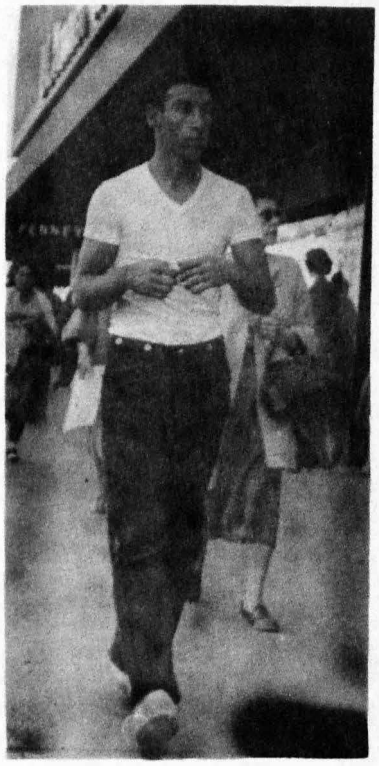
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR



Further Word from Jim Fugatt, Who Claims to Have Proof That "Little Men" Exist

.....I can't wait till you get here, because so many people think I am crazy because I claim I talk to the space people. I don't think I could get a picture of them in person because I have never seen them in person 100%. I've just seen parts of them. But when you get here I will tell you of a scientist who has had some of their bodies under study for 20 years. I promise to do this. All you have to do is help me find him. He lives somewhere in California. When I say I can prove my proof to you, I simply mean that you might not see a saucer here but you most certainly will see what their signals look like. You see, they send signals to me because if they came down too close, so that I could see the saucer, then radar would pick them up and the U. S. Government would investigate; but as I only see their lights or signals, nobody gets wise and I always can go on without trouble....

JIM FUGATT
Phoenix, Arizona

(Editor's Note: It begins to sound as if Mr. Fugatt's proof is not as definite as he indicated at first. However, we will still investigate personally if we get the chance. - The above photo is a recent snapshot of Mr. Fugatt.)

Concerning the "International Bankers"

(Editor's Note: For a long while we refused to take seriously any of the current rumors concerning an alleged organization called the "International Bankers". (In any case it would appear that this organization has no connection with "The Organization" we discussed in the June-July issue.) Recently, however, your Editor has received several very thought-provoking letters concerning the "International Bankers! The most unusual of these letters is reproduced below in full.)

Here in Bombay, there is much dismay among members of our club called the "Vimanians", over numerous letters which have been sent to people showing interest in the Vimenas. The few copies of your rival Editor's "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" made an immediate impression on us. We would like you to know that we, too, have experienced for some time these visitations from taciturn but menacing young men of apparently Northern Asian or Western race-type.

Simultaneously, we have received polite but sinister letters from the very "International Bankers" whose name figures so much these days from the Occidental side of the UFO world. We are not racially as "hard-boiled" as you people seem to be, and therefore we are genuinely distressed to find ourselves in receipt of these strangely phrased threatening letters. Some of the letters have been quite offensive and all that I have seen have been worded very peculiarly in most uncommon English.

The men who have called at the homes of us "Vimanians" have made us feel most uncomfortable by constantly referring to our own nationalistic difficulties and our relationship with the U.S.S.R. They do not

appear to be Communist in their outlook but, during the late British regime they would certainly have been classified as "agents provacateurs" and their occasional suggestions would most definitely have been condemned as being seditious.

The letters that I have seen as well as the few common details which I have gleaned from those who have not been too badly scared to discuss their "visitors", contain a strong element of interest in happenings in the region of Tibet. From Pakistan I have heard of one or more of these strangers asking questions concerning the political situation on the borders of Afghanistan, Waziristan, and Nepal.

The strangest thing about this mystery is that, at no time, have there been any direct references on the part of these questioners to their own country. In fact it has been felt that they do not live on this Earth at all but that they are agents from Outer Space. To some degree they are exceptionally well-informed, but sometimes on matters of commonest common knowledge, they are definitely more ignorant than young school children. The strangest thing of all about them is that they refuse to take any form of refreshment - even European food.

We would like to know how this mystery aligns itself with any similar experiences in the United States. Frankly we are not a little afraid of the possible consequences in the light of Mr. Gray Barker's disturbing book.

I do not want you to reproduce any of the material which I have enclosed. These phrases have been chosen from six letters that I have seen for myself. The recipients are particularly anxious not to be identified and they realize that this would be possible if the "International Bankers" had an opportunity to compare the individual phraseologies with the copies that it is feared that they may make of their strange correspondence.

NOORALI KASSAMALI KANJI
Bombay, India

Miscellaneous Letters

In William Labb's letter, which was published in the Oct. - Nov. SAUCER NEWS, he stated that the film "Unidentified Flying Objects" was probably withdrawn from Connecticut theatres because of censorship. I entirely disagree with him.

The film made its appearance in the Akron - Cuyahoga Falls area around Sept. 7th, and continued to play in local theatres until the end of September. If there had been any censorship involved it would have been effective in every state. Also the film was given a very good review by our newspaper movie columnist. He said it was "unquestionably the most sensational and thought-provoking documentary of our time."

I found only one fault in the movie. Instead of wasting so much time with explanations of all the precautions taken by the Air Force, they should have included many more important sightings....

JOHN L. ZELLER
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

I quote from the Indianapolis Times: "Barcelona, Spain, Sept. 12, 1956: The special committee of the Geophysical Year went into secret session today to discuss the many phenomena to be studied by scientists of the world between July, 1957, and December, 1958." Haven't saucers been called "Phenomena"dozens of times? JAMES COONS
Indianapolis, Indiana

A REPORT ON WASHINGTON D.C.'s NICAP
(National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena)
- by M. K. Jessup -

NICAP was conceived as a great boon to the field of saucer research, and an elaborate organizational structure was set up on paper during September and October, 1956, after preliminary meetings in July and August. A number of devoted people pitched in with help and advice. The most notable of these was Mrs. Rose Hackett,who served NICAP devotedly and sincerely for many months without pay. Without Mrs. Hackett, it is my belief that NICAP would have folded up before Christmas.

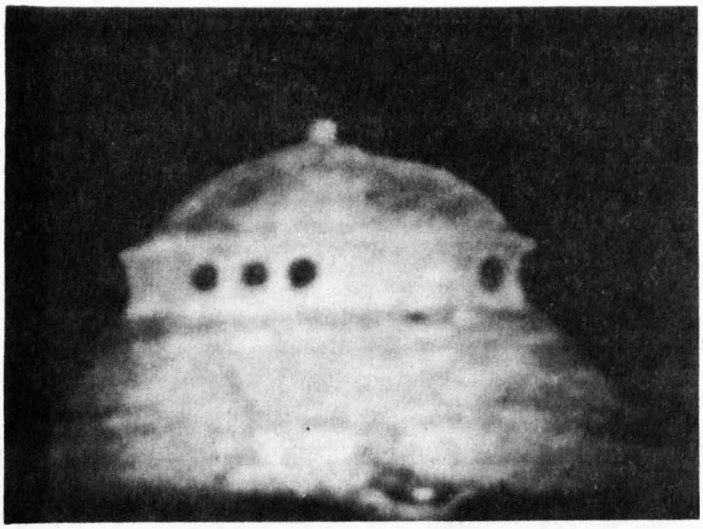
The avowed aims of NICAP made it appear as a great gift to Saucerdom, but it soon developed that the organization had every appearance of being designed for the pecuniary gain of a few promoters. The apparently undercover deal with Baltimore firms for vague "public relations" work was the first such move to be smoked out at the November 1, 1956 election attended by approximately 19 voting members. The payoff came, however, with T. Townsend Brown's announcement of a salary structure for about seven officials, himself among them, totaling over $85,000. There were many other evidences of apparent mismanagement, which would have been worse without the firm, unselfish guidance of Mrs. Hackett.

Very early in the history of NICAP, Mr. Brown made it clear that NICAP was not an organization of UFO people nor by UFO people, and whether it was intended to ever be for UFO people will now never be known. It was stated bluntly that UFO authors would not be permitted to hold administrative positions in NICAP, and an effort was made to staff the Board of Governors with anti-UFO personnel. It is believed that only the unselfish efforts of Major Keyhoe prevented Mr. Brown and his associates from doing this. Time after time potential doners of funds approached NICAP and withdrew after contact. Expenses ran very high to maintain a false front of bigness, and news releases gave the erroneous impression that the group was doing real UFO investigation, whereas actually it was not.

The true meaning of NICAP as planned by Mr. Brown and associates became painfully apparent in the January elections, in which Messrs Brown and Rush tried to elect themselves to the Board of Governors by acquiring the excessive voting weight set up for the founders who donated $1000 in exchange for 100 votes. It is rumored that neither Brown nor Rush had fully paid for these memberships, except through the ruse of paying themselves salary checks (on an inflated scale)and then donating the money back to NICAP. This ruse is rumor and has not been confirmed, but there seems every reason to accept it as true. This would have given them complete control of all phases of NICAP, as they would have been the only Governors in Washington, and would have confirmed their own self-appointment to top salary jobs, some paying in the range of $17,000 to $18,000 per year. This move was squelched at the meeting, at the last minute, by Major Keyhoe, who forced Brown and Rush to withdraw their candidacy. The previous Board was then re-elected by acclamation, although some had expressed a desire to withdraw. That was on January 14th.

On January 15th the Board of Governors met, and it is to the everlasting credit of the Board, headed by Admiral Fahrney, and abetted by Jim McAshan of Knoxville, Tenn., that they made a thorough housecleaning in NICAP, both in regard to policy and personnel. All previous personnel have now been dropped, except Mrs. Hackett, whose honest devotion to duty has remained unquestioned. Major Keyhoe was appointed temporary Director, and he and Mrs.

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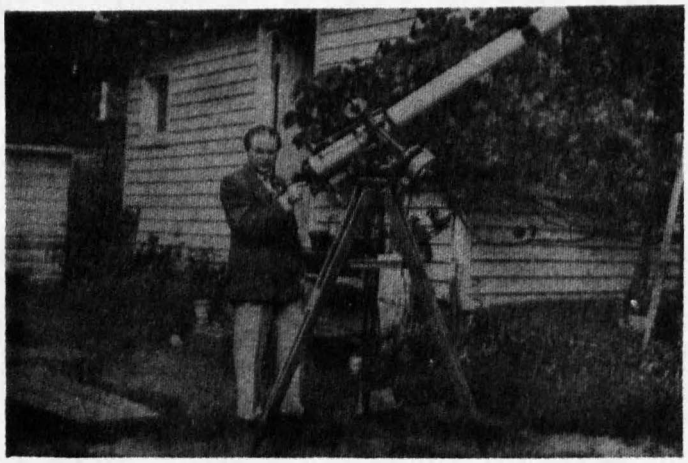


MENGER'S ADAMSKI-TYPE SAUCERS

- by Lonzo Dove -

I do not wish, nor am I qualified, to handle private contacts with flying saucers and their pilots, because this is in the field of psychiatrics, best practiced in professional isolated quarters. But when these "contactees"blunder out of their ectoplasm world into the fields of astronomy, physics, and photography, I can answer them with some degree of experience,and I can make sound judgments as to the worth of the evidence they are offering.

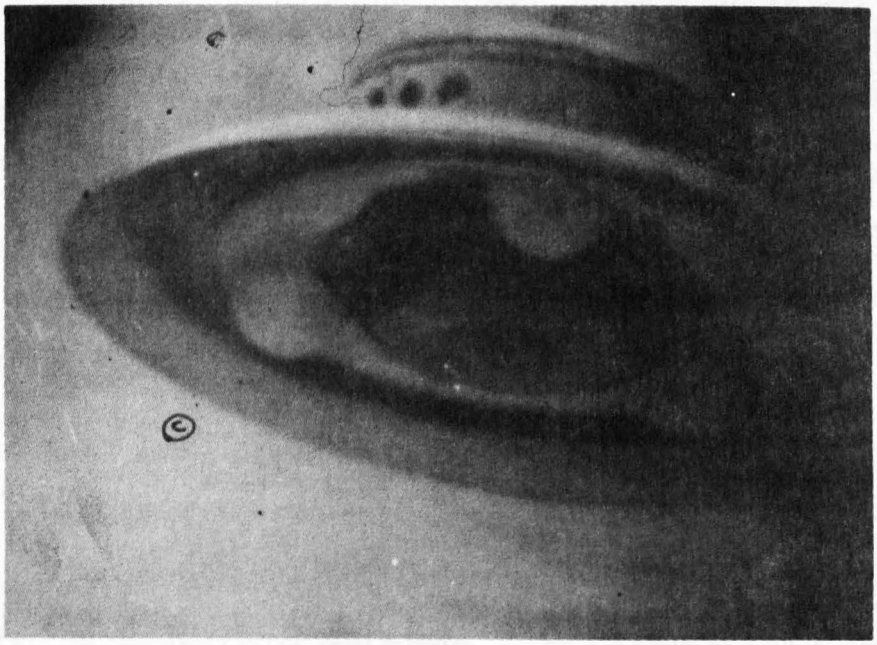
Howard Menger will make a better living back at his job of sign painting, unless his brushwork photography fools more people than I hope it does. For the marks of his trade are spread all over his saucer photographs. The six examples that I have seen are only snapshots of two different crude paintings on a flat plane of two dimensions, taken by varied lighting and distance with a dark background. I refer to the photographs published by Van Tassel and accepted by him as authentic according to his"Research Wisdom". (Editor's Note: Two of Menger's photos appear at the top of this page, but unfortunately they have not been reproduced here in sufficient detail for analysis.)



"// Mr. Dove //

One of the six Menger pictures I have seen shows an unlighted silhouette cut-out form of a Venusian in front of a partly lighted saucer. Here the spotlight was narrowed in order to avoid the man;But this same saucer is shown in another fully lighted pose without the man. Both have the very same perspective and proportion of form and markings, and every brush mark or spray smudge shows in the same shape and relative position in both photographs. And there are <u>no</u> three-

// Below: One of George Adamski's "scout ships" //

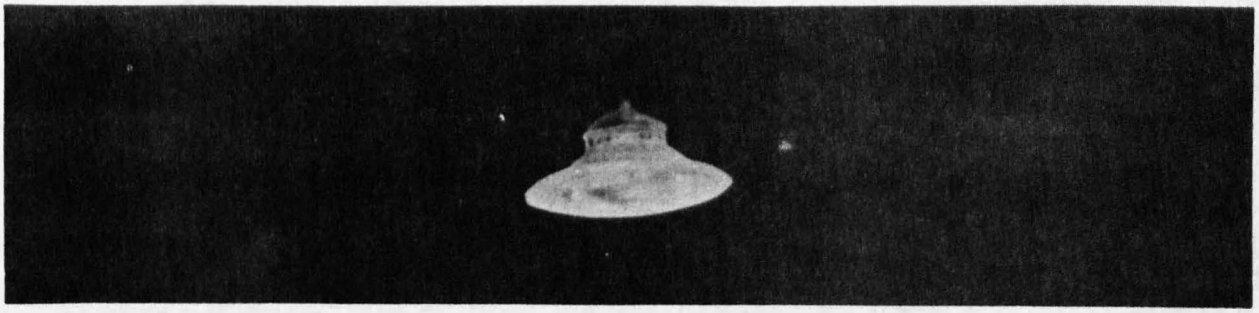


dimensional light reflections or shadows. Such duplicate views are practically impossible of a real object in flight at different times and seen from different viewpoints.

In both the photos I refer to, the same funny blemishes in outline are visible. The left edge of the dome shows the same brush line and daubs of light and dark in the same positions. The portholes are the same even to the markings inside them, and they have not changed position a bit on the concave band. If there is a face in any of these portholes, it must be a monster instead of a man, for at this close distance a face would photograph distinctly in a sharp focus picture as this proves to be. Yet no details show except the tell-tale paint blemishes. On the right edge of the dome midway between the top button and the band flange, there is a small bright daub projecting clearly in both poses. Moreover, this space measures slightly different on the right and left sides, while a real dome would be symmetrical.

Menger's other photographs show another aspect drawing in which the different lighting intensity does not hide the blemish marks, which show up in the same shape and positions in all poses of the saucer. The close-up blur violates the law of optics by being less detailed than the farther views, and this proves that the picture is not of a real saucer in photographic range.

These photos are so evidently faked that it is almost foolish to even criticize them, except that many busy people might otherwise accept them as authentic in wish fulfillment of the real elusive flying saucers. Finishing a polaroid picture in front of witnesses does not tell how the film was exposed in the first place;That takes close scrutiny and analysis such as I have just done above.



Above: One of Howard Menger's "scout ships"

COANDA'S FLYING SAUCERS

- by Justin Case and James W. Moseley -

Two recent magazine articles should be of great interest to flying saucer enthusiasts, for they throw a strong light on some of the UFO reports that have baffled the experts.

The first of these articles appeared in the May 1956 issue of "Flying" Magazine, under the title "The Coanda Story". The second was in the December 1956 "True" Magazine, with the title "The Jet Propelled Genius and His Mighty Blow". Both articles are about Professor Henri Coanda, a French mathematician, engineer and scientist.

In 1904 Prof. Coanda first saw an airplane fly and became interested in air flight. But the crude, propeller-driven craft with its multitude of moving parts was too complicated, inefficient and offensive to his scientific tastes, so he set about to design a much simpler craft. This would have no propeller,and only a minimum of moving parts. He hoped to create lift by producing a vacuum over his craft by blowing jets of hot gases below and on either side of a slender fuselage. The tail was to be delta-shaped.

Fortunately for him, his parents were wealthy and Prof. Coanda was able to persue his designs. After he built his craft he mounted it on a locomotive to test its performance while in motion. Then one day he took it out to an airfield intending only to run it on the ground. Unexpectedly it rose in the air, flew forward, crashed into a wall and burst into flames. We now know that Prof. Coanda was the first man ever to fly a jet-propelled aircraft - as far back as 1910!

His parents heard of this accident and refused to finance him any further for fear he might be killed in such experiments. Deprived of such support, Prof. Coanda was unable to resume his research on jet aircraft till 1930. This time he proposed to build a "lenticular aerodyne", - a disc-shaped craft which got its lift from a vacuum created by circular motion of gases, somewhat as a tornado creates a vacuum within itself. In 1932 his experiments proved he could produce in this manner a lifting force of about 450 pounds per square foot!

Scientists heard about his work and asked him to write some articles on it, but Prof. Coanda had no time for writing, and hence very little was known of his work. After he made laboratory models of his craft and tested them to his satisfaction, he took out patents on his inventions in France, Germany, England, and the United States. This was in 1935. Although news of these patents was available to the world, no one came to see him about them.

However it is important to note that a prominent French government scientist in 1938 published a paper describing how he was able to produce a lift of about 400 pounds per square foot by the application of Coanda's theories.

World War II broke out and Prof. Coanda stopped his research. We know that the Germans developed jet propulsion to a high degree during the War, but Prof. Coanda does not think they developed his lenticular aerodyne. The Russians took over some German scientists after the War, and Prof. Coanda thinks that some UFO reports over Northern Europe were probably the results of Russian experiments with his ideas.

In 1945 an American colonel brought Prof. Coanda to Wright Field, in Dayton, Ohio. This is where new aircraft are developed and tested for the Air Force by NACA, the National Advisory Committee on Aeronautics. It is also where ATIC, the Air Technical Intelligence Center,is located. This is the group that in 1947 began to investigate flying saucers for the Air

Force. The NACA scientists and engineers listened politely as Prof. Coanda explained his theories - how he expected to build a disc-shaped aircraft, without wings, and driven by a vacuum created by the circular motion of jets of air. But they were openly skeptical and Prof. Coanda realized he would have to build his lenticular aerodyne himself.

He is now engaged in this work. His craft will weigh 900 pounds empty, carry one to four people, fly at 300 miles per hour with a range of 1,000 miles, and be able to fly straight up and to hover. It will be able to take off and land in a small front yard.

There you have a brief summary of the contents of the two articles mentioned above. From them we know now that the principles of a radically new type of aircraft and propulsion were given to the world by Prof. Coanda in 1935. They were verified in 1938. The Germans undoubtedly knew about them and experimented with them during World War II. Our own NACA must have known it in 1935,but if not,then surely in 1945 when Prof.Coanda visited them.

Let us not be deceived by the fact that no one came to see Prof. Coanda in 1935 when he took out patents on his inventions in several countries. This does not mean the military men in those countries were not interested. It is much more likely that they secretly set up work on them but pretended no interest in order to cover up their secrecy.

Prof. Coanda's lenticular aerodyne has the same shape that is attributed to flying saucers. Its expected performance closely resembles the maneuvers of many flying saucers. A vertical force of 400 pounds per square foot under a disc is easily enough to explain the rapid upward accelerations of the UFO's. When the disc is tilted, the horizontal component of this force just as easily explains the rapid horizontal accelerations of the UFO's. In addition, Prof. Coanda claims that his craft can change direction very sharply - another characteristic of the UFO's. His jet propulsion sometimes produces a trailing flame, also a frequent UFO characteristic.

Note that flying saucers began to appear in large numbers over the United States in late 1947, about two years after Prof. Coanda visited NACA at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. The second largest number of UFO reports in any area of the U.S. came from Dayton, Ohio. This information comes from the Air Force's Special Report No. 14, which gives 146 UFO reports from Washington, D.C., followed closely by 144 reports from Dayton. So we see that a great many reports came from the area where we would expect them if NACA was experimenting with Prof. Coanda's lenticular aerodyne.

Finally, we know that our Air Force has taken over the development of a saucer-shaped aircraft started by AVRO, Ltd. of Canada. Also, in October of 1955, Air Force Secretary Quarles stated that the Air Force, Army, and Navy have on hand and on order some aircraft that look and act like flying saucers, and that we will be seeing more of these craft in the future.

All this adds up to strong evidence that flying saucers are man-made after all, and not intelligent visitors from space. It does not explain all UFO sightings, especially those seen over foreign and under-developed countries and in remote parts of the world. But then no one explanation will account for all UFO reports, and it is not reasonable to expect it to do so. However, Prof. Coanda has given us an explanation that fits a considerable number of them. Perhaps Captain Ruppelt's panel of scientists were right after all when they said there was no evidence whatever that UFO's come from some other planet.

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THE FLYING SAUCER STATUS QUO
- by John Phillip Bessor -

At this stage of the flying saucer drama, every honest researcher must certainly be filled with righteous indignation at the entire subject having been taken over by the mystics and esotericists. When the Air Force publicly turned its back on the subject in 1950 this was bound to happen. Up till then, the mystics remained in their holes, fearing to come out and proclaim themselves for fear the Air Force might shame them by declaring the saucers to be American or Russian guided missiles. So the Air Force went into its hole, and the mice came out of theirs, reaping the harvest which the Air Force had planted, at the expense of the taxpayers' money. In short, the Air Force blithely handed over to the cultists the whole flying saucer mystery, after we taxpayers had paid them to investigate it.

