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PRINCESS NEGONNA AND PRINCE NEOSOM, the most fantastic contactees of them all. See story beginning on Page 5. (Photo courtesy of Harry Hoffman of the Interplanetary Embassy.)

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EDITORIALS

NORBERT GARIETY ACCUSES MAJOR KEYHOE OF CENSORSHIP: The following editorial, quoted from the October 1959 issue of "S.P.A.C.E.", is very interesting in our opinion: "For many months your Editor has been pondering the question, 'How near will Major Keyhoe let a UFO get?' It seems that we now have the answer. Last year we wondered, when the Fitzgerald Case broke at Sheffield Lake, Ohio. In this case the object was seen at a distance of 10 feet away, by two witnesses....Keyhoe accepted this one, apparently because no contact was made and the witnesses did not claim to see any intelligent occupants....However, Major Keyhoe did not print the equally well documented cases coming from New Zealand, Australia, and New Guinea, as documented in the August and September issues of 'S.P.A.C.E.' Why??? When he started publication of the 'UFO Investigator'....his announced intentions were to investigate the current UFO reports and give the facts of these cases to the public and to the members of Congress. What has happened to these intentions?....

"In the August issue of 'S.P.A.C.E.' we carried newspaper accounts of the UFO which came down to within 10 feet of the ground in a farmyard at Blenheim, New Zealand. The witness, Mrs. Frederick Moreland, states that she saw two occupants inside who were dressed in some type of shiny metallic suit. ....The Blenheim Report never saw the light of day in NICAP. Neither did most of the others, including the eyewitness account of an Anglican Priest and his 38 witnesses at an Episcopal mission near Port Moresby, New Guinea! Major Keyhoe, have we reached such a state in this civilization that we cannot believe the documented statements of a Man of God?....And furthermore, when this clergyman has an impressive list of 38 witnesses???. ....Major Keyhoe, if you have reasons to doubt this man's integrity, we feel that those interested in solving the UFO mystery in this country should be informed of those reasons. We will welcome your explanation. Until it is forthcoming, we can only draw the most obvious conclusions:.....In spite of your announced policy of investigating all reports and keeping the public informed, you have fallen into the same pattern as the Air Force....You too are investigating reports, but just as the Air Force is doing, you are only reporting those cases which you think should be reported to the general public. The difference in your policy and that of the Air Force is one of degree only! Major Keyhoe, we would appreciate your reasons!"

Several months have gone by, and Major Keyhoe has not seen fit to answer this editorial. We should point out that SAUCER NEWS does not accept contact cases any more than NICAP does. However we, unlike NICAP, do not attempt to censor the news. SAUCER NEWS did not print the sightings Mr. Gariety refers to, but only because they did not come to our attention soon enough. We do our best to print all interesting news and to give our readers a fair opportunity to make up their own minds as to which sightings are worthy of belief.

THE CHANGING SCENE: In the past few months, Ufology has suffered a number of losses, due to the death or retirement of several leading saucer writers. Harold T. Wilkins, author of three saucer books and a one-time contributor to SAUCER NEWS, has died at his home in England. Tiffany Thayer, editor of "Doubt", the magazine of the Fortean Society, has also passed away. In spite of the fact that the Fortean Society was supposedly set up so that it could always carry on, "Doubt" appears to have suspended publication since Thayer's death. Max B. Miller, president of Flying Saucers International and long-time editor of "Saucers", announces in his Fall-Winter 1959-60 issue that he will cease publication. "Saucers" was begun back in 1953, and has always

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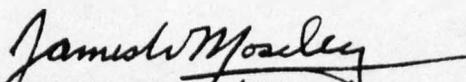
Possibly you have read articles in past issues of SAUCER NEWS with which you do not agree. We urge you, however, to keep in mind the following facts: Ours is one of the very few saucer zines that publishes exclusive new information on saucers based on independent research by leading authorities. Furthermore, with no other saucer magazine do you receive the advantage of world-wide press clipping services.

We don't give you reprints of material that has already appeared elsewhere - (except for news stories); nor do we offer pleasant endorsements of unproven claims made by others in the field of saucer research. Instead, we give you hard-hitting exclusives written especially for SAUCER NEWS, and presenting new aspects of the saucer problem that would not otherwise come to light at all.

The following internationally-known researchers are among our past contributors: M. K. Jessup, Desmond Leslie, Frank Scully, Harold T. Wilkins, and Major Donald E. Keyhoe. Recently our most frequent contributors have been Y.N. ibn A'haron, an expert on ancient history; Dr. Leon Davidson, a scientist acquainted with nuclear physics; Michael G. Mann, a well-known New York City saucer researcher; and Justin Case (a pen name), who is a mechanical engineer. Other contributors include almost all the greats and near-greats of saucer research.

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been considered one of the finest magazines in the field. Also folding up is "UFO Critical Bulletin", co-edited by J. Escobar Faria and Richard Hall. Another loss is "Uranus" from England, which, though it continues publication, has turned largely from saucers to space travel. In addition, Lee Munsick's "UFO Newsletter" and GSI of New York's Newsletter have been inactive for many months, in spite of the fact that they are both supposedly still in operation. And finally, Dr. Meade Layne's retirement as head of Borderland Sciences Research Associates (BSRA) has substantially changed the character of that organization - for the worse, we fear.

At this point SAUCER NEWS has become the third oldest saucer magazine in the world. The only scheduled saucer magazine older than ours still being published is Coral Lorenzen's "A.P.R.O. Bulletin". Gray Barker's "Saucerian Bulletin" is older than SAUCER NEWS but non-scheduled. In addition, there are still two monthly saucer bulletins, begun comparatively recently, that are worthy of note: Norbert Gariety's "S.P.A.C.E." (mentioned on previous page), and Ibn A'haron's "Journal of Correlative Philosophy", though the latter deals only partly with saucers.

**RUSSIAN SCIENTIST CONFIRMS IBN A'HARON'S THEORIES: A Soviet scientist named M. Agrest has put forth the idea that travelers from outer space may have landed on Earth many centuries ago. He cited the Biblical account of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah to support his theory. In an article in Moscow's Literary Gazette, Agrest stated that the destruction of these cities may have been caused by the explosion of nuclear fuel by the space visitors before they took off again. He said that several heretofore unexplained facts support his theory: The mystery of the Baalbek terrace, a huge platform of stone slabs in the Lebanese mountains, is believed by Agrest to be either a launching platform built by the Visitors, or "something they put up in commemoration of their visit to Earth." The Dead Sea scrolls, discovered recently near present-day Lebanon, describe the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, telling how the people were advised to leave the area, not to linger in the open, and not to watch the blast of a nuclear explosion that Agrest believes the Visitors may have set off. In addition, Agrest points out (as many saucer students already know), that certain astronomical information was inexplicably known to Manikind at a time when no instruments were available to obtain such data. Jonathan Swift described the main characteristic features of Mars' satellites 150 years before the satellites were discovered by modern science.**

SAUCER NEWS readers will remember that Ibn A'haron, in his series of articles called "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine" has pointed out repeatedly that Y'hova, the god of Israel, was a space being; that he traveled in what we would today call a flying saucer; and that such space craft were radioactive. In Part 3-B of his series (SAUCER NEWS #34, Page 7), Mr. A'haron states: "Radioactive fusion lay at the root of the technology which created the 'Presence and Glory of the Lord' (ruah K'vod Y'hova), which were the magnetic machines forming the basis of Y'hova's prestige, and which enabled him to carry out his designs against Egypt...." On Page 6 of the same article, Mr. A'haron specifically refers to the nuclear destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah. Those readers who have refused to take Mr. A'haron's articles seriously would do well to take another look at the whole series. - We will have more to say on this subject in our next issue.

**SAUCER CLIPPINGS STILL FOR SALE:** Although several people wrote in making inquiries, no one has yet bought the approximately 6,000 saucer clippings advertised in the last issue of SAUCER NEWS. These clippings are contained in 40 volumes, and cover the years 1954-1959. Write us for details.

LETTER SECTIONLetter Received by James Maney (one of our correspondents)

This is to acknowledge your letter of 14 November 1959 re Captain James W. Mosley.

Mr. James W. Moseley, the civilian UFO researcher publishing SAUCER NEWS and residing in New Jersey, has never been in the Armed Services and is not the Captain Mosley who resides in Florida.

LAWRENCE J. TACKER, Major USAF,  
Public Information Division, Office of Information  
Pentagon, Washington, D.C.

Letters to the Editor

I have a tendency to believe Barker did have a large hand in what transpired (re the "hush-up" of the Long John Program, discussed in SAUCER NEWS Confidential Newsletter #10.) I feel this way not because of the weight of your arguments over the air, but rather the manner in which Barker answered your accusations. In any event, it made for interesting listening.

Incidentally, anyone slightly familiar with Long John quite probably felt, as I did, that he knows what happened and why, etc., on that Sunday morning. And this is in no way meant to be a "blot on his escutcheon," nor in any way a complaint about his not revealing further information. He usually has good reason for his actions. He is a tremendous showman....

RICHARD C. WEINER, M.D.  
Fort Lee, N.J.

I would like to reply to Michael G. Mann's article "Who is Fooling Donald Keyhoe?" in your September 1959 issue. Mr. Mann takes up 5 pages of SAUCER NEWS, uses about 2,000 words of his own, and around half that many of Major Keyhoe's simply to try to prove that Major Keyhoe has been guilty of a certain amount of laxity in the compilation of parts of his book, "The Flying Saucer Conspiracy."....

In referring to a statement about "cones on the Moon" credited to Dr. Kuiper, Mann says, "...If this were true, why hasn't the news become the most important bit of information of the century?" Need we point out the dozens of other "startling statements" which have later been denied, belittled, or ignored, and may we ask why it took Mr. Mann to jolt Dr. Kuiper out of his apathy?

The mystery of the burning road is featured in Mr. Mann's article for a reason which is just as obscure as the author alleges Major Keyhoe's reason for including it in his book. According to Keyhoe, Army and Air Force intelligence officers failed to explain the mystery, but according to Mann, a local sheriff cleared up the mystery easily - years after. But the sheriff couldn't explain the rectangular configuration of the burning area, and neither can Mr. Mann apparently....

The over-all picture I get out of Mann's article is that of an unheard of dabbler following closely in another researcher's footsteps in order to manufacture controversy out of obscure material and his own distorted reasoning....

DAVID WIGHTMAN (Editor of "Uranus")  
Lancaster, England

It won't be long now before we actually land on other planets, at which time imaginative writers such as Adamski, Keyhoe, etc., will finally be proven wrong forever....SAMUEL GOLDBERG, New York, N.Y.

PRINCE OR KING, HE ISN'T A SPACEMAN!

- by Michael G. Mann -

During the month of October, 1958, Douglas Hancock introduced himself on the New York scene. He brought with him a set of the famous Mon-ka tapes and many wild tales of strange experiences with Buck Nelson and a man named Lee Childers. He was a member of a U. S. Army band, and it seems that during his travels around the country he had visited many of the contactees, including Adamski, Nelson, and Childers. Although he took the latter pair at their word, Mr. Adamski did not share this honor. With such an unquestioning believer in their midst, both Nelson and Childers had done an excellent job of convincing him that everything they said was the absolute truth.

While in New York, Hancock introduced himself to William Woods, director of the Bureau of UFO Research and Analysis. He joined the group, and within a short period of time, he convinced the members that they should invite Mr. Childers to lecture in New York. Arrangements were made for a press conference and a radio broadcast, via the Long John Party Line. The contactee lasted through the press conference, but he didn't have that much luck on his radio appearance. Scarcely had the program begun when Mr. Childers was politely asked to leave. Before the broadcast, he had predicted that a fleet of saucers would swoop down and rebroadcast the program all over the world. I guess the saucer occupants didn't like the radio show either, because they never showed up!

By now it was evident that Childers wasn't the contactee that he was supposed to be. Somewhere between the time he left Detroit and the time he reached New York, he had turned into a spaceman called Prince Neosom. Perhaps he had read too many comic books during the trip east. The following letter was received by Mr. Woods after Neosom had departed from New York. It was written by a Michigan saucer researcher:

"As one UFO researcher to another, perhaps you would appreciate some information concerning Prince Neosom and his associates, who lectured in New York on Dec. 4, 1958. We heard his interview with John Otto and recognized the parties' names and the claims of the Prince. Soon after that, I was able to verify their identities through a reputable person who knows them and spoke with them in New York.

"Prince Neosom is Lee Childers from Detroit. His wife has proven to members of the Detroit UFO Group that much, if not all, of Lee's claims originated in comic or science fiction books. Before one local group, Lee claimed to have made a trip to the Moon, Mars, and Venus, all three within ten minutes time, right before their very eyes. Each time he acted as though he had passed out for a few minutes and that was his trip! His mother says Lee has always been a problem child. He has left his wife with five children, one of whom is very ill.

"Lee's companions were Beth Docker of Detroit and Mrs. Fannie Lowrey of Clarkston, Michigan. They apparently have accepted Lee's claims without thoroughly investigating them or him.

"I do not like to be deceived, nor do I like to stand by with the knowledge of truth and see others led blindly....May God have mercy upon those who have allowed themselves to be misled and those who mislead others."

To this day, Neosom cannot remember exactly when he became a spaceman. At his New York press conference, the Prince showed the audience a drawing of a rejuvenation machine. (Shades of Van Tassel!) At that time it was stated that the complex drawing was made by Childers at the tender age of

twelve. Being one of the select few who were allowed to see this drawing, I can honestly say that I believe it was made by a twelve year old. The drawing has been wisely taken out of circulation. The machine was to have been given to the people of Earth on Christmas Day, 1958. Maybe Neosom thought that Santa Claus would bring it to us.

Neosom claims that he has been killed three times, by no less a group than the Three Men in Black. It seems he even plagiarizes Al Bender and Dominic Lucchesi's men from Kabara Koohm. These men machine-gunned, poisoned, and crushed the Prince. With all this, he looks none the worse for wear. His death records have been destroyed and the coroner's memory of making out the death certificates has been wiped out. I hope the coroner for the city of Detroit will make note of this.

During his stay in New York the Prince gave a number of lectures. The most successful of these was one sponsored by the Bureau of UFO Research and Analysis. At this lecture Mr. Jonas Kover, director of Parapsychology and Saucer Investigation, supplied some slides and a display of objects that purportedly had fallen from the sky. Slag-like pieces, tin foil, and many other such substances made up this display. Also in the display was a piece of the famous fireball that crashed through a Connecticut signboard in 1953.

Because of Mr. Kover's help at the lecture, many people went away with the idea that Parapsychology and Saucer Investigation had sponsored the Prince. After thinking the whole thing over, Kover realized that there were still people in New York with the idea that the Prince was all that



he claimed to be. At this point he decided it was time for someone to end the farce and break the spaceman's bubble. As Neosom had already retreated back to Detroit, he realized that the easiest way to contact him would be through his disciple Hancock. So one night he sent this telegram to Douglas Hancock:

"Congratulations. You search reality. Neosom no longer Prince. King. Dana's father gone to higher karma. We contact Tythan via pre-audio-electrolysis. Hail the King...."

Tythan is supposed to be Neosom's home planet, 8½ light years away from Earth. Dana is another secret alias for Lee Childers, or Prince Childers, or Neosom, or Prince Neosom, or whatever. The telegram proceeded with a lengthy discussion of Mr. Hancock's value to the field of Ufology, and ended with:

".....Have report next week. Contact you phone. (signed) Mission for Space Unification."

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This telegram served its purpose beautifully. Hancock wasted no time; immediately upon receipt of the message he phoned the Prince. After the telegram was read to him, the King immediately informed his loyal follower that he had already heard from his home planet, and that they had told him his father had passed away. In fact Neosom found it surprising that the Mission for Space Unification had taken so long to contact him to congratulate him. The overjoyed Hancock hastily began phoning everyone he knew to inform them of the wonderful news. Soon it was obvious to everyone that their comic book space prince was more than that - he was now a comic book king!

You may be wondering what has happened to the King and his little band of followers. As I said, Neosom escaped back to his adopted home town of Detroit. He took with him two of his loyal followers, Fannie Lowrey and Beth Docker. To quote James Moseley in the Feb.-March 1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS, "The Prince, who is said to be a baker by profession, is still at large, and living in Detroit." A sadder fate befell poor Douglas Hancock, however. On January 9th, 1959, Hancock was placed under observation in the psychiatric ward of St. Albans Hospital on Long Island. I guess the whole affair was too much for him. In closing I can only say that I feel sorry for Mr. Woods for sponsoring Neosom in good faith, and especially for Mr. Kover for accidentally getting mixed up in the whole affair.

#### Epilogue

Since the time the above article was written, some further events have taken place in the lives of our comic book hero and his followers. Douglas Hancock has been discharged from St. Albans and from the Army as well, on a "Section Eight". He was then sent to his home town hospital. Perhaps he was just too much for our busy New York doctors. He has been granted a pension from the Army, which goes to show that one can make money from saucers!

Harry Hoffman, Neosom's chief follower and supporter in New York, has informed me that the Prince married Beth Docker, the girl who had traveled around the country with him. They honeymooned on Tythan, and now Docker has assumed the name of Princess Negonna. Hoffman was overjoyed at the news of the Prince's romantic achievement, but he was somewhat vague when asked what had happened to Childers' first wife and five children. Perhaps they have been sent to Tythan, or possibly the Three Men in Black got them. I would suggest that the Detroit coroner check the details of this case.

Mr. Hoffman is not only a firm supporter of Neosom, but of Otis T. Carr as well, and we all know what happened to Carr's "free energy" spaceship that was supposed to take off for the Moon last December. Right now poor Mr. Hoffman is making such statements as: "Mike Mann (your writer) was the one who sent the telegram to Hancock." Although I am not adverse to taking credit for being the author of that simple but ingeniously-constructed telegram, I feel that it is only proper that the credit for exposing Neosom as a charlatan should go to the proper person, namely Mr. Kover. Hoffman is under the delusion that the telegram was sent as a practical joke. However, the fact is that it was written solely with the intention of exposing Neosom so that he would not be able to fool any more sincere people. Unluckily for Mr. Hoffman the Army has no jurisdiction over him, and he therefore cannot acquire a pension in the interesting manner that Mr. Hancock did!

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DO FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM SPACE? - PART II

- by Justin Case -

In Part I of this article, we concluded that flying saucers are not man-made, and they do not originate here on Earth. The best scientific knowledge we have to date does not indicate any other place or planet or moon within our Solar System from whence they might originate. Therefore we concluded that flying saucers are not intelligent visitors from interplanetary space.

In Part II we will discuss the possibilities that saucers contain intelligent life from beyond our Solar System - either from interstellar space within our own Milky Way Galaxy or even from the intergalactic space beyond our galaxy.

The distances from our Sun to the other stars we see in the night sky are so vast that a special unit is used to describe them. This unit is the "light year" - the distance that light, moving at a speed of 186,000 miles per second, will travel in a year. One light year equals 5,880,000,000,000 miles. This is almost a million times six million miles! Our Milky Way Galaxy is 100,000 light years in diameter and about 8,000 light years thick.

So empty is interstellar space that in all directions from our Sun and within a radius of 16 light years there are only 48 stars. The nearest of these is 4.3 light years away. To Man, these distances even to the nearest stars are so vast that they form an insurmountable barrier to his travel to them. Man may reach the planets of his own Solar System, but the stars are not for him.

Because of their great distances from us, we know very little about these 48 nearer stars and less about the many billions of stars still farther away. We do not even know if they have planets. But today scientists accept the possibility that some other stars in our Milky Way Galaxy might have planets on some of which intelligent life might have developed that is inferior or superior to Man. This belief is based solely on probabilities - there is at present absolutely no scientific proof to support this belief.

However, we do have a substantial knowledge of the many dangers and difficulties of space flight. So we will discuss these dangers and difficulties to help us decide whether flying saucers contain intelligent life from beyond our Solar System. The principal dangers are the intense heat and cold, cosmic radiation, and collision with meteors. There are of course other dangers.

Temperatures in space vary from absolute zero, which is minus 460 degrees F., to well above 10,000 degrees F., depending on how close a space ship is to a star. A space ship must be insulated from this extreme cold and heat, and the temperatures inside must be carefully controlled. Otherwise the occupants will quickly freeze or roast to death.

Cosmic rays are of unknown origin. They come from all directions, so they must be present everywhere in space. While X-rays can penetrate flesh and bone, cosmic rays can penetrate six feet of lead. They do not harm us here on Earth because our atmosphere has absorbed or weakened them, and those that finally reach us are few in number. But in space they are far more powerful and much more numerous; since there is no practical method of shielding against them, space travel requires a form of life that is not harmed by prolonged exposure to cosmic rays. This is another barrier to interstellar space travel by Man.

The third danger is from collision with meteors. These vary in size from the tiniest of specks to chunks of 60 tons and more. The larger the meteors, the rarer they are and the less is the chance of collision with them.

Meteors are found in interplanetary space, and there is good reason to believe they are present in interstellar space. They travel at speeds up to 45 miles per second. (A bullet travels at about one mile per second.) At such speeds, there is no possible way of avoiding collision with them. Even tiny ones, no bigger than a grain of sand, will puncture the body of a space ship and cause leakage of air. Larger ones will cause much greater damage, and perhaps even destroy the space ship. Our own plans for interplanetary space flight call for elaborate protection against damage from collision with meteors. Even greater protection is required in interstellar travel because the much greater traveling time increases the chances of collision, and the much higher speeds of the space ships increases the damage from these collisions.

Other dangers are from illness of the crew, from failure of power, or loss of control of the ship, or malfunctioning of parts of the ship's operating equipment. These are the dangers we know of. Undoubtedly there are other dangers we do not know of as yet.

The difficulties of interstellar space flight are due mostly to the enormous distances to be traveled and hence the considerable time required. A round trip from our planet to the nearest star would require about ten years, under the best possible conditions. Imagine carrying enough food, water, air, fuel, and other supplies, and existing in a tiny room for that length of time. But there is a factor that might, in effect, reduce this time.

One of the results predicted by Einstein's theories is that time and velocity are interrelated in such a way that time "dilates" as velocity increases. Suppose you take a trip out into space and are gone a total of ten years. When you return, everything here on Earth will have aged ten years, but not you. You will have aged less. How much less depends on how fast you have been traveling. You will have aged only eight years if you had traveled at 111,600 miles per second, which is 60% of the speed of light; only two years if you had traveled at 98% of the speed of light; and only one year if your speed had been 99.5% of light's speed. Theoretically if you had traveled at 100% of the speed of light you would not have aged at all during the ten years.

While traveling at such high speeds, all your life processes would have slowed down. You would have required food, water and air only for as much time as you had aged during the trip. If Einstein is right about this, then interstellar flight becomes more possible.