Remember, there was never a mention of humanoids landing in saucers from 1947 till the summer of 1949, when two old desert prospectors told of a saucer landing and of two little fellows who jumped out of the craft and scurried over the sand dunes. Then came Scully's book in 1950, and the grand science-fiction race was on - Adamski leading, with his male Apollo with long hair and ski-pants, and Desmond Leslie right behind him, holding on to Adamski's coat-tails for dear life.

It is inconceivable to me that such "great" personages as Lord Dowding of England should be taken in by these wild yarns of space people and intelligent contacts with them. Frankly, if an Adamski, a Williamson or an Angelucci ever did encounter a bonafide flying saucer, you can bet that he would die of fright right on the spot!

These fiction yarns and fiction books describing space contacts and rides in saucers, would be downright humorous were it not for the fact that so many people take them seriously, in consequence of which the whole subject of flying saucers is falling apart. The Air Force has abandoned it; the press services suppress all news of it, and the "carrion crows", the opportunists, have taken it over for themselves. The saucer mystery has, with few exceptions, an exceedingly poor press. Most saucer magazine "editors" exert themselves to publish the most ludicrous saucer bulletins or periodicals imaginable, which grade-school children would blush to receive.

Let us hope that one day there will be a betterment of the entire situation, and that the greatest mystery of our age shall once again be treated with the intelligent respect and concern it so justly deserves.

THE DEATH OF CAPTAIN MANTELL (by Kenneth H. Ford)

Shape exploding with light
over the bending man in the cockpit
wears a face of smooth sadness
for fumbling spent on kneeling years
for worn bone of unspeaking man
in the nave of unrehersed tears....
Armed with swept-back wings for hands,
cursing animal forced to ram
a shape of light formed and reformed,
emerging from a parliament of galactic peers;
yet, they have seen us in our thunder,
heedless of blasted and bewildered fears
and with inhuman sadness switch off the light
to wait, for yet another thousand years....

SPACE MESSAGES - THEIR METHODS OF TRANSMISSION, THEIR CONTENT, AND THEIR WORTH
- by John Pitt -

It has been suggested in a well-known book on the subject that flying saucers have been visiting our skies for the past 18,619,797 years. However, the present epidemic of sightings dates back no further than 1947, and claims of communication between Terrestials and the supposed "Intelligences" manning these saucers did not come to our attention till after 1947.

It has never ceased to amaze me that while 75% of the people involved in a determined study of UFO's are still uncertain of even the most rudimentary and immediately desirable data, there exists this 25% which, seemingly having mastered the problem of mental anti-gravity, is now fully convinced that there are some among themselves who can and do communicate by various means with Brothers from Outer Space.

The methods by which these communications have been received are various, but it is apparent that the quality of the messages that have been made public is always about the same. There is, one might say, the same element of utter speciousness in all supposed communication from Outer Space.

To date I have noted that in all but a very few instances these messages have been transmitted by means generally associated with Spirit Communication. I have been surprised to see that many people who might, under different circumstances, have expressed considerable skepticism at any Spirit "message" received via the parlor-game "mediumship"of wine-glass and alphabet or by ouija-board, are willing to accept as authentic messages of a similar intellectual content from unseen "Intelligences" who claim to be "Spacemen" rather than "Spirits". I do not feel duty bound to question the phenomenon of Trance Mediumship even though there have been a regrettable number of instances wherein this has been abused, but there are those who do not possess even my faith in the authenticity of this form of Mediumship but who are prepared to accept at face value these "messages" from "Spacemen", whereas eyebrows would be raised if any "Spirit-ism" had been suggested.

Perhaps I should add here that it is rather noticeable that the "Spirit World", usually so knowledgable and often prophetic, did not prepare its Earthly associates for the onslaught of the UFO's until after the first random sightings had been recorded in the newspapers. Since then it is again noticeable that nothing seems to have been uttered by any "guide" that has not been said or written some time before either in book or article form. Here we have, so it seems, a more up-to-date "Intelligence" system than the "guides" themselves!

Next to "Mediumship", but please, not too near, must come the claims from the Telepaths. Telepathy has played a very important role in "Saucery". We cannot forget the numerous instances of intuition connected with saucer sightings and landings. In this particular aspect of the subject we need mention only the Telepathic "messages" that have been relayed, sometimes onto tape,and sometimes directly to listeners by the natural or unnatural voice of the Telepath himself. Readers will please note that this method is in many ways more down-to-Earth than natural Mediumship, and that it appeals to those who might feel sour toward any hint of "Spookery". Readers will also please note that, to date, there has been no stigma attached to spurious Telepathy.

There remain for discussion only two other methods of "Space Communication". The first is by means of signaling directly to the Saucers. The second, used by "Spacemen" in signaling Earth, is a method as yet undiscovered by their Terrestial brothers - a method by which the voices of

the "Spacemen" are impressed onto tape without the customary use of a tape recorder.

Readers will probably remember that during the initial stages of the invasion of Normandy in 1944, the Germans made use of what was then described as "Black Light" - a variation of infra-red illumination which, undetectable by the target, allowed snipers to pick out (or rather to "pick off") at night their opposite numbers. It would now appear that an idea on much the same lines is being adopted and that another German invention, sonic-light signaling, has been applied to the same end - in this case a peaceful one, namely that of signaling with a hand lamp to the (invisible) Saucers, which, by some stretch of either their or our own imagination, signal back in the same way. It is claimed that when "translated" from "light" into "sound", "messages" in either Galactial Code or in "Clear" can be and are transmitted to and received from the "Spacemen" hovering rather conveniently overhead. This rather intricate and impressively "scientific" method is, I must admit, a rather hit or miss means of communication. The ability on the part of the "Spacemen" to dispense with any form of recording device is, by comparison, an invention of undisguisable genius.

For awhile simple Telepathy was used by the particular contact group referred to above. Then, for reasons that need not be discussed, it was decided by the "Spacemen" that they might obtain better results if they cut out the human element, and so they intimated that a quantity of presumably virgin tape should be set aside for their use. When the providers of the tape later played the reels on their recorder they were surprised (?) to discover that voices of their "Spacemen" could clearly be heard.

It will be appreciated, I hope, that I have not mentioned the names of any of the groups or individuals concerned in these various ways and means of communication. It will also be appreciated, or so I hope, that I have tried to leave it to you the readers to decide whether or not any of the methods I have described can honestly be said to obviate the possibility of Terrestial "assistance".

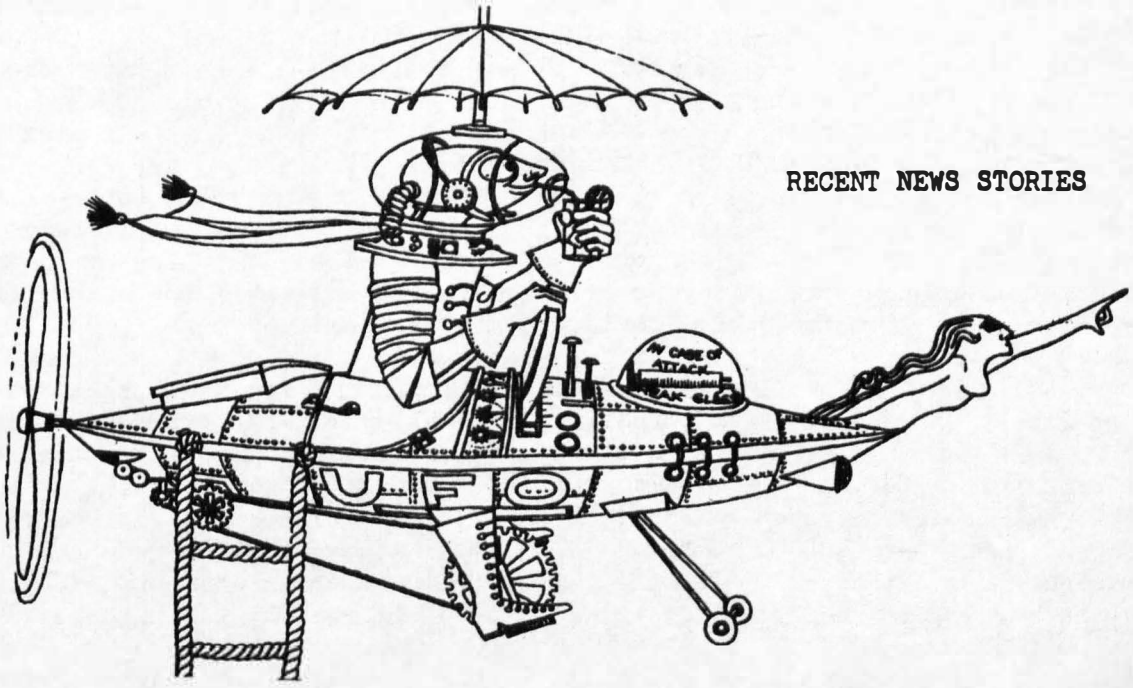
Turning our attention now to the "revelations" themselves, we find that, in spite of the different methods of communication, the canon of these variously-received lecturettes is one that is common to them all. Furthermore, the quality of this material seems to vary but little in individual cases. The accents of the communicators seem to vary according to the native accents of the Earthmen to whom they talk,but the lingua franca of Science-Fictioneze smooths out any outstanding linguistic difficulties.

There is a remarkable paradox in these communications. Despite a mechanical repetition of avowals of (purest) brotherly love between the peoples of the Planets in our local Solar back-yard, there enters from time to time the intimation that we of Terra may have to be destroyed by these our Brothers because we are endangering them by our continued Atomic research.

Another remarkable attribute of "Spacemen" is their ability to digest and to plagiarize novel ideas from Terrestial Science-Fiction periodicals. Further proof of their "intelligence" can be found in the manner in which an idea "conceived" by one "Spaceman"addressing one group may, immediately after it has been publicized, form the basis of a further "revelation" given by another "Brother" to another group. There are numerous instances of this kind.

When invited to offer visible or tangible proof of their existence, these "Spacemen" offer a most unusual perversion of logic. They say, in effect,that they do not expect to be believed by any people other than those whom the materialistically-minded would brand as fools. There is, I admit, a limited soundness in this argument.

On the subject of the flying saucers themselves, the "Spacemen" tend to differ. Whether this difference is prompted by deliberation on their united part to keep us all in suspense, emulating the Air Ministry and the Pentagon, or merely a manifestation of un-brotherly professional jealousy, I do not know. I do know, however, that there have been numerous occasions when the "Spacemen" have waved this subject aside, the excuse being given that our minds are incapable of assimilating such intricacies as those concerning their methods of flight and propulsion. It seems, therefore, that we can receive any amount of gratuitous information on the Cosmos and indeed, I suppose, on almost any branch of near-science about which nothing is claimed to be known even by the most assertive of our poor misinformed scientists; but specific questions on matters of immediate concern are answered only in the best cryptic and evasive style.



RECENT NEWS STORIES

TOURISTS TANGLE WITH SAUCER IN NEBRASKA: On Nov. 21st, Mrs. H. E. Wagner of Deephaven, Minn., was driving with her son on the way home for Thanksgiving. Near Fremont, Nebraska, while driving along icy roads at about 10-30 p.m., they stopped to put chains on the car. All of a sudden their car was lit up by a flashing silver light, so bright that it temporarily blinded them. The light lasted only a few seconds, but at the same time that the strange light appeared,a terrible gust of wind almost ripped off the son's jacket, according to his story. Before this incident they had seen no car headlights anywhere near them on the road, and they had noticed very little wind at all. Both mother and son were very frightened by the incident. A thorough check of the car showed no damage. However, Don Motzko, the son,was quoted as saying, "The incident was too eerie. It's got to mean something. Mother said it's a warning, and I think that's what it is, too."

LATEST WORD ON THE ABOMINABLE SNOWMAN: Two recent news stories are of interest concerning our old friend the abominable snowman of the Himalayas. The first, dated Dec. 14th,says that Swiss Alpinist Fritz Mueller is abandoning his hunt for the snowman after the longest stay any European has ever made on Mount Everest. Mueller said that he failed to find any clues to the legendary animal in spite of his extensive search. The second article,

dated Dec. 31st, states that an American-sponsored expedition has already assembled in Calcutta, India, to begin a new effort to find the snowman. The group, sponsored by the San Antonio, Texas, Zoological Society, is expected to get under way from Calcutta in the next few weeks.

RADAR TRACKS SAUCER AT 4,000 M.P.H. NEAR MIAMI: One of the most interesting sightings in a long while occurred last Dec. 13th in Miami, Florida, where Donald Freestone, a radar operator for Pan American Airways, saw an unidentified "blip" on his scope while testing weather radar equipment at the Miami airport. Surprised by the unexpected target return on his screen, Freestone called fellow employees. Six of his colleagues confirmed the finding. Freestone said that the unidentified object was four to five times larger than any aircraft he had previously observed on radar. It appeared to be egg-shaped or oval-shaped, and to have a double pattern resembling an hour glass or figure eight. The object first appeared on the screen at about 65 miles southwest of Miami, at an altitude of between 7,000 and 8,000 feet. It disappeared from the scope and reappeared several times. Its estimated speed most of the time that it was visible was between 550 and 650 m.p.h. It moved to a position about 50 miles from the airport and remained stationary for two or three minutes. However, one time it was noted that the target moved 20 miles in about six sweeps or rotations of the radar antenna, which rotates at a speed of 20 times a minute. This indicates that it was then traveling at about 4,000 m.p.h. The object was last seen at about 100 miles from Miami, still moving southwest. It was watched on the radar screen for about 20 minutes altogether, by six people, from 11-15 to 11-35 a.m.

NEWS BRIEFS FROM OVERSEAS: In Adelaide, England, Mrs. Ralph Peake reported last Oct. 20th that blue rain fell the previous Sunday in the rural area where she lives. The rain was accompanied by a thunderstorm, and came soon after an atomic test at Maralinga, 300 miles away.....Last Oct. 14th a meteorological station in central Japan reported that it had recorded abnormally high atmospheric shocks, bigger than those usually recorded during a nuclear test explosion. The Observatory was unable to give any explanation for the shocks, which lasted for a period of 13 hours and 46 minutes....A live eel, 20 inches long, fell from the sky at Dovercourt, Essex, England, on Oct. 16th.....In our October-November issue (page 9), we reported the excitement caused by remote-controlled saucer models released over a public road by a R. A. F. corporal stationed in Anglesey, England. On Nov. 4th another stir was caused by the same corporal. This time the local population was amazed to see cigar-shaped objects hurtling across the sky, leaving a trail of smoke and flame. Corporal Rimmer disclosed that his saucers are now rocket-powered, run by ordinary firecrackers. (How he does this, we don't know! - Editor.) - (Our thanks for the above series of news items go to correspondent Brian Essenhigh of Kent, England.)

MINNESOTA FARMER SPOTS SAUCER OVER HIS YARD: Harold Thompson, a farmer living in Cottonwood County, Minn., reported seeing a saucer at 10 p. m. last Nov. 28th while doing his usual evening chores. "I had just finished some work in the barn," he said, "and I was walking to the house when I saw the thing hovering about three or four hundred feet off the ground. At first I thought it might be an airplane, but then it shot straight up in the air and hovered there for awhile." Thompson rushed into the farmhouse and got his binoculars. He watched the saucer-shaped object change from a light red to a cherry red as the object gained altitude rapidly. At other times, it appeared to be purple and green. Then all of a sudden it disappeared. Through

binoculars the saucer appeared to have a number of small windows. "My wife and I had been laughing about all these flying saucer stories from South Dakota," said Thompson, "but we're not laughing now."

SAUCER SEEN BY MINNESOTA FARM COUPLE: A story very similar to the above comes from Luverne, Minn., dated Dec. 20th; Mrs. Elmer Hamann says that she was called by her husband one morning the previous week, at 4-45 a.m., to look at a strange light which was hovering at tree-top level only about a half mile away from their farmhouse. The light was reddish at first, and then changed to green as the object moved away. The Hamanns watched the strange light for over an hour. Mrs. Hamann said that her husband was going to drive down to where the light was, but decided not to. He also thought of calling some of his neighbors, but did not do so because of the late hour. Mrs. Hamann said that the light made no noise and did not appear to have any special form that could be identified with a solid object.

MINNESOTA COUPLE CHASE SAUCER IN THEIR CAR: Still another Minnesota report, this one even more interesting,comes from Forest Lake, dated Dec. 6th. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mofett, together with several house guests, saw a saucer at about 9-45 p.m.,and chased it for almost an hour in the family car. When first spotted, the object was moving back and forth and up and down, at almost tree-top level,a few blocks to the east of them. The Mofetts thought at first that it must be a plane in trouble, but they heard no motor noise whatever. The saucer appeared to have two windows, one a luminous red and the other a luminous green in color. It seemed to have an oblong shape. They followed it along the highway toward the east, traveling at a moderate rate of speed in their car. The saucer continued to hover low over the tree tops, and did not move at any great speed at any time. However,they were unable to drive directly under the object as they had hoped to do, so at 10-30 they gave up the chase. However, during the entire drive they had been within a few hundred yards of the brightly-lighted saucer,which they believe to be the same unidentified craft that was seen over St. Paul, Minn., earlier the same week.

DID MON-KA SHOW UP AFTER ALL??? A letter to the Los Angeles Mirror-News, dated Nov. 13th, reads in part as follows: "I was surprised to read that Mon-Ka and his Martians did not appear in their space craft. How odd! I saw the space craft, at 10-30 p.m. on Nov. 7th (the exact time that Mon-Ka was scheduled to appear - Editor.) I called a neighbor and together we went out to the street, where we had a clear view of it. It was directly over the city of Los Angeles." However, the fact remains that 400 saucer fans who assembled in a different part of Los Angeles to welcome Monka, saw nothing.

MYSTERY EXPLOSION IN MINNESOTA BAFFLES AUTHORITIES: A mysterious explosion, "like thunder, only worse", startled residents of Anoka, Minn., last Dec. 11th. The incident touched off an all-night search by Anoka city and county police, who failed to turn up any trace of an airplane crash, dynamiting, bomb blast, or other event that could account for the noise. The following day planes were dispatched to search the entire area, but still nothing was found. The blast was heard as far away as several neighboring towns, and houses were shaken throughout the area.

SAUCER BRIEFS: A new article by your Editor (not on saucers, however) will appear in the March or April issue of FATE Magazine.... One of the newly-elected vice-presidents of New York's Civilian Saucer Intel-

ligence is being ousted for failing to adhere to the organization's rather narrow "party line" concerning saucers. Difference of opinion just is not welcome in C.S.I.....We now have a somewhat mysterious disappearance within our own club. El-Jay Koch, our Staff Artist, has disappeared from his Buffalo, New York home without leaving any forwarding address. Will any subscriber who knows the present whereabouts of Mr. Koch please contact us...A new book called "Flying Saucers, Fact or Fiction" is to be published in February by Max Miller, editor of Los Angeles' quarterly magazine called "Saucers"....

We now have further information about George Williamson's trip to Peru, which we mentioned briefly in the December-January issue. Williamson's new organization is called "The Brotherhood of the Seven Rays". Approximately eight people from the United States have already joined Williamson in starting a self-supporting farming colony somewhere in the northern part of Peru. The purposes of the group are not made too clear in the literature we have seen, but apparently they chose Peru because it is far away from whatever disasters may be in store for the U. S., and because it is supposedly an ideal area for meditation and research. We wish these people good luck, for we think they will really need it!

SPLINTERS FROM A GLASS PLANET ARE FALLING ON AUSTRALIA: According to a recent report by two scientists of the National Bureau of Standards in Washington D.C., there are large masses of glass from outer space which are hitting the top of the earth's atmosphere at speeds from seven to 45 miles per second, and which are shattered into tiny bits that fall to earth in showers. The scientists believe that the glass is probably the remains of a very ancient glass planet in the solar system, which blew up or was smashed millions of years ago. The planet apparently was made of glass of a very high quality, better than Man has been able to produce. These fragments have fallen over large areas of Australia, as well as elsewhere. The scientists speculate that this falling glass, seen on radar, could account for flying saucer reports, though this idea seems absurd to us.

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ABOUT OUR NEXT ISSUE: We are pleased to announce that the April-May issue will include a long and most unusual article by Thomas Comella, entitled "Flying Saucer Research on Trial". Mr. Comella is the former editor of the Flying Saucer News Service Research Bulletin. He later stopped publication of his own bulletin in order to merge his organization with George Williamson's Telonic Research Center, which has recently folded up. Some of the opinions Mr. Comella expresses in his article for SAUCER NEWS are not too complimentary to your Editor,but in line with our policy of printing all sides of the saucer controversy, we are going to print his article in full and without major editing.

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Hackett are now busy trying to re-establish NICAP as a truly UFO enterprise. They have a good chance of success, and their intentions are beyond question. It is not my belief that NICAP has any connection with the Government, nor is there any move under way to use NICAP for damaging the interests of UFO people, contrary to reports. I recommend that the "thumbs down" attitude toward NICAP during the past few weeks be replaced with a return to open-minded watchful waiting. Major Keyhoe has a tough assignment, but everyone knows him and has confidence in him. Let's not do anything to hurt or hinder his efforts.