However, there is a "catch". Einstein's theories also state that mass increases as velocity increases. The closer a space ship gets to the speed of light, 186,000 miles per second, the greater its mass becomes. This means the greater becomes the force required to increase its speed. Theoretically the mass becomes infinite at the speed of light and so does the force required to bring it to that speed. This means that the speed of light is a maximum velocity and that no object or ship can attain it.

Therefore interstellar space flight requires that time be dilated according to Einstein's theories. It requires a speed close to the speed of light, but this in turn requires enormous power. Also, enormous power is required to slow a space ship as it nears the end of its journey.

The results predicted by Einstein's theories have not been verified as yet. Some scientists claim there has been some faint verification. But unless Einstein is right, interstellar space travel seems impossible even for very superior forms of life.

We have now considered some of the principal dangers and difficulties of interstellar space flight that we know of. For Man, these make interstellar space flight impossible. For some much superior form of life it might not be impossible. That form of life would have to be far more intelligent, possess much greater scientific knowledge, and be much more hardy to withstand

the intense heat and cold and cosmic radiation. It must be much more long-lived, perhaps with a life span of 1,000 of our years. It must be more resistant to disease, to be able to live on very little food, liquids, and air, and perhaps be able to hibernate or suspend animation during the long interstellar flights. It must have courage to face many dangers, and last but not least, it must have lots of luck. Luck is necessary, first to escape meteor collisions that cannot be avoided. Next, luck is necessary to find us - one lonely, tiny planet in a vast galaxy that is mostly emptiness, especially in the vicinity of our Sun. For we live in a very sparsely populated portion of the Milky Way Galaxy.

So much for interstellar space flight. For intergalactic space flight, the above requirements have to be multiplied by a factor of thousands, perhaps even a million.

Any person who has some scientific knowledge, and who considers the dangers and difficulties of interstellar space travel that we know of, and realizes there are others we don't know of, must conclude that such flight may be possible but that it is very improbable even for a life form that is far superior to Man. Even if it were probable, it is still improbable that such intelligent visitors would select our Sun and our planet to visit, out of the billions of other stars and planets in our galaxy. This is an improbability multiplied by another improbability, making the final event still more improbable. Therefore we conclude that flying saucers are not intelligent visitors from interstellar or intergalactic space.

Part I of this article concluded that flying saucers are not Man-made and do not originate on Earth or on any other planet, moon, or other place in our Solar System. Part II concludes that they are not from interstellar or intergalactic space. Well, then, where do they come from, or what are they?

I freely admit that I do not know. Among the hundred or so authoritative books I have read on various branches of science, I have found no clue to explain some of the more important saucer sightings. All I can say is that they might be some phenomena beyond our present knowledge and comprehension.

As for the explanations offered by most writers of flying saucer books, I cannot accept any that have no scientific basis. That means all of them!

#### HOW TO BUILD A SAUCER

- by Y. N. ibn A'haron, B. D. - (Illustration on Page 12 by Michael G. Mann.)

The first branch of human knowledge to suffer from the decline of civilization is applied technology. This is true because pure science is an exercise of the mind, whereas applied science is dependent for its progress upon the economic feasibility of its experimental investigations.

Among the Majians, technology was a matter of common knowledge. To them, it was unthinkable that a man should make daily use of a machine he did not understand. In general, the educational standards were satisfied by the student's ability to explain only the mechanical aspects of the machines he wanted to use.

The one important exception to this general rule was the marvid, an aircraft which would satisfy modern observational notions of a "flying saucer."

The Halkatha is the Corpus Juris of Chaldean law as the Mabiyu Doraya is to their historical archives. It is a skillful summary, intended for the information of the public. As such, its statements on the subject of aircraft and flight training are more authoritative than the observations of a

single author. A Babylonian archivist has written that the priests monopolized the marvidin. This was probably true to a large extent, but others too might learn to fly, as is attested by all Majian literature.

It is written in the Halkatha: "The privilege of operating a flying machine is great. The knowledge of flight is among the most ancient of our inheritances, a gift of Those from upon High. We received it from Them as a means of saving many lives. The abuse of this knowledge offers the means of destroying many more lives. The knowledge of flight and its implications are, therefore, restricted (muqdash) to only those who can master its more intricate details. They become, in turn, responsible for teaching it only to those of equal capacity as themselves."

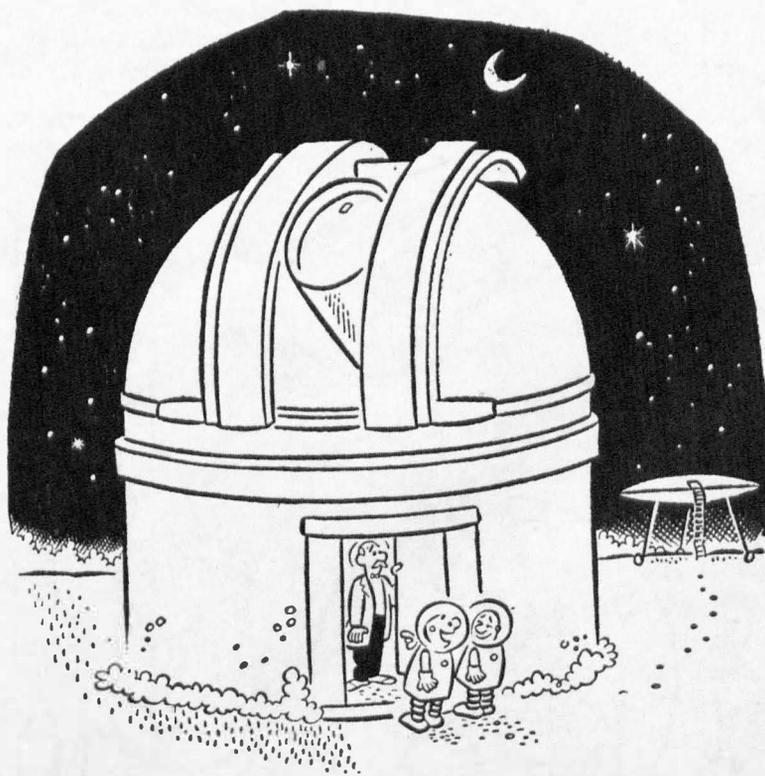
The Halkatha is correct in its implication that manuals of flight were not available at the corner newsstand. The practical secrets of cargo hauling and passenger carrying were not committed to writing in Majian times. The usefulness of such a book, were it to exist, might be questioned to begin with.

The Chaldean literature on the theory of flight is, by contrast, extensive. I have said once before in this series that ancient books tended to average out to about 80 to 120 of our pages. Perhaps it was for this reason that their contents were better thought out and more concisely committed to the printed page. The patience of the copyist also had to be reckoned with as a factor in their survival.

The most important single treatise on the theory of flight was the Sifr'ala. Long passages from the Sifr'ala are quoted in ibn Ezra's commentary on the Old Testament, specifically in his introduction to the Book of Ben Buzi and elsewhere. An edition was printed in San'a in 1938, according to reliable sources among the Yemenite rabbinate. I have never seen a copy of this book in print, although a number of manuscripts are in circulation.

The Sifr'ala begins its discussion with two points: Equilibrium (mikhbayim) and stability (bina). It says: "Three spheres vibrate on the underside of the marvid. The angles of their positions must be stable; they must vibrate in sympathy. The graphite rod must scuff the two rear assemblies at the same time that the copper coil entwines itself about the foremost sphere. The rod and the coil are governed by the turning round of a wooden rim (in the center of the craft) to which they are both attached. A crystal will indicate the necessary position of the rim. A different crystal is used for each journey. The calibration of the crystal is the heart of the flying art."

From this, we



"It's him all right. I'd recognize that eye anywhere."

may see that the Chaldeans were not much concerned with the skill of the operator when his craft was in the air. As the craft changed direction or elevation, the crystal would change color, thus telling the pilot what he must do to keep himself on course. The graphite rod was attached to the wooden rim by a length of flexible shafting, socketed at either end. The coil was attached directly to the rim, also socketed. A turn of the rim could cause a simultaneous change in the degree of friction between the rod and the rear spheres, and a change in the number of coils which envelope the front sphere.

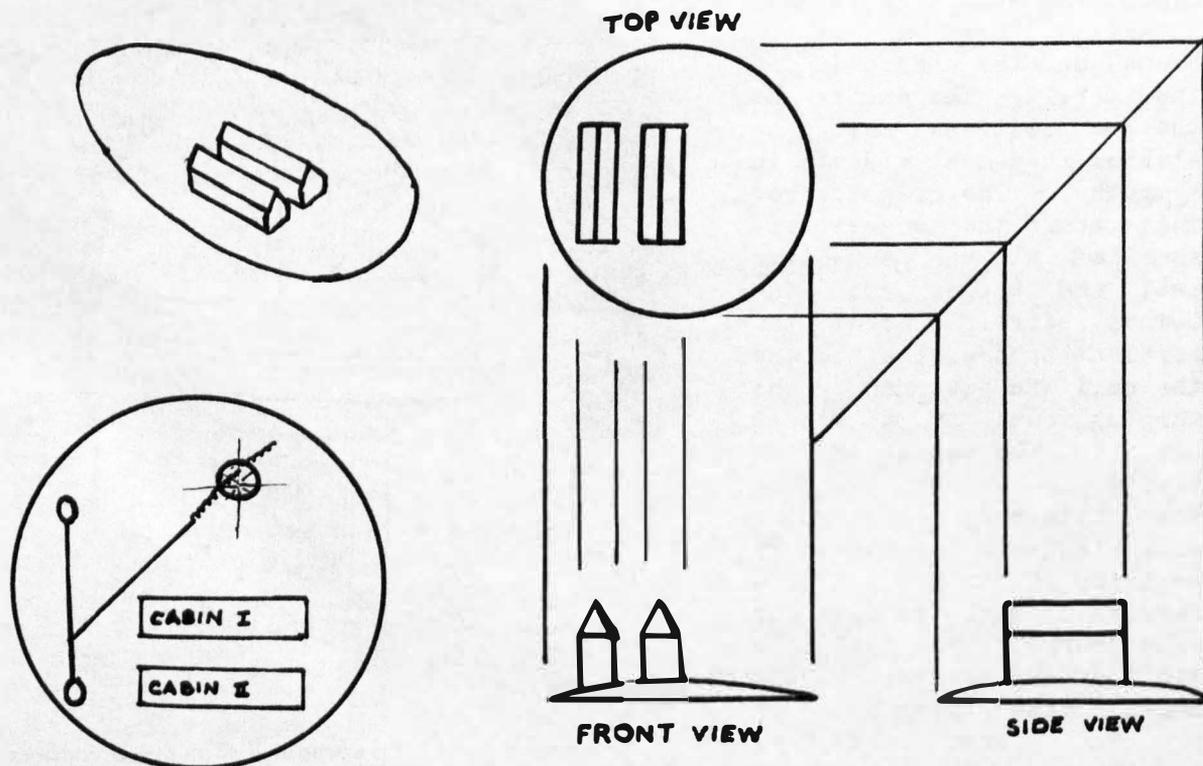
The floor of the marvid was flexible, to permit maximum variation among the moving parts, should this be necessary by reason of a heavy load or bad flying conditions. From one passage in the Mangangaraban, we learn that when the machine would not stay in the air, there was little the pilot could do to keep it there. The machine did not crash in our sense of the word, however; it went slowly to the ground much as a glider does.

What details there are available show that every attempt was made to reduce the power requirements of the aircraft. One model, used for short trips I presume, required the passenger to lie flat on the floor when the craft was airborne, in order to cut down on wind resistance. The airfoil was made of wood, and two small cabins might be attached to the same frame if convenience dictated.

The Chaldean saucer was not a versatile species of aircraft, when compared with those of our own day. They were, on the other hand, better-suited for performance within their limited function. They were less dangerous and more dependable than today's cumbersome hulks - and they were practically free of operating expenses.

Much is to be said for these virtues, as the ability to move people from place to place in this manner would obviate much of the glutted cargo loadings which threaten to cripple our transportation system.

I think that enough particulars are available to permit a genuinely interested person to put one of these things together, - and I myself would much prefer to ride aboard a marvid than in one of our modern gasoline planes.



RECENT NEWS STORIES

**HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SHOOTS AT SAUCER:** 15-year-old Mark Muza Jr. of Poquoson, Virginia, has made one of the few good saucer sightings in recent months, and has an exciting story to go with it: Muza claims that the UFO appeared in the sky at dusk last October 20th, and hovered for a minute or more at an altitude of about 100 feet over his head. The object was four feet in diameter and had a black body encircled by a silver rim about six inches wide. Says Muza, "I stood petrified for several seconds and then raised my 12-gauge shotgun and poured two blasts into it. I know I hit it both times, but nothing happened; so I loaded my gun with a shell which had a little more lead in it and shot it again as it disappeared." The incident took place just after sunset while Muza and a friend were exploring in a marshy area near their homes. (Now, that's a friendly greeting for our Space Visitors, isn't it! - Editor.)

**FALLS:** According to the Reuters Wire Service, a mysterious object fell on a field near a little village in Holland about September 23rd and made a hole 102 feet deep. The hole, 18 inches wide at the top and three feet wide at the bottom, was immediately cordoned off by police. It is star-shaped, and too regular in size to have been caused by a meteorite. A similar hole was found on another nearby farm, but neither of the two objects involved could be recovered. Both fields were put under heavy guard, and barbed wire fences were built around them.....An unidentified object, measuring eight inches in length and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches in diameter, was found last October 1st by Hudson Carpenter, a farmer living near Maysville, Kentucky. The object is cylinder-shaped and made of a hard white plastic and heavy aluminum. It was found about 1,000 feet from a main highway, lying on the ground. It was taken by Mr. Carpenter to the office of a local newspaper for examination, and then presumably sent to the Air Force.....A 50-pound chunk of ice plummeted to earth on a Georgia farm last November 2nd. C. T. LeCroy, owner of the farm, said that he was "nearly clobbered" by the big ice chunk, which dropped down out of a clear sky and landed not more than 10 feet from him, just before dark. The ice splintered when it hit, and left a crater "about the size of an automobile wheel." A local science teacher analyzed bits of the ice and reported that it was made of pure, soft, untreated water, such as rain. Thus it was not manufactured ice. - Two days earlier, a 66-pound chunk of ice fell near Acaia, Italy, making a large crater in the ground, and at approximately the same time strange ice falls were reported in Cleveland, Ohio, and elsewhere. A laboratory analysis in Cleveland confirmed the Georgia analysis.

**SAUCER RIDE TO BRAZIL FIZZLES OUT:** Into the saucer lull last January stepped Gray Barker, with an announcement in his "Saucerian Bulletin" that he and about 20 other people had been invited by the Space Brothers to take a saucer ride to an island off the coast of Brazil. The invitation came to Barker from a mysterious man named Dr. George Marlo, who claimed to be in regular contact with the Brothers. Among those who, in addition to Barker, accepted this fantastic invitation, was Dr. Leon LeVan, a member of the Board of Governors of NICAP. LeVan was to travel to Barker's home town of Clarksburg, W. Va., to join the saucer party. The Long John Party Line got into the act; over the airwaves one night Jackie Gleason of T. V. fame offered Barker \$10,000 to \$500 that the ride would not take place. Barker wisely refused the bet. The trip was canceled at the last minute when an alleged government agent known as "Mr. Z" warned the Space People to call the thing off. The fun was over, and the saucer lull continued.

NEWS BRIEFS: On January 6th a mysterious blue light was seen racing silently across the sky by personnel at McCarran Field, near Las Vegas, Nevada. Earlier the same evening two commercial airlines planes reported seeing the same light. Their radio reports concerning the UFO were intercepted by the McCarran tower. A private plane leaving the field at the time also confirmed the sighting...Frogs with extra legs and eyes have been found in Gainesville, Florida. The mutation is believed to be due to heavy doses of radioactive rain recorded in the area over the past two years. (What may the same rain be doing to humans?? - Editor)...A marvelously sensitive radio telescope is being put into operation at Green Bank, West Virginia, and will be pointed at the heavens for the express purpose of intercepting messages (if any) from other worlds. This act will signify the opening of a new era in the young art of radio astronomy. Unlike all previous efforts, which have been aimed at detecting electrical energy from radio-emitting bodies in space, this new project is being conducted solely in the hope of finding intelligently-directed signals.....Telephone users throughout a wide area in the Sheridan Square section of New York City were startled last December 15th by squeaky voices reciting phone messages such as: "Space Ship One, Space Ship One, come in Space Ship One. This is flotilla leader. I am now over Washington. Do you read me, Space Ship One?"; followed by, "I read you, flotilla leader. We are now approaching New York. First wave now in control of Sheridan Square." It developed that repairmen working on the line were jokingly using this dialogue as a means of testing, instead of the usual "One, two, three, four, testing," etc. What they didn't know was that an electrical phenomenon known as "inductive cross" had occurred in the wires, so that every phone subscriber in the area who picked up his phone could hear the funny space talk. The police and the phone company received many complaints....

The Air Force has sent its commands a new warning to treat saucer sightings as "serious business." The order was issued late last year by the Air Force inspector general. An Air Force spokesman has stated, however, that the instructions are merely a routine revision of previous orders saying that thorough investigations should be made of all UFO reports.....A fiery red UFO was spotted high over the Oakland-Fremont area of California last December 1st, and was seen by ten watchers at the Oakland Airport control tower. The object was at an estimated altitude of 2,000 feet when first spotted. It then shot upwards at a fantastic speed and exploded into a white, vaporous cloud. The UFO was also seen by the pilots of two commercial planes in the area..... Robert L. James of Statesville, N. C. claims that a weird ball of light chased his automobile down a local highway in the wee morning hours of November 2nd. The ball had a blue glow around its edges, and came to within a few yards of the car in which he was riding with a friend. The UFO moved from left to right as it followed the car, and at one point it got so close to the ground that he thought it had crashed.

SAUCER BRIEFS: Otis T. Carr, notorious inventor of the OTC-X1 "free energy" saucer and president of OTC Enterprises, Inc., has been fined \$5,000 by an Oklahoma City district court for selling stock without a license. During the hearing, Carr and his associates took the Fifth Amendment several times each in order to avoid incriminating themselves...Edward J. Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Objects", has published a revised edition of his book. We are told that it is identical to the earlier edition except for two new chapters - one blasting the contactees, and the other blasting NICAP.....George Williamson is back from his third trip to Peru, and is giving a new series of lectures around the U.S. He has also subjected the public to a new book entitled "Road in the Sky", which we will review in our next issue.

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PHOTO AT LEFT shows Andy Sinatra, better known as the Mystic Barber, together with his charming wife Giovannina. The strange devices on their heads are said to be some sort of psychic machines to keep the Space People from reading their thoughts. Mr. Sinatra claims to have made astral voyages to the Moon and to the center of the Earth. His wife communicates with him psychically when he is on these trips. Sinatra's contribution to the field of saucer research can best be measured in the light of his most recent prediction - that the world would come to an end during the week of May 10th.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

**SIX THOUSAND SAUCER CLIPPINGS STILL FOR SALE:** As mentioned in the past two issues of SAUCER NEWS, your Editor wishes to sell a collection of more than six thousand saucer clippings, covering the years 1954-1960. This collection is contained in 40 scrapbooks, each containing an average of about 150 clippings. We would like to sell the entire set of 40 volumes to one person, the terms being that the payment must be made in cash. During the past three months we have had numerous inquiries about this offer, but mainly from people who want us to break up the set, or who feel they cannot pay cash. Therefore, we are now requesting again that all those who are interested should write us as soon as possible, and we will supply full details by letter. Incidentally, a 10% commission on the selling price will be given to anyone who helps us obtain a buyer.

**BACK ISSUES:** The following back issues of S. N. are still available: #1, 2, 3, 8 thru 11; 13 thru 28; & 30 thru 39. All are 3 for \$1.00 except #1 and #27 (the Adamski Expose Issue), which sell for \$1.00 each.

**AIR FORCE PROJECT BLUE BOOK SPECIAL REPORT #14:** This is the 80-page official Air Force report on flying saucers, issued in 1957. The report was reprinted by Dr. Leon Davidson after obtaining special permission from the Air Force, and a large number of copies were distributed by him during 1957 and 1958. Now there are only a few copies left in existence, and we are fortunate enough to have obtained a small supply for our readers. The book is nicely bound, and contains a 10 page introduction by Dr. Davidson, in which he analyzes the Air Force material and makes a number of significant comments. The price is \$1.00, reduced from \$1.50.



"It's a small world."

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BOOK REVIEW

ROAD IN THE SKY - by George Hunt Williamson (Published by Neville Spearman)  
 - Reviewed by Y. N. ibn A'haron, B.D., S.T.M. -

"Road in the Sky" is, in regard to its contents, very similar to Williamson's first full-length book, "Other Tongues, Other Flesh." The story of the Elder race has been embroidered in this new book with liberal borrowings from other authors. The length and number of quotations from the earlier book is also impressive. The philosophy of the Space Brothers is, however, presented with more sophistication, and Mr. Williamson handles his historical material with a great deal more skill than heretofore.

These are the most sensational "revelations" in the new book:

- (1) The Hopi Indians originated on Mars.
- (2) Abominable Snowmen have cohabited with human women (Page 113.)
- (3) The Space People prefer pacifists.
- (4) Our Earth is infested with Intruders from the Unholy Six of

the Orion forces: "While some of the individuals working today to disrupt the plans of the Space Confederation on the Earth are serving the International Bankers, others are agents of the Unholy Six. They are the Intruders. The sub-computers, or the children of the Master Computer, long since destroyed along with Tyrantor, are still in operation today, and many sensitives on Earth who claim to be in communication with a certain 'great being' of space....are actually receiving information from the sub-computer system... Of course, there are also many sensitives who are undoubtedly receiving information and inspiration from the forces of light; that is another matter altogether." (Page 223-224.)

Not only are the International Bankers (whose ethnic composition is well known) culpable, but "the Blacks represent the Unholy Six forces." Williamson further states: "Hunrath fits the Intruder pattern and was working as an agent for the Blacks of six solar systems of the Orion Nebula." Most readers will remember that Karl Hunrath was one of a pair of West Coast saucer researchers who disappeared mysteriously several years ago.

We would like to suggest that Williamson himself fits the Intruder pattern, at least where the copyright laws are concerned. SAUCER NEWS reader James Wardle of Salt Lake City, Utah, has pointed out a strange similarity between Williamson's story of a Galactic Administration and Isaac Asimov's masterpiece of political fiction, called "The Foundation." To those familiar with any of the six novels Asimov has published on this theme, I would like to point out that Williamson has not been able to kill all the subconscious traces of his borrowing. Notice especially the first line of the third paragraph on Page 220. Williamson has it that "the planet Tyrantor became the terminus planet or rainbow's end for the newly created Empire." In Asimov's novels, the scientists of the Foundation hide from the tyranny of the Galactic Federation, and its capital world called Trantor. They hide on an obscure planet at the other end of the Milky Way Nebula, first called Star's End, and later Tazenda. These are the most obvious similarities between the two accounts, but there are others too numerous to mention here, and Asimov's first Foundation tale was published almost ten years ago, whereas Williamson's effort is circa 1959.