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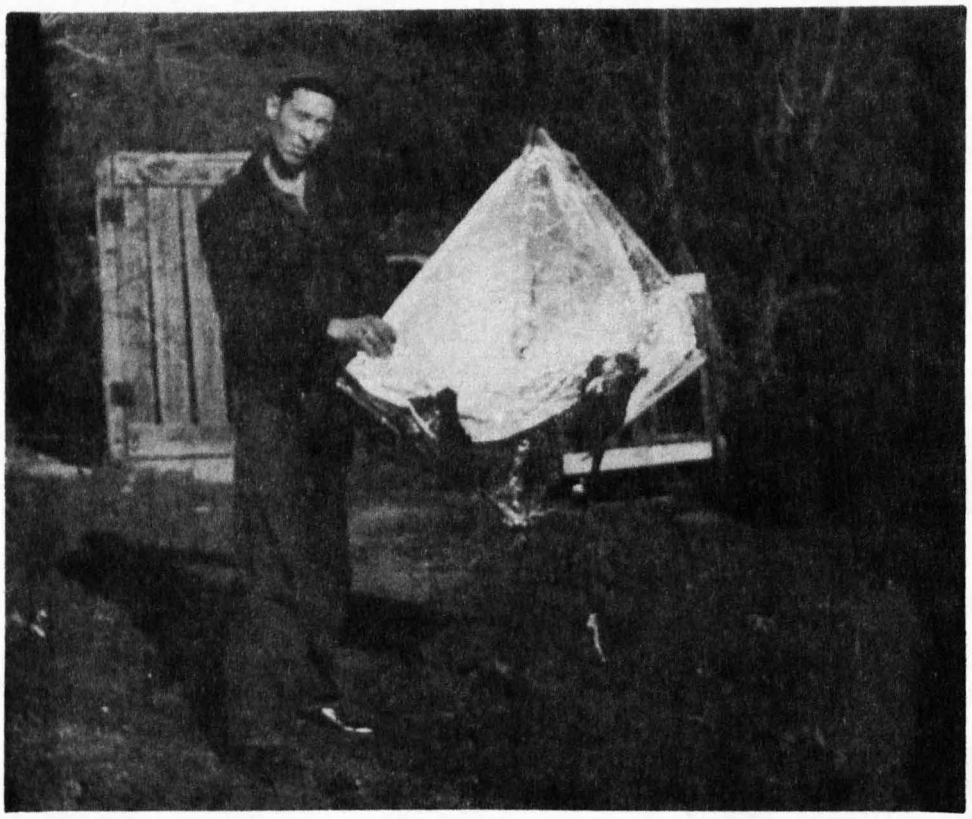
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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows Ralph Horton, a farmer living near Atlanta, Georgia, holding a strange object that landed in his yard in July of 1952. The object was at first thought to be a flying saucer of some kind, but was eventually identified as a type of small weather balloon used by Air Force bases in the vicinity of Atlanta for the purpose of studying wind velocity. The object resembles a kite, and is covered with tinfoil to reflect radar beams easily. (Photo taken in 1953 by James W. Moseley.)

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EDITORIAL

SAUCER MAGAZINES COME AND GO, BUT "SAUCER NEWS" IS HERE TO STAY!

Due to advance information, we were not surprised to read in the February issue of Leonard Stringfield's "C.R.I.F.O. Orbit" that the magazine will fold up after the March issue. However, this news must have come as a surprise and shock to the great majority of "Orbit" subscribers, particularly as Stringfield's magazine is considered by many people to be the most widely circulated and the most highly respected of all currently-published saucer periodicals.

Stringfield's reasons for throwing in the towel are given in detail in a long editorial in his February issue. Among other things, the "Orbit" editor has these rather bitter comments to make: "Another factor is that 'Orbit' - its format, policies, theories, etc., - seems to be out of character with the beliefs and principles of saucerdom's growing coterie of demagogues, extremists and sensation-hunters. It seems, too, that to prosper in civilian research one must show sympathy with all the astronauts who frequently slip off to Mars or Pluto and come back with wondrous tales of omniscient races who want to help us poor earthlings.....Then there are those who peddle only the sensational 'inside' stuff - or a vitriolic hate for the Air Force. Following none of these courses, 'Orbit' soon got the cold shoulder in some quarters, and in others became the target of smear and surreptitious sniping. For about a year the Editor ignored all the snubs and snipes, but when it began to appear that subscriptions were dropping off in the midst of a new era wherein personalities dominated research, it seemed high time for a change. It is now obvious that 'Orbit' is 'over the hill' in this new era- its usefulness and prestige gone!" Other reasons Stringfield gives for discontinuing his magazine, are sagging financial returns and inability to keep abreast of correspondence. He emphasizes that he has not been "closed down" or forced in any way to stop publishing.

Stringfield's organization, called "Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects" (C.R.I.F.O.) was begun in early 1954, and the first issue of "Orbit"(then called "Newsletter") was printed in April of 1954. Thus, when Stringfield's next and last issue is published, his magazine will have been in business exactly three years, which is a little above the average life-span of a saucer periodical. The Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society (S.A.U.C.E.R.S.) was organized in June of 1954, and the first issue of our SAUCER NEWS (then called "Nexus") was dated July, 1954. Thus we too have now been in the publishing business almost three years.

In our October 1954 issue, we listed ten of the leading saucer clubs of that time, with which we were then in frequent communication for the purpose of exchanging information. Of these ten, three are now defunct - Flying Saucer Researchers, publishers of New York City's "Flying Saucer Review"; The Cup and Saucer Club, publishers of "The Roundhouse"; and C.R.I.F.O., publishers of "Orbit" - although technically, according to Stringfield, his research organization will continue to exist even after his magazine folds up. Many other saucer magazines have made their appearance and disappearance within the lifetime of the S.A.U.C.E.R.S. These include George Williamson's "Telonic Research Bulletin", James Rigberg's "Flying Saucer News", Thomas Comella's "Research Bulletin", D. W. Oppermann's "Saucer Sentinel", and "Flying Saucer News", published in England. Still other magazines bowed out before the S.A.U.C.E.R.S. began. Of these, probably the best known is Albert Bender's "Space Review". However, as some clubs leave the scene, new ones continue to appear, and the current total number of saucer clubs and periodicals is probably greater now than ever before.

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In the February-March issue of SAUCER NEWS we discussed briefly "The Brotherhood of the Seven Rays". This is a metaphysical organization presently located in Moyobamba, Peru, and headed by George Williamson - former editor of "The Telonic Research Bulletin" and former close associate of George Adamski. We now have further highly confidential information on Williamson's Peruvian colony. The following is condensed from letters sent to us by several correspondents who wish to remain anonymous:

Last October, Williamson very quietly placed the following ad in the Los Angeles Times: "EXPEDITION now forming to locate lost worlds in South America, specific locations known. Those interested financially or otherwise. Box 1654, Prescott, Arizona." This address is the post office box of Williamson's now defunct Telonic Research Center. Williamson was unable to raise enough money through this ad for an archeological expedition, so he changed his tactics. He obtained the support of Dr. and Mrs. Laughead and Dorothy Martin, the threesome who are still notorious for their unfulfilled predictions, from "space brethren", that the world would be shaken by earthquakes, tidal waves and volcanic eruptions on December 22, 1954. Williamson persuaded the Laugheads to direct all their worldly assets to the Peruvian project. Since then, tracts sent out by the organization have taken a spiritual or metaphysical turn - flavored, however, with a generous helping of warnings of future disasters in store for the United States, in order to persuade more people to take themselves and their money to Peru. According to one of our informants, Williamson wants to "scare people to death", in order to encourage them to join the Peruvian colony.

Strangely enough, there has been a major earthquake in Peru since this group's arrival there, but there have been no natural disasters in the United States - much to Williamson's disappointment, no doubt. We are told that as time goes by, the "scare" element in the tracts written by Williamson and Dorothy Martin, is being increased. Unsuspecting people are being urged to give up everything in order to join this "spiritual brotherhood" in a primitive far-distant land. The colony's admittedly anti-Catholic bias makes its position even more shaky in a strongly Catholic country. We can understand Miss Martin's reasons for wanting to get as far as possible away from her home town of Chicago, where she is wanted for a sanity hearing; but we cannot understand why the other members of the colony have felt it necessary to go so far in order to "get away from it all".

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Williamson, Dr. and Mrs. Laughead, and Dorothy Martin, the Peruvian colony at present also includes John McCoy and John and Ray Stanford of Corpus Christi, Texas. The Stanford brothers claim to have had a number of space contacts in Texas, the first of which was written up in the May, 1956 issue of FATE Magazine. Recently they published their adventures in a book, of which they for some reason printed a limited edition of only 500 copies. Due to real or fancied persecutions they suffered at the hands of the "International Bankers" in the United States, McCoy and the Stanfords went to Peru; but the latest word from them is that "the Brothers" now feel they should return to the States as soon as possible. They presumably will do so, if they can get together enough money! The boys are only teen-agers, and their parents are understandably worried about their trek to South America.

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The most surprising and shocking thing of all is that Gray Barker, editor of the "Saucerian", is giving support and encouragement to Williamson's Peruvian scheme. Either he, too, has been taken in by this nonsense, or else, like Williamson, he is interested in the financial benefit that can be derived from this Peruvian venture at the expense of others! We will inform our Newsletter readers still further on this subject, just as soon as further information reaches us.

NOTES IN CLARIFICATION OF NEWSLETTER #3: We are in receipt of a long letter from John Otto concerning our statements about him in our last Newsletter. We do not have space here to reproduce his letter in full, but this is the essence of what he says: Although he does not deny the specific facts we published concerning Mildred Maier's alleged tape recording from outer space, he nevertheless feels that he has not commercialized on the tape, in that he has received no financial profit or benefit directly from the use of the tape on radio, T.V., etc. He goes on to say that the life of a saucer lecturer, such as himself, is not a very lucrative one financially. We believe that Mr. Otto's point is well taken, and we apologize insofar as we said or implied that he benefited financially from use of the tape. However, Miss Maier's facts still appear to have been correct.

One further point: We now understand that Frank Edwards has not resigned from NICAP, contrary to our statement in Newsletter #3.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE: The terms under which you subscribed to the Newsletter were that you would be placed on the mailing list for an indefinite period for the price of one dollar. Those of you who subscribed in time to receive the first Newsletter, in December 1955, have now received four issues. We feel that we must now ask our subscribers for an additional dollar if they wish to remain on the Newsletter mailing list. We realize that this is a bit unfair to those of you who subscribed to the Newsletter only recently, and who may be receiving this as their first issue. However, in order to avoid prohibitive bookkeeping problems, we must now ask all subscribers for this additional dollar. Also, from now on the Newsletter will only be sent to people who are either (1) current paid subscribers to SAUCER NEWS, or (2) honorary members of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society. (Note: Many of you have already sent in a total of two dollars for the Newsletter without being asked. If you have already sent in two dollars, you owe nothing further.)

These Newsletters are issued irregularly, only as often as worthwhile material is available.

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There are many reasons why the saucer publication scene changes so fast. One reason seldom if ever mentioned is that, as saucers are such a young subject, they attract for the most part young followers and young self-styled magazine editors - and eventually the interest of the saucerzine readers as well as of the editor is apt to move on to other fields. Financial considerations as well as the necessity of sensationalism to hold readers' interest, are also important factors, as Stringfield's editorial points out.

Here at SAUCER NEWS we have had more than our share of problems, financial and otherwise. Not only have we continually lost readership for failing to go along with the planet-hoppers, but we have irked even more subscribers by our insistence on presenting the facts upon which to build a case that saucers are Earth-made rather than interplanetary. We do not fool ourselves into thinking that more than a very small percentage of our subscribers, either now or in the past, agrees with us in regard to our so-called "Earth Theory". However, as honest editors we have felt obliged to print the facts as we see them, rather than sacrifice truth for the sake of popularity. Stringfield was also an honest editor, and printed the facts as he saw them. He lost out for doing so, but we shall not. SAUCER NEWS will carry on, partly because we make up for our unpopular editorial policy by presenting articles from many differing points of view, and by giving our magazine what we believe to be an interesting and pleasing format, though we never purposely sensationalize. Also, we are apparently in a better position than most saucer clubs to sustain the financial losses involved in publication of a magazine. Stringfield, on the other hand, made his periodical unnecessarily dull by repeated long listings of dry, run-of-the-mill sightings, and he was unable to operate continually at a financial loss.

After less than three years of publication, SAUCER NEWS now emerges as one of the "old timers" in the saucer field. We plan to continue publication as long as there is any semblance of reader interest, whether complimentary or critical. We are taking this opportunity to reassure our friends and dismay our enemies with the flat statement that we are here to stay. The S.A.U.C.E.R.S. was organized to seek, and if possible find, the solution to the greatest mystery of our generation. We plan to continue that search. In our three brief years of existence we have collected a library of over 5,000 saucer clippings, probably the largest saucer library in existence for the years 1954-1957. We have also expanded our publishing activities to include a non-scheduled Newsletter, which is issued irregularly in addition to the regularly-scheduled issues of SAUCER NEWS. But much more important than any of this, we feel that we have come very close to a real solution to the saucer mystery.

We do not claim now, nor have we ever claimed, to have solved the entire mystery. We do say, however, that we have been able to bring into print extremely important facts that no other saucer magazine has published, and that these facts add up to a very strong case indeed that most, and possibly all, of the saucers are Earth-made rather than interplanetary. We believe further that these facts would be generally accepted by other researchers by now except for a natural prejudice on their part, based largely on wishful thinking, in favor of the extraterrestial hypothesis.

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The June-July issue of SAUCER NEWS will reach you at least one month late, due to the fact that the Editor again has to be away from New Jersey on a long business trip. During the two months or so that the Editor is away, personal mail sent to S.A.U.C.E.R.S. Headquarters will have to go unanswered, although renewals, the supplying of back issues, and other routine matters will as usual be taken care of promptly and capably by John Mar-

ana, our Managing Editor. We sincerely hope that our temporary absence from the saucer scene will not, as in the past, give rise to irresponsible and unfounded rumors that SAUCER NEWS is "closing down". The editorial you have just read should make it clear that we intend to be around "till the last cup and saucer", as the saying goes.

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The fourth issue of our non-scheduled Newsletter is just off the presses. These Newsletters are issued whenever worthwhile material is available,and contain information which we consider "too hot to handle" in our regular editions of SAUCER NEWS. The current number contains a sensational exclusive account of the inside story behind George Williamson's Peruvian colony. You can be placed on our special Newsletter mailing list by sending us your name and address together with one dollar. Those who send in right away will be sent issues #2 and #3, while they last, as well as issue #4.

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Project Blue Book Special Report #14 - send $1.00 not to us, but to Box D-10, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Concerning Buck Nelson's Claims

Since it is known that various researchers are now discussing Buck Nelson's claimed Christmas Day "trip" in an interplanetary spaceship, and errors creep in, it is desirable to set the record straight. Whether or not it was the same ship in which Nelson claims to have been to Mars, Venus and the Moon in 1955, he does not say. But two of the crew were allegedly his former interplanetary companions - "Bucky" and "Bob Solomon" of Venus.

According to the information given by Mr. Nelson to several people, the following events took place: "Bucky of Venus" arrived at Nelson's Mountain View Ranch late Dec. 25, 1956. After a few minutes in the house, "Bucky" said, "Let's go down to the ship." Both went down to where the ship was waiting, and they entered it. There Nelson was greeted by "Bob Solomon", the commander of his alleged 1955 flight to Mars, Venus and the Moon. A third crew member was a "trainee", a stranger to Nelson.

After all was ready, the ship quickly took off, and, after a quick flight through space, it came down in Colorado, where Buck and his interplanetary companions were received and treated to a late Christmas dinner. They visited only a comparatively short time with their Colorado hosts before "Bucky" announced, "We must go." They walked back to the saucer and flew back to Mountain View, Missouri, where Buck was deposited at his home, and the ship and crew took off for the planet Venus.

I have asked Mr. Nelson for the necessary details, but for personal reasons he does not wish to answer me. Nevertheless,if his claims are true, the details should be known. If they are not true, the alleged details will make that clear also. If details are refused to honest seekers of truth, it will be evident that there is deliberate concealment.

Inasmuch as the newspapers have not given this "flight" any attention, it is important that you and your readers should not overlook a single intelligent question that needs answering concerning this Christmas day trip. It is all the more important to do this because what you find out will throw additional light on the character of the claimed 1955 "flight" to Mars, Venus and the Moon. Since Mr. Nelson has consistently maintained that he is a friend of truth and desires that the full truth be known, we have every right to expect that he will want to give all facts and details to those who deserve to have them. LEON C. LE VAN, Pittsburg, Pa.

Open Letter to George Adamski's "C.L.J."

When cornered by convincing evidence, the evasive accessory to the crime turns to the accusing witnesses with an angry despairing cry of "Liar!" and "Wolf!" and "Skunk!", while posing himself or herself as the innocent "Snow White", in lieu of denial with counter evidence.

That is just what Clara L. John has done in her "Little Listening Post" of February-March 1957, summed up by her as "Adamski case now vindicated". This all came about as a result of the publication in URANUS (in England) of my exposure of the Adamski hoax, in which I used against Adamski the words of his own acknowledged ghost-writer, "C.L.J." - Out of courtesy I held back the identity of this person, waiting for the smoke to bring that out on its own accord. This has now been done; Clara John has clarified her name and identity as having "interests" somehow in the Adamski story, now after the evidence was printed in URANUS.

And now another editor, James W. Moseley, in his SAUCER NEWS of February-March 1957 unflinchingly names her and her post as the mysterious "C.L.J." referred to in URANUS and acknowledged in some but omitted from other editions of the Adamski book "Flying Saucers Have Landed". Furthermore, Moseley states that Clara John sent out an "angry open letter" about the URANUS disclosures - reserving her own publication for the above-mentioned wild accusations of "Liar", etc.

I quickly forgive her for accusing me of being a "Skunk" who raised this stink about her and Adamski, but I confess ignorance of her "Wolf" and her "Liar" charges, and seek justice from her for accusing me of "unethical" means such as quoting her "old letters" without her knowledge and consent. I will quote more from her letters to prove that I did request her permission and that she knew quite definitely what I was asking for, and for what purpose.

On Oct. 8, 1956, Clara John wrote me: "With reference to your letter of Oct.2nd, I know you realize that you will be doing something that is absolutely in opposition to my interests and wishes, to publish quotations from any letters I have written you. Please do not identify my name with anything you publish!" And 20 days later she added: "You realize of course that no publisher will touch a thing like that.....Why don't you come over and have a talk with me and get things in the clear?"

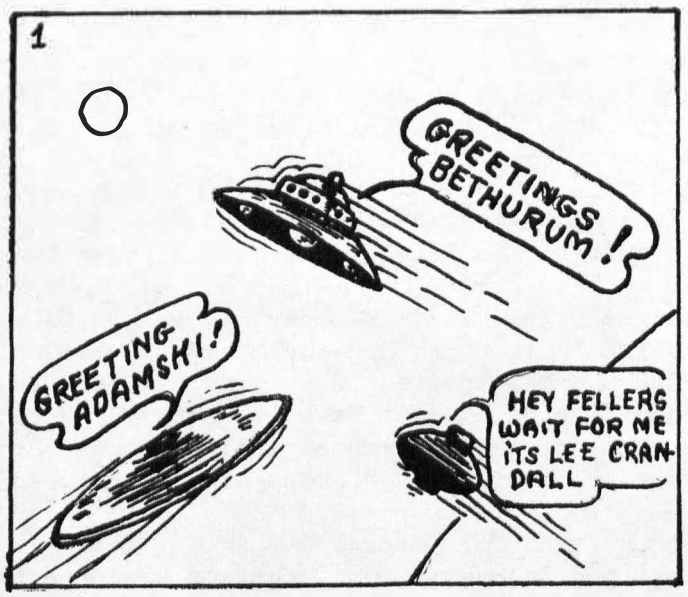
My request to her had been clear enough. I had written her, "Surely you do not deliberately wish a hoax to be left uncovered....while innocent people unaware of these very facts are being placed into a position of embarrassing credulity...I would like to have your permission to quote only those statements directly bearing on the claims given in the Adamski book."

Clara John alone knows why her interests will not let her "turn state's evidence" in the case of Adamski, and tell what she knows. Many others have been fooled by the Adamski story. It is a mark of wise bravery to admit that we now know better.

LONZO DOVE, Broadway, Virginia

RECENT NEWS

FAMOUS SCIENTIST BELIEVES SAUCERS MAY BE FROM A DISTANT STAR: Clyde Tombaugh, internationally-known scientist and discoverer of the planet Pluto, stated recently that he believes flying saucers may be visitors from the stars, who have traveled trillions of miles to reach Earth. Said Tombaugh: "When we consider the extremely rapid tapping of vast sources of energy, which we have only begun to explore in the last ten years, we can imagine what a head start a race would have which passed our present point of progress a million years, or even a thousand years, before us. Although our solar system is believed to support no life other than that on Earth, other stars in the galaxy may have hundreds or thousands of inhabitable worlds. Races on these planets may have been able to utilize the tremendous amounts of power required to bridge the space between the stars."



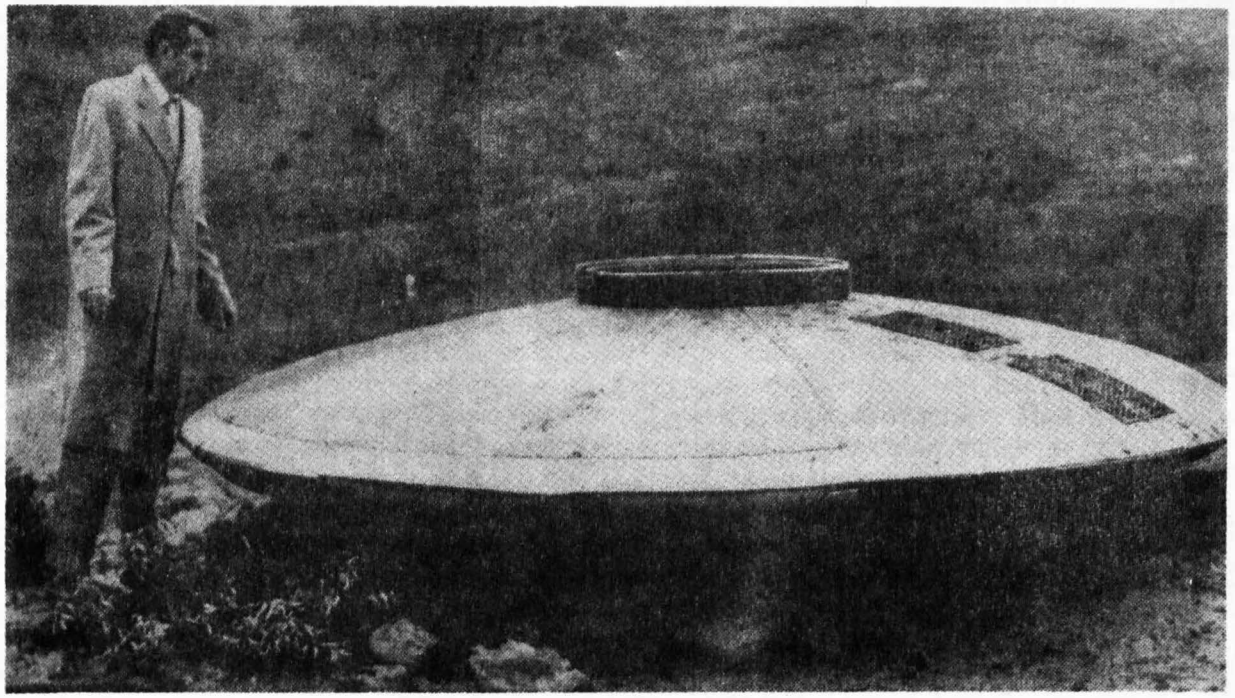
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MISGUIDED GUIDED MISSILES CAUSE CONCERN IN ENGLAND AND THE UNITED STATES: According to an official of the Bristol Aeroplane Company, a 10-ton rocket went out of control on England's Woomera range and was blown up by remote control; This statement was made last December 23rd, but the official did not state just when the incident occurred. The rocket, driven by Bristol Thor ramjets, flew southwards at 1000 miles per hour, and was exploded twenty seconds later and disintegrated without causing any damage. A week previous to this announcement, a United States missile broke contact over California, crashed, and blew up on the edge of Death Valley. And the week before that, an American Snark missile failed to return on a test flight from Florida. It is thought to have landed in the Brazilian jungles.