Not only does Williamson borrow freely from other writers without giving credit to their works, but he also shows signs of incompetence when handling simple reference material. These errors may not seem of themselves important, but they are not isolated cases, and warrant correction in the name of sanity alone:

Page 17 - Item: Williamson tries to use a Chinese character to support his contentions as to the origin of the word "human". He says that character No. 54 of the Lesser Seal series (circa 200 A.D.) is HU. Even were he correct in associating this character with an Indo-European word of considerable antiquity, he would still be incorrect because the sound of the word is more properly rendered HO, and is in the third tone.

Page 20 - Item: Williamson makes a pitiful attempt to steal Richard Shaver's wonderful idea of Mantong, wherein each sound of human language had a conceptual meaning in the language of the Elder Race, which survived to some extent in the more ancient dialects of our race. Williamson says that the sound for rough breathing is a linguistic monument to the glories of the Elder Race; then, he seizes upon the Greek letter Eta, and says that it is a sign of rough breathing (an h-sound), and that all the words made with Eta are significant in this connection. Unhappily for "Ric" Williamson, Eta has no consonantal value whatsoever. Next, he tries to show that English words beginning with the syllable EL are evidences for Man's ancient beginnings. He gives us two pages worth, but leaves out the ones he doesn't like.

Page 22 - Item: Williamson says that it is interesting to note that "hell" in German means bright. The word hell in English goes back to Nordic mythology, with which Ric displays a nodding acquaintance on Page 220 and elsewhere. It means Place of Ice, and has no connection with the measuring unit known as an ell, as even Ric must know well, in spite of his claims to the contrary.

Page 24 - Item: Williamson says calmly, "Now let us look at some other very simple symbols." He then indulges in some questionable oversimplifications of ancient Mediterranean characters. He includes a Minoan T, but then fails to tell us from which series of Minoan inscriptions it was taken. There are four different systems of writing under the general heading of Minoan, and they seem to have little in common with each other. After hopelessly confounding the order of the Phoenician alphabet, and thus ruining an unwary philologist's mental composure, he concludes his essay on the Circle Cross with this understatement: "The above ideas are only guesses." But worse is to come:

Page 25 - Item: Here Williamson does things to South Semitic scripts. As I am at this moment engaged full-time in the study of these languages, I was horrified to learn that "we find in the study of languages that H oftentimes was written like a Y." Not one of the symbols he gives has any faint resemblance to their originals. No, Ric, the third aspirate of "Abyssinian" (Ethiopic) doesn't look like a divining fork, and in Saftaic there are five signs for different values of H, and, while one of them does look like a Y, so what? It certainly doesn't look like the unspeakable effigy Ric has constructed at the end of his chapter called "The Time-Spanners."

Page 28 - Item: After he has finished telling us that we find many names in the Bible using the letter combination EL, and that a Dutch ell is 27 inches long, Williamson pulls this: "We must keep in mind that Elchim, Yahweh, and Jehovah are not three names for the one God, but are actually names for three distinct beings....Yahweh was a tribal god of the ancient Hebrews and is quite different from the Christian Jehovah." This is really giving the smart aleck German Jews who joined the Higher Criticism what they have coming; but Williamson's facts are still wrong. The Old Testament says clearly that Y'hovah was one of the Elohim; It calls him Y'hovah of the Elohim. Yahweh is a hypothetical spelling of the Hebrew name, invented by men with the intellectual scruples of a Ric Williamson. At any rate, the New Testament speaks of Yeiwei, not Jehovah; but the Peshittah (Syriac original) of the Four Gospels says Yehovah in all cases.

Item: In his chapter "Last of the Sacred Forests," "Doctor" Williamson (now in Peru, where he picked up his title), tells us that the place names Masma and Yucatan remind him of similar names in the Bible. Well, Ric, there are a lot of names in the Bible, including, for instance, the name Ric. It means "the empty or excluded one."

Item: Turning from the Bible, Williamson begins to make up stories about Peru. On Page 34 he conveys the impression that the great monoliths of Marcahuasi are difficult to reach. Says he, "On June 7, 1957, we made our way on foot and on horseback over tortuous Andean trails." An informant in Lima tells us that the monoliths, while not on a main highway, are usually accessible by standard shift automobile, and that the elapsed travel time from his hotel in Lima is under three hours. The ten pages that follow are borrowed from Dr. Daniel Ruzo's works on the subject, and while there is no direct credit, Dr. Ruzo's name is frequently mentioned throughout the discussion.

Item: On Page 48, Williamson says that the plundered tombs of Marcahuasi stand "as mute evidence of man's insatiable lust for gold." A few lines below he says, "Suddenly an exciting thought came to me." What was this exciting thought? "Doctor" Williamson had just decided that some of the tombs might not have been opened yet; so he then proceeded to plunder them himself! (See Page 49.)

Item: On Page 58, Williamson asks: "Could Nebuchadnezzar's 'tree in the midsts of the Earth' (Daniel IV:10) represent the same thing as the 'tree in the middle of the earth' from (the Akawais of) British Guiana?" No, we do not think so!

Item: Speaking again of the Marcahuasi rock carvings, Williamson says, "It is almost inconceivable that they could have existed for nearly a billion years, and not be completely destroyed by time. Yet, anything is possible."

Item: Williamson next passes from the Marcahuasi Plateau to the plain of Nazca, many miles to the south. He leans heavily on the pamphlets of Maria Reich, again without giving direct credit. At his recent New York lecture, he used the slides from her book, also without direct credit. He advances an inconsistent theory about a people who left a spired metropolis in the Amazon basin only to suffer drought on the Peruvian plains. He compares the jaguar figure in the Nazca lines to the sign of the Tiger King. Now, even the fickle Ric must settle on which he likes best, the jaguar (mountain lion) or the tiger. He can't have both as being symbolic of the trans-Andean Lemuria. On Page 76 he says, "The Nazca people could also have observed the construction of their animal figures from specially built stone and adobe platforms which could have been removed later. Mounds of heaped up stones have been found in connection with the designs which may have been related to these points of observation made by the Nazca people." The adobe platforms are still there, but the cairns (piles of stones) were the work of Miss Reich, as attested by the fact that tin cans, representing the earthly remains of a certain brand of salted fish, have been found beneath these cairns by several American expeditions.

Page 85 - Item: In a chapter entitled "The Martian Miniatures", Williamson quotes a letter from a lady correspondent in England who felt that there was an inexplicable similarity between Lowell's map of Mars and the Hopi pot designs given in the 1900 Smithsonian Expedition report. Williamson does not make it sufficiently clear to his readers that, first, there are thousands of pot designs in the literature, from which you can take your choice of material for these "comparative studies"; and secondly, Lowell's maps do not represent a body of known facts. They are the astronomer's belief of what Mars would look like if we had better equipment through which to view it. The two

comparisons Williamson actually gives in the book remind me more forcefully of the geographical features of Central and South America, than they do of the Martian landscape, with which we are supposed to equate them - according to Ric.

Page 189 - Item: Here Williamson shows an unpardonable ignorance of Hebrew literature. He tries to suggest a similarity between a Hopi Indian proverb about a turtle, and a quote from The Songs of Solomon in which it says that "the voice of the yonah will be heard in the land." It seems Ric must be even more illiterate than I thought. The word used in the Bible is my own first name, and it means "dove". The King James translators used the French equivalent in the Songs of Solomon because they felt the poetic term to be more appropriate. But in Genesis, they translated this word as "dove", and Chaucer proves that the "turtle" of Middle English was a bird when he says, "The duck quacked, and the gentil turtill cooed."

Page 192 - Item: The author's attempt to equate the name of the Hopi deity with the Hebrew name of Moses (which was Mosheh, not Meshu), is very poorly taken, and is reminiscent of Mormon efforts in the same direction. The attempt to give it some similarity to the Hebrew name of Jesus, by misspelling the Hopi word, is even more out of line. Mr. Williamson accuses the International Bankers of trying to deprive the Hopi nation of its independence, but he speaks in ignorance. The Christian churches have been right there in Washington lobbying with the Indian bureau, but a team of Jewish lawyers has taken the Navajo and Hopi cases without fee. Williamson is right in reprinting General Holdridge's material on the subject of Indian rights, but he is not helping the cause of the red man by representing their philosophies as the product of a payuti hallucination. The churches would like nothing better than for the Indians to busy themselves with the Space Brothers while the oil companies move in and take over the sacred mountains, to make them take on a modern stench of smoke thicker than that attributed to the gods of old.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I am so glad I subscribed to SAUCER NEWS..... Y. N. ibn A'haron's articles in previous issues are something everyone should read.... I'd like to see them printed in every magazine in the country - that's how good I think they are.

MRS. MAUDE KAPREILIAN  
Kingston, New York

Concerning your news article on the Poquoson, Virginia UFO sighting (SAUCER NEWS #39, Page 13), in which a teenager shot at a UFO with a shotgun, there are several errors in the reporting of this story which I feel should be cleared up in the interest of accuracy.

The date of the sighting was October 19, not October 20, as stated in your article. The altitude of the object was not 100 feet, but 80 feet. This was an estimate of the maximum height of the object; the minimum estimate was 55 feet.

Apparently your information was gleaned from an article in the local paper. Since this article was itself in error, you are not to be blamed entirely.

An interesting sidelight to this incident is that the boys were on posted government property. Another factor involved is that no official investigation was ever made of the sighting, although it was reported to authorities at Langley Air Force Base....

I would also like to point out something which you must have already caught. Your editorial concerning Major Keyhoe's reluctance to print the

Anglican missionary's story is a little out of date. The current "UFO Investigator" carries this report in a very satisfactory manner. I trust that you will retract your statements in regard to this case. Once again it appears you have jumped the gun. Maybe from now on you'd better set the safety!

LARRY P. MACCUBBIN  
Norfolk, Virginia

(See Page 18 of this issue for our comments on the Anglican missionary's story. - Editor.)

Congratulations to Michael Mann on his wonderful expose of Prince Neosom. This was one of the best articles you have published in recent issues. ....As for ibn A'haron, his article on how to build a Chaldean saucer was fascinating, but I don't think such a machine can ever be built in the foreseeable future. Even if all the facts and materials were available, the oil interests and other agents of Wall Street would never allow it to be built.

CARLOS MENTIRA  
New York, N.Y.

#### SAUCER DIRECTORY

From time to time we like to publish a list of the principal saucer magazines and clubs which have information that would be of interest to SAUCER NEWS subscribers. Inclusion of a magazine or club on this list does not necessarily imply recommendation, or that we are in agreement with the policies of the magazine or club in question. - Readers who have seen this list in former issues of SAUCER NEWS will notice that the present one is shorter than any of the others, due to the fact that many organizations have recently folded.

"The UFO Investigator", published by the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP), 1536 Connecticut Ave.N.W., Washington,D.C.

"S.P.A.C.E.", a monthly magazine published by Norbert F. Gariety, 267 Alhambra Circle, Coral Gables, Florida. This is the only monthly bulletin in existence devoted exclusively to saucers and "Fortean" phenomena.

"The A.P.R.O. Bulletin", published by Mrs. Coral E. Lorenzen, 519 New York Ave., Alamogordo, New Mexico. Magazine available to A.P.R.O. members only.

Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York - occasionally publishes a newsletter for members. Write to Lex Mebane, 245 W. 104th St., New York, N.Y.

Borderland Sciences Research Associates - publishes a magazine called "Round Robin". Write to Riley Crabb, 1103 Bobolink Drive, Vista, California.

"The Saucerian Bulletin", published by Gray Barker, P. O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, West Virginia.

"The Little Listening Post", published by a lady who prefers to remain anonymous, at 4811 Illinois Ave. N. W., Washington, D. C.

"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. Brinsley le Poer Trench, at 1 Doughty Street, London W.C.1, England.

WHO IS FOOLED BY MICHAEL MANN?

- A Reply to the Writings of Michael G. Mann in the Sept. 1959 Issue of S.N. -  
 - by Lee R. Munsick -

The September 1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS carried an article by Michael G. Mann entitled "Who Is Fooling Donald Keyhoe?" In my opinion, this article is a calculated attempt to slander Major Donald E. Keyhoe, and through him the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, of which he is Director. It should be obvious to any intelligent reader familiar with the material appearing in SAUCER NEWS over the past several years, that whether or not Mr. Mann's intent was to harm Major Keyhoe and NICAP, this was not unconsidered by James Moseley, Editor-Publisher of SAUCER NEWS. He has continued (on his own and through the eager scribbling of his feature writers) a smear campaign against the sincere, honest, and already hampered efforts of NICAP and similar groups or individuals who endeavor to study and solve the UFO mystery without phony feuds, sensational nonsense, and untenable pet "theories."

Young Mr. Mann's article, rife with inaccuracies, unsupported "conclusions" and spurious logic, attacks Major Keyhoe, and thus is best answered by Major Keyhoe. However, in his attack Mr. Mann has illegally and unethically utilized the writer, and thus I am replying to those parts of the article which involve me, directly or indirectly.

Major Keyhoe may have passed on some inadvertent minor errors, probably prompted by the understandable misspelling of proper names received orally. These were long ago recognized by competent and sane investigators in the UFO field, although apparently (until I brought them to his attention) they had been blandly overlooked by Mr. Mann. He is guilty of deliberate twisting of available data. This seems to me intended to libel or besmirch the one man without whose courageous, devoted, and diligent efforts none of us would have a field in which to work. Not Mr. Moseley, nor Mr. Munsick, and most certainly not Mr. Mann.

I want to note several things regarding my contact with Mr. Mann. He has not only reprinted private correspondence without any request or warning and certainly without permission, but he has changed my originally accurate statements to suit his evil purposes, placing me in the position of battling with Major Keyhoe and challenging the institution for which I worked during 1957 and with which I am still in active cooperation.

Because Mr. Mann has refused me free permission to quote his letters (although he obviously has no qualms about drawing directly from mine), I am forced to paraphrase Mr. Mann's letter written to me between May 1 and 11 of 1959. Like all his missives, this one was undated.

Mr. Mann wanted to know if the writer knew the addresses for the Kimross and Fort Lauderdale air bases to which Major Keyhoe referred in his "Flying Saucer Conspiracy." Further, he wanted to know if these bases were private or Air Force fields.

Among many remarks in a 1½ page closely typed personal letter to Mr. Mann, written May 11 in a conversational mode and with no intent or knowledge that my comments would be repeated, let alone publicized, I included the following in reply:

Re Fort Lauderdale in "Conspiracy," there is no Air Force base there now and I don't believe there has been (I was there in March). There is an airport, however....I believe it is designated as Broward County International Airport, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. Broward County includes Lauderdale and abuts Dade County (Miami et al) on the north.

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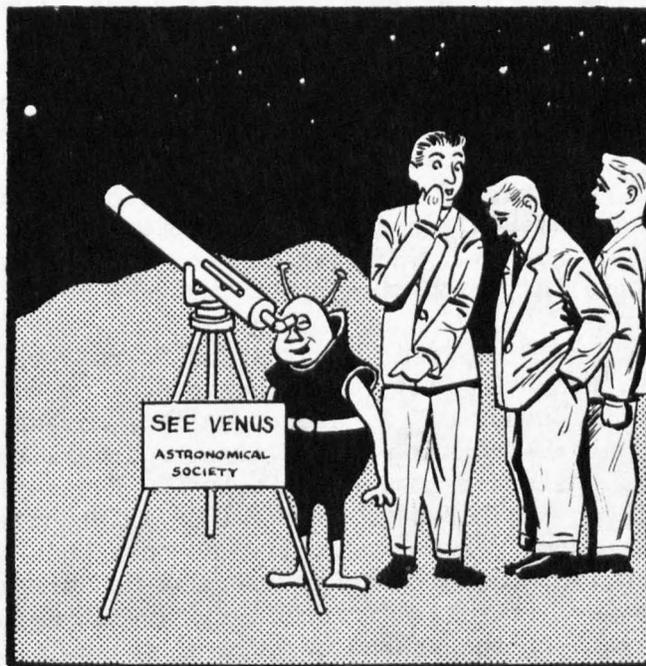
In the unauthorized published version of my remarks, the all-important words "Air Force" were deleted, completely altering the meaning and scope of my reply. This deletion was in no way indicated in the text of Mr. Mann's article.

While Mr. Mann didn't allow his readers to so infer, Major Keyhoe's information on the Fort Lauderdale mystery was extensive. It covered the last seven pages of "Conspiracy." Mr. Mann's article utilized about one page. Furthermore, Mr. Mann did not say Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Base (as did the book) in his letter to me. I did not re-read the item in Major Keyhoe's book before replying to Mann, because I have long known of the Kimross-Kinross and Griffith-Griffiss errors, and I assumed Mr. Mann did too. I should have gone back to the Keyhoe work, for I would then have noted that the book specifically and correctly refers to the "Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station."

I considered the base name errors to be minor, but I corrected them for Mr. Mann in some detail in my letter, following the Fort Lauderdale data. Had Mr. Mann gone to the Navy itself for confirmation, he would have found a definite record of the case, as I did. Perhaps he did, but preferred to leave it out of his article. Instead he went to the Air Force, which, as we shall see, had nothing to do with the case. I obtained the following statement from the Navy's Office of Information:

Five TBM-type aircraft departed Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Station on a routine navigation training flight at 1408 (2:08 P.M.) local time on 5 December 1945. At 1600 (4:00 P.M.) a message was intercepted by the tower which indicated that the five aircraft were lost in the vicinity of the Bahamas Islands. At this time a message was sent in the "blind" (without acknowledgment) advising the flight to take a heading of 270 degrees, or if their compasses were out (which was most unlikely but possible) to fly toward the sun. It was a clear day with less than 10 knots wind on the surface. Air Sea Rescue was initiated at 1927 (7:27 P.M.) when a PBM-type aircraft took off from Banana River, Florida, to search for the missing aircraft. This plane had thirteen people on board. It made one position report, and was not heard from again. Since that date no additional information has been obtained concerning the five TBMs or the PBM, although an intensive search was carried out at that time.

It is apparent that with minor changes including slight time variations, Major Keyhoe's book agrees with official Navy records. He presented additional pertinent information as well. It is obvious too, that the differences could be quite honest, due to word-of-mouth relay to the author. In any case, the facts themselves have not been violated with any sufficiency to merit Mr. Mann's savage, unreasoning attack on the integrity and ability of an acknowledged aviation authority and recognized flight reporter.



"He's homesick!"

The fact that Major Tacker noted (according to Mr. Mann) that this case was not reported to the United States Air Force, detracts not in the least from its credibility and truth. Why should it have been? Since I have had ample evidence of Mr. Mann's tampering with vital information, I would not be surprised to find that he described the case insufficiently, thus deliberately provoking the "fact" that "the base itself was unknown to the Air Force" 14 years after the event, and after the Naval Air Base had been taken off the active lists.

Actually, the base is of course known to the Air Force and to Major Tacker. The explanation for this "amazing mystery" is so simple that Major Tacker himself solved it in 21 words: "The Air Force does not consider this case to be in any way related to its investigation of Unidentified Flying Objects."

Any alleged connection between this strictly Navy mystery and the flying saucers lies not in official considerations, but in Major Keyhoe's book itself. That is plainly evident in that work. This would have been clear even to Mr. Mann, had he bothered to read the entire section relating the story. If he did, he ignored this in his letter to me and in his SAUCER NEWS article.

In that article, specifically referring to the Kinross case, Mr. Mann says: "I was under the impression that Keyhoe got his data from the Air Force."

Apparently this impression - totally unsupported by anything in the book - carried over into his reading of the Lauderdale disappearance, as this Mann-ism confirms: "These cases were all supposed to have been acquired from Air Force files, and yet the Air Force is unaware of them!"

Who says they were "supposed to"? This sentence, appearing immediately before the Fort Lauderdale description, is preposterous. The Lauderdale incident arises at the end of "Conspiracy", in Major Keyhoe's recollection of a conversation between himself and Paul Redell, an "aeronautical engineer." In the book, it was Redell who broached the subject, which was only partially familiar to Major Keyhoe. The Air Force had absolutely nothing to do with it.

To continue to show Mr. Mann's tactic of twisting facts without using the now-obvious trick of dropping out vital information, and to show the validity and extent of his "investigation," let's see what he has to say about me. Is it as inaccurate as his "investigation and report" on the Air Force's involvement (or lack of it) in the Fort Lauderdale case? The following is quoted from Mann's article:

Munsick is the Director of the North Jersey UFO Group, and is a former associate editor of Keyhoe's "UFO Investigator." He is also a close friend of Major Keyhoe....Here we have a statement by one of Keyhoe's trusted co-workers attesting to the fact that the base mentioned in Keyhoe's book is fictional."

First, I attested to no such fact, and could not, because there was no such "fact." Furthermore, I am not and have never been Director of the North Jersey U.F.O. Group; neither has anyone else. There was no such office. I was co-founder and Chairman of the Executive Committee of that organization, and Editor of its periodical "UFO Newsletter," which I still publish occasionally. N.J.U.F.O.G. went out of existence some time before the series of letters commenced. Mr. Mann knew this when he wrote his article. The last bit of N.J.U.F.O.G. stationery was used up during the interchange, prior to Mr. Mann's request for his "information." That fact is duly noted by both Mr. Mann and myself in the course of two of these letters (all of which are available to the reader for study.)

I did have the honor to be Associate Editor of the "UFO Investi-

gator" and as such a colleague of Major Keyhoe. I am proud to consider myself a friend of the Major. Mr. Mann's article places me in the position of stating not only the Fort Lauderdale Naval Air Base but in effect Major Keyhoe's entire account were "fictional," leaving the reader to infer I had something to do with it, and was now revealing some dastardly, otherwise secret deed!

Prior to the publication of "Flying Saucer Conspiracy" by Henry Holt in December 1955, I had met Major Keyhoe only once, briefly. It was many months afterwards that I became his friend and co-worker at NICAP. Contrary to the impression created by Mr. Mann's twisted ramblings, I cannot claim credit for any part of the writing of "Conspiracy" or any other Keyhoe book.

What can Mr. Moseley (who is intelligent enough to recognize these diatribes, although perhaps had no way to spot Mann's deceptions), or his readers (who may excusably not have read Mr. Mann's article with the properly critical eye) expect when he patters on with "I soon came to the conclusion that by Griffith Air Force Base, Keyhoe in his strange way actually means Griffiss A.F.B." A brilliant deduction by Mr. Sherlock Mann! Other competent investigators recognized this years ago as an innocent error! Indeed, Mr. Mann's "conclusion" as to the true nature of Kinross and Griffiss seems to stem to a great extent from the accurate information supplied him in my letter of May 11, 1959!

Having dealt here largely with Mr. Mann's untoward methods and twisted reasoning related to my connection with his article, the relative worth of his other charges and conclusions seems patently obvious. However, let me give you one further idea: Mr. Mann was for a time associated with an organization called "Parapsychology and Saucer Investigation," or PSI. His name appeared on PSI stationery with the title "Coordinator." On the same stationery appeared the name of Jonas Kover, PSI Director. Mann has repeatedly referred fondly to Mr. Kover in public, in print, and on the airwaves, as a man whom he respects and likes very much.

In the fall of 1959 Mann prepared a "Preliminary Census of Contactees," as News Editor of "The Journal of Correlative Philosophy" and Director of the International Federation of Flying Saucer Clubs. This listing of over a hundred "contactees" was presented in the October 1959 issue of the above-mentioned Journal as a serious, codified reference source. One of the entries, curiously, was one Jonas Kover, the same with whom Mr. Mann had been closely associated in his so-called flying saucer "research." After Mr. Kover's name appeared an address in Brooklyn, and a brief remark which indicated that Kover's contact was with Martian "trols" (sic) which were called "munchkins."

Now let us analyze this statement, produced in all sincerity in Mr. Mann's reference list. First of all, Trolls are a race of supernatural beings, originally in Scandinavian folklore, sometimes giants but usually dwarfs, which resided in caves, subterranean dwellings, and under bridges. But the Munchkins, as any follower of L. Frank Baum can eagerly relate, are the tiny inhabitants of Munchkinland, one of the more important provinces of Oz, the remarkable dreamlike land invented by Mr. Baum and renowned in American literature, song, and motion picture. It is after the Queen of Oz, Ozma, incidentally, that one of our nation's recently developed scientific projects is named.

How could any intelligent researcher seriously have any use for a man who would boldly claim contacts with Munchkins from Mars? Mr. Mann nonetheless continues his "extensive, exhausting, and scientific" inquiries into the flying saucer enigma. I will not grace these inquiries or their pursuer with further comment.

Editor's Note: Michael Mann's reference to Mr. Kover was facetious, and we feel that any intelligent person reading the contactee list should have real-

ized this. Furthermore, Munsick deliberately ignores Mann's more important points, concerning the non-existence of Keyhoe's alleged artificial domes on the Moon and the mysterious Moon Bridge - the existence of which has been specifically denied by a spokesman for the observatory which is supposed to be observing it! In our opinion it is as absurd for Keyhoe to imply that there is intelligent life on the Moon as it is for Adamski to tell us that we will meet long-haired highly evolved beings on Venus. There may be life on Venus, but for a man of Keyhoe's caliber to insist that there are artificial constructions on the Moon, is to indulge in a type of sensationalism much worse than anything Munsick can accuse SAUCER NEWS of!)

HOW IT MIGHT END  
- by Justin Case -

It is a favorite theme of the "ardent believers" in flying saucers that visitors from space have come here to prevent mankind from self-destruction by atomic and hydrogen bombs. Everyone who claims to have had contact with these visitors repeats this over and over. There are also many sincere, intelligent people who have no interest in flying saucers but who believe that we will some day destroy ourselves with our own tools of war. This belief grows stronger as these tools increase in frightfulness and power each year.

Because so many people are so worried over this prospect, it is interesting to consider the many different ways in which the end might come for mankind. This will show us whether we are worrying over something which we

have power to prevent, or whether it is beyond our control. In the latter case there is no use in worrying about it.

Let us first consider the relative destructive power of bombs, using the common explosive TNT. Most of us have seen photos of the havoc wrought by the 10-ton "block busters" during the last World War. We are told that the hydrogen bomb has the power of several million tons of TNT. Automatically we divide one million by 10, and we picture one hydrogen bomb as doing the destructive work of 100,000 ten-ton bombs, and the prospect is frightful indeed, especially if we are the target.

But this popular conception is wrong. For practical purposes, a 1,000-ton bomb has only 4.7 times the destructive power of a 10-ton bomb. A one million ton bomb has 46.5



times the power, and if it ever comes, a one billion ton bomb has 465 times the power of a 10-ton bomb. This is a matter of scientific fact and practical experience, known to all who are familiar with explosives. This is because an aerial bomb explodes outward into the shape of a ball. Only a small part of its energy hits the target. The rest is dissipated in all other directions, where it does little harm. Therefore the nuclear bombs are nowhere near as destructive as the public thinks they are by comparing their equivalent in tons of TNT. Anyone who has witnessed atomic bomb explosions will have no desire to minimize their power. But it should be made clear that the public conception of their power is much exaggerated.

There is very little danger that mankind will be destroyed by nuclear bombs directly by the force of their explosions or indirectly by radioactive fallout. There are just too many people in the world, scattered over too large an area - about three billion people living on about 50 million square miles of land. It is true that city-dwellers would be the principal victims, but most of the people who live out in the country would survive. Those who live in farming and mountain areas have the best chance of survival.

The weekly magazine "U. S. News & World Report" of December 21, 1959, summarized three different studies on this subject made for the Government. It concluded that "a nuclear war's effects on people would be horrible, but far from annihilation. Despite losses of many millions of lives, in any case life would go on." Also, it concluded that the effects of radio-active fallout would, at the worst, shorten by five to ten years the lives of those who survived nuclear attack.

These studies applied to the United States, of course. But they apply equally well to all industrialized countries, and these are inhabited mostly by the white race. The effects would be much less severe on agricultural countries, whose people are non-white. It is these under-developed countries that occupy most of the land areas and contain most of the people. Therefore a nuclear war would be most destructive to the white race, and least destructive to the non-whites. But it would not annihilate the white race. It would reduce its present status of most powerful to that of a small, weak minority. For the white race it might be the beginning of the end, but not for the rest of mankind who form the bulk of the world's population.

This appraisal applies equally well to the future as to the present. The non-whites are much more numerous and are increasing much faster than the whites. Their chances of surviving a nuclear war are improving every day. The future belongs to them if a nuclear war comes, and they know it. That is why they are making every effort to stay neutral. Even Red China will stay neutral, in accordance with that old Chinese custom of getting someone else to do their fighting for them.

So much for nuclear bombs. Very few people realize how precarious is our hold on life. There are so many ways that nature might destroy mankind that it is almost a miracle that we continue to exist. Let us consider some of these ways.

The Sun gives us light and heat and is the dominant factor in the Earth's climates. Its surface temperature is about 10,000 degrees F. A small percentage change in this temperature, say about one or two percent, would so greatly affect our climates that suffocation by heat or freezing of the population would result.

Surrounding our Earth is a thin layer of ozone. This protects us from the more dangerous rays of the Sun. If this layer were to thin out or be destroyed, all animal life on land would soon perish.

Our planet is constantly bombarded by billions of meteors daily, mostly very tiny ones. But sometimes a really large one strikes. The Great

Siberian Meteor of 1908 destroyed all trees within a circle 50 miles in diameter. Still, this was small as compared with the meteor that formed a crater 146 miles in diameter on our Moon. We might be hit by one or more even larger meteors some day, with catastrophic results.

The Earth's crust on which we live varies in thickness from place to place, being quite thin in some areas. It floats on the hot, molten material underneath. The crust is always in motion, resulting in earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, tidal waves, and the formation of wrinkles we call mountains and valleys. We know that most of the land we live on was once under water for a long time. Also that many sea bottoms were once dry land. Sometimes these changes took place slowly; other times they were relatively rapid. But the changes are always taking place and it is possible they might bring the end of mankind some day.

Our planet has much evidence of past civilizations that perished. Drought, disease and climatic changes were probably the causes, in addition to conquest by invaders. In the future a most sudden cause is liable to be disease. Although medical science has conquered many diseases, new ones are constantly cropping up. Before they could be studied and a cure found, they might bring mankind to its knees.

There is always the possibility that someday visitors from space might arrive, bringing with them their own diseases to which they are relatively immune but which might be fatal to us. Imagine how deadly a wholly new disease would be if planted deliberately by invaders from space in many strategic places from which it could easily spread all over the world! Our worldwide network of airlines encourages such spread. It would be almost as deadly even if not deliberate, so rapid is the spread of germs. In fact, such contamination is unavoidable, and very dangerous to us, for there would be no time to find a cure. This is the principal danger to us from visitors from space. Also it might be a very good reason for space people to keep us out of their atmosphere, for we would unavoidably contaminate them with our germs, with possibly fatal results to them.

We have seen that mankind will not perish by nuclear bombs, and that we need no visitors from space to keep us from self-destruction. In fact we have much more to fear from such visitors than to hope for. When mankind perishes it will most likely be due to natural causes, some of which we have discussed above. There are other possible causes, just as catastrophic. They are all so well within the realms of possibility that it is a miracle that we continue to live. But all these causes are beyond our control. There is little we can do to prevent them or stop them once they start. Therefore there is no use worrying about them. The best each one of us can do is to make the most of his life while he still has it, for the probability is always present that it might be later than we think.

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ARE YOU ON OUR SPECIAL NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST? Since December of 1955, non-scheduled 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 in good standing can be placed on the special Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time for \$1.00.

IN OUR NEXT ISSUE, saucer researcher Richard Ogden tries to prove he is in psychic contact with a scientist on the planet Neptune, and to prove this he gives a list of twelve predictions of future events. Don't miss this article, which is one of the strangest we have ever published!

RECENT NEWS STORIES

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF CORAL LORENZEN'S CREDULITY:** In the March issue of her "A.P.R.O. Bulletin", Coral Lorenzen finally gives the world the full story of the flying saucer "proof" she has been hinting at in numerous publicity-seeking news releases. Under the screaming headline "Physical Evidence", Mrs. Lorenzen tells of a mysterious piece of metal which was investigated in 1957 by Olavo Fontes, her correspondent in Brazil. It seems that the society columnist for a Brazilian newspaper was sent a letter describing an incident in which a saucer exploded in mid-air. According to the letter writer, many fragments of the saucer landed on the ground. He was able to recover a few of them, which he sent to the newspaper with his letter. Fontes interviewed the columnist, took the fragments, and had them analyzed, supposedly in three different places in Brazil. The analysis showed that they consisted of magnesium of a degree of purity unknown on earth. Therefore Mrs. Lorenzen concludes that this is proof of flying saucers from outer space.

There are only a few flaws in this rash conclusion: The signature on the letter was not legible. Therefore no one knows who wrote it, or whether the alleged saucer explosion ever took place. Fontes made no attempt to investigate in the area where the incident allegedly took place. He and Mrs. Lorenzen are perfectly satisfied that the letter writer was not a hoaxter or crackpot simply because the letter was sent to a society columnist who had never shown any interest in flying saucers. "Therefore the man must have been sincere," says Mrs. Lorenzen with deep scientific logic. Next, we have the problem that no fragment of the alleged saucer has been analyzed in the United States. We have to depend entirely on the word of Mrs. Lorenzen's Brazilian correspondent, and on the accuracy of the analyses made down there, in a country well known for sloppy laboratory work. And, even if the analysis is correct, why couldn't the fragments be from some natural extraterrestrial source? If the case for flying saucers from outer space must rest on the "Physical Evidence" presented by A.P.R.O., then I fear that the matter remains as unproven as it ever was. Should Mrs. Lorenzen ever come up with real physical proof, she knows that there is a standing offer of \$1,000 reward here at SAUCER NEWS. So far, we believe the reward money is safe!

**PILOT SHOTS MOVIE OF FLYING SAUCERS:** In a widely-publicized case last March, a Dubuque, Iowa pilot named Charles Morris shot 19 feet of color film of three large elliptical UFOs which he saw from his home. The objects were sighted about 5:55 p.m. on March 4, and crossed the horizon from southwest to northeast over the city by 6 p.m. According to Morris, they were about 200 feet in length, and at an altitude of 20,000 feet, flying in perfect formation. They were about 2,000 feet apart, and traveling at a speed of less than 200 miles per hour. The objects were thin on the leading edge, thick in



**PILOT CHARLES MORRIS** shows how he took movies of the three "mystery objects" as he and his wife watched from the yard of their Table Mound Trailer Court home.

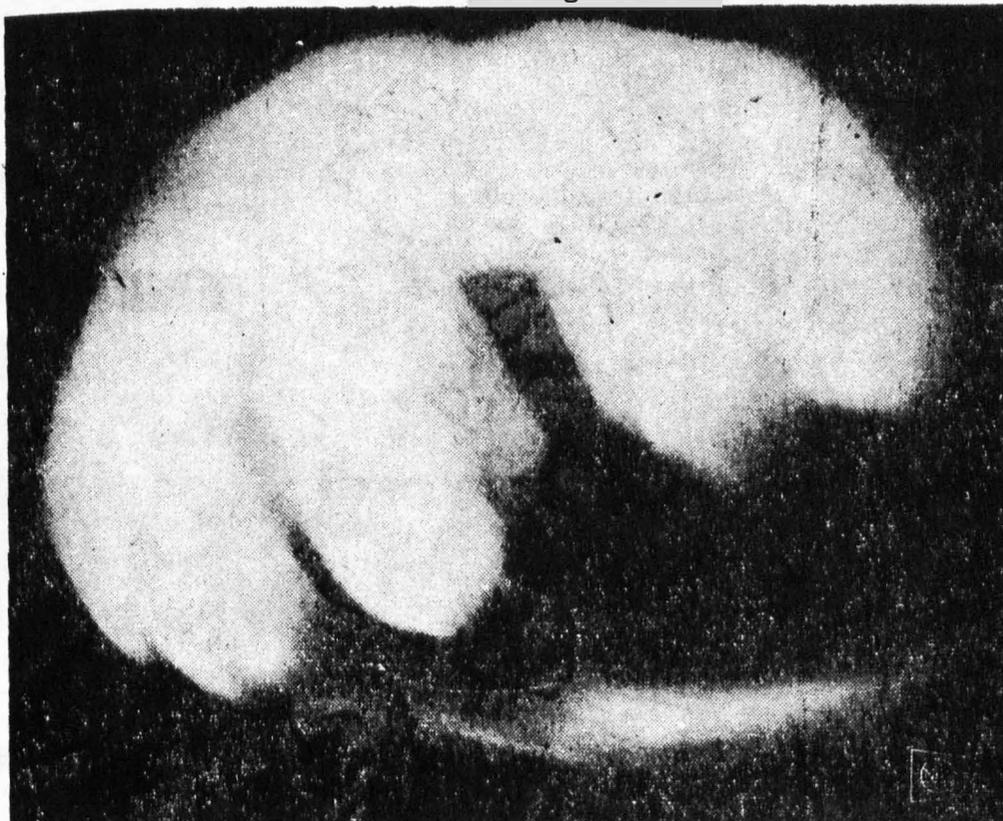
the middle, and thin in back, just as one would expect saucers to be, according to pilot Morris. He said that he saw them from the side, and that they looked exactly like two platters placed face to face. The objects made no sound, left no vapor trail, and were very bright. The sighting was confirmed by Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Luckritz of Dubuque, who spotted the UFOs shortly before 6 p.m. Their description tallies with that of Mr. Morris. Dozens of other local people reported seeing the same objects. Some of them identified the objects as looking like high-flying jets, but the Air Force denied this explanation. Unfortunately, when Morris's film was developed, it showed nothing, possibly because of the fact that it was taken against the light of the setting sun.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** A restaurant owner and amateur astronomer of Grand Blanc, Michigan, has taken a color picture of a flying saucer, which he says appeared accidentally in one of a series of shots he made of the full moon last February. The picture shows a saucer-like object silhouetted against the moon. The restaurant owner, named Joseph T. Perry, says that the UFO radiates a green trail in the photo, and appears to be nearer the earth than the moon. It is round, and has a dome. The FBI learned of the matter and took Mr. Perry's picture for analysis. It was sent to Washington, where an Air Force spokesman said that although some object could be seen on the slide with the naked eye, no conclusion has been drawn as to its nature. Perry now wants his picture back from the Air Force, but feels he is unlikely to get it..... A motion picture of a saucer in flight was taken last April by Mary Jo Curwen, a 17-year-old girl living in Hazel Green, Wisconsin. Unlike the movie taken by pilot Charles Morris, this one came out, and three faint but very definite bright shining dots can be seen on the film, which runs for about 20 seconds. Air Force officials expressed "great interest" in the film, and requested that a copy be sent to them....A good sighting was made last March 24th by the Rev. John F. Cox of Morehead City, N.C., together with two friends. They first noticed two round black objects hanging in the sky at high altitude, several miles away. Suddenly the two objects began to quiver and move. They then accelerated to a fantastic speed and disappeared over the horizon. As they made a turn it was clearly seen that they were flat and disc-shaped. The UFOs stayed in perfect formation at all times, side by side. The whole sighting lasted about three minutes....

An Eastern Airlines pilot named Earl W. Miles reported that he and his crew saw a mysterious object over Virginia about March 15th. The sighting was confirmed by two other Eastern crews. Said Miles, "The object was clearly visible, including the outline of its shape and certain details. The shape of the entire object was identified by all of us to be like the fuselage of a plane except many times larger than any plane we ever saw. From the back of the fuselage streamed a tremendous white flame that from our distance appeared to be a quarter of a mile long. It had no wings, and there were no protrusions on the body that could keep it balanced or directed. We estimated from what we know of flight speed that the thing was traveling in excess of 6,000 miles per hour. It went across the sky, from the point of vision at the side of our plane where we picked it up, in about 50 seconds." Captain Miles added that such sightings are made quite frequently by experienced pilots, but that "information is evidently suppressed from the newspapers."....A very close sighting was made in Cowpens, South Carolina, on the night of March 31st, when Jack Davis and several other young men reported seeing a mysterious flying object. It appeared to be only 100 feet above the ground, and was about 250 feet long, with bright lights attached to it. The object made no noise, and eventually skimmed away toward the northwest.

**GRAY BARKER ACCUSES LONG JOHN OF "HUSH-UP" HOAX:** In our Non-Scheduled Newsletter #10, released in September of last year, we accused Gray Barker of being behind a peculiar incident on the Long John Party Line, in which the program was cut off the air suddenly, about an hour ahead of schedule. We stated that Barker may have engineered the hoax in order to increase sales of his well-known book about the Al Bender "hush-up", which was being discussed on the program that morning. Now we learn that Mr. Barker has turned around and accused Long John Nebel himself of the hoax. In the December 1959 issue of Ray Palmer's magazine "Flying Saucers" (which only recently came to our attention), Barker writes: "....To all logical surface appearances, the cut-off could represent only one thing. Maybe Long John's ratings were slipping, and he needed a shot in the arm. It was obviously a publicity stunt. Nothing on the show surely was dangerous enough to anybody to be cut off about. 'By being cut off the air,' I reasoned to myself, 'only more attention would be called to what I and the others had been saying. No official agency would be that stupid - they would find other ways of silencing Long John if they indeed wanted him silenced....'" (Incidentally, Newsletter #10 is still available. See Page 14 for details.)

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Shortly after writing the article which appears in this issue of SAUCER NEWS, Lee Munsick decided to fold his "UFO Newsletter", which he had published occasionally for the past several years. The current May 1960 issue is to be his last. Although Munsick made the serious error of



**AUSTRIAN UFO** — Unidentified Flying Object was photographed by a news cameraman in Leibnitz, Austria, in March. C. W. Fitch, UFO investigator in Cleveland, Ohio, received this photo direct from "Montag," Vienna newspaper which printed it. The photographer said he saw a shining light far ahead as he rode a motorcycle through the countryside at 1 a.m. He thought it was a falling star. But it remained motionless over the road. He felt heat from it as he snapped the picture from a distance of 50 feet. After six to seven seconds it flew off.

introducing science fiction as a regular feature in his saucer magazine, nevertheless his zine was one of the better ones, and we are sorry to see it go. ....In a recent appearance on the new Long John T.V. Show, Howard Menger seemed to back down from the fantastic claims he makes in his book, "From Outer Space to You," published by Gray Barker. Menger now says that if he could write the book again, he would write it differently. He also states that he is not sure at this point whether the events described in the book actually happened to him in the way he related them at the time. He now feels he may have been hoaxed or hypnotized, but he still insists that he was and is sincere....Otis T. Carr, notorious inventor of the OTC-X1 free energy space ship, has now leased property in Desert Valley, California, in order to continue his "research". He will manufacture amusement park space rides such as he had at Oklahoma City last year, and he will also develop new models of his free energy craft. No mention is made in the article of the fact that Carr and his associates were indicted last year for selling stock without a license, - or of the fact that Carr was supposed to have flown to the moon in December of last year. It seems that people have short memories and that Desert Valley is pleased to have the "internationally famous" Mr. Carr....

Major Keyhoe's fourth book, called "Flying Saucers: Top Secret", is now out, and will be reviewed in our next issue. Incidentally, in the March issue of his "U.F.O. Investigator", Major Keyhoe has finally aired the sighting by Father McGill, the Anglican priest mentioned in our editorial in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS. It apparently took Keyhoe 8 months to reach the decision to carry the details of this sighting. However, he has now done so, and has commented favorably on it. Thus our criticism of Keyhoe in the March editorial now turns out to have been partially unjustified....On the morning of April 17th your Editor had the pleasure of being on the Long John radio program with Orfeo Angelucci, author of "The Secret of the Saucers." Mr. Angelucci has now written a new book entitled, "Son of the Sun", which is by all odds the wildest saucer tome written to date. The fantastic events described in the book were not witnessed by Angelucci personally, but were told to him by a Seattle physician, who unfortunately has since died. Among other things, the story has a mother ship 10 miles in diameter with 500,000 people living on it - plus the usual exotic fruit juices (a la Adamski), plus many new wonders that Adamski never dreamed of. We can't waste space in SAUCER NEWS for a full-scale book review, but Mr. Angelucci is a fascinating story teller, and we recommend his "Son of the Sun" to all those who really want to get out of this world....

Dr. Leon Davidson, publisher of the Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report #14 and author of several articles for SAUCER NEWS, has announced the forthcoming publication of a book entitled "Flying Saucers: - Weapons of the Cold War". The book will contain 25 chapters, to be published serially, one chapter per month. The book is based on ten years of saucer research, and will contain documentation and references to support the story it unfolds. It will include letters to the author from many people involved in the saucer saga, including Adamski, Menzel, Ruppelt, Fry, Keyhoe, and others. Letters will be quoted from scientists, and from editors and publishers of saucer magazines all over the world. Also from Senators, Congressmen, and from numerous military officials of all the armed services, including the intelligence agencies. The price of subscription to the entire series, postpaid, will be \$5. Send money to 64 Prospect St., White Plains, N.Y....For science fiction fans among our readers, we would like to recommend a new anthology just out, called "The Fantastic Universe Omnibus", edited by Hans Stefan Santesson, with an introduction by Lester del Rey. If you would like this fine book, send \$3.95 to H. S. Santesson, 320 5th Ave., New York 1, N.Y.