WORLD TO END IN 1991? The following should not really come under the heading of "Recent News", but it is nevertheless interesting: In the year 1488, Ursula Sonteil, better known as Old Mother Shipton, was born in an obscure little village in England. At her birth her limbs were found to be misshapen, and her parents immediately wanted to get rid of her. She grew up under the care of a parish nurse.



.....A group of boys with a passion for home-made balloons inadvertently caused a saucer scare near Clinton Tennessee last February 3rd. One of their balloons exploded in mid-air, burned, and crashed to the ground in ashes. The group had previously sent up five similar balloons without mishap.....Your Editor's most recent article for FATE Magazine is now definitely scheduled for the May issue. This article has nothing to do with saucers, but concerns treasure hunting in Peru...Our overseas press clipping service has expired. We would consider it a real favor if SAUCER NEWS subscribers in England and elsewhere overseas would mail us saucer clippings from their countries. In regard to domestic sightings, however, we are interested only in sightings that have not been printed in any newspaper....The SAUCER NEWS Staff Artist, El-Jay Koch, formerly of 329-A Langfield Drive, Buffalo, N.Y.,is still among the missing. The last series of cartoons he drew for us appeared on the two pages you have just finished reading....

GLORIA SWANSON SEES GROUNDED SAUCER IN HOLLYWOOD AFTER APPEARING ON T. V. SHOW: (See photo at top of this page.) - No one watching "This Is Your Life" last Jan. 23rd would have guessed that Actress Gloria Swanson was excited about a flying saucer as she graciously accepted compliments on her colorful career during the program. Yet, not more than an hour later, she was walking through darkness and mud in Hollywood Hills, inspecting a 12-foot saucer that reportedly had crash-landed there;The saucer story had started that morning, when a close friend of Miss Swanson's told her a startling tale he had learned from a pilot he knew. According to the pilot, a little man had been seen getting out of the craft, and had disappeared after jerking out instruments from the cockpit. When Miss Swanson reached the scene, accompanied by several friends, the saucer was still where it was supposed to be. But as weird-looking as the object was, the more the group studied it, the more they became convinced that whatever it was, it could not be a space craft. Finally came the explanation, from a family living in a house a few yards away from the grounded saucer. "It's a movie prop for a small outfit making a documentary," they said. "Been here about 10 days.....Why, they've even been using our electricity!"

Upon reaching womanhood, she gained a reputation as a soothsayer, and people came from afar to listen to her prophecies. She lived to a ripe old age and died in the year 1571. During her lifetime she predicted, among other things, the Great Fire of London, which occurred long after her death. She further stated that someday men would sail around the world, that they would fly in the air, and that they would travel under and over rivers and oceans. This amazing woman even foretold that we would be taxed so that "blood and wars will come to every door." But her most terrifying prophecy is yet to come true;The fate of the world may lie in Old Mother Shipton's last prophetic verse:"The world then to an end will come, in nineteen hundred and ninety one." All her other predictions have come true. Perhaps this one will also! (Reprinted from the British magazine"Forecast")



JUST ANOTHER RUMOR



"H" BOMB

SAUCER BRIEFS: Latest saucer magazine to make its appearance is "S.P.A.C.E.", edited by Norbert Gariety of Coral Gabels,Florida. The full title, "Saucer Phenomena and Celestial Enigma", is very similar to that of a defunct Connecticut saucer organization....Here in the New York area, the Long John radio program continues to interview leading saucer personalities from 1 a. m. on into the wee small hours of almost every weekday morning....Swiss scientist Alfred Nahon, editor of the saucer journal "Le Courrier Interplanetaire" and president of the Anti-Atomic League for the Protection of Life, has ended a 19-day fast in protest against the use of atomic power. He was joined in his fast by three other European scientists and a Catholic priest.....A fire was spotted in the rugged mountain country near Oneida, New York, last January 17th, after a mysterious flaming object had been reported to have dropped from the sky. Air Force jets and a helicopter were sent to the scene. Police said that all commercial planes scheduled over the area had been accounted for..... Rumor has it that George Williamson was secretly behind Truman Betherum's recent "Sanctuary of Thought" literature....

FLYING SAUCER RESEARCH ON TRIAL

- by Thomas M. Comella -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Comella is the former editor of the Flying Saucer News Service Research Bulletin. He later stopped publication of his own bulletin in order to merge his organization with George Williamson's Telonic Research Center, which has recently folded up. Some of the opinions Mr. Comella expresses in this article for SAUCER NEWS are quite contrary to the opinions of your Editor; but in line with our policy of presenting all sides of the saucer controversy, we are printing the article in full and without major editing.)

Basically, you are reading this article in SAUCER NEWS because you are interested in flying saucers. Like thousands of other readers you are hoping that organized research will eventually make some method out of the madness that is the "saucer saga". But as you pause and reflect about the various UFO publications and organizations, you realize that sheer chaos exists among the ranks. You realize further that it has been roughly seven years since the advent of organized research and that we are no closer the solution now than we were then.

I have been stalking flying saucers for ten years. I know most of the famous (or infamous - depending on your point of view) figures in the field of UFO publication and investigation. It was my pleasure to publish a "saucerzine" of my own. In short, I know UFO research inside and out; I know what has been going on and what is now going on. And I'm convinced that in this article are the reasons that the "saucer saga" is becoming a confused issue. Call this treatise "The Confessions of a UFO Researcher", if you wish. But it's more than that, for all of UFO research is on trial.

A. Writing Versus Reporting

People are funny in that they become bored unless their interest in a subject is kept at a peak. This applies to saucers too. Consequently UFO publishers have strayed from the accurate method of reporting and analysing to the sensational flare of the writer. To be able to perform like a writer, one must have a writer's material. This means startling statements and eye-catching articles. However, it seems to me that UFO research should be a co-ordinated effort to find the truth. Those interested in certain phases of the subject should pursue them. Go ahead, publish your results; but reading a "saucerzine" nowadays is like reading the gossip section of the daily newspapers. Who cares about opinions and controversy? We want facts!

B. Hoaxes, Exposes, and Amateur Detectives

A few months ago a story came to me from my home town of Cleveland. It seemed that a Clevelander was visited one night by three men in black suits driving an Eldorado Cadillac. According to my information, one of them was Otto Von Mobile, head of the Interstellar Bankers. These men produced a list of names on which was my name - crossed out. This signified that I had been "shut up", (as in the cases Gray Barker describes in his book) whereas the other names on the list were future prospects. The story was phony of course, but I needed proof. I started to investigate as quickly as possible, realizing that the hoax might spread unless it were squelched. But before I could breathe, Cosmic News of Strongsville, Ohio, picked up the story and rushed it right into print. Naturally, like all sensational articles, the story got quite a response. I called Howard Neuberger, one of the editors of

Cosmic News, and asked him what he had found out about the story before he published it. He replied, "Oh, we checked and we're sure it's authentic." This startled me, for everything about the story labeled it as a hoax. I stepped up my probe and within a week I had an oral confession from the perpetrator of the hoax! As you can well imagine, my impression of Cosmic News and the investigations of its staff were not too favorable.

This story illustrates two points which I wish to make clear: In the above case, there did exist a hoax; it was thoroughly exposed by investigation and not by detective work, and believe me, there's a big difference between the two. Investigation is a search for truth. Detective work is the search for what you are looking. In other words, usually detectives are told what they are to find. They then proceed to find it. This method is a fallacious one if you have visions of capturing the truth. I can "expose" anyone by playing amateur detective. All I need is a lot of correspondents who can dig up incidents here and there about a particular person. With such correspondents plus a talent for "writing", I can have my "expose".

These amateur detectives now exist in UFO research, and they go to work when the reading is particularly dull in their "saucerzine". The work of these individuals usually shows up as a sensational expose, whereas actually it is only a neatly woven mass of insignificant details. But when put together by a good writer, the story does sound good. This type of "reporting" has given UFO Research a false sense of accomplishment. For an expose is a true expose only if one of two bits of evidence is on hand: (1) a written or verbal confession by the main figure in the incident; (2) a demonstration of how the hoax was committed,with the results of this demonstration, showing the exact "props" used in the hoax. In other words, the "weapon" must be found. If neither of the above two items is satisfied, then we shouldn't march ahead and mar a person's character on flimsy gossip and such. But then, we must provide our readers with sensational articles, and what better way is there to do this?

George Adamski was raked over the coals in this manner in this very magazine. Now, no one has spent more time reviewing this case or more time with Adamski himself than I have. No one has tried harder than I have to secure evidence of a hoax. But the gallant expose in this magazine was a farce, and in the long run it has hurt UFO Research. George Adamski has neither confessed nor has the "childlike lampshade saucer" turned up. And until one of these things happens, the question must remain open. All we do have against George Adamski is prejudice and the testimony of a "confessed liar". When you couple this with the fact that this "liar" thinks he has reason to dislike Adamski, it begins to look like a "grudge match", doesn't it! No, we haven't solved this matter yet, no matter how much I wish we had.

C. Saucers, Little Men, and Contacts

UFO Research has developed a curious attitude. Investigators have made this so, and I'm as guilty as anyone. We have classified all "contact" reports as crackpot reports. We have done this mentally, and we have pushed these matters away from our consideration. Oh, we're interested in a sighting, and we really go wild over a hairy biped report, but let one of the saucers land and let a space man get out and talk to an earthling, and investigators everywhere shudder. This is a harmful attitude. We must evaluate all cases to the best of our ability, if not for the sake of being fair, then for the sake of the fact that one day a saucer might really land. And one of its occupants might indeed emerge and converse with an earthman. And we as the officials of Saucerdom would turn thumbs down on the incident. Truth will have

passed us by - if it hasn't already! But today it's scientific to be conservative, and most investigators like this dignified connotation. However, I say that it's more scientific to include all evidence in your investigation. To just ignore some saucer reports seems to be the surest way of ignoring truth in the long run. And I thought it was truth we are all after!

D. Hysteria - Our Worst Enemy

Before Gray Barker published "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers", hardly anyone had heard of "hush-up" cases. Before Donald Keyhoe published "Flying Saucers from Outer Space" no one had heard of the Silence Group. And prior to George Williamson's Silence Group article in the Telonic Research Bulletin, no one had any knowledge of the International Bankers. Yet today we have experts in each or all of these fields. These people know all about the Bankers and their conspiracies, and more people than you can imagine are being "hushed-up". This is hysteria, the researcher's worst enemy! It is a subtle hysteria that builds up inside a person. He's put on edge, and he interprets ordinary events as tactics of the Bankers, etc. One person I know said that he was almost run down by the Bankers while crossing the street one day. He even went out and procured a gun for protection. It turned out that this fellow had just read Barker's book and Williamson's article in short order. He was extremely excited by it all.

This type of hysteria erupts during every "new" phase of research. These incidents are passed along the grapevine as "confidential" notes until one talented "investigator" puts them all together in a fascinating article. Even whole books have been written about practically nothing. Such hysterical stories manifest themselves over and over again in the gossip-like "saucerzines" these days. It's a shame, too, because someone, somewhere, is going to believe these reports, and it's likely to take him years to find out that they are nothing but tales from the lips of an over-excited person.

E. Confidential Collaboration

This tactic of famous UFO researchers is not known by many readers. I know about it because I've been part of such collaborations. It is a device designed to force reactions and information into the open. This is accomplished by two researchers agreeing beforehand to take issue with each other in print. One might drop subtle hints about the other, or it may take the appearance of an outright feud. Readers, noticing the controversy, will come forth with information pro and con. This is what the collaborators hope for. Right now such collaboration is going on in the hope of gaining information about the so-called Silence Group. In various books and "saucerzines" you will find hints that John Doe might be a member of the Silence Group. John Doe, whoever he may be, will play his part by denying the charges. Through the controversy, the collaborators hope, new information will come to light - perhaps a slip by the Silence Group itself. The persons who use this technique usually have reason to believe that the subject in question is a serious matter, and not just a play toy. As I have stated, this collaboration is going on at the present time, and famous investigators are involved.

F. The Undercover Investigator

Some researchers deliberately confuse their reading public. They accomplish this by ridiculing a particular saucer theory and supporting another one. By doing this, they put potential informants off guard as

to their real beliefs. In this way, the undercover investigator can pursue his actual ideas without drawing too much attention.

The first step in such a procedure is to write an eye-catching article so that everyone will know the investigator's position. One such article was written by James Moseley, entitled "The Solution to the Flying Saucer Mystery". In this article Mr. Moseley ridiculed the outer-space hypothesis and supported the earth-missile theory. But instead of easing his research because he had "solved" the mystery, Moseley intensified his study. He even offered a $1,000 reward to anyone who could prove that saucers are coming from outer space. The reward announcement said: "Bets $1,000 Against Space". This made it appear that Moseley was positive that saucers are not from space, whereas actually he hoped that someone might have that proof and come forward with it to claim his reward. And who wouldn't like to have actual proof that saucers are from space? I'd pay two thousand dollars. But Moseley's offer was in the form of a challenge, so that you would be convinced that he had the answer. And while you were wondering, Moseley was investigating further. Pin him down and he will admit that the Earth Theory "might" not account for all saucers. Nevertheless "The Solution to the Flying Saucer Mystery" was not a malicious hoax. Nor was it the "solution" we are all after. It was a theory with a spattering of facts here and there, and I doubt if Moseley himself knows where the source of the story is. But when he finds out, he'll be fit to be tied!

G. Commercialism - The Eternal Plague

No matter what phase of life you follow, somewhere along your course you will meet commercialism. It has forced its way into UFO Research too. An occasional book or magazine designed to make a fast buck wouldn't be too bad. But I have knowledge of an organization in Detroit whose "life blood" is selling things: books, pamphlets, and articles. This same group has very strong information that a famous UFO personality is a fake, yet they keep selling that personality's material. This, to me, is just plain commercialism. The persons involved don't really care if researchers are led astray by the published material; they don't care if the man they are promoting is a hoaxer. All they care about is how many dollars they can take in.

It's easy to spot the commercial type of individual. I have promoted lectures and have had dealings with many famous UFO personalities in a monetary way. I've watched many of them gaze at the audience before the talk and worry about the "take" for that particular performance. I've even been gyped a couple of times. But it is really refreshing to promote someone who worries about giving a good talk rather than worrying about how many dollars will come his way. I know you can't judge a person's claims by his attitude toward commercialism. But it's just too bad that some researchers can't use discretion when it comes to a subject that sincere people consider important. After all, if everyone thought the "saucer saga" was a hoax, there would be no sense in investigating saucers at all, would there? I maintain that accepting money in the normal course of publishing or lecturing is all right. So is selling books and pamphlets. But when the sale becomes more important than what you are selling, then it's time to quit investigating saucers, because you can't possibly get anywhere yourself, and you just might confuse a lot of other people.

H. The "Bashful Radical"

This type of investigator is very hard to recognize.

Openly he is a conservative UFO investigator shunning radicalism. He scoffs at theories dealing with religion, reincarnation, etc., etc. To you, the reader, he appears to be a dignified, scientific UFO researcher, as conservative as Einstein and as stable as the rock of Gibralter. But this same researcher believes much more than he wants you to think. He gains the confidence of a fellow publisher in the field who is more adept at publishing radical theories and ideas. Through this fellow-publisher, our bashful radical prints his most profound ideas, which are really quite sensational and abstract. He never uses his real name; in fact the article usually appears under his friend's name. Outwardly it looks as though the radical piece of literature originated in the friend's bulletin, whereas actually it was composed by a well-known conservative. The bashful radical does this so that people will not think he has gone batty, as his actual views might indicate, and at the same time he gathers the public's reaction to his ideas. I know of at least two bashful radicals now operating in UFO research. Their names would startle you - and their beliefs would astound you!

I. The Honest Feud and the Underhanded Expose

This maneuver also requires collaboration between investigators, usually the same two who might be operating together in the way described in categories (E) or (H), or both. Sometimes, through correspondence and such, two famous personalities might come to serious differences. As the two write back and forth, the subtle difference of opinion between them might flower into an actual, honest-to-goodness feud. If this develops, naturally the "collaborating investigator" is in a very good position to show up his correspondent, and he usually does. He contacts his collaborator and explains the feud he is having with the other UFO researcher. The two then prepare a subtle expose aimed at the correspondent. This expose usually consists of some rumors with a few charges thrown in. Climaxing the episode, the collaborator publishes the expose, leaving the other researcher in the clear.

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J. Orthodox Science Versus the Unknown

The foregoing catagories illustrate the specific reasons why organized flying saucer research has become a chaotic venture. These are man-made problems resulting from personality clashes and a desire to be recognized and the like. But a "natural problem" already existed, that of reconciling unsolved problems with orthodox science. The flying saucers are an unknown and radically different quantity. Yet, there is overwhelming evidence that these elusive objects do exist. The problem now is to resolve an unknown quantity with known knowledge. This is very difficult, as you might guess, and the conclusions one reaches using this type of method can easily be erroneous.

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or linking saucers with the International Bankers - depending on your beliefs.

As for the UFO's themselves, we know they operate at fantastic speeds, with equally fantastic maneuvers. We know they can operate silently or sound like a bunch of tin cans. They are as unpredictable as a child. In fact the whole "saucer saga" exhibits illogic to the nth degree. Perhaps that is the key: illogic. Maybe what we consider to be logic is sheer nonsense to "someone" else, and vica versa. Perhaps the solution is right in front of our noses but we cannot recognize it. Who knows! The aim of this article has been to expose the various tactics and methods employed by well-known researchers- tactics that are confusing the issue at hand as well as the reading public. At the same time, I have tried to "clear the air" of saucer research; to recognize what we have accomplished and what we have failed to do; to give perspective to those researchers who have lost sight of the goal; and to provide the beginning for a new plan of attack.

We have to work for answers to the saucer mystery, the Silence Group, or any other enigmatic problem. We can't just sit back and expect those answers to seek and find us. So let's get busy and do the job right. Maybe those answers are well worth the work and struggle. And don't give up - I know those answers exist.

TWO LIGHTS THAT FAILED - AND A THIRD?

- by Justin Case -

In 1951 a group of scientists and engineers in Los Angeles, California, formed the Civilian Saucer Investigation. They received wide publicity in April 1952 when Life Magazine photographed one of their meetings. CSI invited members and UFO reports, and promised to issue bulletins on their investigations and conclusions. Their last report was the Winter 1953 bulletin. In it they stated that after two years of active work they had decided that further investigation could only be carried on by a staff working full time. Therefore they were closing down and looking for some research organization to take over their files of some 1000 first-hand eye-witness reports, and to continue the investigation. The CSI president, Ed Sullivan, summarized their conclusions as follows: UFO's may be some form of unknown phenomena that probably do not originate here on Earth; if not, then the only alternative is that they are interplanetary; despite the many "contact stories", there is no evidence that flying saucers have ever landed; CSI does not know what saucers are, but thinks that the Air Force has done as good a job as possible in investigating the phenomena.

That is one light that failed - a small, competent group of scientists and engineers trying in their spare time, and with very limited means of investigation, to solve what is probably the world's greatest mystery. They admitted defeat, but hoped that some other group working full time would be able to do better. The research group they were looking for was Ohio Northern University, of Ada, Ohio.

In August 1952, Ohio Northern University announced that they were starting Project "A" - an investigation of flying saucers, and they requested all observers to send them first-hand sightings of UFO's as soon as possible. They felt the need for some private, independent organization to conduct this study and inform the public as to results. They wanted to submit all UFO reports to review by their various departments such as Physics, Mathematics, Chemistry, Astronomy, Psychology, Sociology, History, Philosophy, Religion, and Engineering.

Although the press and radio co-operated, Project "A"

received only 54 UFO reports in the first seven months. The summer of 1953 went by and public response was no better. The University did not have enough reports on which to make a scientific study. So they sent out requests to various saucer investigating organizations,asking to borrow their files of sightings. Among the groups asked was CSI. Their president, Ed Sullivan, felt that he had to get the approval of CSI officers before releasing the club's files. These officers were not readily available for a meeting to decide this question. A month went by, and a new academic year was fast approaching, for which the University had to plan and allocate the work of its faculty. Not having had a favorable response from CSI and the other saucer organizations, the University closed down Project "A" and announced this publicly.

When Ed Sullivan of CSI heard about this, he telegraphed the University and offered to send them the CSI files on his own responsibility. But it was too late for the University to change its plans. In March 1954 the University issued a final two-page report. They said that they had closed down Project "A" voluntarily, and solely because they had been unable to get enough UFO reports from the public or from the various saucer organizations. No one had forced them to close.

Ed Sullivan said that he subsequently sent the CSI files, containing about 1000 sightings, to a man in Tecumseh, Michigan, who was conducting an investigation similar to Project "A" of Ohio Northern University.

Thus a second light failed, and a golden opportunity was lost. Here was a University with a staff of competent scholars and scientists courageous enough to undertake a study of an important scientific mystery that had been shunned by most other scientists. But they got no help from the public. Most regrettable of all, the saucer organizations that were in the best position to help, refused to do so or delayed too long. By withholding help, the saucer clubs defeated their own purpose. They had set themselves up to investigate flying saucers because no scientists were doing so publicly. Then they refused to help an independent group of scientists who were willing and able to undertake this study. Why the clubs acted this way is best known to themselves. And so the saucer mystery remains unsolved.

Now comes the third light. The National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena was recently organized in Washington, D.C. It consists of some prominent people, among them several scientists and engineers who want to carry on the investigation of flying saucers and to inform the public of their results. There has been some criticism of NICAP as having too grandiose plans. Regardless of how we feel about this organization,and whether we join or not, the least all of us can do is co-operate with it by sending along any UFO reports and other data we might have. Only in that way can we help toward a solution of the greatest mystery of our time.

Whether this third light also fails, only time will tell. But our experience with Ohio Northern University should teach us not to let it fail by refusing to co-operate. We may not get any more opportunities to help in solving the saucer mystery. In any event, if we cannot help, let us not hinder.

(Editor's Note: The address of NICAP is 1536 Connecticut Ave. N.W., Washington D. C. - Readers of SAUCER NEWS who are interested in learning more about the work NICAP is doing, should write to this address.)

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IN THE ABOVE PHOTO Joseph Barbieri, a Connecticut saucer researcher, points to a hole made in a New Haven, Conn. signboard on August 20th, 1953, by a mysterious flying object. Fragments of the object were analysed, but nothing was ever learned beyond the fact that they consisted principally of copper. (Photo courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIALS

SAUCER NEWS EDITOR ATTACKED BY VICIOUS HOAX LETTER

Just as we explained to our subscribers in the April-May issue of SAUCER NEWS, this issue of our magazine is reaching you considerably behind schedule, due to the fact that the Editor has had to be away from his Fort Lee office for a considerable length of time. The Editor was away on a business trip, which did not concern the saucer enigma in any way.

During our absence, a fantastic hoax letter appeared in the "Saucerian Bulletin", an irregularly-scheduled saucer sheet published by Gray Barker of Clarksburg, West Virginia. Those of you who received the "Saucerian Bulletin" dated May 30th undoubtedly have read this letter, and according to the flood of mail we have since received, a large number of you even believed it.

Barker claims that the letter in question was originally sent to the Editors of "Cosmic News", a saucer magazine which has recently gone out of business. Although the letter itself states that its contents must be kept in strict confidence, the "Cosmic News" Editors apparently saw fit to send it on to Barker for publication. This anonymous letter states that the writer has definite information that Mr. Moseley is in reality an Air Force investigator, and that SAUCER NEWS only subscribes to the "earth theory"origin of saucers as an elaborate cover-up for their real extraterrestrial origin. The clear inference is that if this information were true, SAUCER NEWS would be perpetrating a continuing hoax upon its readers and upon the public in general.

It is just this type of utter sensationalism that has made the saucer picture the confused thing it is today. As far as we know, "Cosmic News" made no effort whatsoever to check the authenticity of this letter before passing it on to Barker,nor did Barker see fit to check its authenticity before publishing it. We of SAUCER NEWS, however, have recently begun an investigation of our own, on which we will report in a later issue.

In the meanwhile, the air has been filled with wild rumors of all sorts. Many people who disagree violently with the"earth theory" were apparently ready to accept this letter as true without further thought. Obviously this is just what Mr. Barker hoped and expected. Many other people, however, are of the opinion that either Barker or the "Cosmic News" Editors do know the true origin of this letter, and some people even feel that one of these parties may have written it himself. SAUCER NEWS will reserve judgment until our own investigation is completed.

SAUCER NEWS "SCOOP" CONFIRMED BY RECENT BOOK

A Reuters news dispatch dated Feb. 18, 1957 reads in part as follows: "Nazi Germany developed flying saucers that flew more than 1,000 miles per hour and a bomber that could attack the United States and return without refueling, it was revealed today. These and other details of Hitler's efforts to achieve a wonder weapon that would turn the tide of World War II were disclosed in a book called "The German Weapons and Secret Weapons of World War II and Their Development", by Rudolph Lusar, wartime head of the Technical Arms Department of the German War Ministry. The flying saucers, designed by three German engineers and an Italian,were 138 feet in diameter. The first one flew Feb. 14, 1945, at Prague, and reached a height of 'more than 40,000 feet and a speed of 1,250 miles per hour,' Lusar said."

In the February 1955 issue of "Nexus" (former name of

SAUCER NEWS), your Editor printed a long article called "The Truth About the Flying Saucers". This article read in part (page 4-5): ".....A flying saucer was released from Prague on February 14, 1945. It soared to a height of 37,700 feet in three minutes. The construction of this pilot-less ray-guided disc was begun in 1942, and within less than two years the first experimental flight had been made. One of these early experimental models was released in Stettin and crashed on Spitsbergen.....Two types of flying saucers are being built today: One has a diameter of about 45 feet, and the other a diameter of about 140 feet. They are powered by a rather complicated modification of the jet principle, and are capable of remaining stationary as well as making near-right-angle turns, due to a device which works on the principle of the gyroscope....." The "Nexus" article also stressed the fact that several of the top scientists on Germany's saucer project have been working for the United States since the end of World War II.

It's not often we get the chance to say, "I told you so!", but this is one of those times. We were able to publish the basic details of the German saucer story a full <u>two years</u> before it appeared in any American newspaper!

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THIS N' THAT

Readers with a keen eye for details may have noticed that the printing job on this issue of SAUCER NEWS is considerably improved over past issues. This is a result of our having bought an electric typewriter for S.A.U.C.E.R.S. Headquarters.

It seems that the "lunatic fringe" of Saucerdom will always have its say. In a recent issue of "Thy Kingdom Come", a saucer sheet published in Los Angeles (where else!), we read that the same series of eight "space recordings" discredited last November when Mon-Ka the Martian failed to show up, is still being peddled to the gullible. This California organization also comes up with a new political party which will, among other things, supposedly achieve the following: "Free permanent insurance on everything; No more taxes; Guaranteed profits on all sales; Poverty and starvation ended; Free medical and dental care for everyone, without socialized medicine; Cradle to grave economic security; Retains American system of free enterprise and individual initiative and prevents Communism and Socialism; Personal and national debt problems solved", etc. Just think! All the benefits of a Socialistic Utopia, and without Socialism! Just how the organization intends to achieve this, is not quite clear.

The summer months have seen more than their share of changes in the saucer publication field. "Cosmic News", a religiously-inclined strongly pro-Adamski sheet published by two teen-agers in Strongsville, Ohio, has bowed out (see editorial), and as already noted in our April-May issue, Len Stringfield's highly-respected magazine called "Orbit" has also seen fit to close down. Several new saucer magazines have made their appearance, among them one in Japan. The most noteworthy is "The U.F.O. Investigator", the long-delayed publication of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), of which your Editor is a co-operating member. Also new is the already notorious magazine edited by Ray Palmer, called "Flying Saucers from Other Worlds". Palmer has seen fit to lift 25 pages from various issues of England's "Flying Saucer Review", according to an editorial in the July-August

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THE SCIENTISTS MIGHT BE WRONG

- by Justin Case -

Whoever has thoroughly investigated the scientific aspects of flying saucers must conclude that the overwhelming evidence of present-day science is against the idea that flying saucers are intelligent visitors from space. Everything in science tends to show that they do not come from any planet in our solar system or from any planet of any star outside our solar system.

How right is this conclusion? How right are our scientists? Have they ever been wrong before? To answer these questions we have to look back into the history of science.

Our scientists are usually as right as it is humanly possible to be. They are engaged in the search for truth and knowledge, and they apply every possible test to a theory or a phenomenon before they accept it as true. Only then do they tell us, the public, about it. It is because they are so right that we hold them in such high regard. Nevertheless, brilliant though they are - and they have to be to remain scientists - they are only human. They make mistakes despite all their efforts to avoid error.

The history of science is not one of continued, uninterrupted progress. On the contrary, it is really a series of failures interspersed with an occasional success. It is only the successes we hear about, for scientists never tell us anything until they feel they are absolutely right. But without knowing it at the time, they have often been wrong. Sometimes they have refused to admit their error for a long time in spite of conclusive proof.

One of the best examples of this is the "Phlogiston Theory." To the early scientists the process of combustion was a great mystery. From about the years 1500 to 1700 they knew that metals could be obtained by heating a mixture of charcoal and ore. Since ores were found in nature and metals were not, they assumed that ores must be the simpler or basic substances to which something had to be added from the charcoal in order to change them into more complex metals. In 1703 that something was named Phlogiston. The scientists also knew that when some metals were heated in air, they became ores again. This meant that they gave up the Phlogiston previously obtained from the charcoal. But the ores weighed more than the metals, proving that Phlogiston must have negative weight. When it was added, there was a loss in weight, and when removed, there was a gain in weight. This did not seem logical, and caused much confusion, but scientists continued to believe in Phlogiston because it seemed to explain much of what happened in the smelting of ores. So they continued on this wrong track. In 1775 Lavoisier showed clear experimental proof that combustion used up some part (i.e., oxygen) of the air and that this same part could be restored to the air by heating again. This proved that the Phlogiston Theory with its negative weight was wrong. Despite this proof, some famous scientists did not accept it for 20 to 30 years. One famous scientist died in 1804 still believing in the Phlogiston Theory.

Thus the Phlogiston Theory kept the science of Chemistry on the wrong track for 100 years. Even after it was disproved, it took 30 years to get back on the right track again.

Here is another example: The scientists of the Middle Ages were the alchemists who tried, without success, to change common metals into gold. Later it was decided this was impossible because substances consisted of indivisible particles called atoms. No atom of one substance could be changed into an atom of a different substance. This view continued up to about 1935. Then Nuclear Physics showed that although atoms of various sub-

stances were indeed different, all atoms consisted of different arrangements and proportions of a small variety of still smaller particles. These could be rearranged to change one substance into another, and this has been accomplished on a small scale, but at considerable expense, in the laboratory. Thus the alchemists' dream of changing one substance into another was first thought possible, then impossible, and now is known to be possible again. In this case science changed its mind twice.

Here is a third example of how science was wrong. The planet nearest to the sun is Mercury. For many years it was thought that certain irregularities in the orbit of Mercury must be caused by some planet still nearer to the Sun. Astronomers vainly sought to locate it. Then in about 1905 Einstein announced his Theory of Relativity, which together with his latest theories gave a satisfactory explanation of the pecularities of Mercury's orbit, and the search for the unknown planet stopped. So here too science was on the wrong track until Einstein put it back on the right track.

There you have three examples showing that scientists were wrong despite all their efforts to avoid error. Quite a few scientists readily admit the possibility of error in their knowledge. Other scientists are adamant in their faith in their present-day knowledge. But all scientists of all kinds try their best to be as right as possible.

Flying saucers are a mystery. Present-day science cannot explain them. Some scientists ignore them completely, others deny their existence, and still others scoff at them, saying that we could not possibly have visitors from space. In view of the past history of science, it is quite possible that these scientists may be wrong. They have been wrong before, and they could be wrong again.

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issue of that magazine, and he has also raised the ire of at least two other saucer editors for using their material. Apparently Mr. Palmer makes a habit of lifting material without permission or even credit. The fact that "Flying Saucers from Other Worlds" is a purely commercial enterprise is well attested by the fact that Mr. Gray Barker of the "Saucerian Review" is its Eastern Editor. Other contributors include almost all the leading lights of the "saucer contact" crowd, we hear.

Further news about George Williamson's metaphysical colony in Peru, called the Brotherhood of the Seven Rays, keeps coming to us from many different sources. Recent information indicates that Williamson has fallen out with several of the other members of the Brotherhood, and that some of these people have already returned to the United States in disillusionment. The full story of this Peruvian fiasco (though somewhat dated now) has been published in our Confidential Newsletter #4, which is available to SAUCER NEWS subscribers for the price of $1.00.

Having written under an assumed name to the Brotherhood's California post office box, your Editor recently received a personal letter from Peru, written by Dr. Charles Laughead. Dr. Laughead will be remembered for his unfulfilled prediction in 1954 that the world was about to end. Later we were sent a bulletin from Texas, further describing the alleged purposes, etc., of this mysterious organization. Still later we received a book of "transcripts", the first of which begins in the following enlightened manner: "A-u-s-s-u-m. Ara-a-a-aum. Aram-u-u, A-ra-mu-Mura, Ara-aum, Ara-aum, Ara-aum. Greetings to those who ever serve and seek Eternal Light...." - Et Cetera ad Nauseum.

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BOOK REVIEW

Other Tongues, Other Flesh - by George Williamson (Amherst Press, $4.00)
- Reviewed by Lonzo Dove -

The belated book "Other Tongues, Other Flesh," by George Williamson, leading witness to the Adamski saucer contact story, is mainly an occult commentary on the previous books by George Adamski and himself, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and "The Saucers Speak". The new Williamson book is beyond a doubt the most confused and confusing work yet written on the subject of saucers. With equal gusto, the author ridicules science or quotes enthusiastically from scientific theory - whichever serves his purpose of the moment. But in the main, he relies heavily on his own extensive "research", bolstered by the findings of other "leading researchers" such as Van Tassel, Angelucci, and Pelley. Because Williamson would have us believe that his book contains objective facts, and because he affirms solemnly that he speaks from real objective contacts with the flying saucers, the book deserves careful critical examination.

The mystic queerness of "Other Tongues" shows up in the fact that it is marked "Copyright 1953", but throughout has dated events far into 1956. Furthermore, Williamson's own preceding book was not published until 1954. This is as queer as the Adamski saucer photos being dated Dec. 13, 1952; two weeks before that date they were already in the hands of his editorial writer!

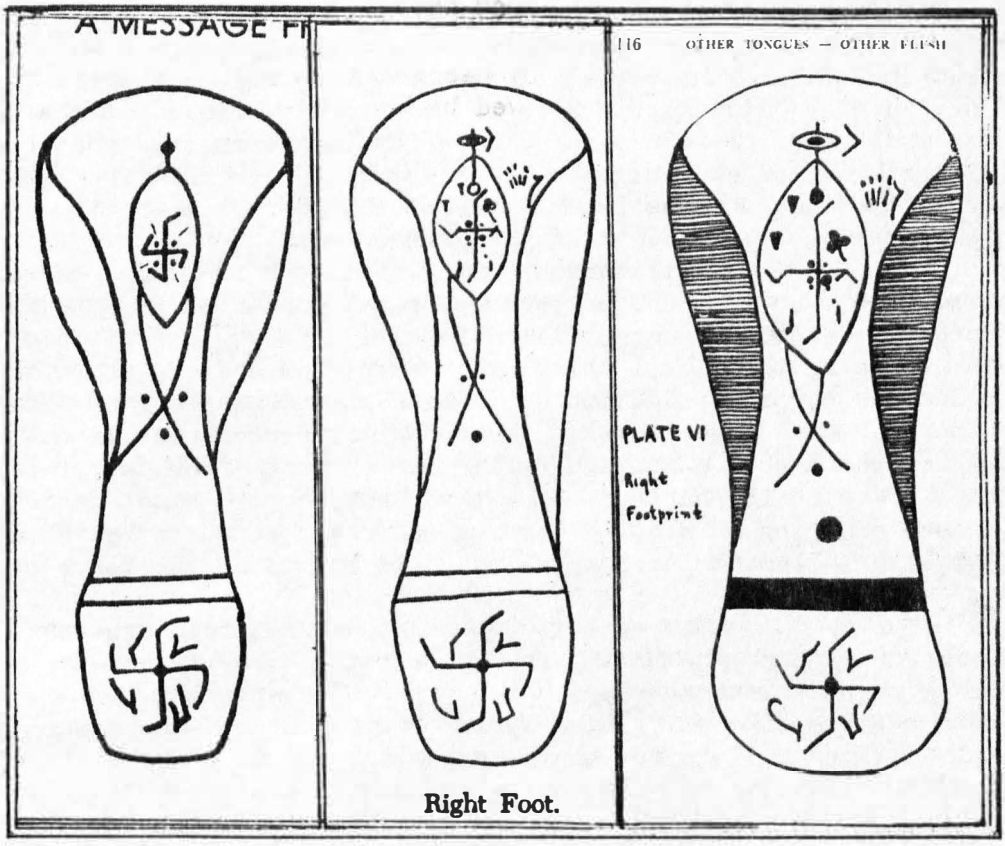
Williamson says (page 95) that he was first to chance upon the footprints in the desert sand. This was the most tangible trace of evidence brought forth from the dramatic Adamski-Williamson saucer contact. The statistical probability was 6 out of 7 for somebody else to discover those all-important proofs.

Why did Adamski and Williamson each go his separate way in writing books instead of collaborating? Williamson once wrote me: "G. Adamski has not seen fit to give out footprint symbology. Why, I do not know." Since both of these saucer authors have such a flare for exhibiting photographs as evidence, why has neither one ever shown a professional photograph in sharp relief illumination of the actual plaster casts of the footprints, as I suggested to Williamson only two days after the Adamski photograph date? Would that have shown too much?

Williamson says (pages 93, 101-104) that the drawings of the footprints as published in the "Phoenix Gazette" just after the desert contact, were based on the real foot impressions in the desert "prior to the pouring of the plaster" - which may have smudged some details. He emphasizes: "The impressions left in the sand were clear-cut and well-defined." Therefore these original drawings made in the presence of other witnesses should be more authentic than anything drawn later in privacy from the plaster casts with "considerable work" and the help of his archaeological chisels.

Williamson's drawings are no longer the same as those published at the time of the event, and are even different from the later copy in Adamski's book. (See photo at top of next page.) Taken at face value, this becomes very serious. There are changes in outline, proportion, shapes, and positions, and new markings have been added. A prominent large dot was mysteriously overlooked in both the original and Adamski versions, and Williamson mentions it only parenthetically. A third dot is added on the left heel, but these are <u>not</u> "drawn to scale of the three planets" Mercury, Venus and Earth as Williamson claims on page 104 of his book.

In the right footprint, Williamson has Mars with one



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THE RIGHT FOOTPRINT OF THE ADAMSKI-WILLIAMSON SPACEMAN

Esoteric Riddle: Which is the right change?

moon, but Earth with two moons in a line. Here he admits that his plaster casting was "possibly inaccurate" and lost one of the two moons of Mars. But his added "dark moon" directly behind the known moon of our planet (page 135) is an astronomical impossibility. Any other moon would be sun-lighted just like the first moon. And its further distance from Earth would give it a slower angular and orbital velocity, making it lag and be overtaken at regular synodic periods. Two satellites standing close together would either gravitate into one or be torn apart by different momentum into separate orbits.

The ancient origin of this childish idea of a double moon is due to the new moon thin crescent being superimposed on a dim full circle caused by multiple reflected sunlight from Earth to moon and back to Earth from the shadow side of the moon globe. The ignorant saw the moon phases as actual changes in the shape of the moon. As the moon became old and thin, its spiritual "double" emerged dimly behind it and through the crescent arms, a new moon was born out of the dying old moon.

This "dark moon" absurdity is exceeded only by Williamson's theory of a "cool sun" but warm habitable planets, one and all. Williamson has invented a force field from Earth to moon that creates heat and visible light out of the Sun's "positive light rays", and which also forms stony meteors (page 50-63, 232, 405, etc.) He forgets that radio waves before being transformed by the receiving set into sound waves, get weaker as the radio

source gets farther away until vanishing in background noise. No amount of transforming by machines or planetary atmospheres can make a weak distant beam of radiation equal to the ray at close range. Sunshine reflected from planets, which are outside Williamson's alleged transforming field of the Earth, show just the order of differences predicted by tested theory and common sense, i.e., it gets warmer and brighter as we get closer to the fire-light. And meteors orbit the Sun, not the Earth, since their average velocity of collision is 3 times the escape velocity of the planet Earth.

Williamson argues that the Sun must be cold because magnetism exists on the Sun, and because we get colder as we rise into the air. He ignores the fact that magnetism of metal is due to motion of polarized changes composing the atoms, which disarrange when heated, while the magnetism of the Sun is caused by motion of ionized charged masses of matter both of which increase with high temperature. And altitude coldness is due to rarified air and decreased convection and reflection of heat from denser layers of air and the surface of the Earth. Direct radiant energy is not decreased. To obtain a mere doubling of photo or thermal effect, we must rise about 1/4th of the 93 million miles to the Sun, which would put us at the Venus orbit and its measured temperature.

The velocity of light has not been exceeded as Williamson claims on page 38; The moving spot on a cathode ray screen does not actually move at right angles to the ray incidence. The apparent line is a series of different spots - like swinging a spray of water around the lawn; the quantity of water in one spot is not the same portion as in other parts of the progression line that can be scanned faster than the velocity of the stream itself.

I cannot reply to Williamson on esoteric or religious propositions, but only in the field of scientific research and scholarship. This includes documented history, such as I shall now close with. Shortly after the Adamski-Williamson "contact", Williamson wrote me on Sept. 15, 1952: "They have told us to tell you that contact is up to them, not us. I don't know why they told us to tell you, but it is very likely they have picked you. I wish you were here! I expect Adamski here, and I feel you are connected in all this some way. A direct face-to-face landing in the near future is promised. Adamski coming here has something to do with it all. I can't make myself any clearer!"

This clears up the foundation of one saucer contact story!

It is evident from the short quote above that Williamson had thought to have me as one of the seven to participate in that first saucer contact. But after he met Adamski in person, his tune changed entirely, since Adamski had known me from previous criticism of his work in Fate Magazine. The fact that Williamson declares that the saucer occupants named me personally, and then Williamson's finding (by Adamski's influence) that I was the wrong person, brands the saucer intelligences as not able to pick the right people - or brands Williamson's entire work as a complete hoax. Since the saucer angle is surely not true, i.e., that the space people know anything about me or my qualifications, it must be true that Williamson's contact is fiction. Anyone who accepts the books by Williamson and Adamski must also accept the quoted words of the same authority that the saucers picked me as one of the seven to be contacted - me, the outspoken critic of all that came out of that "contact"!

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THE AIR FORCE AND THE SAUCERS

PART TWO - CAPTAIN RUPPELT'S BOOK AND THE SECRET AGENCY

- by Dr. Leon Davidson -

(The first part of this article appeared in the Feb.-March 1956 issue of SAUCER NEWS. - Editor.)

Although it has received little attention, a certain secret agency of the U.S.Government has been active in the flying saucer field since 1952. This agency has not yet been identified with certainty by the writer, but it is probably the National Security Agency, although it might be the Central Intelligence Agency. The NSA (formerly the Armed Forces Security Agency), is a branch of the Department of Defense, with headquarters at Arlington Hall Station, Arlington,Va. The CIA, headed by Allen Dulles,is connected with the Departments of State and of Defense, and has its headquarters in Washington, D.C. Since I am not sure of the particular agency involved, I will refer to it as the "ZYA" in this article.

The interest and connection of the "ZYA" in the subject of flying saucers is revealed at several places in the recent book by Captain E. J. Ruppelt, who was head of the Air Force's Project Bluebook from 1951 to 1953. This book, "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" (Doubleday, 1956) should be read by everyone interested in the subject. Page references to the book will be given in this article, based on the original hard-cover edition.

Ruppelt's book, when read carefully, makes it clear that since 1951 a secret U.S. agency (the "ZYA") has conducted a program aimed at publicizing flying saucers, with emphasis on (a) establishing that flying saucers are real (as opposed to the pre-1952 Air Force Project Grudge policy that saucers did not exist); and (b) promoting the public belief that saucers are extraterrestrial objects.

The purpose of the "ZYA" is of course somewhat contrary to the purpose of the Air Force's investigating agencies, Project Grudge and its successor Project Bluebook;This did not lead to any great waste of government funds, however, since Project Bluebook had at the most ten people on its staff (see Ruppelt, p. 20) and was not very costly. And those who have read the reports issued by Grudge and Bluebook know that these projects did a very poor job of proving that saucers do not exist. Their reports are not very convincing; they are illogical, ambiguous, and misleading (see Ruppelt, p. 96.)