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DARYLE NEIMAN, the lovely young lady at the left, is a model living in Hollywood, California. At the Giant Rock Saucer Convention last May, Miss Neiman told us that although she herself is not literally out of this world, she once met a woman who was. A space woman named Soloma appeared to her and a group of friends in Chesterfield, Indiana, back in 1952. The lady wore a white robe, and after discoursing about interplanetary life and philosophy, she disappeared right before the eyes of the startled group. Miss Neiman has stayed in "mental contact" with the space woman, and has also seen saucers on various occasions. Once she saw a "space animal" named Mika, which she describes as a cross between a rabbit and a cat. - Considered unemotionally, this tale was no more convincing than those told by the other "contactees" at the Convention. Yet Miss Neiman somehow filled us with the Will to Believe. Perhaps our male readers will understand why. (See Page 3 for a complete report on the Giant Rock Convention.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I want to take this opportunity to thank you for reproducing my article ("Who Is Fooled by Michael Mann?") substantially complete, in the June SAUCER NEWS. While I didn't understand the reasoning behind much of the editing, I do not feel the article suffered as a result. Regarding your comment, however, about the Kover "trols," which both you and Mann have now repeated to me, it seems obvious to me as it should be to you or anyone else, that such facetiousness is not to be expected, nor should it appear, in what was presented as a serious effort at analysis and data collecting. As for the moon bridge et al, I purposely said that Major Keyhoe himself would have to defend his writings, which he has....

LEE R. MUNSICK  
Morristown, N.J.

I really enjoyed Mike Mann's article on Prince Neosom, in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS. It appears that the Mann does have some sense after all. Of course, in the light of his erroneous remarks about Keyhoe, one might wonder if all he says about the good Prince is really true. However, I am inclined to think it is.

I also appreciate your humorous cartoons on UFOs. As Riley Crabb says, this subject has to be taken lightly at times.

LARRY P. MACCUBBIN  
Norfolk, Va.

With the passing years I am getting to be more and more skeptical as new points keep coming to light concerning UFOs. The latest is the news in the recent APRO Bulletin, "Physical Evidence." It seems as though there isn't any such thing, at least not in the case they cite.....I have been attending extra mural classes at Manchester University and I became acquainted with a physicist there. With his help and some metallurgists we have found that 100% pure magnesium is made and that the U.S.A. is using it for the nose cones of their Discoverer series of satellites. Quite a number of points in the APRO article are far from satisfactory, as you may have noticed....

DAVID WIGHTMAN (Editor of "Uranus")  
Hindley, Lancaster, England

(Editor's Note: See Page 15 of the June issue for our comments on APRO's "Physical Evidence.")

I feel that your publishing ventures are quite costly to you, and I wonder why you do it. But then, perhaps you do not smoke nor drink, and spend your pastime money in your saucer investigations and your SAUCER NEWS. If that is so, I commend you. We ought all to have a harmless hobby, and certainly flying saucers are harmless. If after 13 years of chasing, the Air Force hasn't even found out what they are, they are certainly harmless!....

And don't worry about our whole economic system collapsing because of flying saucers. If Jesus Christ came to Earth today, he'd have to pay his own taxi fare from the airport, and the people who sell aircraft licenses would ground his saucer until he had paid the proper fee....

Flying saucers are real enough, but I'm not expecting to have one land in my back yard to take me for a ride - and I wouldn't go, even if one did. Just as I'd refuse a ride in an Air Force jeep. Or with that Swedish Airline which advertises itself as the first airline to fly over the Pole, and

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## NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #11

September 10th, 1960

Upon consultation with the Staff, your Editor has decided to reveal to our selected list of Newsletter subscribers the essential details of the "psychic blood" lab analysis. (For the background facts, see our report on the 1960 Giant Rock Convention, in the Sept. 1960 issue of SAUCER NEWS.)

The lab analysis, prepared by Robert Beck of the Color Control Company, 1538 Cassil Place, Hollywood, Calif., reads in part as follows: "The blood is definitely human. With the exceptions noted below, all red corpuscles appeared normal, with no crenated cells even at the periphery. The leukocytes appeared predominately in the degenerate phase. A number of polynucleated granulocytes were counted, as well as degenerate segmented basophiles. The presence of shedded endometrium tissue tended to indicate an alteration of normal blood typical of menstrual discharge. The proportions of normal cells to hemolyzed and agglutinated red blood cells, plus the definite presence of disintegrated endometrial and stroma cells confirm this opinion. The final evidence to support my conclusion that the samples are menstrual discharge is based on the fact that several minutes elapsed between the time the blood was found and the time the actual smears were made. On exposure to air, the fibrinogen reaction of normal blood would have altered it irreversibly in the absence of an anti-coagulant such as potassium oxalate. Smears made containing "strings" of dehydrated material were noticeably uncoagulated. As you know, menstrual blood does not coagulate."

It has been theorized, therefore, that some teen-aged girl saved her Tampax and sought an opportunity to instigate a hoax or a practical joke. However, this explanation is almost certainly invalid. The drops of blood could hardly have come from a Tampax, because Tampax is very absorbent, and the blood would not be in liquid form. We are told that a girl could not get drops of blood from a Tampax even if she squeezed it at some length. And it should be remembered that the hoax - if it was a hoax - was performed in public, in full view of a great number of people.

Mr. Gray Barker, at whose bookstand the blood incident occurred, has this to say: "Considering that the blood may have been placed there through completely mysterious agencies, we are reminded of trance materializations, during which ectoplasm can often be seen emanating from the breasts and genital areas of the medium." Mr. Barker goes on, somewhat facetiously, "There seems to be a great deal of sex connected with saucers, and an occurrence such as the Giant Rock 'psychic blood' phenomenon would, in our opinion, be typical of the Space People, especially when we consider the low level of intellect they have demonstrated so far through the contactees."

Thus, it is as difficult to write this incident off as a hoax as it is to believe that a genuine phenomenon occurred. We here at SAUCER NEWS are completely puzzled, and we would welcome comments from our readers.

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These Newsletters are non-scheduled, and are issued only as often as worthwhile material is available. Most issues, like this one, contain information that we consider "too hot to handle" in our regular issues of SAUCER NEWS.

REPORT ON THE GIANT ROCK CONVENTION

- by James W. Moseley -

The annual saucer convention at Giant Rock, California, was held on May 28th and 29th this year, and was quite an exciting event for your Editor. Although these conclaves of the Faithful have been held since 1953, this was the first time we were able to attend. An estimated 2,000 Fans were present this year - far less than the 10,000 people who attended the first Giant Rock affair seven years ago - but nevertheless more than in 1959.

We expected to be treated as something of a social outcast at such a far-out gathering, but to our surprise nearly everyone was very friendly. SAUCER NEWS sold briskly, and host Van Tassel was most cordial in every respect. We were even invited to address the crowd from the speakers' platform, at which time your Editor stressed the very important fact that SAUCER NEWS has always been willing to print articles of rebuttal written by anyone who has been "attacked" in our magazine. If some of these people have chosen not to reply to our criticisms, it is their fault and not ours.

Various speakers droned on all day Saturday and Sunday, and as most of them did not seem to have anything startling to reveal, we must admit to not having paid very close attention. Your Editor preferred to mingle with the crowd, taking photos and making interviews. Among the speakers were George Van Tassel, Truman Betherum (author of a new 200-page paperback selling for \$5.00), Orfeo Angelucci, Daniel Fry, and many others. George Adamski was not present, and for the first time Frank Scully was unable to attend, due to ill health.

Perhaps the most interesting contactee present was Van Tassel himself, who told us that his organization has no financial problems, due to the fact that circulation of his publication is increasing, and donations have been most generous. About five miles from the Rock our genial host has built a strange dome-shaped building which will eventually house an "integratron" or rejuvenation machine, the design for which was (of course) given to him by the Space People. The building alone has cost Van Tassel's followers a total of \$42,000, which gives some idea of the scale of this undertaking. When everything is completed, there will be something called a "bi-polar magnetic detector" which creates a "zero time factor." This combined with other machinery will make it possible for people to walk into the building for a few seconds and walk out rejuvenated. There will also be an "automatic adjustment factor" which in our opinion is a very necessary thing, as I am sure Van Tassel would agree with us that no one wants to walk into his machine as an old man and come out as a child, infant, or fetus.

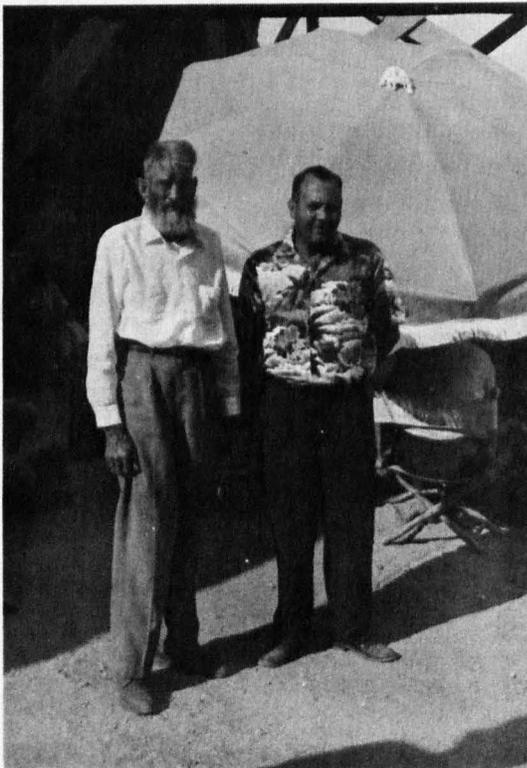
Among the other "Big Name Fans" present at the Convention was Gabriel Greene, who will hold his own gathering in Los Angeles in August. Greene is the author of a weird political platform called "Prior Choice Economics," by means of which all the ills of the world including money are to be eliminated. Greene seemed somewhat discouraged when we talked to him, and reported that he is not making much progress with his economic program. He admitted that he might as well fold up unless he can reach "the masses" with his program. Yet in spite of this apparent lack of success, Greene seems to be doing quite well in regard to the stuff called money, which he is so anxious to eliminate. This fact has started rumors regarding the source of his financial backing.

There's nothing that can beat the atmosphere of the California desert, and under its magic spell even a hardened cynic like your Editor

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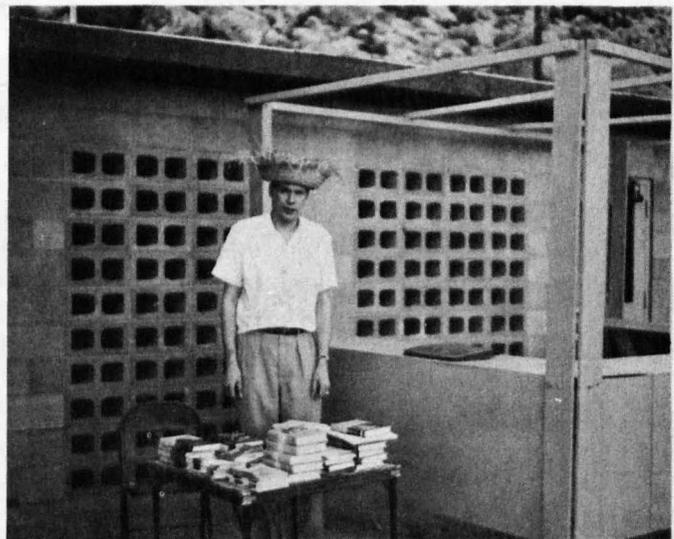
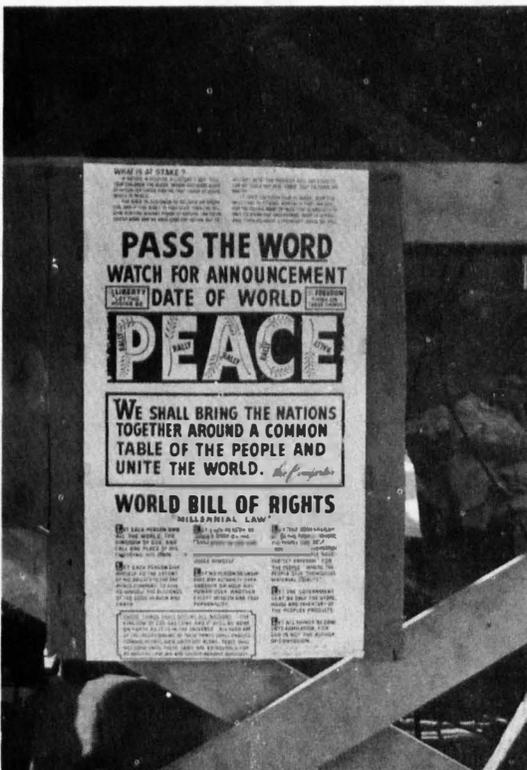
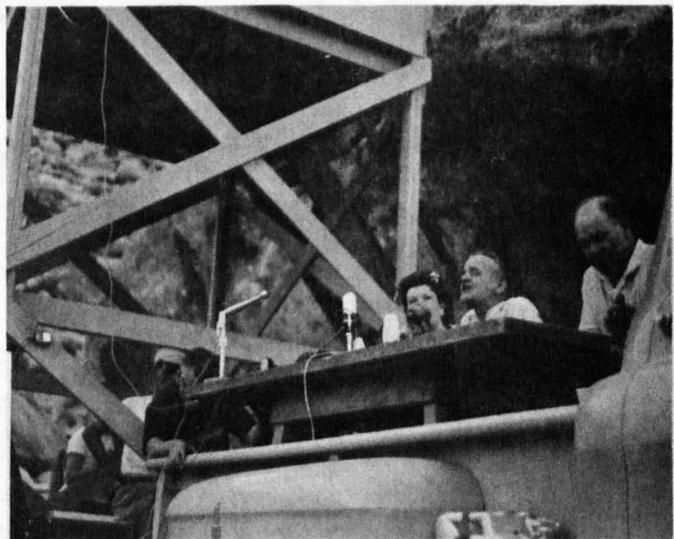
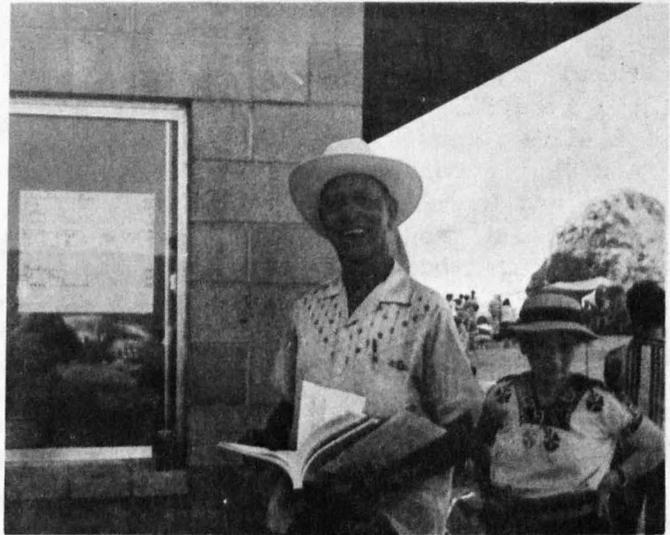


EXPLANATION OF CONVENTION PHOTOS: This page: Top: Ted Wentworth of Hollywood, Calif., shows off one of his "precipitated art" drawings. In this work his hand is allegedly guided "electronically" by unseen space beings. Dana Howard, author of several saucer contact books, is very enthusiastic about Wentworth's work, and says that he illustrated one of her books before he or anyone else had read the manuscript. This, according to Miss Howard, is proof that the artist really is in contact with invisible space entities. Some of his drawings do not correspond to any of her books, however, and are therefore illustrations for her future writings. Thus a cynic might say that the books will be written to fit the illustrations.- Bottom: Contactee Daniel Fry (author of "The White Sands Incident") stands with an unidentified elderly fan. Mr. Fry tells us that there are now over 30 of his "Understanding" units around the country, with a total membership of over 1,500.



Opposite page: Upper left: Dr. Bill Foos of the "True Sight Institute" of Los Angeles, speaks from the huge speakers platform at Giant Rock. (See Page 9 for a discussion of Dr. Foos's peculiar talent or lack thereof.) Lower left: Here we have a close-up of some strange left-wing propaganda distributed by a Long Beach California artist named Allen Noonan, who informed us that his mission is to "establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth" - a neat trick, if he can do it. Upper right: Contactee Truman Betherum in foreground, with an unidentified fan. Mr. Betherum says he is voting for Van Tassel for President and that he will vote for General Holdridge (a well-known California left-winger) for Secretary of State. (He seems to be blissfully unaware that under our present Constitution, the Secretary of State is appointed by the President.) - Middle right: Mark Probert in trance. His wife and George Van Tassel (far right of photo) appear to be in deep concentration. When this picture was taken, Probert was

in contact with the Yada di Shi'ite, one of the 16 "controls" of the "Inner Circle." The Yada is a fellow who was ruler of a country called Yu in the Himalayan mountains, 500,000 years ago. Before the session began, Probert's wife correctly predicted that the Yada would come through, rather than any of the other "controls." (See Page 7 for further details.) - Lower right: Gray Barker (editor of the "Saucerian Bulletin") at his bookstand.

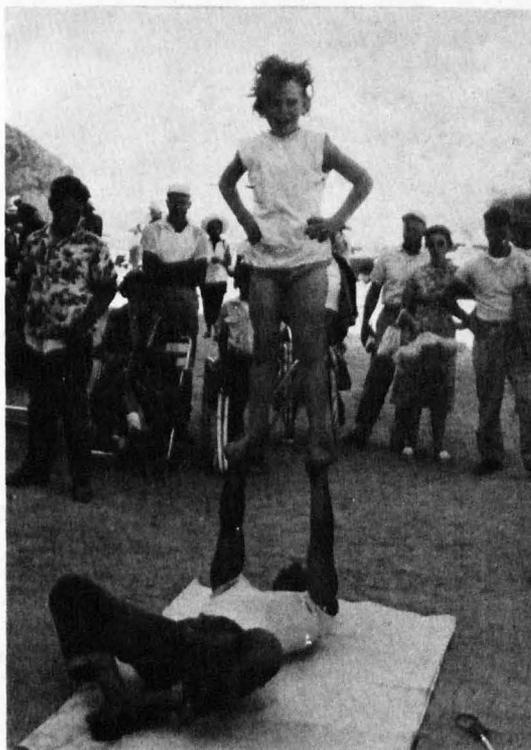
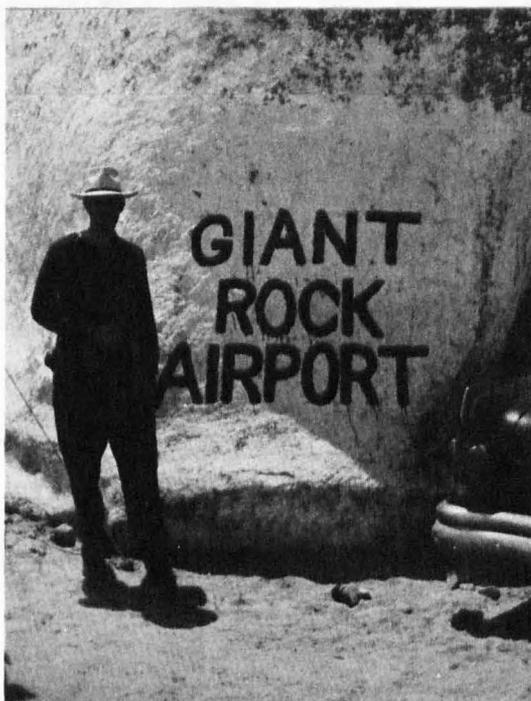


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starts to wonder whether "nothing is impossible," as the contactees claim. The Rock itself is said to have strange mystical properties, and perhaps it does, for all we know. At least two thought-provoking events occurred there during this year's Convention. The first happened toward evening on Saturday the 28th, at Gray Barker's bookstand, which had been set up just a few feet from the Rock. A group of friends had gathered around the table to talk to Mr. Barker and had been there for a few minutes when suddenly it was noticed that several drops of blood had fallen on the books and on the ground nearby. No strangers had passed nearby, and none of the people in the group were bleeding. The blood was analyzed by a conservative saucer researcher who had proper laboratory equipment in his nearby trailer. We should add that this man does not know Barker, so there is no possibility of a hoax between them. The first hasty analysis showed it to be animal blood, leading to the theory that a wounded bird might have flown over. More careful analysis revealed that it was definitely human blood, but with certain unusual properties that we feel it best not to reveal in print. Since blood is often associated with the Occult, this peculiar event at the Convention can lead to all sorts of speculation; and we would be glad to hear from any of our readers who have comments on this.

The second strange event was told to us by a young very serious-minded engineer with whom we talked later that same evening, while sitting with a small group of friends in the famous room that Van Tassel has hollowed out of the Rock itself. This fellow told us that he was not a saucer believer, and had come to the Convention out of curiosity. At roughly the same time as the blood incident just referred to, he had been standing near the Rock talking to a character who was telling him something about the Occult, "auras," and electromagnetic fields surrounding the human body. This stranger was demonstrating some point of his discourse by making a circle with his finger in the palm of the engineer's hand. Suddenly and for no apparent reason, the engineer had fainted, as if he had been "magnetically short-circuited," as he put it. This was a man who insisted to us that he had never studied or believed in the Occult, and had never fainted in his life. The event happened in the early evening, after the heat of the day had ended. The young man was very emotionally upset by his experience, and was unable to find any rational explanation.

To your Editor, the most interesting thing about the Convention was the wild cross-section of people who could be observed. For every serious person like the engineer mentioned above, there were perhaps ten True Believers of all types and descriptions. I doubt if any two people in the whole place could be found to agree entirely on any issue. Yet, there was a large amount of tolerance, as strangers went around introducing themselves to each other and trying to outdo each other in spouting their own views and theories. For instance, there was a "faithist" named Zenon Rosiechi, who came out to the desert in a battered old car covered with signs proclaiming the virtues of the Oaspe Bible. He handed us two tracts, one of which he warned must be read with the proper frame of mind, or else dire consequences would occur to the reader. (We never quite found out what the proper frame of mind was, so it seems we've had it!) Then there was the gentleman who stopped us as he drove by, to inform us that all the contactees are not in touch with Spacemen at all, but with "familiar spirits"; and he went off mumbling something about the Devil. Also present and suffering from lack of attention were Prince Neosom and Princess Negonna, who were featured in an expose article by Michael G. Mann in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS. They had not seen the article till we handed them a copy. It was quite amusing to watch the shock that came over the Prince as he read along, gradually changing his comments from "how interesting!" to "someone is going to be sued because of this."



PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE: **Top:** Your Editor at Giant Rock. (The sun was at the wrong angle and we fear this one didn't turn out well.) - **Bottom:** A blind health faddist practices calisthenics with a child, as the audience looks on with interest.

For many Fans, the high point of the Convention came late Saturday afternoon, when Mark Probert went into one of his famous trances in which he always manages to contact one or more of the 16 "controls" or dead entities who compose what he calls his "Inner Circle." As noted on Page 4, Probert's wife Irene seemed to have had an uncanny knowledge of which member of the "Circle" would be heard from; for just before the seance began, she said, "Now, if the Yada di Shi'ite comes through, he will speak first in his native language and then in English." (The Yada is an Asian ruler who died 500,000 years ago.) Sure enough, the Yada did come through, and he spoke first for a few minutes in some unintelligible gibberish which passes as his native language, and then in something resembling English. The translation was disappointing, because it contained no really interesting information, and mainly because the Yada has such a terrible accent that it is difficult to understand him at all. Certainly if he has had 500,000 years of astral living in which to learn English, he might have done a little better job, though perhaps we are being too critical. Actually, the Yada is lucky to be speaking in any language, even badly, after having been dead such a long time.

For some people the high point of the Convention occurred on Saturday night, when there was a real honest-to-goodness sighting made from the Giant Rock area. Of course, it wasn't actually a saucer sighting, except to a few diehards who believe that everything they see in the sky has to be a spaceship. Even Van Tassel wisely told the crowd that what they had seen was not a saucer. The object, which was visible for several minutes, appeared to be a balloon with red flares attached - and that's exactly what it was. Investigation revealed that a group of hoaxers had sent up a government surplus balloon with flares attached, in order to jazz up the Convention and give the Fans something to talk about. These are the same hoaxers who followed George Williamson around Southern California a year or two ago, creating "sightings" at several of his lectures. But a fake sighting is better than none at all, and even the serious

researchers were running around in controlled excitement, watching the balloon through binoculars until it finally disappeared.- Earlier Van Tassel had predicted that a real saucer might actually land at Giant Rock at noon on Sunday. He claims to believe in some sort of cyclical theory of saucer activity, and exactly one year earlier, at the 1959 Convention, one person in the crowd had seen and photographed a UFO (although apparently no one else saw it but him.) Needless to say, there was no landing at noon on Sunday, even though your Editor was fervently wishing there might be. But the only excitement at noon was a group of jets flying over Giant Rock at high altitude from a nearby jet base - thus giving the diehards the excuse to say that the airplanes frightened the saucer away.

In our opinion, the Convention guests consisted mainly of harmless crackpots, hoaxers, faddists, and True Believers, with a sprinkling of serious saucer researchers and interested skeptics. For this reason we have never gone along with the "purists" who insist that such gatherings should not be held. The worst that can be said about the Giant Rock Conventions is that they are good clean fun, and a good time is usually had by all.

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PHOTOS ON THIS PAGE: Top: Margaret Foos giving her "amazing" demonstration of "sixth sense ability." Middle: A scene showing the bookstands belonging to Daniel Fry's "Understanding" and to Orfeo Angelucci. These and several other stands did a brisk business during the Convention. Bottom: A San Diego artist and his wife pose for our camera, together with their pink poodle and modern paintings. (Your Editor bought the painting shown at the lower right.)

On the other hand there are always a few people who take advantage of the gullibility of their fellow man in order to perpetrate vicious hoaxes for their own profit. Into this category falls Dr. Bill Foos of the "True Sight Institute," 3050 West 7th St., Los Angeles. (See photos on Pages 4 and 8.) Under the guise that he is running some sort of religious organization, Dr. Foos goes to the extreme cruelty of giving false hope to the blind. To these blind people and others, he apparently promises sight through the "sixth sense" or "third eye," which he claims he can teach them to develop. The public demonstrations which he and his daughter Margaret have made at Giant Rock and elsewhere have hoodwinked many people; but a serious researcher who tried on Margaret's blindfold, told us that he was able to see through the bottom of it. This may account for the fact that the girl holds things down toward her waist when reading by means of her "amazing sixth sense ability." Dr. Foos was quite rude to your Editor and to all others who tried to interview him, and he refused to allow himself to be pinned down on anything - apparently fearing that some secret agent of the American Medical Association might be in the crowd.

But it would have taken something even worse than Dr. Foos to spoil the wonderful Convention atmosphere for us, and your Editor hopes to be there again next year, if circumstances permit.

#### BOOK REVIEW

FLYING SAUCERS: TOP SECRET - by Major Donald E. Keyhoe (Published by Putnam)  
- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

Keyhoe's latest saucer book - his first in four years - is written in the same vein as his three earlier ones, and is therefore subject to many of the same criticisms. Whereas the style is breezy and very readable, one wonders whether strict factual accuracy has been sacrificed in the author's justifiable attempt to make the book exciting. In addition, this time Keyhoe has used an unusual amount of "padding," including long sections devoted to speculation about saucers' origin and purpose. These sections are in the form of reconstructed conversations between Keyhoe and co-workers, and serve as a framework for the sighting reports that the author wishes to reveal to his readers.

To find out exactly how accurate Keyhoe's data is would require a great deal more time and patience than we at SAUCER NEWS could possibly give to the task. Many of the sightings given in "Top Secret" are quite interesting, but few are any more conclusive than are the hundreds upon hundreds of similar reports that saucer researchers have been reading about since the mystery began in 1947. Perhaps Keyhoe's best case is the one to which he devotes his first chapter. This is a sighting from 1956, in which a Navy transport plane was "buzzed" at close range by a saucer, while flying over the Atlantic Ocean. The pilot and other Naval personnel aboard the plane obtained a very detailed view of the UFO, and the sighting was confirmed on radar. Yet Keyhoe spoils the report by presenting it in the form of reconstructed conversation between the pilot and his crew. Also, all names given have admittedly been changed to protect the identity of the airmen involved.

Many of Keyhoe's best cases can be confirmed only by reference to NICAP's confidential files. These and many other reports written up in "Top Secret" give admittedly fictitious names for the saucer sighters. We are not accusing Major Keyhoe of making sightings up out of his own head; but in view of his perhaps unintentional inaccuracies in the past, we would feel more convinced of the value of his data if more of it could be confirmed.

Keyhoe hits a low point in Chapter Four, in which he describes a group of hoax saucer reports that came via the A. P. wire service to a West Coast T. V. station. They were then passed on to the Major by a NICAP member who apparently acted in good faith. The peculiar part of this account is the way in which Keyhoe decides that these reports were planted on the news wires just to embarrass his particular organization - whereas there are dozens of other possible explanations for the hoax. Says Keyhoe, (Page 68): "Whoever planned it must have known we were near our deadline (for the "UFO Investigator, NICAP's unscheduled saucer bulletin.) If we had plenty of time, we'd certainly find out it was a trick. But this way, we might fall for it...." Munsick nodded thoughtfully. "It does look as if someone tried to wreck NICAP. I wonder who?" (True Keyhoe fans know who, without having to be told.)

Then, further along in the book, a NICAP informant called "Brennard" phones in with a startling discovery: The Air Force's latest figures on percentages of cases solved must be fake, because a friend of his has figured out that the Air Force is claiming to have solved all but 17  $\frac{3}{25}$  sightings. Much laughter is enjoyed because of the fractional sighting. But let's look at the mathematical facts as given by Keyhoe himself: The Air Force claims to have failed to solve 2.2 percent of 778 cases. According to our figuring, this comes out to 17.116 sightings, which is 17  $\frac{116}{1000}$ , or 17  $\frac{29}{250}$  - which is not too far from the 17  $\frac{3}{25}$  figure reached by Keyhoe's informant. But the Air Force could not hope to avoid fractional remainders unless they worked out their figures to several decimal points instead of only one - and this is something that no one except perhaps Keyhoe and "Brennard" would be picayune enough to require of them. Obviously the Air Force meant that they solved all but 17 cases out of the 778. This comes to 2.185 percent, which is much closer to 2.2% than to 2.1% or 2.3%. Thus the Government figures are not ridiculous or self-contradictory after all, and Keyhoe has merely shown the extremes to which he will go to find fault!

Major Keyhoe goes on to talk about various aspects of his running feud with the Silence Group, and in particular his unsuccessful battle to have a congressional committee investigate flying saucers. He goes into considerable detail concerning his well-known appearance on the Armstrong Circle Theatre T. V. program, in which he admits having deliberately departed from the agreed-upon script, and was therefore cut off the air. He tells about his troubles with a contactee named "A-----" (could it possibly be George Adamski??), who was granted a NICAP membership card by a pro-contactee subordinate in the NICAP office, without Keyhoe's knowledge or consent. (Keyhoe thereupon "sacked" the offending subordinate.) All in all, "Top Secret" reveals much about NICAP's aims and operations, and even gives the NICAP address a couple of times (three to be exact), in case any readers would like to write in and join. The book is not all bad by any means, and it does contain some worthwhile new information - though there are distinct rumors that the author has withheld more than he has revealed regarding the saucer data that has reached him in the past few years.

Keyhoe's strongest points are in Chapters Twelve and Thirteen, in regard to the so-called Ryan Case. Here at last the NICAP director may have gotten his hands on some authentic evidence of Government censorship, if we can believe the facts as he gives them. The case hinges on whether Captain Raymond Ryan did or didn't take a scheduled American Airlines flight off course to chase a flying saucer, on orders from the Air Force. Upon landing his plane, Ryan gave a newspaper interview stating that he went far off course, following radio orders from a nearby Air Force base. Later Ryan was allegedly "silenced," and stated that, whereas he did make a sighting, he did not go off course. An investigation by the Civil Aeronautics Board concluded

that Ryan's log time was standard, and thus he could not have left his course. Eventually Keyhoe learned that Ryan had been interviewed on a small local T.V. station before being "silenced," and at that time he had told the same story as he did in the newspaper interview. So the question remains: Were Ryan's original remarks "over-enthusiastic," or did the airline, Ryan, the C.A.B., and the Air Force all co-operate to cover up a sensational case? Keyhoe, of course, believes the latter. We, on the other hand, simply do not know.

There is no doubt that the Air Force has been confused and contradictory in their saucer policy, and there is scarcely any doubt that they do not reveal all their information to the public (though possibly there is some very good reason for this, as Keyhoe himself hints darkly in his last chapter and elsewhere.) On the other hand, I personally have no quarrel with the latest statement made to me by Major Lawrence Tacker, the current Pentagon spokesman on the UFO subject. "It's not that we are saying saucers might not be interplanetary," said Tacker. "It's just that we have no proof."

As for Keyhoe, perhaps we are being too hard on him, as a few of our readers have suggested. Apparently he is doing his best under difficult conditions. But if he would confine himself to strictly factual reporting, free from diatribes, speculation, and shaky conclusions, he would be more worthy of the respect due a man who has long ago become the acknowledged leader of the UFO field.

#### PREDICTIONS OF THINGS TO COME

- by Richard Ogden -

(Editor's Note: We do not usually publish articles such as the one you are about to read. The author is a rather notorious saucer researcher who during the past two years has sent us a great amount of sensational and conflicting material. He has also made several attempts to discredit your Editor's standing as an independent civilian researcher. Therefore, this article is printed in the hope that it will eventually either prove that Mr. Ogden is a prophet of some sort, or that his contribution to the UFO field is worthless. Incidentally, our own prediction (without any help from interplanetary sources) is that Stevenson will win the 1960 presidential election, by 1,860,000 votes.)

James W. Moseley has had for some time a standing offer of \$1,000 reward to anyone who can prove that we have visitors from outer space. I sincerely wish to claim this reward with the needed proof. My proof consists of predictions of things to come, given me through my mental communications with a scientist from the planet Neptune on December 25th, 1956. If these predictions come true, you will know that the space people do exist. Up until now I have chosen to keep secret my contacts with the people of Neptune, since most people would refuse to believe possible mental communications with other planets. However, I have been instructed to release this information now for those willing to listen.

So now let's take a look into the future:

(1) In the 1960 presidential election, it will be Stevenson vs. Nixon. Nixon will win.

(2) The president elected in 1960 will die in office during his first term because the White House has sold out to the money interests in this country.

(3) Business activity will reach a peak in 1961.

(4) A stock market crash will occur in October, 1961, and it will mark the beginning of a big depression and the end of the capitalistic economy. The money economy has corrupted people, including the Government, which

is controlled by Big Business and the money interests which control Big Business.

(5) 1961 will mark the beginning of the end of American Capitalism, with the greatest depression in our history. The trend will be toward Socialism, or giving the Government back to the people.

(6) We will be on the rocks in 1964, and the Republicans will lose the election to the Democrats. The Great Depression will create much hatred between people. We will once again see the rise of Fascism during this period. The purpose of the right-wing movement will be to fight the left-wing movement of Socialism and Communism. Democracy will die during this period, and people will turn either to Fascism or Communism in their fight against hunger and depression. Tens of millions will be unemployed and martial law will be declared. The Democratic Party will become the party of Socialism or a middle-of-the-road approach between Fascism and Communism. Although the trend of American political parties will be toward Socialism or giving the Government back to the people by breaking the influence of Big Business and the money interests, the anti-Business attitude of the Government will only further the depression. Socialism will not cure the sickness of the Capitalistic economy but will make matters worse. This is why the next depression will cause a total collapse, in that there will be no cure other than war.

(7) Hatred caused by the depression will intensify the power struggle between the U. S. and Russia. The trend toward Socialism will end in the U.S. as Socialistic reforms fail to cause a recovery of the economy. Government-controlled industry, brought about by the Socialist reforms, will go back into the hands of Big Business to the extent of establishing a totalitarian dictatorship between Big Business and the Government, resulting in a Fascist government for the U. S. (Industry today is somewhat controlled by the Government but in this period it will be controlled to an even greater extent, somewhat similar to conditions existing during World War II, with complete regulation of wages and prices.) It will be in this period that Democracy will die and give way to dictatorship as a means of licking the depression. - 1966 will be the year in which Fascism takes over the U. S. Government.

(8) In 1966 the world will be divided into two camps, Communism and Fascism.

(9) By 1966 we will have atomic powered rockets capable of allowing man to travel to Venus and Mars. Both the U.S. and Russia will have these space ships, but only a few of them.

(10) The year 1966 will mark the beginning of World War III. War will start over an attempt on the part of West Germany to unify with East Germany. Fascist elements will be in control of West Germany and their battle cry will be to unite with East Germany by force. The U.S. will be powerless to do anything to stop the invasion of East Germany by West Germany. When West Germany attacks, Russia will move in to save East Germany. This will then bring the U.S. in to save West Germany, resulting in war between Russia and the U.S.

(11) Just before this war starts, space ships will appear in the skies in large numbers. Certain people will be chosen to be saved. These people will be those devoted to religion and belief in the coming of angels from Heaven (Space People.)

(12) World War III will end civilization, causing great earthquakes, resulting in entire continents submerging below the ocean and cleansing them of their sin.

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RECENT NEWS STORIES

**DETAILED SIGHTING BY NEW YORK COUPLE:** At about 9 p. m. on June 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Casey of Port Jervis, New York, spotted a huge conical shaped UFO which they estimated to be the size of a house. They watched it maneuver in the southern sky for about five minutes before it finally disappeared. The object was first seen as the couple were driving out of their driveway. They described the UFO as resembling a child's top, and said that it was spinning. It was gray or black in color, and there was a flashing blue-green light glowing from the pointed bottom. It made no noise. About one quarter of the way down the side of the object, a band of red light encircled it. Mr. Casey said this band appeared incandescent and that it did not seem to be spinning with the rest of the object. When first sighted, the UFO was crossing the sky at high altitude. It passed the face of the moon at tremendous speed, and then shot straight down to a point near the ground. It then circled for several seconds, as if observing something on the ground, and finally headed in the general direction of the Casey home. Mr. Casey and his wife became frightened at this point. However, the UFO changed course, went straight up at a rapid rate, and flew out of sight. The couple mentioned that even their dog, which was with them in the car, noticed the object. When the thing came toward them, the dog's ears went up and he watched it closely.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** In our June issue (Page 18) we mentioned that the notorious Otis T. Carr, inventor of the OTC-X1, has moved his center of operations from Oklahoma to California. (We erroneously gave the name of the California town as Desert Valley, rather than Apple Valley.) In our article, we stated that people have short memories, and that Mr. Carr seemed to have left his unsavory reputation behind him. Whether or not it was a result of our article, Mr. Carr's 1959 conviction on stock fraud has now caught up with him. The May 19th issue of the Apple Valley News contains a headline story giving details about the would-be saucer builder's questionable past, and it now seems that his future in the little California town is not as bright as it once was.....Incidentally, Carr has appealed his Oklahoma City conviction and \$5,000 fine on the grounds that he is practically destitute and unable to pay the fine. Carr told the Court of Criminal Appeals that the statute under which he was convicted makes no provision for imprisonment for failure to pay, and that therefore the verdict is "impossible of execution".....According to our latest information, George Hunt Williamson is now in England, where he will take part in archaeological excavations near Glastonbury Abbey. This is the place where, according to mythology, the Golden Chalice is buried....

On the morning of June 30th, your Editor appeared once more on the Long John radio show, this time with saucer researchers Dominic Lucchesi, John Robinson, and two others. In the course of the five hour discussion, Mr. Lucchesi admitted that the information he supplied for our so-called "radiation theory" article in the June-July 1956 issue of SAUCER NEWS, was based on his own theories and not on fact. Lucchesi also revealed publicly for the first time that he used trickery in a long series of E.S.P. experiments he performed at his home about two years ago. These experiments were witnessed by your Editor and several others, and seemed quite impressive at the time. It later developed that Mr. Lucchesi had aided his extra-sensory faculties by the use of a marked deck. Thus it becomes apparent that Lucchesi had best be remembered as a hoaxter rather than the serious researcher he once pretended to be..... Saucer conventions were held this summer at Harmony Grove, California, on July 2nd through July 4th, and in Los Angeles on August 13th and 14th. The latter was sponsored by Gabriel Greene.

EX-PILOT SHOOTS LOCH NESS MONSTER WITH MOVIE CAMERA: Our old

friend the Loch Ness monster has finally been captured - on film at least - through the patient efforts of a 36-year-old British ex-pilot named Tim Dinsdale. For three days and nights, Dinsdale kept a solitary vigil on the shore of the famous Scotch lake, where over the years scores of people have reported seeing the creature. The film runs for 15 feet, and shows the monster moving about and diving, at a distance of a little less than one mile from the camera. According to Dinsdale, the monster is reddish-brown, with a pronounced ridge running down its middle. The visible part of the animal was about 15 feet long, and an estimated 20 to 30 feet more of it was submerged under the water. Dinsdale believes that there are several such animals in Loch Ness, and that they are some sort of prehistoric amphibian of the dinosaur family which has continued to breed in the land-locked lake for millions of years.

NEWS BRIEFS: A strange burning object landed on a rooftop in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, last May 24th. Whatever the thing was, it was burning with an intense heat, and the owner of the house on which it landed was unable to extinguish it. By the time firemen put the blaze out, there was little left of the UFO to investigate. It is thought to have been about 15 inches in diameter, but no one knows what gas floated it or what caused the fire. A similar incident occurred in Winston-Salem several months previously. Said Fire Chief W. N. Dixon, "We're going to find the answer to this if there's any way to do it."....On May 4th several residents of Bluefield, Virginia, reported seeing a UFO which came down from the sky and disintegrated just before it hit the ground. According to one version, the thing almost reached the ground, and then headed straight up again and disappeared. The local airport and police were alerted, and it was ascertained that no planes were missing over the area; so the sighting remains a mystery...Joseph Perry, the Grand Blanc, Michigan restaurant owner who claims to have photographed a UFO (See June issue, Page 16), has had his picture returned to him by the Air Force, but he still is not satisfied. He says that the picture has been tampered with, and that the alleged UFO therein has faded out. According to the Air Force, Mr. Perry's "saucer" was the result of faulty photo development and nothing more....

On May 22nd a triangular object was sighted by astronomers at an observatory at Palma, on the Spanish island of Majorca. The object spun on its own axis without deviating from its path, and appeared about the size of a quarter moon. It was seen for two minutes. The observatory said it could not have been a Soviet satellite, since it was traveling east-southeast to west-northwest. Its velocity, altitude and lack of noise or tail ruled out its being a jet aircraft or balloon...Fragments of an alleged meteor which exploded near Huntington, Indiana, on April 21st, are under study by the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. A Huntington woman was sitting on her back steps that evening when a fiery object about the size of a basketball zoomed overhead at treetop level and burst into pieces. The thing glowed bright red and had a tail of flames. It made no noise when it disintegrated. The Adler Planetarium scientists stated that an exploding meteor is "extremely rare".....A Russian scientific team has ended a long expedition into the Himalayas, in search of the Abominable Snowman. Although the team explored a great deal of almost unknown territory, and used many clever modern methods of tricking the Snowman into showing himself, the expedition ended in failure, and the Russians are now convinced that there is no such animal.

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that they fly over it every day. This sounds good on their advertising brochure, but a glance at their flight plan shows they never come closer than 2,300 miles. I guess the T. V. ads about Ice Blue Secret, Beer, Cigarettes, Post Toasties, and Maidenform Bras have set a sort of loose standard for the truth. The trouble is, even flying saucer publicity suffers from the growing tendency, on the part of all people, to use the truth loosely....

What I know as facts regarding saucers has led me to distrust almost everybody who has a statement to make concerning them. So far, nobody has come even close to the facts. I doubt if they ever will. Certainly, if anybody does, he will keep it to himself....

The organic gardening people have a point! That stuff sure makes things grow!

RAY PALMER (Editor of "Flying Saucers")  
Amherst, Wisconsin

Justin Case is the only one of your writers whose articles are consistently good every time. It is too bad they don't draw more attention from your readers.... SAM RESLEN, Brooklyn, N.Y.

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SIX THOUSAND SAUCER CLIPPINGS STILL FOR SALE: As we have mentioned before, your Editor wishes to sell a collection of well over 6,000 saucer clippings, covering the years 1954 to 1960. This collection is contained in forty scrapbooks. - We would like to sell the entire set to one person, the terms being that the payment must be made in cash. During the past few months we have had numerous inquiries about this offer, but mainly from people who want us to break up the set or who do not want to pay in cash. - If you are interested in this offer, please write us now!



GENE DUPLANTIER

"Mother, you'd never guess who proposed to me"

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2. Entries should be 2,500 words or less. They must be typed double-spaced on standard-sized typewriter paper, leaving a wide margin at the left for corrections.