Before we discuss the purpose of the "ZYA" and its activities since 1951, it would be well to review the 1947-1951 period in the history of flying saucers.

Background: The 1947-1951 Period

It must be realized that before 1947 no one had ever claimed to have seen a disc-shaped aircraft which could hover, fly at high speeds,make extremely sharp turns, and outmaneuver ordinary aircraft. In other words, no one had ever seen or discussed flying saucers before 1947. That 1947 must be taken as the starting point of the saucer story is accepted by such diverse experts as Ruppelt (p.19 of his book) and Marc Thirouin, of the French organization C.I.E.O. (See his publication "Ouranos", No. 20, May 1957, pp. 45 and 47.)

It is well known that the U. S. obtained the starting material for the Earth Satellite Vehicle Program, and for much of the ballistic missile program, from the Germans at the end of World War II. There have been recent stories that plans for flying saucers were also obtained at that time. Thus by 1947,there would have been enough time to have started operation

of such objects in the U. S., especially if the Germans had progressed beyond the mere planning stage before World War II ended.

The U. S. Navy has usually been the most advanced, in technical developments, of the U. S. armed forces. In 1947 it had a circular flying wing aircraft ready for test flight, designed by C. H. Zimerman of the N.A.C.A. Although this was technologically obsolete at that time, because it was propeller-driven and not jet-propelled, it was much more advanced than the Air Force's "flying wing" aircraft, known as the B-35 and B-49, built by Northrup. The latter aircraft had poor control and stability characteristics, and have since been scrapped, leaving the Air Force without any "flying wing" type aircraft.

In 1947, the production prototype of the Navy's circular prop-driven flying wing, the Chance-Vought XF5U-1 "Flying Flapjack", was just due for test flights at Muroc, California (See Janes' "All the World's Aircraft", 1947 and 1948 editions.) This airplane is described in an N.A.C.A. report issued June 7, 1949, Report RML9C29, where it is called a "convertible-type airplane" which was "expected to assume attitudes approaching hovering and vertical descent....." There is no public record that the test flights at Muroc were either held or called off. However, LCDR Pickett Lumpkin, USN, informed me in 1952 that "it became apparent that the desired speed characteristics could be attained with less difficulty in a jet-powered aircraft", and LCDR F.M. Lloyd USN, informed me in 1952 that "the XF5U was officially dropped on March 12, 1948". All that can be fairly concluded from the above is that the U.S. Navy, about 1947, was trying to get a flying wing aircraft which could hover as well as fly at high speeds.

By coincidence, just at the time that the XF5U-1 was scheduled for test flights at Muroc, there came the first (and I mean the very first) flying saucer sightings which entered the Air Force's files. In the Project Grudge report of August 1949, cases 1, 2, 3, and 4 are listed for July 7th and 8th, 1947, at Muroc and Rogers Dry Lake, California (now called Edwards Air Force Base). These first reports were made by Air Force personnel, and refer to an oscillating object which flew slowly, and had tactics unlike an ordinary airplane. There were two fins on the upper surface (the XF5U had these, incidentally) which crossed at intervals, suggesting a slow oscillation. Some observers at that time at Muroc reported seeing two discs at about 8,000 ft. altitude, maneuvering in tight circles with varying speeds, and oscillating.

I challenge any reader (and this includes all retired Rear Admirals and Generals who are associated with saucer investigation groups) to produce an authoritative denial from the Navy and from the N.A.C.A. that any novel aircraft were being flown at Muroc and Rogers Dry Lake at the dates and times corresponding to these early cases. The descriptions fit the XF5U well, and the time and location are just right for the XF5U tests. However, it is possible that a more novel aircraft, say one based on captured German work, was being test-flown at the time.

The year 1947 has another significance as being just prior to the "unification" of the U.S. Armed Forces. The interservice rivalry between the Army and the Navy, and between each of these and the Air Force, is well known, and still exists. (The newspapers have almost daily stories on interservice battles over missiles, and the fights over the supercarriers and the B-36 made headlines a few years ago.) This rivalry would have assured that the Air Force would have been kept uninformed of secret aviation developments by the Navy in 1947. It is documented in the Project Grudge report that it was in early 1949 (after unification had gotten well started) that an Air Force General instructed the flying saucer investigators to change the project code

name from Sign to Grudge (!),to stop spending money on special investigations, and to wind up the project during 1949. To me, this indicates that the General had at last been informed of the Navy's developments, and was stopping the ridiculous "investigation" of our own devices. Prior to unification, the Navy had felt that it was perfectly fair to let the Air Force try to find out for itself what the saucers really were.

The 1951 Change in Policy

As Ruppelt indicates in his book (p.19) the Air Force's investigation was closed down, for practical purposes, early in 1950. The lull continued until in 1951 a new stirring of interest in saucers became evident in the Department of Defense. This interest, I will endeavor to show, was sparked from behind the scenes by the secret agency (which I call the "ZYA") mentioned at the beginning of this article. The purpose of the "ZYA"in arousing public belief that saucers are real, may be connected with its duties of "psychological warfare" in this "cold war" period, as will be discussed later.

The modern phase of the saucer story began at the Pentagon meeting on Sept. 14, 1951 (see Ruppelt, p. 129.) Ruppelt says, "Every word of the two-hour meeting was recorded.....The recording was so hot that it was later destroyed, but not before I had heard it several times. I can't tell everything that was said, but....." Ruppelt makes it clear that the Generals present wanted saucers treated seriously. As a result of this meeting, Project Grudge was revitalized, Ruppelt was put in charge, and flying saucer reports started to come in (See p. 130.)

Ruppelt makes it clear (pp. 85-88) that, until 1952, the Air Force approach had been to try to discount all "unknown"saucer reports as hoaxes, hallucinations, and hysteria. On pages 177-178, however, Ruppelt shows that late in 1951 a change in attitude had taken place, and high Air Force officials had joined in a campaign to build up the belief that flying saucers were real but extraterrestial. Ruppelt admits on those pages "that the Air Force had unofficially inspired the Life article" of April 7, 1952, which "undoubtedly threw a harder punch at the American public than any other UFO article ever written". The UFO stories built up in intensity in the next few months, ranging from the front page New York Times headline "Sky Blasts in Seattle; A Meteor is Assumed" on May 11, 1952, to the spectacular Washington, D.C. sightings of July 20 and July 27, 1952.

Ruppelt reports (see p. 196) on a very significant meeting held at the Pentagon in mid-June, 1952, attended by Air Force and Navy Intelligence officers, and "some people I can't name". The latter people, I assume, were from what we call here the ZYA agency. At this meeting, described by Ruppelt on pp. 197-199, Project Bluebook was told, in effect, to stop debunking the saucers. He quotes one Air Force Intelligence Colonel as saying, "Isn't it true that if you make a few positive assumptions instead of negative assumptions, you can just as easily prove that the UFO's are interplanetary spaceships?" On p. 197 Ruppelt also remarks that "the fact that the UFO's could be interplanetary spaceships had been growing in the Pentagon, but these ideas were usually discussed only in the privacy of offices with doors that would close tight."

On p. 200 Ruppelt notes that by the end of June, 1952, most of the better reports were coming from the eastern United States. And, in the middle of July a most significant incident took place, reported by Ruppelt on pages 209-210. Ruppelt was talking to "a scientist, from an agency that I can't name"(which we may assume was the secret U.S. agency which we call "ZYA" in this article). This scientist made a prediction to Ruppelt, which I quote

from Page 210:

"'Within the next few days',he told me, and I remember that he punctuated his slow, deliberate remarks by hitting the desk with his fist, '...you're going to have the granddaddy of all UFO sightings. The sighting will occur in Washington or New York,' he predicted, ' - probably Washington'." And, as Ruppelt shows in the following pages, this prediction was correct. The July 20th and July 27th sightings at Washington "won more world acclaim" than any other flying saucer report in history," Ruppelt says on p. 209.

I maintain that this scientist from the secret government agency ("ZYA") knew in advance of the big Washington sightings. I claim that these sightings were deliberately timed to bolster the new program, discussed above, aimed at making the public believe that saucers are real, and not hallucinations. That the program worked, we all know. For example, Fred Othman's newspaper column of July 29th, 1952, said "No longer do we get the suggestion from the Pentagon that reports of saucers are hallucinations....." Also, the Washington Sunday Star feature article of Aug. 3, 1952, entitled "Out of this World", and many other articles at the time, all indicate that a successful publicity campaign had been waged. The public was now conditioned for the flood of books, newsletters, and "research organizations" which have appeared since the summer of 1952, dealing with flying saucers as extraterrestrial or interplanetary visitations.

Another example of "prediction" of saucer activities is given on p.257 of Ruppelt's book. In September, 1952, the NATO naval forces staged "Operation Mainbrace", a series of maneuvers off the coast of Europe. Ruppelt says "Before they had started, someone in the Pentagon had half seriously mentioned that Naval Intelligence should keep an eye open for UFO's, but no one really expected the UFO's to show up. Nevertheless.....they were there."

"Psychological Warfare" Applications of Flying Saucers

In the present "cold war" in which the United States and Russia are engaged, it is considered to our advantage to keep the Russians uncertain of our exact capabilities. This is the reason, for example, why the exact size of our atomic stockpile is one of the best kept secrets of all time. Not even the staff of our own National Security Council knows the number of bombs, not even the senators and congressmen on the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy. No chance is taken that this information will be known by anyone who does not need it essentially for his work. The Russians are, it is hoped, kept in the dark about this information, and must adjust their own defense plans to take account of what to them would be the worst case, namely, the largest possible estimate of the number of bombs that we could have.

In the same way, if the Russians should have reason to believe that the U.S. has a flying saucer device which could perform even half as well as saucers are reported to do, Russia would have to put a lot of her effort into counteracting the threat which an attack by U. S. saucers might someday pose. Hence a U.S. agency (like the "ZYA") which is engaged in cloak-and-dagger operations of harassment, counter-espionage, and psychological warfare,might well be interested in building up a story of the existence in American skies of a secret device of amazing performance. And, with American military installments now available in every corner of the world, this agency could arrange to have the sightings occur almost anywhere in the world (but not too readily behind the Iron Curtain). The article by Marc Thirouin in "Ouranos", already referred to, points out that the majority of saucer sightings took place in the United States itself in 1947-1952, but that after 1952

reports became widespread in Europe, peaking around 1954, and that by 1956 the reports were coming from all over the world. (Also see Ruppelt, pp. 307-310.)

If, as a result of the stories, as reported in the worldwide press and magazines, the Russians are inveigled into diverting some of their technological resources into studying the saucers, planning countermeasures, and setting up defenses, the American "ZYA" agency may well feel that it has achieved success in this particular skirmish of the "cold war". For the saucers do not have any real military value in themselves; their bark is worse than their bite.

What the American taxpayers might say about such "cold war" fandangos is another matter. There is no public evidence to show that the Russians have paid attention to the saucers, but for sure a whale of a lot of Americans have been wasting their time in following up the story of these fascinating objects. The government has had many opportunities to deny that saucers are American objects, but, as shown in Part I of this article (Feb.-March 1956 SAUCER NEWS) it does not issue such a denial. Instead the statement is made by General Samford that "we have nothing which has no mass and unlimited power." The intelligence agents of foreign powers may be expected to realize that this is no denial that saucers are American. Hence, as long as reports of flying saucers continue to be made, you may be sure that our enemies will give serious consideration to the possibility that they are American devices.

It is important to realize that the actual performance of the flying saucers is not as astounding as some of the reports would indicate. In other articles I will indicate the flaws in the White Sands story of Cdr. McLaughlin, in which 18,000 mph speeds were claimed, and the Gulf of Mexico radar sightings reported by Major Keyhoe, which gave 9,000 mph speeds.

It is also important to realize that the Air Force, in the days of Project Grudge and also in the days of Project Bluebook, has always thrown obstacles in the path of anyone who might want to examine the reports with an independent viewpoint. The one major exception was Major Keyhoe himself, who was handed many reports by the Air Force, including the Gulf of Mexico sightings referred to above, because he believed firmly that saucers are extraterrestrial. But these reports were given to him <u>after</u> the 1952 change in policy which we have discussed above, and for obvious purposes. As Keyhoe himself says on pp. 165-166 of his book "Flying Saucers from Outer Space", about the Gulf of Mexico sightings: "That it had been released to me seemed to mean only one thing. Clearly, Intelligence - or at least 'Group A' - wanted the public to see this conclusive proof that the saucers were interplanetary machines. Step by step they had shown me convincing evidence adding up to the answer.

<u>Conclusion</u>

It has often been said, by people with many different viewpoints, that the flying saucer story is full of illogicalities, confusion, and frustration. The true solution, if saucers were indeed real interplanetary spaceships, would certainly have been found in the past ten years of study. It can be taken for granted that if the Air Force had been in doubt of the true nature of saucers since 1949, it would unquestionably have asked the National Academy of Science to conduct a full scientific study of the subject, using the nation's leading scientists and scientific organizations. Yet the fact is that the National Academy of Science has <u>never</u> been asked by the Government to look into the saucer mystery. Likewise, the panel of "scientists" who carried out the Air Force study reported in Project Bluebook Special Report No.14 (released Oct., 1955) were either so ashamed of their work, or so poor in reput-

ation, that their names do not appear on the report and the Air Force will not disclose their identities.

Under these circumstances the only intelligent conclusion is to realize that the Air Force has not been conducting a bona fide investigation of saucers. The U. S. Government knows what they are. If it were possible to ever extract a direct answer from the President of the United States, from the Secretary of Defense, or from any of the Pentagon, C.I.A., or National Security Agency officials, to the following question, then the answer to the mystery would be at hand. I hope some readers will have the luck to get such an answer, and will send it to the Editor for publication; The question which the Government will not answer is the following: "Have any agencies of the U. S. Government, during the period 1947-1952, done any flying of unconventional circular or elliptical aircraft, which could have led to reports of flying saucers, or launched any artificial meteors from balloons at high altitudes, which could have led to reports of 'green fireballs'?"

After a decade of this flying saucer business, it is time to push someone into a corner and insist upon answers to these and similar questions. There is no evidence that any benefit is being derived from the "psychological warfare" aspect of the saucer story; the "ZYA" may be wasting our time and money, and doing more harm than good to our status in the cold war. If the public would start questioning government statements on saucers, and demanding forthright and unequivocal answers, the flying saucer mystery would soon be solved.

BOOK REVIEW

Flying Saucers, Fact or Fiction? - by Max Miller (Trend Books, Price: $1.00)

- Reviewed by James Moseley -

It is with genuine pleasure that we forget George Williamson's recent painful literary effort, and pass on to a book that in our opinion is one of the two or three best books ever written on the enigmatic flying saucers. Miller's material comes mainly from a careful selection of available data on the subject, rather than from any extensive personal research. However, his choice of material is excellent, his style of presentation is highly readable without any noticeable trace of sensationalism, and his choice of photographs is also good.

The book presents little that will be news to the veteran saucer fan, but never before has the average reader had the opportunity to learn so much from one book about the history and present status of saucer investigation. Miller's chapters about space travel and Mars are exceptionally well presented, and his handling of the so-called "contact stories" is as unbiased as we have ever seen. This volume is definitely a "must" for the library of every person either casually or deeply interested in the subject of saucers.

(Continued from Page 5)

Army demolition men who explored a mysterious 2-foot hole that appeared overnight in a lawn in San Gabriel, Calif., last April, were unable to learn the exact cause of the hole. Residents of the area had heard a sonic boom during the night, and the following morning the hole was there. It was presumed that the cause was a missile of some sort falling from high altitude, but although the Army dug 16 feet down, they could not find the object. ....Over 1,000 housewives in Sands End, Fulham, England have demanded that the city probe the source of a mystery substance in the air which discolors their weekly washing and riddles it with holes. The organizer of the housewives' petition said, "We call it the Yellow Peril. Our laundry is being ruined!"

The Long John Show, broadcast nightly over New York radio station WOR, continues to interview and encourage debates among leading saucer personalities. One of the most interesting aspects has been the running battle between Ted Bloecher, Lex Mebane, and other "conservatives", from New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence Group, against "contactees" such as Dan Fry, George Van Tassel, and Howard Menger. Although we have missed most of the summer broadcasts by being out of town, two of the most interesting sessions must surely have been those of April 7th and June 21st. On the former date Jules St. Germain, a New York lawyer and C.S.I. member, proved over the air that photographs published by Van Tassel and vouched for by him as authentic, were actually a very transparent hoax concocted by St. Germain himself. On the latter date, an even more lively debate among Long John's saucerites ended in a scuffle between Mebane and Fry, which occurred at the very end of the program. Mebane grabbed a small piece of metal which Fry had implied was from another planet, whereupon Fry jumped up to grab it back. The metal fell through a hole in Mebane's pocket, and Fry succeeded in recovering his "evidence".

RECENT NEWS

Note: We have decided to postpone until the August-September issue our usual full coverage of outstanding saucer sightings in the United States, in order to have more space to give you the following round-up of recent overseas sightings, together with some foreign and domestic "Fortean" events. We are deeply indebted to Bryan Essenhigh, our Overseas Editor, who sent us most of the following items.

SAUCERS: People in the village of Beaucourt-sur-Landre, in northern France, say that a flying saucer landed on a nearby road on the night of May 11th, and that four little men dressed in gray were on board. As proof, they pointed to tracks on the road surface and a black lava-like substance. Six people, including a railway station watchman and his wife, made statements. They said the saucer was reddish in color, and that after it took off it hovered for several minutes before disappearing. One man claimed that the four little men came toward him in a threatening manner. The local police dismissed the incident as collective hysteria "caused by a farmer's wife walking home over the crest of a hill with a flashing lantern."......On April 30th an unidentified object flying at 1,000 mph made headlines in England. The object, which was never seen visually, had been picked up on the screen of one of Britain's secret radar stations on the south coast. A squadron of supersonic Javelin fighters was scrambled, but failed to make contact with the object. This sighting was later "explained" by the Air Ministry as having been caused by two R.A.F. Hunter aircraft.....A mystery blast shook a 25-mile stretch of Exmoor, England, on May 7th. R.A.F. authorities ruled out the possibility of one of their planes having broken the sound barrier, as all planes were grounded by bad weather.

SCIENCE NOTES: Two ways of reaching Mars traveling at almost the speed of light, are being developed by the U.S. Air Force, according to Dr. H. A. Wooster of the Air Research Development Command. One of these ways, called Photon, uses light itself as a reactor power. In the vacuum of outer space the almost imperceptible force of a light beam will theoretically push a spaceship at the speed of light. The second method, called Ionic Drive, is a better method, according to Wooster. It can be used in a far less perfect vacuum, where friction is the big problem.....The New York Daily News reported on March 30th that an Atlas guided missile escaped from control a few days

previously and has since been circling the earth at an unknown height, and might land anywhere. Naturally the Air Force has denied this story.....A team of engineers has penetrated a mile into the earth in Surrey, England, to try to solve the riddle of why the region does not have normal gravity. At last report they still had not found the answer.

FOR THE POST-FORTEAN FILE: A new and awesome display of colored lights, which old-time Eskimos say they have never seen before, has been occuring in the Alaskan skies. Believed by some to be related to the aurora borealis (northern lights), the lights are red, cover an area on the horizon of more than 90 degrees, and rise 50 to 60 degrees in height above the horizon.....Farmer Alan Donaldson says that mysterious, gently plopping stones that seem to come from nowhere are falling on his land at Pumphrey, Western Australia. Scientists have suggested that the stones were swept into the air by freak winds. But Donaldson's two sons claim that one day the stones fell on the floor of a tent, which had not even a tear or a gap in it. The pebbles, they said, were just ordinary stones; but the question of how they got there remains unanswered.....On March 22nd an unoccupied house in Willesden, England was set fire to for the seventh time in five weeks. Floor-boards were charred and burned paper was found in several rooms....

On August 3rd it was reported that Mr. and Mrs. C.V. Wilkinson of Tulsa, Oklahoma, have moved out of their home, which they claim is haunted by a weird electrical phenomena. Some sort of unexplained magnetic field has caused damage to their $1300 electric organ, caused the refrigerator motor to break down twice, and knocked the clock from its shelf six times. The family thought that their troubles would end after an oil company employee dug up water pipes around the house and removed a new metal fence which he believed might be responsible for the magnetic field. But the trouble continued just the same as before....Last April a green-colored puppy was born in Denver. The owner reports that "the puppy has been getting greener since it arrived" and that the other six puppies in the litter are normal in color...Black snow fell in March in the Hudala Valley of Norway. Wide areas which had been covered with white snow, were changed during one night into black.....A block of ice the size of a football crushed the roof of an empty parked car at Lynbrook, Long Island, last March 4th. Police think that it fell from a passing airplane.

Our old friend the Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas has been very much in the news lately. Last spring an expedition in search of the snowman was made by Tom Slick, a Texas oil millionaire. He was accompanied by more than 70 porters and other helpers. The expedition did not succeed in capturing the mysterious animal, but found three sets of tracks belonging to the Snowman, and also discovered some hairs on the tracks, which they will have analyzed. The party heard eye-witness accounts of men and beasts being mauled or killed by the Snowman. The "yeti", or Snowman, is said to be about 8 to 10 feet tall when full grown, and has the power of ten strong men. Slick intends to return to the Himalayas this fall and bring back one of these strange animals alive.....In the early morning hours of Feb. 13th one of the Welsh Guards at the Tower of London (England) saw a "white, shapeless form" he believes to be a ghost. The strange figure happened to appear on the 403rd anniversary of the beheading of Lady Jane Grey, who was Queen of England for 9 days, before being killed in a tower very near the one on which the figure was seen. The Guard's attention was called to the apparition by the sound of stones falling around his box. He later called another Guard, who also saw the figure.....Police in Kingston, Jamaica have been investigating a "ghost yacht" which was found derelict off the Jamacian coast last Dec. They are working on the theory that the two Americans aboard dived overboard on a spear fishing jaunt and were marooned.

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We have been unable to obtain any information about the above photo, other than the fact that it was taken recently in Brazil by a Japanese photographer. It is believed to be a fake by some of the people who have examined it. (Photo from the files of August C. Roberts.)

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EDITORIALS

We wish to report further on the vicious hoax letter discussed in our June-July issue, about James Moseley, your SAUCER NEWS Editor. This is the anonymous letter which, as you will remember, was published by Mr. Gray Barker in the May 30th issue of his "Saucerian Bulletin". The letter alleges that Moseley is in reality an Air Force agent of some sort.

In the past month or so this matter has stirred up a great deal of public interest as well as a considerable amount of comment in various saucer zines. Recently Howard Neuberger, co-editor of "Cosmic News", wrote a letter published in issue #3 of "The Ufologer", a new saucer magazine previously unknown to us. In it he states his opinion that the hoax letter is untrue, but that it was written by Moseley himself. He draws this conclusion from the fact that the typing style in the hoax letter is very similar to Moseley's style, which he claims to be very familiar with.

We have begun our own investigation of this whole affair, as we promised in our June-July issue that we would do. We have examined a photostatic copy of the hoax letter, and have concluded that it does indeed represent a conscious effort on the part of the anonymous writer to imitate Moseley's style. Naturally, it goes without saying that Moseley did not write the letter himself. No one has yet been able to explain what possible motive he could have had for doing so! The only tentative solution we have been able to arrive at so far is that it was written by someone who has corresponded with Moseley for years, and who at the same time is clever enough to make things appear as if Moseley had written the letter himself. Mr.Neuberger does not meet these qualifications, although Mr. Barker definitely does. However, we do not wish to accuse anyone until our investigation is completed.

Lee Munsick, writing in issue #9 of his "UFO Newsletter," gives unexpected but welcome support to Moseley's side of this controversy. In his editorial column called "Unsensational, not Confidential", Munsick first discusses a hoax photo of your Editor published in "Cosmic News" some time ago. The photograph in question, purporting to show your Editor "in the control room of a guided missile" (sic), is such an obvious fraud that we did not even bother to reply to it in print at the time. Munsick then goes on to give the real facts about Moseley's private life, insofar as he knows them. As issue #9 of the "UFO Newsletter" may be sold out, and as Munsick has hit very nearly 100% correct in his analysis of the situation, we want to quote this part of his article in full:

"The military business about Moseley may have been prompted by the fact that a relative was an officer of fairly high rank in another service. As far as being a paid stooge for the Air Force, it's fairly well known that Mr. Moseley need not rely on the Pentagon for his daily meals; the U. S. Air Force informs us that there is no Lieutenant James W. Moseley; neither of two Air Force Moseleys with other initials live anywhere near New Jersey.

"As to the trips which he is constantly taking to Peru, here too there is no great mystery.....The Fort Lee editor has business connections there which require his personal attention much of the time and which by the way, have been the subject of earlier attacks at the hands of "Cosmic News," and which are most definitely none of their -or anyone else's- business. Suffice is to say that I know of them to the extent that I may say they have nothing to do with UFO's or the Air Force.

"And as to Moseley's appearances in Miami; he stops over there on his trips between Peru and New York.

"Barker begins his article by saying, 'James Moseley

is either the most misunderstood saucer investigator alive today, or the most mysterious'....In this statement Barker is certainly right, only it seems that whether or not Moseley is mysterious, he is indeed most misunderstood.

"Barker also complains about 'the means he (Moseley) will use to attain whatever strange ends he pursues' including the fact that 'he utilizes the basest scandal magazines (the latest one "Confidential"), to advertise his journal.' While your editor does not pretend to speak for James Moseley and his policies and methods in the past, notably in the last issue, trying to attack him through equally bad or worse methods such as this is not living up to the standards necessary in the saucer publishing field, in my opinion."

Incidentally, the "UFO Newsletter" is a fine 30-page publication, well worth the 30 cents per copy. If you want to subscribe, write to Lee Munsick, 1721 19th St. N.W., Washington 9, D.C. While you're at it, why not subscribe to the "UFO Investigator", which Munsick helps to publish, together with Major Donald Keyhoe. Further information about the "Investigator" can be obtained by writing to National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1536 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D.C.

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We are thinking of printing a special issue of SAUCER NEWS, containing all the principal expose stories about George Adamski that have appeared in past issues, some of which are now out of print. Before going to the considerable trouble and expense involved in printing this special issue, we would like to know how many of you would be interested in buying it. It will contain at least 20 pages, and will sell for $1.00. If you would like to receive these revealing articles on Adamski if and when we decide to reprint them, please let us know <u>now</u>, but send no money yet. The amount of interest our subscribers show in this project will determine whether or not we decide to undertake it.

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Some time ago, your Editor made a standing offer of $1000 to anyone who can offer definite concrete proof that flying saucers are from another planet. As many readers will remember, a Californian named Jim Fugatt said he had such proof. Several of his letters to the Editor have been published from time to time in SAUCER NEWS. We intended to investigate his story personally this fall. However, we have recently learned that Mr. Fugatt has been committed to a mental hospital, thus closing the file on this particular claim.

Your Editor recently found out that a cash offer similar to his own has been standing unclaimed since 1804! In that year a Frenchwoman named Anna-Emille-Clara Guzman left a will offering 5,000 pounds (about $14,000 at the present exchange rate) to "the first scientist who will succeed in communicating with a heavenly body - that is, send a signal to a heavenly body and receive a reply." The planet Mars, however, was excluded from the offer. The money, which is held in trust by the French Academy of Science, has doubled over the years, i.e., it is now worth about $28,000. For over a century members of the French Academy have wrangled about the bequest, particularly as it excluded Mars, the one planet that might, they thought, be inhabited. But the money is still there, and is still available to the first man who can prove he is in communication with any planet other than Mars. If John Otto and others of his kind are really on the level, they will begin a race to collect this money immediately upon reading this editorial. If no such race

occurs, it will be further proof that these people are not really making the space communications they claim!

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In answer to several requests, we wish to state that the Air Force sheet which we sent out free to subscribers while our supply lasted, is no longer available. Free copies of this fact sheet can probably still be obtained by writing to the Office of Public Information, Department of Defense, Washington 25, D.C.

We do have available a very few copies of the Peruvian booklet described in the August-September issue. Also, a few extra copies of recent back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still on hand, and are for sale at the price of three for one dollar.

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A bad typographical error appeared in our June-July issue, Page 8, third paragraph from the bottom, third line in that paragraph: As the context clearly indicates, the sentence beginning on that line should read, "Shortly before the Adamski-Williamson 'contact', Williamson wrote me on Sept. 15, 1952...." The Adamski-Williamson contact occurred on Nov. 20, 1952, and Williamson's letter inviting Lonzo Dove to be present at that contact was obviously written before that date, not after it.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Concerning Dr. Davidson's Article in the June-July Issue

That was a very, very good issue of SAUCER NEWS. If and when the Earth Theory (maybe not yours) is proven true, as it will be some day, your light will shine.....

MARY J. HYDE
Alexandria, Va.

My congratulations to Dr.Davidson on his fine article. His analysis of the Ruppelt book, although based on a good deal of assumption, is the best answer I have seen to date on Officialdom's peculiar attitude about flying saucers....

WILBER ROSWALD
Baltimore, Md.

The article by Dr. Davidson is ably written and his rational conclusions from his given premises are most logically constructed. We need more such penetrating articles. But I beg to suggest reconsidering two of his fundamental assumptions.

First, the ability of the Air Force to make advance predictions of future saucer flurries, like the case of June-July-August 1952, mentioned in the article, does not have to mean that the U.S.Military performed the fulfilling with its own saucers, and therefore could do the predicting correctly. I myself gave that very prediction at that very time to the very Air Force being discussed, and sent a carbon copy and additional information to Drew Pearson and Frank Edwards in Washington. This is proven by the following extracts of letters sent to Pearson, who never published this knowledge. It is not hard to see through the hints that Ruppelt got that particular prediction from Pearson, who was then swapping saucer tips with Frank Edwards. So now, Mr. Moseley, if you cover up this uncovering of facts, we can infer that

the rumor is true about you being a man who is trying to cover up the Air Force's knowledge that the saucers are really from Mars.

My letter stated: "The unprecedented high saucer peak in July 1952 and into August, centering on the Washington Capitol, fulfilled my charted Emergency and Freight Arrivals from Mars to Earth." Shortly before the event, I submitted a Scientific Prediction of the time and place of that saucer peak, in a memo to the Air Force Project Saucer or A.T.I.C. at Dayton, and to Frank Edwards and Drew Pearson in Washington; I wrote to Project Saucer, then directed by Ruppelt, on June 17, 1952. The memo was held on Ruppelt's desk until after the predicted saucer peak, and then acknowledged to me on Sept. 11, 1952. I sent a carbon copy to Pearson, which stated, "In fulfillment of my advance predictions placed in the hands of witnesses, I believe you will have an opportunity to observe a number of disk-like structures or flying saucers on June 27-30 and August 15-16, 1952." To Drew Pearson on June 13, 1952, I wrote, "Here are the near future saucer dates scheduled in my charts: June 15, 27-30, August 15-16, 1952, heavy freight shipment from Mars. The new coming saucers will strike out of space and come down for a close look over Northern Virginia and the Eastern U.S. general area, where on April 12 and 16 a scout saucer and vapor circle were seen."

History has confirmed the accuracy of my predictions. My charts were made in March 1950, and my prediction formula was simple. Just count 780 days or multiples thereof from any spectacular saucer sighting or peak. This 780 days is the Mars-Earth Interplanetary Expedition Cycle geared to the Planetary Synodic Period.

My second objection is to Dr. Davidson's statement that no one had ever seen or discussed disk-shaped aircraft before 1947. But on Tuesday the Day of Mars, January 22, 1878, John Martin of Texas saw a disk-shaped object like an orange, that flew across the sky, and he described it by the word "saucer", the same as Kenneth Arnold did on June 24, 1947, again on a Tuesday. Apart from the saucer-shaped objects reported in astronomical literature, there were saucer sightings 2,500 years ago, again on Tuesday or the "24th Day of Shebat in the Second Year of Darius", when a man named Zachariah saw a wheel-like object about 35 feet in diameter "flying over the face of the land between Earth and Heaven", and for which he used the descriptive name "flying lamp-bowl object" (Hebrew "Mglh"), which was as near as possible to our modern flying saucers, as a look at archaic lamp-bowls will show.

No, I am afraid that the U. S. Government will never answer Dr. Davidson's key question, because to say "Yes, the saucers are ours," will be proven a lie, and to say "no" before "yes" comes from another source with conviction, would spoil the suspense value and raise panic. For even if the flying saucer is never built on Earth, they will still be seen at their scheduled times, as in the past. LONZO DOVE, Broadway, Va.

The article by Davidson is quite interesting, but I think he is speculating quite a bit. He is searching for "a needle in a haystack" in Ruppelt's book, and if he looks hard enough he will find something that he can interpret to his liking. I regard Ruppelt's book as a thoroughly honest and sincere record. But I think even Ruppelt slipped up by saying he knew some scientists who had the answer to the saucer mystery....

JUSTIN CASE
Fort Lee, N.J.

Saucer research owes a vote of thanks to Dr. Davidson for bringing to light evidence which would probably have been overlooked as testimony in behalf of the "earth theory" had he not called it to our attention.

Why he should try to undo the good work by over-confident assertions that saucer phenomena began in 1947, I do not know.....To force an initial retreat on Dr. Davidson's part, I need only call attention to documents issued as early as March 1946 by Meade Layne of the Borderland Sciences Research Associates. I will leave it to Dr. Davidson to decide what he intends to do about these sightings, and about the many others written before Mankind had aircraft. That such descriptions exist in graphic abundance even over present-day accounts, is for me to prove; and I shall undertake to do so, in a series of articles in SAUCER NEWS to begin in the December-January issue.

Y. N. IBN AHARON
Fort Lee, N.J.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following article was also written in answer to Dr. Davidson's article. Richard Hall, the author, is the editor of a very worthwhile new saucer bulletin called "Satellite". This magazine is published monthly at 721 Burdette St., New Orleans, La.

DR. LEON DAVIDSON AND THE SECRET WEAPON THEORY

- by Richard Hall -

Dr. Leon Davidson has long held that flying saucer reports are caused by various U.S. tests of secret devices, and by psychological warfare programs. He is to be commended for his recognition of the problem of identifying UFO's, and for his painstaking research to that end. However, I believe there are holes in his arguments and, at times, indications of slanted interpretations. His sincerity, and the value of his efforts, are not in question. In the interest of getting at the truth, I would like to criticize his article on four points: (1) Pre-1947 sightings. (2) The tests of disc-like aircraft in 1945 and earlier. (3)The postulated secret agency "ZYA" and alleged "outer-space propaganda". (4) His conclusions.

(1) On Page 9 Davidson states, ".....no one had ever seen or discussed flying saucers before 1947." Though it is clear that he refers specifically to the disc-type UFO, neither the UFO problem in general or reports of discs began in 1947 at the time the Navy was said to be testing their disc-like aircraft. For the best single refutation of this argument see the CRIFO "Newsletter", May 6, 1955. The Swedish "ghost rockets" of Summer 1946, while largely involving cigar-shaped objects, constituted a fullfledged UFO mystery which closely paralleled the later American version. It had a serious military investigation complete with censorship and a "final" report. In the same issue of the "Newsletter" (Case 83), it is shown that discs were seen and photographed in the New England area in 1946. Furthermore, flying saucers were not confined to the U.S. in 1947 either. In my publication ("Satellite", Aug. 1, 1957, p.5) there is a news report from the London "Psychic News" quoting an Air Ministry spokesman in England: "(We) have in fact been investigating saucer reports since as far back as 1947." Then, there is the Altai-Himalaya sighting of 1926 of a big, shiny "huge oval". The very foundation for Dr. Davidson's case crumbles when the 1947 starting-point is seen to be quite arbitrary.

(2) It is known that tests on disc-like aircraft were being conducted in the early 1940's both in Germany and the United States. The German tests, however, were interrupted as the War ended and the U.S. tests halted between 1942 and 1945. (U. S. News and World Report, April 7, 1950, p. 15.) Professor Herman Oberth, a German scientist conducting such tests, confirmed the development, but said the craft "makes an infernal noise" (Keyhoe,

"Flying Saucer Conspiracy", p. 274), while UFO's in most cases are exceptionally quiet. Later, it is alleged, the disc tests were resumed both in Russia and the U.S. The German device was said to be a helicopter with jet tubes in two rotating wings, and the American version was the propeller-driven (hence also noisy) "Flying Flapjack". The July 8, 1947 object seen over Rogers Dry Lake, which Davidson implies was a descendant of the "Flapjack", was seen descending below 20,000 feet, and there was no smoke, flame, or sound (Ruppelt, p. 38). Moreover, UFO's observed closely by pilots have been discs and ovoids (and "cigars") smoothly streamlined with no apparent external structures, as both test devices had. The Navy device, supposedly a prototype being tested at Muroc, could hardly account for the mass sightings by Arnold in June 1947 and by E. J. Smith (UAL pilot) in July 1947. I have never heard of nine prototypes being tested at once, but I am open for enlightenment. And Kenneth Arnold's report of July 29th told of some 20 to 25 circular objects, indicating a great many "test devices" indeed!

(3) As for the alleged secret U.S. agency, the "ZYA", this is nothing but a hypothesis which is badly in need of supporting evidence. Ruppelt quite often withholds the names of people and agencies, in line with established policy, for the un-mysterious reason of protecting people from a rash of unwanted publicity. It is natural that many agencies are interested in UFO's, but to interpret a few brief comments by Ruppelt to mean that some agency is spreading outer-space propaganda deliberately, is a very weak inference. At one time the Air Force implied that "Life" caused the 1952 "flap". Now Davidson argues that the "ZYA" is the real villain. An objective look at the 1952 reports themselves reveals the real villain - the UFO's themselves. Clear, serious reports by such people as pilots Nash and Fortenberry of P.A.A. were the cause of the 1952 space-ship fever. What secret devices are capable of a sudden dead stop and sharp reversal of direction while traveling at very high speeds?

Undoubtedly there is propaganda of one sort or another being used on the public, but you can be sure it is based on conviction and not on a willful desire to mislead the public for dubious political reasons. Ruppelt states (p. 197) that opinion in the Pentagon in 1952 was growing that UFO's could be space-ships. Davidson uses this to help show that a propaganda campaign (implicitly a deliberate lie) was underway to sell interplanetary space-ships to the public - for purposes known only to the supposed "ZYA". The much simpler, more obvious and reasonable interpretation of Ruppelt's statement is that more people in the Pentagon were really convinced UFO's might be space-ships as the good reports continued to come in during that Summer. Dr. Davidson often indulges in unwarranted reading between the lines. In this case it is a nebulous hypothesis (the "ZYA") based on seemingly slanted interpretations of simple statements of fact.

(4) Davidson's conclusions:

(a) "The true solution, if saucers were indeed real interplanetary space-ships, would certainly have been found in the past ten years of study." This argument could be applied more cogently to secret U.S. devices. If UFO's are space-ships, we could expect confusion, fluctuating policies, and sharp divisions of opinion on what the public should be told. On the other hand, it is very unlikely that secret devices could be kept secret for ten years, and not used to advantage in places like Korea. The secret devices theory is rejected by Ruppelt, Keyhoe, Oberth, Riedel, Biot, Charles G. Ross (late secretary to Truman), and a long parade of aviation men, intelligence officers, and government officials. Ruppelt also had a top security rating and must be included in the alleged "plot" if Dr. Davidson is correct.

(b) If in doubt as to the UFO's origin after 1949,

Davidson says, the Air Force would have used "the nation's leading scientists and scientific organizations." But Ruppelt stated in his report that the names of the scientists who assisted "Project Bluebook" in 1953 read like pages from "Who's Who". The implication obviously is that they were some of the nation's leading scientists, and they recommended that a full scientific study be made. To be consistent, Davidson must interpret the scientists' evaluation as another conspiracy, and this explicitly contradicts the story Ruppelt told, even though the full study was never made.

(c) "The Air Force has not been conducting a bona fide investigation of saucers." This is an amazing conclusion for anyone who has read Ruppelt's book. Flying intelligence officers directly to the scene to interrogate witnesses and gather evidence would seem to be a bona fide investigation. I think Dr. Davidson's quarrel here is with the "Bluebook" report, which does appear to be a farce. ATIC three times concluded that UFO's were real objects requiring an answer, but the alleged conclusions fed to the public in the form of summaries came via the Pentagon. At top levels, then, ATIC's findings have been countermanded repeatedly. There are many possible interpretations of this, but the least likely, it seems to me, is that someone is trying to convince us that UFO's are space-ships.

Since Dr. Davidson and I seem to agree on the basic issue, that UFO's are real, solid, mechanical devices, I can wholeheartedly agree with his demand for "forthright and unequivocal answers" from the officials we have entrusted with running our governmental agencies. If the issue is secret devices vs. space-ships, so be it. We have the common goal of wanting to know which of these alternatives is correct. Let's find out!

BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

THE EXPANDING CASE FOR THE UFO - by M. K. Jessup (Citadel Press, $3.50)

This is another book by the author of "The Case for the UFO", "UFO Annual", and "UFO and the Bible". Jessup's "Expanding Case" is a rather poorly organized and confusing book. It can be divided roughly into four parts, the first of which quotes liberally from Fortean data on mysterious falls of organic matter, ice, etc., often without duly naming Fort as the source of this data. The second part goes off into a long unrelated discussion concerning the artificial satellite which the United States is hoping to send up next year. The third gives a great deal of detailed information about unusual changes and occurrences seen through the years by various astronomers watching the Moon; and the last part discusses Jessup's theories concerning the "little men" who he believes pilot the flying saucers, and who, according to his theory, are descendants of a very ancient race of pygmies which once inhabited the entire Earth. Jessup believes that this race possessed the power of levitation, by which force they built the huge stone fortresses now observed in ruins in Africa, South America, and elsewhere. He also believes that present-day pygmy tribes on Earth are relics of this same ancient race.

It is Jessup's "little men" hypotheses which are most interesting to us. Certainly if they could be proven, or even half-proven, the author would go down in history as having made a tremendous scientific discovery. But Jessup's evidence falls far short of being convincing. For example, he calls attention to passages under five feet high found in the Zimbabwe ruins in Rhodesia, Africa, and at Cusco, Peru. These, to Jessup, are indications that the people who built the passages were pygmies. I myself could show Mr. Jessup a series of tunnels under five feet high near Arequipa, Peru, which

might give him further evidence to support his theory. The only trouble is that they were built two years ago by diggers working under my own direction, hunting for buried treasure. I am almost six feet tall, but I did not mind the inconvenience of bending over when walking through the tunnels, in order to save the time necessary to make the roof higher.

At another point author Jessup makes the flat statement: "Pygmy man is known to have existed (for) a period of approximately 33,000,000 years. He is not a missing link but a fully developed human race - although not related to other races through any known genetic connection." I do not claim to have the scientific training that Jessup does, but I remember being taught in school that all human races have, in one proportion or another, the same four basic blood types. Is Jessup saying that the various pygmy tribes presently on Earth do not have these four blood types? If they do not, I will stand corrected. If so, it would seem that the pygmies have the same common origin as the rest of Mankind. And what, for example, of the seven and eight foot tall Watusi tribe that is a neighbor of the African pygmies living in the Belgian Congo? Jessup does not mention them, but are we to assume that just because they are taller than the rest of us (and world-champion high-jumpers, incidentally), they are unrelated to other human races? Not only has Jessup failed to show clearly why the pygmies of Earth are related to the "little men", if any, in the flying saucers, but he has not even given a sufficiently clear indication that the pygmy tribes now on Earth are related to each other. In short, the theory Mr. Jessup wants us to believe is a fascinating one, but largely unsubstantiated.

Mr. Jessup, unlike most saucer authors (including this reviewer), has a genuine scientific background. It seems to me that instead of flying off in several directions at once - Moon, satellites, "little men", etc., - he should take just one of these points and develop it fully. Then he might have a really worthwhile book, of interest and value to the general public, the scientist, and the saucer fan as well. I know Jessup personally, and consider him a good friend of mine. It is for this very reason that I know he is capable of better work. It seems a shame that in his apparent effort to "give the public what it wants", he has deserted his own scientific background so completely!

THE INEXPLICABLE SKY - by Arthur Constance (Citadel Press, $3.95)

This is an extremely interesting and well-written British import, in which the author convincingly demonstrates that flying saucers are not the only sky phenomenon that science is unable to explain properly. The author devotes a long chapter each to meteorites, falling fluids, fireballs, the aurora borealis, saucers, and other such phenomena. Happily, most of Constance's work is not duplicated in Fort or any other book. The writer has a collection of 16,000 books and over two million newspaper clippings, from which most of his data has been taken. In the case of each of the phenomena listed above, Constance shows that current scientific opinion is divided as to its true nature. He further shows that even if we are to accept the consensus of scientific opinion as having a correct solution to some of the occurrences in each of these categories, there are nevertheless many occurrences in each category that remain unexplained.