3. Anyone is eligible to enter, except members of the SAUCER NEWS Staff and regular contributors such as Justin Case and Dr. Leon Davidson, who, though not members of the Staff, are closely associated with it.

4. Articles must have as their theme some phase of flying saucer research or a related topic. Entries will be judged in regard to the following criteria: (A) Factual content; (B) Reader interest; (C) Excellence of style.

5. The articles will be judged by the SAUCER NEWS Staff, consisting of James W. Moseley, Y. N. ibn A'haron, John Marana, Theodore Hunt, Fred Broman, Steve Levendakes, and Richard Cohen. The decision of the judges will be final.

6. The winners will be notified by mail, and the first prize article will be published in either the March or June 1961 issue of SAUCER NEWS.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Letters Concerning the September Issue

It looks like Gray Barker pulled another publicity stunt at the Giant Rock Convention, with that "psychic blood" trick. I think I know how he pulled that one off and where he got the blood....

It is most peculiar about these confessions on the Long John Show from Howard Menger and now Mr. Lucchesi. What psychological reasons compel a man to confess his sins in public? It is rather odd that you now admit Mr. Lucchesi was the source of your information for the "radiation theory" article in the June-July 1956 SAUCER NEWS. You were not kind enough at the time to acknowledge your source, and presented the material as your own, giving no credit to Mr. Lucchesi. Now comes time to discredit Mr. Lucchesi. This is the sort of thing Mr. Palmer does. He first presented his polar theory without giving credit to Giannini, his source, and once Giannini was disproven, Palmer then acknowledged his source and pointed the guilty finger the other way.....You labeled your article "The Solution to the Flying Saucer Mystery," and now you admit it consisted only of the theories of Mr. Lucchesi rather than actual facts. Thus it must now be admitted that James W. Moseley doesn't really know the solution to the saucer mystery as implied and stated in that article. This is something I have long suspected. Thanks a lot for publishing Mr. Lucchesi's confession. You thought you would only be discrediting his reputation and forgot that at the same time you are also discrediting yourself....

RICHARD OGDEN

Seattle, Washington

(Editor's Note: Mr. Ogden also wrote us, just before the Democratic National Convention, saying that his beautiful lady scientist from the planet Neptune had changed her mind regarding the first of the 12 predictions in Ogden's article. Just in time, she corrected herself and stated that Kennedy rather than Stevenson would win the Democratic nomination for president. She also promised that there would be no further corrections regarding the other 11 predictions.)

What have you heard concerning the unexplained Holdcroft air crash mystery? Do you know the outcome of the various investigations connected therewith? How can an airliner pancake perfectly through 50 to 75-foot-tall trees, with not a tree touched ten feet in front or back of it?.....Why don't you expound on these and other noteworthy items?

I wonder who you really are. I have a theory that I cannot prove. Anyone as skeptical about the origin of UFO's as you are, would not exhibit the keen interest in the subject that you show. This and other reasons have led me to believe that you came from "somewhere" to dispel certain beliefs of people who are close to the truth.....I don't really expect a reply from this letter.

AUDLEY H. WOODALL, Norfolk, Virginia

SAUCER NEWS is highly fascinating though somewhat controversial in its outlook, and it is my belief that it should be read by unbiased UFO researchers who are not afraid to have some of their pet ideas challenged. The U.S.A. is not the only country plagued with saucer hoaxsters and spiritualistic hypocrites. We have a good share of them here, and have come to the conclusion that their motives are nothing but mere exploitation. We need a magazine like SAUCER NEWS to expose such people in a fair and just way....

SUSANNE STEBBING (Secretary, London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organization)

London, England

Thanks for your September issue. It should be preserved in some sort of New Age preservative, as it will be for posterity an item of Americana. You reported about the crackpotish cynical saucerers at Giant Rock in a way which amused me greatly.

If I had not learned that the True Sight people had lowered themselves to attend such a free-for-all, I would have believed that they have something; in fact, I still do, for I have read about them for years....

MARY J. HYDE  
Alexandria, Virginia

I received the September SAUCER NEWS today, and on the cover was a news item about the Giant Rock Convention. A Miss Daryle Nieman of Hollywood, California, mentioned that she once saw a space animal, a rabbit-cat called Mika. I also read in today's Sentinel about one such animal in Sanford, a town which is only about twenty miles from here. I am sending you the clipping, and thought you might be interested. Surely I don't believe in such a thing as a "space animal," but I thought it quite a co-incidence to read about it on the same day that I saw the article in SAUCER NEWS....

I enjoy reading your magazine very much, and always pass it on to my eighty-year-old mother, who is quite interested in saucers, and in all other news, political and otherwise.

MRS. MILLIE E. POPPE  
Orlando, Florida

(Editor's Note: See Page 15, line 4, for the story of the Florida "space animal.")

I would like to introduce myself as the proud mother of Daryle Nieman....I wish to express my appreciation for the lovely article and picture you printed of my daughter in your September issue. She looks a little rumpled and dusty to pass for what the well-dressed model calls good grooming, but to be linked with this "Truth" publicity makes the picture secondary.

Although I can't imagine what it is like to sit on the fence, neither rejecting nor whole-heartedly accepting the "Truth" about saucers, I really must admit that I enjoy your light-hearted approach to the subject. A person is not able to ascertain whether or not...you are "a little bit hopeful" of being convinced that you can receive help outside the confines of this minute planet Earth. I really wish I could have the pleasure of an honest-to-goodness airing of our views and real "proofs" as to the pro and con of this "Truth." Somehow I feel it would be a really enjoyable discussion even if you couldn't accept what we know to be true. Your remarkable sense of humor would make it worthwhile, I'm sure!

You, like so many people of high intellect, remind me of a child that can only believe in the reality of a piece of candy if he can eat it!.... There is a parallel here concerning our trying to live our lives with only the limited knowledge of this world, in contrast to that enormous help offered us from those on more developed planets....You might appear to treat this subject a little too lightly to suit many of us, but I must say that in your own way, you are doing much to further the Cause. In a way, you are the link between the Believers and the Unbelievers. While people may read your slightly ridiculing remarks on the experiences of the very fortunate and all too few "contactees" and laugh with you, they are nevertheless hearing the truth. Thus you are offering the public a sugar-coated pill, if you care to compare wonderful help to a pill! The only way they resemble each other is the fact that they are both necessary for our welfare....

MRS. ELNOR NIEMAN, Hollywood, Calif.

I liked your reporting and pictures of the Giant Rock Convention very much....but there was one item in your story that I take exception to, and which prompts me to write you this letter. I refer to your reporting of the Yada di Shi'ite lecture through the mediumship of Mark Probert, which was written in your customary style of skepticism and tongue-in-cheek attitude.

Those of us who have followed the fortunes of Mark and Irene Probert and their Inner Circle can testify to the high quality of the communications from members of the Inner Circle - among them such topics as Creation, Archetype of Plurality, the Importance of Emotional Control, the Science of Teaching, and many others, all showing a high degree of intelligence and knowledge of world problems ancient and modern.

There was a meeting in Los Angeles with about 300 in attendance, including several professors from Cal Tech, who bombarded the Yada with many questions concerning science, etc. They were amazed at the relevancy and knowledge of the subject revealed in his answers. A new book, a deluxe edition of the Magic Bag with lectures and portraits of members of the Inner Circle will be off the press this year; so I ask you in the event that you attend next year's Convention or have the opportunity to listen to the Yada again, listen a little more attentively, and if possible be a little more cheritable in your comments....

JOHN A. MORRILL  
Gonzales, California

Thank you for your fearless reporting of the analysis of the blood spots appearing at the Van Tassel Convention....It is never easy to tell the truth, especially if it is to be told in plainer language than others might choose....

LAURA MUNDO (MARKER)  
Co-Founder, The Planetary Center  
Dearborn, Michigan

(Editor's Note: The above letter refers to our Confidential Newsletter #11, issued in conjunction with the September issue of SAUCER NEWS, and available only to those on our special Newsletter mailing list.)

I haven't gotten around to buying Keyhoe's latest book, but I'm sure the explanation of his touchiness is not any real form of paranoia, but rather acute frustration due to the military run-around he has been getting for so many years....

FRANK REID  
Chicago, Illinois

Your review of the new Keyhoe book was very good. I have read it and I agree with you that he has not brought out any new facts of any real importance. It seems that one reaches the point of diminishing returns in writing several books on the same subject, as he has done. In a mystery as frustrating as flying saucers, even a good writer like Major Keyhoe must find it necessary eventually to "gild the lilly" in order to keep public interest from passing on to other subjects....

Of course, you must admit that SAUCER NEWS is guilty of the same sort of thing, and your September issue is a good example of this. Why your sudden interest in the goings-on at the Giant Rock Convention? In previous years you barely mentioned the Convention, and now you devote several pages to it, perhaps in the hope of regaining the readership of the "lunatic fringe" saucerers who go in for such things....Even so, SAUCER NEWS continues to be the most interesting and best written of the saucer magazines still being published, and I shall go on subscribing till "the last cup and saucer."

FRED S. BURBANK  
New York, N.Y.

A NOTE ON THE EVOLUTION OF EXTRATERRESTRIALISM

- by Y. N. ibn A'haron, B.D., S.T.M. -

Last February 9th, a Soviet scientist, one Comrade M. A. Agrest, Master of Mathematical Sciences, received world-wide attention for his suggestion that "Sodom and Gomorrah might have been destroyed by a nuclear explosion set off by invaders from Outer Space." The article, under the by-line of staff writers Valentin and Cherenko, appeared in Moscow's famed Literary Gazette. An English translation was published in the May issue of England's Flying Saucer Review.

A close reading of the full text gives a far different picture of Kandidat Agrest's theories than is to be had from the various wire service stories. These stories excited a great furor among those who rule our world in the name of science, much as the God of Israel ruled his world in the name of Holiness. A few of these modern gods went so far as to say that Agrest was spoofing his public. Others circulated rumors to the effect that the article was contrary to official Soviet policy, and had been suppressed within hours after it went on sale in the Russian capital.

It will be our purpose here to explore these charges, and to evaluate the objective worth of Agrest's suggestions, both as they represent scientific thought in the Soviet Union today, and as they deal with the material which we have presented in SAUCER NEWS for the past four years.

To those who claim that Agrest was spoofing his public or running counter to official Soviet policy, I would like to note that his purpose in making the pronouncement is cogently explained in the next to last paragraph of the English translation: "The search for traces of a possible visit to our planet by envoys from other worlds is worthwhile. It is worthwhile not simply out of curiosity, and not merely because it would constitute yet a further blow struck against the religious interpretation of ancient documents. If traces left by the space travelers are in fact found, it will be visible confirmation of the old idea of the plurality of inhabited worlds, and will uphold the correctness of our conviction that neither time nor distance will prevent us from reaching the stars."

Is this against Soviet policy, and are the Russians joking when they attack religion and plan their travels among the stars? Here is still another instance in which American "experts" depended on the wire services for full and complete news coverage - and were disappointed in this expectation.

As for censorship, the Literary Gazette is never available for more than a few hours after it hits the streets, and it is possible that the particular issue containing the Valentin-Cherenko article sold out all the sooner on that account. I know for a fact, however, that this issue was on sale here in New York within five days of its appearance in Moscow. Had the hand of the censor fallen upon it, this could hardly have been the case.

Agrest's statements created a sensation not because of the man's scientific background, but because he claimed to have adduced new evidence bearing on the question. An examination of the full text of his article shows that this claim was unfounded. The worthy Kandidat has merely reiterated the usual arguments for extraterrestrial visitation as they have appeared in science-fiction magazines from time immemorial, and in the writings of H.P. Blavatsky. These arguments are about Baalbek, the Tektites, Sacsuhuanan, and the habits of the ancient priests. Agrest's emphasis on the Israelite priests as men of science, and his hypothesis about Sodom and Gomorrah, were borrowed directly from recent articles appearing under my name.

In the December 1958 issue of SAUCER NEWS, I spoke of "the nuclear destruction of the cities of Ssi-doma and Gam-orah." In another place, I

pointed out that in Hebrew, Lot's wife was turned into melakh, and that melakh might refer to a radioactive or chemical salt, not necessarily to table salt, as is often assumed. Even more to the point, however, is the article I published in the November 1959 edition of "Fantastic Universe Science Fiction," a publication which was received by many Soviet libraries through their New York subscription agencies. I called the article "The Sinister Flame," and in the course of it, I discussed in greater detail the immolation by fire of the sons of Aaron, while offering up sacrifices in the Sanctuary, and the episodes attendant on Y'hova's visits to Mt. Sinai. For example, I said: "The potential dangers of the situation, and the perilous toxicity of the Holy Fire are most explicitly outlined in the twentieth chapter of Exodus. The entire affair is somewhat reminiscent of a launching at one of the rocket testing sites.....A careful reading of this passage bears an interesting resemblance in its 'sanctifying' provisions to the precautionary measures and instructions distributed by the Office of the Director of Civil Defense Mobilization to meet the contingency of an atomic attack."

It seems to me that the lapse of time between the appearance of my article and the issuance of the Agrest statement is just about what modern trans-Atlantic postal service and Soviet editorial practice would necessitate - just about three months. I have pointed this out in a letter to Kandidat Agrest, but I have received no answer, and I do not expect one. Let me tell you why:

It's a long story and perhaps you won't want to read it all the way through, but it may be worth your while. What I am about to tell you, I have never told even to friends in private conversation. If it looks like conjecture, that will make me all the happier, because it will relieve me of the burden of absolute knowledge, and the responsibility of telling the authorities how I came to know of these things.

An American Semitic scholar, when scratched, will tell you of his secret admiration for the Russians. There is one journal, especially, that they seem to like very much. It is published at Tiflis in the Georgian SSR. As one might expect, the articles are in Georgian, the language of that Republic, which is a Japhetic dialect, related to no other Western tongue. At the end of each issue of this journal, there is a short resume of the article, in French. On the basis of this resume, the Western world claims to know what the author was talking about, how well he made his point, and how exhaustively he researched the question.

Inasmuch as Georgian has its own alphabet, I don't see how anyone could make much from the footnotes or the



"Edgar, must you stare at every woman who passes by?"

bibliography, except to see that they have a library in Tiflis, in which the books circulate with greater efficiency than seems to be the case in this country.

The United States has only two Oriental museums of real importance, one at Chicago and the other at Philadelphia. The one at Chicago is bed-ridden with Orthodox clergymen who refuse to allow ungodly men access to important collections, while the one at Philadelphia is a lot of show. It claims a monopoly of Sumerian relics, in the person of Samuel Noah Kramer, who claims to know what the ancients meant when they spoke of the Underworld. His translation of the epic of Enlil is, nevertheless, one of the most important documents in all the literature of extraterrestrialism. It appears in the Transactions of the American Philosophical Society for 1943. This book is strangely missing from most libraries, even those which have otherwise complete files of the Society's publications, dating from the time of Ben Franklin.

Two years ago, Dr. Kramer went to Russia to work over the Leningrad Museum. He later wrote a letter to the New York Times, saying how much he had enjoyed his trip. In Russia, over 70,000 tablets are available to anyone who can read Sumerian. In this country, the few crackpots who devote their time to this sort of thing, must depend on Dr. Kramer's highly questionable transcriptions. Kramer thinks that Sumerian is one of the earliest forms of writing used by man. He does not, therefore, admit that the strange characters which he renders as dots in the Yale Oriental editions, are, in reality, abbreviations and technical words, both of which are the unmistakable signs of a highly evolved system of writing.

Needless to say, the Soviet Union has a lot more Oriental research than the United States. One good reason for this is that, of the fifteen Soviet Republics, twelve of them speak a Semitic, Japhetic, or Ural-Altai language. This does not mean that the Russians are orientals, because these 12 republics are not Russian, and they are not heavily populated. The research activities of the USSR are governed by the political needs of the government, in much the same way that those of this country are restricted and directed to conform with religious taboos.

The Soviet Union includes within its borders the single most significant area of archaeological exploration on the face of the Earth - Central Asia. Right now the findings of the Soviet expeditions to this region are a closely kept secret, as far as the West is concerned. The secret is closely kept by our own news services and university presses. For those who can read Russian, there are several excellent journals in the field.

These findings are not significant in themselves, but because they confirm all that the Aramaic books had to say about Central Asia. Many Aramaic manuscripts of extreme antiquity have been found in the libraries of Bokhara, Samarkand, and the Trans-caucasus. Jewish communities which still use Aramaic as their primary language have been found in these mountains. Since World War II, extensive philological exploration of South Russia has yielded an unexcelled reservoir of historical literature. An astute scholar would soon recognize that the startling assertions of the Aramaic historians were quite as reliable as the astronomical computations of the Maji, and as real as the Hittite Empire, about which they yielded so much information to European scholars of the 15th Century, when Troy was still a dream.

Agrest's hypothesis is a strong indication that there was such an academican, and that this man, whoever he was, convinced the Soviet government to give him the men and materials he needed for the project. Perhaps Agrest was a member of his staff. Using the Aramaic chronicles as their guide-book, they went to Central Asia, and uncovered incontrovertable evidence of Those Who from Another World Came.

This knowledge is highly relevant to the Soviet Union's drive toward space. It would be eccentric to suggest that they are using technical data taken from ancient literature, but the knowledge that others have been "up there" before us is, to say the least, reassuring of the success of our own efforts.

Kandidat Agrest agrees with this writer that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed by a nuclear explosion. A letter of inquiry did not elicit a reply, but perhaps the worthy Kandidat is too busy building his Chaldean saucer to answer his mail.

#### PROOF BY IGNORANCE

- by Justin Case -

Proof by Ignorance, or PBI as I call it, should be of interest to all saucer students, for every book on that subject contains some PBI. The better books contain relatively little, and the poorer books contain much more. In fact, that is how you can tell the quality of a book on flying saucers. Let us cite some examples of PBI:

The Australian aborigine is about the most ignorant human being on our planet. Suppose he saw a jet aircraft streaking through the sky for the first time in his life. He never saw anything like it in his world before, so he believes it must come from some other world. He sees nothing wrong with his explanation, for what else could it be?

Desmond Leslie, co-author of "Flying Saucers Have Landed," says that a violin note can release some mysterious force that can break a wine glass. He claims that flying saucers were common in very ancient days and that they were propelled by some such mysterious force. Also, this same mysterious force must have been used to erect some very heavy ancient stonework. Leslie is ignorant of other possible means whereby a violin note can break a wine glass, or the ancient stonework erected, so he believes it was by means of that mysterious force. He sees nothing wrong with his explanation, for what else could it be?

Leonard Cramp, author of "Space, Gravity, and Flying Saucers" evidently believes that every unidentified object in the sky must be a flying saucer and that every UFO report is true. He notes that the UFO's can accelerate upward very rapidly and can execute sharp turns. He is ignorant of any other possible explanations for UFO's, and of the fact that most UFO reports are very unreliable. So he says that flying saucers neutralize gravity, for how else could they fly that way?

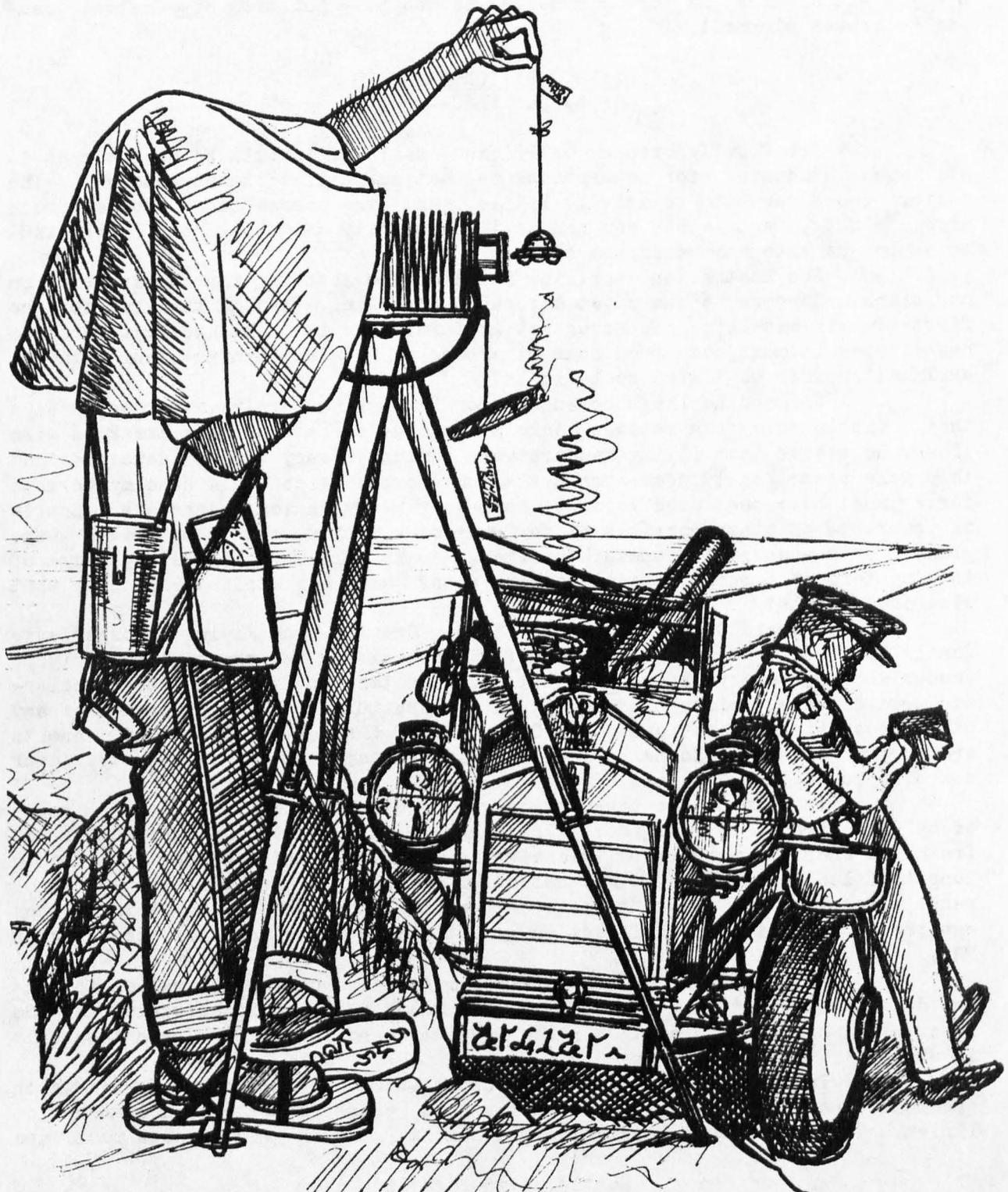
In each of the three cases just given, the conclusions were reached by PBI - Proof by Ignorance. In each case the person is ignorant of the truth, is unable or unwilling to ascertain the facts, and does not hesitate to jump to false conclusions. This method of reasoning places a premium on ignorance, for the more ignorant these people are, the more strange things they can prove to their own satisfaction and to those who cannot see the error of PBI.