I can heartily agree with Constance that scientists do not know everything, that they often choose to ignore rather than investigate happenings (such as saucer sightings) which do not fit into their theories, that they have been wrong before and may still be wrong about many things, and that many of them tend to be over-impressed with their own knowledge. I can

even recommend Constance's fierce,detailed attack on Professor Donald Menzel's farcical book "explaining" all saucer sightings as hoaxes, mirages, etc. When I read Fort's books some time ago, I enjoyed that old gentleman's good-natured ribbing of scientists, and I can go along with similar remarks that I have read in other books and saucer magazines. But Constance goes entirely too far in his attacks on science and scientists. His extremely intense anti-scientific attitude is psychoticly bitter, obviously prejudiced, and largely unjustified. One quote from "Inexplicable Sky" should be sufficient to demonstrate this point: "Science, not religion, derives from the charms and potions, the philtres and fetishes, the devil-worship and human sacrifices, of the world's earliest sorcerers. It is true that it has enlarged its horizons as it has developed through the centuries, but if it has discarded its tortures and death penalties for those who dared to contradict it....it still has its own methods in these times for dealing with those who dispute its authorative pronouncements.....If we are asked to place our trust in the world's scientists, and to believe that they have long ago left behind the self-lacerations and fire-sacrifices of its early magicians, we need to remind ourselves that at this moment in human history they are preparing on a gargantuan scale,with meticulous efficiency, and at colossal cost, monstrous devices calculated to strip the skin from the lacerated bodies, not of a few medicine-men, but from the bodies of millions of innocent humans, in a fire-sacrifice which may shrivel cities to cinders and consume the entire globe."

For all his 16,000 volume library, Mr. Constance obviously needs a beginner's course in scientific method. He also needs a short course in history, through the study of which he will learn that it has been religion, not science, that has so often tried to hold back the progress and enlightenment of Mankind. Mr. Constance is so naive, ill-informed, or downright prejudiced, that he blames all the problems of the world on a handful of scientists whom he conceives of as purposely leading the world down a cold, heartless, atheistic, materialistic path to utter destruction. He does not realize, as his beginner's course in scientific method would teach him, that science seeks knowledge for its own sake. The use or misuse to which that knowledge is applied depends upon the needs and desires of the population as a whole, or of its rulers. In other words, scientists are not responsible for public morality or immorality. If we are now building atomic bombs instead of using atomic energy peacefully, then this is apparently what Mankind wants. Furthermore, even Mr. Constance should realize that the results of science and technology have not been entirely bad by any stretch of the imagination. On Page 109 he makes it clear that he will go to his grave still hating the airplane, which he feels is more of a curse than a blessing (to which I heartily disagree); but I wonder if he rides in a horse-drawn buggy instead of an automobile, and I wonder if he sends messages by jungle drums instead of by telephone and telegraph, all of which are inventions of the "Scientific Devil" he has dreamed up! If I have been a trifle bitter in this review, it is only in a possibly ill-advised attempt to match Mr. Constance's bitter rantings.

To sum up, "The Inexplicable Sky" would be an excellent book if only the author's pet psychosis could be extracted from it.

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WHY ARE THEY HERE? - Part I

- by Justin Case -

All my previous articles about flying saucers in SAUCER NEWS have been written from a scientific viewpoint. This time I will depart from that practice and indulge in speculation, with only logic as a guide.

Assuming that flying saucers come from Mars or from some interstellar planet, we can say that their occupant visitors must have superior intelligence to have developed space flight. They must have courage to risk the hazards of such dangerous journeys and they must have very good reasons for coming here. What are these reasons? Saucer writers and science-fiction writers have given us a number of them, and perhaps we can add a few of our own. Let us examine some of these reasons.

(1) The first and most popular reason given by saucer writers, especially in the "contact stories", is that the visitors have come to help us solve all our problems and that they ask nothing in return. This is a beautiful thought and it appeals to a world weary of wars, both hot and cold, and sorely beset on all sides by economic and social problems. But Mankind's basic problems from which most other serious problems stem are increasing population and inadequate food supply. The simple solution ultimately is birth control, but its application and enforcement are much less practical in our time than is limitation of armaments. It is difficult to see how our visitors could help us in this. It is certain that whatever solution they offered and help they gave, they would not please everybody, not even a majority. Many of us would object strongly, and others would not appreciate the help, for ingratitude has been typical of Mankind since biblical times. The net result would be to make matters worse than before. Our own experience should show us that. We as a nation have helped other nations, only to find ourselves disliked for having done so. Often the receiving nations have insisted on accepting our aid only on their own terms. So, if our visitors are intelligent, they will not offer to help us. They will leave us alone to work out our own solutions, however painful that might be.

(2) The second reason given by saucer writers is that our visitors want to prevent our self-destruction by nuclear bombs. People who offer this reason have little knowledge of science, geography, or nuclear weapons. Our planet has a volume of about 250 billion cubic miles, and a population of close to three billion people. Mighty though the present and future nuclear bombs may be, their effects are puny as compared to thunderstorms, hurricanes, volcanic eruptions and earthquakes. The Earth has withstood such catastrophes in the past and will continue to do so in the future, so it has little to fear from man-made bombs. The devastations wrought to our population by famines, plagues, droughts, and climatic changes have been far greater, proportionally, in the past, than any devastation by nuclear bombs in the future. It is not man who will ultimately destroy mankind. It will much more likely be nature, beyond the control of man. Despite the exaggerated cries of the alarmists, neither mankind nor our planet is in danger from destruction by nuclear bombs. So our visitors have no reason to worry about what we might do to ourselves. Furthermore, they would have no interest in preserving our race except as a scientific curiosity, much the same as we are seeking to preserve the whooping crane from extinction on our planet.

It has been suggested that destruction of our planet would upset the delicate cosmic balance and result in some sort of harm to our visitors, and that they are here to prevent this. This claim has little to support it. The Earth's mass forms only one part in 333,882 of the total mass

of our solar system. This is so insignificant that its loss would scarcely cause a ripple in the solar system. An explosion of our planet would hardly affect the climate of Mars, since Mars is never in the shadow of the Earth because their two orbits are not in the same plane. Therefore there is little to show that destruction of our planet would affect anyone but ourselves.

(3) The third reason given by saucer writers is that our visitors have come to get materials that are scarce on their home planets. This shows how uninformed these saucer writers are. Our scientists are now able, on a small scale, to transmute some materials into others. They can even change base metal into gold. Our visitors must surely be advanced enough to do likewise, and with the tremendous concentrations of energy available to them, as proven by their achievement of space flight, they can easily transmute common materials into whatever scarce materials they require. It would not be worth their while to travel millions or billions of miles and risk all the hazards of space travel to get materials that they could much more easily make at home.

(4) The fourth reason offered is that the visitors have come peacefully seeking a place to live on our planet. We have to reject this reason. Our visitors would undoubtedly look very much different than we do. They would be subject to suspicion, fear, and hostility. Their friendliest acts would be mistaken for carefully concealed ulterior purposes. They would be blamed for all sorts of unfavorable events. Unless they could protect themselves, they would meet the same fate as some Christian missionaries experienced about a year ago among the head-hunting tribes of the Amazon.

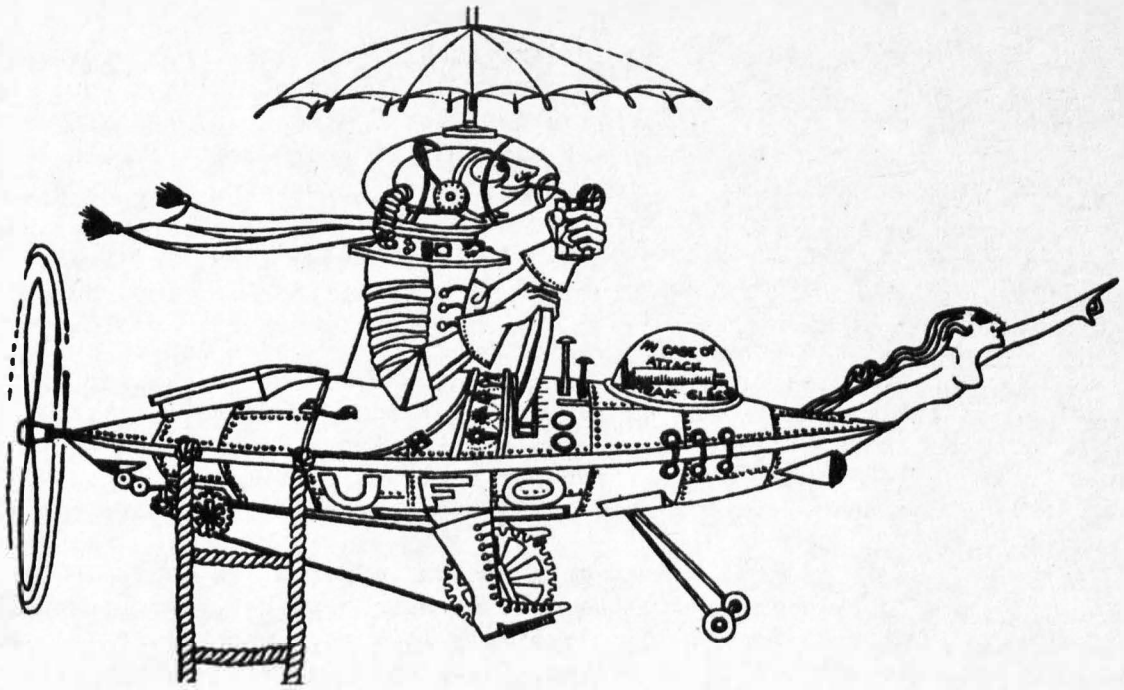
(5) The fifth reason is that our visitors are here for exploration and scientific study. This is the most plausible of the reasons thus far considered. If they come for that purpose, we would expect them to make a thorough survey, collect samples of the various forms of life here, including the most interesting one - man, and then depart. They could learn all they want to know about us from the specimens they take back with them. They would have little reason to come back here again. But there is some indication that they have been here in times long past. We know they have been here almost continuously since 1947. If they are here again and for such a long period, it is not for scientific purposes. There may be other plausible reasons, either ominous or beneficial to us. We will discuss these plausible reasons in Part II of this article, to appear in the next issue of SAUCER NEWS.

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RECENT NEWS STORIES

MYSTERIOUS LIGHTS SEEN IN FLORIDA: Brilliant unidentified lights were seen in the skies of St. Petersburg, Florida and at the Gulf beaches, last Aug. 21st. The lights were spotted early in the evening, at an altitude estimated at 1,500 to 2,000 feet. They "hung" in the sky, seemingly 100 to 200 feet apart, according to witnesses. After about 20 minutes, the saucers took off at a tremendous speed, heading west. They then "slowly disappeared". Dozens of residents of the area reported the sighting. The local Coast Guard and Air Force Base could offer no explanation.

TWO SAUCERS SEEN IN NEW YORK STATE: A Civil Defense lookout post in Olean, N.Y., reported on the night of Aug. 22nd that two UFO's were visible for an hour in the western sky. The objects, larger than the apparent size of a star, changed position slowly during the period of observation. Both objects were white in color, and one was slightly larger than the other. Both were observed to be constantly pulsating.



MESSAGE FROM MARS SENT TO EARTH FIFTY YEARS AGO? Here is an extremely interesting "Fortean" item, reprinted in the Aug. 8, 1957 edition of the Harriman, Tennessee Record, originally printed in the Jan. 6, 1898 edition of another Harriman newspaper:

"Scientists in Binghampton N. Y. are puzzled over an aerial visitor that dropped in that vicinity recently. Professor Jerremiah McDonald, who resides on Park Avenue, was returning home at an early hour in the morning when there was a blinding flash of light and an object buried itself in the ground a short distance from his premises. Later it was dug up and found to be a mass of some foreign substance that had been fused by intense heat. It was still hot, and when cooled off in water was broken open. Inside was found what might have been a piece of metal in which were a number of curious marks that some think to be characters. When opened, the stone emitted a strong sulphurous smell. Professor Whitney of the high school declared it an aerolite, but different from anything he had ever seen. The metal had been fused to a whitish substance and it is of unknown quality to the scientific men who have examined it. The aerolite is now on exhibition and will be placed in the geological collection of the high school. Several persons have advanced the opinion that this is a message from another planet, probably Mars. The marks bear some resemblance to Egyptian writing in the minds of some. Professor McDonald is among those who believe the mysterious ball was meant as a means of communication from another world."

CLOSE-UP SAUCER SIGHTING IN WYOMING: On August 31st, a dozen or more residents of Thermopolis, Wyoming, reported to police that they had seen "a round object as big as a garage and with windows" hovering about ten feet off the ground. Mrs. Molly Wertz told Police Chief Mel Matthews and Civil Defense authorities that the object was first sighted by her four young sons and two other neighborhood boys. After the boys called it to her attention, she too saw the saucer, which was then hovering over a tree about 100 feet from the Wertz home. Mrs. Wertz said that the object made no sound as it sped off and disappeared behind a nearby hill. She added that it moved "faster than anything I could comprehend." The police chief said that he questioned

quite a few other people who reported seeing the object, and that their descriptions of it coincided.

SAUCER SEEN BY SEVERAL IN OHIO TOWN: Edgar H. McClure, a steeplejack of Lima, Ohio, was among about 15 men who got a good view of a flying saucer on August 14th. McClure was driving his car in Lima when he spotted the object. He stopped the car to get a better look. The saucer was at an altitude of about 15,000 feet, and had a diameter of 100 feet, according to McClure. It made no sound, was traveling at very high speed, and looked like a glowing light bulb. It was shaped like a disc, and had no windows or markings of any kind on it. During the period of observation, the object made an extremely sharp turn which eliminated any possibility of it being a conventional craft.

VERY CLOSE SIGHTING IN INDIANA: A woman living in Addison Township, near Shelbyville, Indiana, who declined to give her name because of possible disbelief of her story, told reporters last August 18th that she had seen a brightly illuminated flying object descend vertically to within 100 feet of a cornfield. She said that the thing hovered there for a few seconds and then floated away toward the southeast. According to her report, she had been sitting on her front porch at about 9 p.m., when she spotted a flat, spherical object "about 10 feet in diameter and four feet thick." Lights of various colors were located around the rim of the object. After hovering over the nearby cornfield, the saucer "made a clanging noise" as it changed direction and started to float away. Her attention was attracted to the saucer initially by the barking of dogs nearby.

THOUSANDS REPORT UFO OVER INDIANA: During the early morning hours of August 7th, thousands of reports were made from a large area of Indiana, concerning a mysterious "something" that was hovering in the sky and emitting lights of various colors. The object was visible for several hours, and was seen by residents of Pendleton, Indianapolis, Decatur, Greenfield, Kokomo, Muncie, Fort Wayne, and a half-dozen other towns. A great number of anxious calls poured into police headquarters and newspaper offices in Indianapolis and in other areas nearby. Captain Robert Graham of the Anderson Police Department reported that he observed the object from 1-05 until after 4 a.m. He said that the UFO hovered at about 8,000 feet and was clearly visible. It emitted a "whitish-silvery glow", and flashed red and green lights. Suggestions that the object might have been a conventional plane were dismissed by the fact that the thing was stationary. No helicopters were known to be in the vicinity at the time.

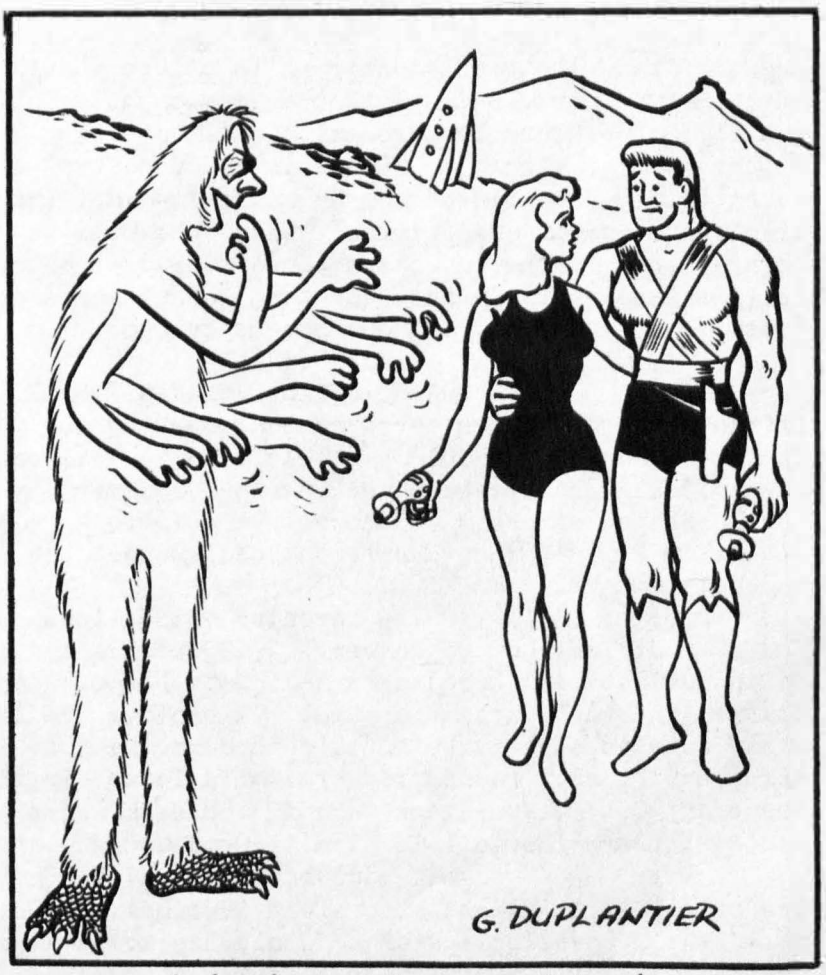


OVERSEAS ROUND-UP: A ball of fire struck a house at East Harling, Norfolk, England, on the night of June 5th. All the rooms were instantly filled with smoke, a radio set was burned out, electrical installations were blown to pieces, and a rainwater pipe was smashed....On June 9th it rained eels in Piacenza, Italy. Dozens

of eels, about four inches long, were sucked from the nearby ocean, supposedly by a miniature tornado.....On July 15th, an unidentified missile landed with considerable force in a quarry in Dorset, England, narrowly missing workmen. A theory that the object came from a tank on a firing range in the area was not supported by the War Office. Earlier it was thought that the missile had been fired by a warship from a nearby gunnery range, but no ships were in the vicinity at the time. It was also established that the object was not a bomb from an aircraft.

ANOTHER CLOSE SIGHTING IN INDIANA: Indiana really had more than its share of saucer sightings during August! Here's another very good one that reached us just before press time: On August 13th, Mrs. Elfa Levi and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Collins of Gary, Indiana, reported that at 6 a.m. they saw a saucer about 300 yards from their lakeside home, floating 40 to 50 feet above the water. Said Mrs. Levi, "It looked as if it were made of two saucers, one of them upside down, glued together. It had a sloping hump on top and another on the bottom, and it tapered to an edge all around. Its light was a brilliant white, like a welder's flame, but it seemed to be self-contained and glowed rather than burned. The object was 60 feet in diameter, and perhaps 15 feet high in its thickest part. As I watched, it revolved slowly. After 10 or 15 seconds it swung out in an arc, the light slowly dimmed, and it vanished from sight."

SAUCER BRIEFS: Gray Barker of the "Saucerian", and Roger Pierce and Howard Neuberger, co-editors of "Cosmic News", were among a plane-load of science-fiction fans who spent September vacationing in Europe. The group attended the annual science-fiction convention, which was held in London this year. Let's hope that as a result of this trip, Barker and the "Cosmic News"editors will put more science and less fiction in future issues of their respective publications.... ....A motion picture based on the "most outstanding contact stories" is being considered in Hollywood by the Screen Guild Press. Apparently the film is only in the planning stage as yet.....August Roberts, our Photographic Consultant, has recently returned from a two-week visit to the Pacific Northwest, where he visited with



...and I thought we girls had troubles on Earth with you guys!

local saucerers. He also visited Mt. Rainier and Maury Island, places which will be remembered by readers of Kenneth Arnold's book.....Sign in an office that made us laugh: "This is a non-profit organization. We didn't plan it to be. It just sort of turned out that way." Reminds us of S.A.U.C.E.R.S!.....Dr. Leon Davidson is preparing a reprint of the 80-page Project Bluebook Report #14, plus his analysis of same. Well worth the $1.50 he charges. Write to Box S, 64 Prospect St., White Plains, New York. Incidentally, Dr. Davidson is currently on the trail of a very important saucer story, which we hope to bring you in our next issue.....Latest saucer club to come to our attention is C.P.D.V. (don't know yet what the initials stand for), headed by Auriphebos Simoes of Sao Paulo, Brazil. Simoes is expected to visit New York shortly.

POLL SHOWS SAUCERS MORE POPULAR THAN EVER: A recent Trendex News Poll showed that about one out of every four Americans now believe that flying saucers may be interplanetary. A scientific sample of men and women from coast to coast was asked, "From what you have read and heard, do you believe there is some possibility that saucers may be objects from outer space? 25.3% answered "yes", 52.9% answered "no", and 21.8% said that they did not know. Of those who said "no", a large but unspecified percentage accepted the existence of flying saucers but said they thought they originate on earth.

The responses indicated that considerable misinformation persists about UFO's. Some people were sure that Government statements had confirmed their existence, while others thought the Government had declared them imaginary. Many of the people polled had been convinced about the reality of saucers by personal sightings or by magazine articles and books. Among those denying the UFO's existence, several asked, "If they are real, why haven't they been picked up on radar?" - not knowing that saucers <u>have</u> been tracked on radar many times. Those who believed saucers are interplanetary were asked a further question concerning whether or not they are manned by intelligent beings. On this question about three out of five "believers" said "yes", one said "no", and one had no opinion.

WRIGHT FIELD DECLARES INVENTOR'S SAUCER DESIGN PRACTICAL: Alfred A. Loedding, an aerodynamist working for the Wright Air Development Center in Dayton, Ohio, has succeeded in interesting the armed services in a saucer design he has been working on for several years. Loedding's saucer is a turtle-shaped aircraft which will be able to take off vertically and cruise at more than 200 miles per hour. The design could be altered to allow super-sonic speeds, he says.

The inventor visualizes a family plane 16 feet wide and 20 feet long. It would weigh 2,000 pounds and could be produced as cheaply as an automobile. Loedding's design is based on the use of an extremely simplified internal turbine engine. It employs the latest in boundary layer control ideas to suck turbulent air through the fuselage and to employ it in developing thrust. Two compressors would force air through doors in the belly of the craft to give vertical takeoff. Once airborne, the air flow would be directed through the tail to give tremendous accelerating speed.

Loedding says that the main advantages of his design are stability in flight and safety. Because the entire aircraft would act as a wing, the propulsion system he would use would give a 10 to 1 thrust ratio for vertical takeoff. Only the helicopter approaches that ratio now. The latest developments in ram jet engines or other systems could be incorporated into his design without changing the configuration, Loedding says. The inventor believes that saucers already exist, as he saw one himself in 1952.