We know that jet aircraft are man-made, but the Australian aborigine does not know it, and has no way of finding out even if he wanted to. So he creates his own explanation which is simple and suits him, even though it is wrong.

People with some knowledge of science know that the force which breaks a wine glass by means of a violin note comes from the hand of the violinist. There is nothing mysterious about it. But the violin note must have

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This cartoon was drawn for us several years ago by John Pitt, a leading British saucer researcher who used to be a frequent contributor to SAUCER NEWS. Here we have the artist's conception of George Adamski photographing saucers in the Arizona desert, while his chauffeur-driven limousine waits nearby. Note the hieroglyphics on Adamski's shoes and the Army insignia on the chauffeur's coat. Pitt calls this cartoon "November 19th, 1952 - the day before the landing."



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exactly the same vibration frequency as the wine glass. When this happens the two are in tune or in "resonance." If they are not in resonance, no amount of force by the violinist will break the glass.

An engineer can easily show how the heavy ancient stonework could have been erected with the aid of nothing more mysterious than some tree trunks, vine ropes, lots of manpower, time and patience, and some trial and error. Thor Heyerdahl gives examples of such methods in Chapter 6 of his book "Kon-Tiki."

But Desmond Leslie did not bother to seek out any sensible explanation for the broken wine glass or the erection of ancient stonework. His PBI mysterious force explanation was easier and more exciting. Also it sold more books. Similarly, Cramp didn't bother to investigate or ask someone who knew. He chose the easier and more exciting PBI explanation of neutralization of gravity.

These examples show the fallacy of PBI. It is an easy, pleasant, quick way of becoming a wizard. No hard work, no long and weary years of study, no experimentation, no investigation, and no money are needed. Simply sit back in easy comfort and "reason" things out. Amaze and impress your friends; become the life of the party! You might even start a cult and live off the donations of your followers. It's easy. No matter how loony your logic, you will find a following, at least in southern California, if nowhere else.

One of the foremost exponents of PBI is George Adamski. In 1949 he wrote a book entitled "Pioneers of Space" - by Professor George Adamski, published in Los Angeles. Professor Adamski begins by saying, "The purpose of this book is to clear up logically some of the misconceptions that people have regarding our neighbors in space, using nothing but common sense analysis on the basis of constructive law." Here are three examples of the Professor's "common sense analysis," which you should easily recognize as PBI.

1. We are told that the dark side of the moon is very cold, and the bright side is very hot. Therefore there must be a temperate zone on the moon where the dark side and the bright side meet, which would make it possible for humans to live there.

2. Nothing can be held together in the total absence of moisture. Even metals sweat. So there must be air or moisture of some kind on the moon.

3. Fish exist in the ocean at all pressures, from the surface to the bottom. Space is like the ocean. Planets within it are under different pressures, but human beings and all forms of life can exist on these planets at these different pressures.

We will not weary you with more examples except to say that the Professor has more incorrect statements and conclusions on one page of his book than can be corrected in ten pages.

Then the Professor says, "Upon these facts, known laws and common sense logic we base what you are about to read. While this is at present in the field of fiction, it will not be long before all this will become a reality."

The Professor then describes a voyage to the moon with a navigator named George in charge, and sure enough he finds his temperate zone, and plenty of air and water; and he meets some of the inhabitants, who are remarkably like ourselves. The rest of the book is about trips to Mars and Venus. That is Adamski's 1949 book.

Most school children know that the moon turns on its axis just like our Earth does, only much more slowly. There are no permanently bright and dark sides, for dawn and dusk move around the moon just like they do around

the Earth. Therefore there is no stationary temperate zone between the bright and dark sides as Adamski claims. Adamski is still further confused, for while in his temperate zone, he describes a day during which the sun rises and sets. How could it do so if there are permanently light and dark sides on the moon?

Even housewives know that the sweat that forms on metals such as water pipes, and on glass window panes, does not come from within these materials. It condenses from the air when the air is humid and the metal or glass is colder than the air. So Adamski's claim that everything must have moisture in it, and that there is air and water on the moon, is "all wet"!

There are many reasons why the moon has no air or moisture, and all scientific observations and measurements prove this to be true. So again the Professor's "known law and common sense logic" are all wrong.

It would take too much space to disprove the Professor's FBI claim about life and atmospheres on other planets, but you can rest assured there is no more truth there than in any of his other claims mentioned above.

You can see why Desmond Leslie and George Adamski are a team. They are both birds of the same feather. Although one is presumably a college graduate and the other has had very little education, they both have the same stock-in-trade, Proof by Ignorance.

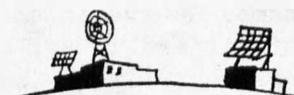
But then, so do many other writers of saucer books. So if you are seeking the truth about flying saucers, be on your guard against FBI.

#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

**CLOSE SIGHTING BY CALIFORNIA POLICEMEN:** A huge object said to be at least the size of an airplane, emitting an extremely red beam of light ten feet or more across, was reported flying at low levels east of Corning, California, on the night of August 13th. The UFO was first spotted by two highway patrolmen, who saw what appeared to be a huge airliner dropping from the sky as if it were about to crash. They stopped their car and jumped out in order to get a better look. The policemen heard no noise at all, but they still assumed it was an aircraft with its engines off.

Then, when the object was within 100 to 200 feet of the ground, it suddenly reversed its direction, and rapidly gained altitude until it was at approximately 500 feet. The strange craft was surrounded with a glow causing it to appear oblong. There were red lights at each end and on the sides, and at times white lights could be seen between the red ones. The startled police called the nearest sheriff's office, and also reported the sighting to the county radar base. According to the patrolmen, officials at the base said they were tracking an unidentified object on radar, but newspaper reporters were unable to confirm this.

As the patrolmen continued to watch the object, it came directly toward their car on two occasions, each time sweeping the area with a huge red light. As the UFO came within a mile of the officers, they turned on the flashing red light of the patrol car, and it immediately went away from them. The officers said that the UFO used its red light to sweep the area six or seven different times. The object then started moving slowly toward the east, and the police followed it in their car for several miles, until reaching a fire station, at which time they saw a similar object approach the first one from the south. The second UFO moved close to the first,



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and the two remained stationary for a short time.

After watching various aerial maneuvers for more than two hours, the men returned to the sheriff's office at Red Bluff, from whence they had started out. The policemen stated that they experienced static and radio interference every time the UFO came close to their patrol vehicle.

NEWS BRIEFS: A mysterious aerial object was seen by several residents of Bermuda on the night of June 24th. It was bright in the center, like a star, and carried an aura of light around it. It also seemed to have lights like searchlights pointed toward the ground. The UFO was traveling very fast, "like a bomb," but made no sound.....The Loch Ness Monster is back in the news again, - but this time there are five of them! A group of scientists spent several weeks scanning the lake with an echo-sounder, and came to the conclusion that five of the unknown animals live therein. Three of the scientists saw one monster surfacing a half mile from shore one evening. A 10-foot-long hump rose to about 18 inches above the water, and traveled north at about 20 miles per hour. On another occasion a huge moving shape appeared on the echo-sounder shortly after their launch. At first it was only 20 feet below the surface, but it then suddenly shot down 600 feet at a steep angle to the loch bed. No known animal could have done that, according to the scientists....

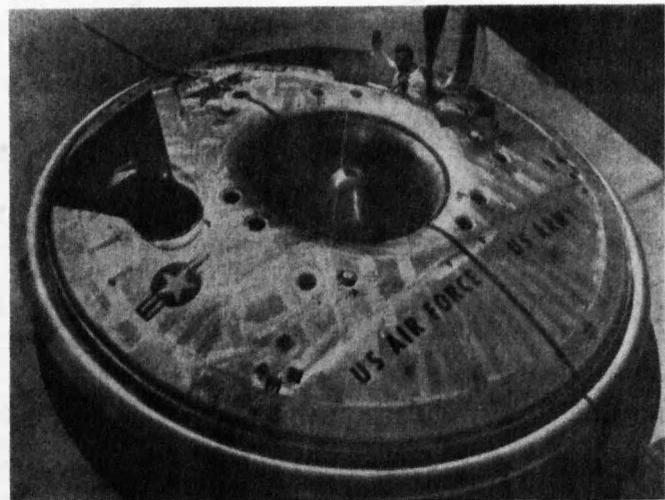
On July 10th a UFO was reported to have crashed in a mountain area near Troy, New York. The object was spotted by several people shortly before it crashed. They described it as circular in shape, and red and white in color. The UFO descended slowly to the ground at some distance from the viewers, who were watching through high power field glasses. Fire appeared to be coming out of the bottom of the object as it settled to the ground. A search by local authorities failed to locate the exact site of the crash.....The unidentified lights at Sheep Rock Mountain, near Coeburn, Virginia, were back in the news again this past July. Last year, local authorities and hundreds of citizens joined in a search for the source of the persistently-appearing objects, but uncovered nothing. This time the sighters were Hiram Adkins and his son, who said they saw a light on each of two successive nights. Each was traveling in a northerly direction about 500 feet above the hills near their home. The first time, the light seemed to go into the side of Sheep Rock Mountain, and the second one disappeared from view before it reached the mountain....In July there were two reports of a sea serpent near the Massachusetts fishing port of Gloucester. It was first seen by two local fishermen, and later by a charter-boat skipper, two of his passengers, and a mate. The monster was black and white, with two bulging eyes, and at least 15 feet long.....A huge red ball streaked across the skies of Columbus, Ohio, on the night of July 24th, and was seen by several local residents. The ball had a brilliant white tail, traveled from east to west, and was visible for only a few seconds. Local authorities were unable to come up with an explanation.

EVIDENCE OF SAUCER LANDING IN TENNESSEE: In a case somewhat similar to several others in the past few years, a circle appeared mysteriously on the ground overnight - this time in the front yard of a home in Martin, Tennessee. Miss Josephine Damron, who lives with her mother and brother near Martin, told reporters that on the morning of June 30th she noticed what she first believed to be mole workings in her yard. Upon closer examination, she saw that it was a perfect circle with its circumference a black, greasy substance about six to eight inches in diameter. It looked a bit like oil, but when touched felt like car grease. However, after drying out in the sun, the substance had a "charred, beady effect," according to the witnesses. The circle was measured and found to be almost exactly fifteen feet in diameter. - Since that time,

two other such circles have appeared elsewhere in the vicinity of Martin, and none have been explained.

**EVIDENCE OF SAUCER LANDING IN ENGLAND:** Shortly before press time, an incident nearly identical to the one above was brought to our attention, by the London Unidentified Flying Object Research Organization, of London, England: A farmer named Bill Edwards was walking through his pasture fields one day early last June, when he came across imprints in the ground which formed two concentric circles - the outer one approximately 23 feet in diameter, and the inner one 16 feet across. The width of the imprints was 4 inches, and the grass at the edge of them showed indications of having been burned. The depth of the imprints was about one inch, leading to the almost inescapable conclusion that they were caused by some large heavy circular object which had landed recently in the field. The ground was very hard, as there had been no rain recently, and this fact added to the evidence that the object which landed must have been very heavy indeed. The field in question is about a half mile from the nearest road, and no vehicle could have reached the spot without there being some sign of its approach through other fields - but there were no such signs. Edwards had been to the same spot only two days previously, and according to him there were definitely no circles visible then. The day previous to the discovery of the mysterious circles, Edwards and some helpers were working in a nearby field. They noticed nothing unusual that day, nor did any other local resident report anything unusual. Thus, this case is definitely one of the strangest on record.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** The U. S. Government finally admits that it is developing a real flying saucer, as shown in photo at right. This is a joint Army and Air Force project. It has no connection with the AVRO saucer in Canada, which has been under development for several years and has received much publicity from time to time.....On August 21st, several people in Rogersville, Pa. informed the State Police about a circular object which they had seen hovering 300 feet or so above the ground near a local high school. The object was flat on the bottom with a protuberance on the top. There were red, green, and white lights around the circumference of the saucer, and a flashing red light on top. The UFO finally flew off with a sound that resembled that of an electric motor.....The Space Science Board of the National Academy of Sciences has recently issued a report entitled, "The Biological Sciences and Space Research." This document discusses the possibility of finding or even communicating with life on other planets, and also the possibility that in the near future we on this planet will be able to create life artificially...A flying saucer was seen by five people near Port Washington, Wisconsin on August 12th. The sighting was relayed to Edward Halbach, director of the Milwaukee Astronomical Observatory, who withheld comment. The UFO was describ-



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### FLYING SAUCERS: OFFICIAL NOW

Power-packed disk, shown in first official picture, is being developed for Army and Air Force. The ship can take off vertically, hover near the ground or fly like winged plane.

ed as a ball of white light encircled by two reddish rings. It moved rapidly from north to south, then hovered, veered off at a 90-degree angle, and then sped west. It moved much faster than a jet, and was in sight for a half hour.

.....A strange freak animal has been discovered in Sanford, Florida, and has a whole neighborhood puzzled. The animal is a white furry creature which seems to be a cross between a cat and a rabbit. It has the face of a cat, and meows and purrs like a cat; but every step it takes is a hop powered by long rabbit-like haunches. A rabbit-like tail rounds out its solid white body. Neighborhood cats are afraid of it. The animal is friendly but will not touch any food that is prepared for it. When frightened, it hops off into the nearby woods much quicker than a cat could travel.....An unidentified object, possibly an earth satellite of unknown origin, has been seen by Robert I. Johnson, director of the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. It was first seen on August 26th when the Planetarium staff was waiting for the U. S. satellite Echo I to make its first pass of the night over the area. The saucer was traveling in the opposite direction of Echo I, and at twice its speed. Its course does not correspond with any of the 31 known earth satellites. The same object has been seen by astronomers at Georgetown University and by many other observers with varying degrees of astronomical experience....

Further efforts are now being made to track down the elusive Abominable Snowman of the Himalayas. Sir Edmund Hillary, conqueror of Mt. Everest, has organized a new expedition to Nepal, in which he will be accompanied by Dr. R. L. Fleming, director of the Chicago Natural History Museum. Another member of the expedition is Martin Perkins, director of Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo. If any Snowmen are captured, the permission of the King of Nepal will have to be obtained before they can be taken out of the country.....During the early morning hours of July 2nd, Dave Darnell and three other occupants of his automobile had an extremely frightening experience while driving through Illinois. Suddenly the whole sky lit up with a blue light, and according to the witnesses, it became almost as bright as day. Then an object like a ball of flame came out of the south and passed right over their car. It had a tail like a streak of blue lightning behind it. The atmosphere grew so hot that the people in the car could hardly breathe. Then gradually the light faded, and the UFO disappeared toward the north...Another mysterious incident in Illinois concerns a 218-pound rock which farmer Charley Wisell found in his cornfield, which is located in the general area toward which the above-mentioned ball of fire seemed to be heading. The rock was found on July 14th, though it landed in an isolated section and might have been there for several days previously. About half of its 30-inch thickness was imbedded in the ground, and the topsoil was compressed beneath it, indicating it had hit with considerable force. Dr. Gerard Kuiper of the Yerkes Observatory was contacted, and went to the farm for a personal examination. He sent the rock to the University of Chicago to be analyzed. Although the rock showed no characteristics of being a meteorite, there is little choice but to believe it fell onto the field, and if it did, it must have fallen from about 200 feet up, according to Dr. Kuiper, who admitted being completely perplexed by the incident.

**NEAR-LANDING IN FRANCE:** One of the closest sightings in a long time occurred last August 5th between the towns of Mouille and Lille in France. A man named Daniel Huot and his wife were driving home from a visit with relatives, when a very bright round object suddenly blocked the highway in front of them. It was "the color of the setting sun," and was only about 10 feet above the ground when first seen. The UFO then moved to one side of the highway and let the car pass, but it continued to follow Huot and his frightened wife for half a mile, at a distance of about 100 feet from the car. The object

made no noise and gave off no smoke. It was about 15 feet high and 10 feet wide, and brightly lighted on the bottom, whereas the upper part was darker and somewhat indistinct. Mrs. Huot claimed to have seen a human form within the strange machine, but she was able to give no details. - The incident occurred late at night, and there were no other witnesses.

**CLOSE SIGHTING IN A COLORADO CANYON:** On August 12th a Boulder, Colorado truck driver named Ray Hawks reported a strange experience he had had the previous afternoon: While operating a tractor alone in a canyon a few miles from Boulder, he heard what sounded like an explosion in the air. A UFO then dropped out of a cloud to a point about 400 or 500 feet from the ground, and 600 yards away from him. It hovered in one place for 15 minutes. Hawks said that the craft was 45 to 50 feet in diameter and 10 to 15 feet thick. It had no markings. There was a sort of velvety appearance to it, with a silver sheen; yet it did not shine like aluminum. About two feet from the outer edge were five observable metal plates, one of which was sending out bluish smoke of some kind. There was an all-pervading noise, like the thrumming of a generator out of phase. While the craft was hovering nearby, the starter and other electrical equipment on the tractor would not work. After the UFO finally rose and disappeared into the clouds, the tractor again operated as usual.

**SAUCER "FLAP" IN CALIFORNIA:** The incident described on Page 12 seems to have been the beginning of one of the most interesting waves of UFO sightings in recent years. Four days after the original sighting on August 13th by two highway patrolmen, at least 20 people saw a similar object in the sky over Mineral. Mineral is on the west side of Lassen National Park, and 30 miles east of the first sighting. The August 17th incident was observed by three Tehama County deputy sheriffs at a road block. One of the lawmen, named Bill Gonzales, said that there were six UFOs flying high in a loose formation, and glowing a brilliant red and white. They were dipping and diving at a "simply unbelievable speed," and made no noise. The objects were in view for almost a half hour, but were too far away for any detail to be observed.

At least a dozen other reports were made by individuals and groups throughout that section of California. In some of the closer sightings, the saucer was reported to be football-shaped and as long as an airliner, with rows of white lights and flashing red lights, one of which sweeps the ground like a searchlight beam. - One sighter was Mrs. Corrine Bay of Redlands, who glanced out her window at 1-45 a.m. on August 18th and saw an oblong object with a line of red lights along its side, which was hanging almost motionless over the street. As she watched, it tilted toward her and she could see a dome molded onto the upper portion of it. - Another sighter was Mrs. Lucille Elmore of Concord, California. She and seven other people in her neighborhood watched a spinning circular-shaped UFO with flashing red and blue lights hovering low over Concord near midnight on August 16th. She reported the object to officials at Hamilton Air Force Base at San Rafael, who in turn dispatched an F-102 jet interceptor to the area. The Air Force pilot reported seeing only a cargo plane, - a plane which flew right under the UFO for awhile, according to Mrs. Elmore. She and her neighbors asserted that the lights on the saucer seemed to dim when the cargo plane approached, and that later a visible puff of smoke rose from the mysterious spinning craft. The UFO disappeared from view a few minutes later.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** According to a recent article in England's "Flying Saucer Review," George Adamski claims to have been invited to the United States Senate and to the United Nations, presumably to give briefings on his inter-



Otis T. Carr

planetary travels. The same article states: "The Air Force has admitted to having proof that Adamski had at least three of his claimed rides inside spaceships. The others they don't know about, but under the circumstances it really doesn't make much difference, (as) several government scientists have had similar rides."....Gabriel Greene, president of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, officially launched his campaign for the presidency of the United States at a press conference at the Los Angeles Biltmore Hotel, last August 9th. Although Greene is not on the ballot even in California, he is likely to pick up



CANDIDATE — Gabriel Green, 35, flying saucer candidate for President.

a few write-in votes from saucerers and others who are not satisfied with the candidates of the two major parties. Among Greene's most loyal campaign workers is Miss Daryle Neiman, the attractive contactee whom we featured on the cover of our September issue. The key to Greene's political platform is his system of "prior choice economics," which he explains as follows: "Everything is, or should be, the sum total of all that has gone before." The candidate also offers "progress instead of prattle, principles instead of personalities, peace instead of pieces, issues instead of smears, sneers, and jeers; and a better tomorrow instead of no tomorrow." For further information about these cryptic promises, write to Greene at 2004 N. Hoover St., Los Angeles....

Otis T. Carr is in trouble again, this time in the state of New York. The charge is the same one that brought him a \$5,000 fine in 1959 for selling stock in his flying saucer company without a license. Attorney General Louis Lefkowitz has obtained a New York State Supreme Court order requiring Carr and several employees of his firm to appear for questioning on September 26th. As of this writing, it remains to be seen whether or not the ingenious Mr. Carr will decide to remain away from the Empire State until the heat is off...The wildest saucer story to date is reported by Riley Crabb in the July-August issue of "The Journal of Borderland Research." The story concerns a Brazilian farmer whose tractor was stopped by the nearby landing of a flying saucer. The flabbergasted yokel was dragged aboard by little men, then drugged and forced to have sexual intercourse with a fairly attractive space woman. Immediately thereafter he was given the bum's rush from the craft, and it took off into the wild blue yonder without him. This tale was supposedly told to Crabb personally by Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzen, of A.P.R.O. The organization calls this "one of their more puzzling cases.".....NICAP is again in financial difficulties, according to a long editorial in the July-August issue of the "Investigator." In spite of an income of over \$11,000 in 1959, the group was not able to make ends meet. The magazine also reports that the latest Keyhoe book "Flying Saucers: Top Secret" (reviewed in our last issue) is not selling well....

Dr. George Marlo, the gentleman behind the saucer ride to Brazil that fizzled out last winter, is still active, apparently. He claims to have a regular radio and T. V. show in his home town, and he has sent us a membership

card in a group called the UFO World Organization, of which he is International Director....The First Annual Private Picnic of the New York Saucer Information Bureau was held in a fascinating 180-year-old farmhouse near Poughkeepsie N.Y. on August 27th. (A private picnic differs from a convention in that at the former, "negative thinkers" can be kept away.) Present were Hans Santessen, director of the organization; Lee Munsick, formerly of the North Jersey UFO Group; Gray Barker, editor of the "Saucerian Bulletin"; and a gathering of about 50 other saucer fans including yours truly. High points of the entertainment were the showing of saucer slides by Munsick, and a series of spirit messages received by an elderly lady fan who specializes in automatic writing. Attempts to contact a ghost who inhabits one room of the house were negative in their results....

It seems there is no end to the ever-growing list of "contactees" and no limit to the wildness of their tales. A new one to us was that told by Chief Frank Buckshot Standing Horse, an Ottawa Indian from Oklahoma, who attended a saucer convention in Berkeley, Calif., late last August. (See photo below.) The Chief has been to the planet Orion (wherever that is), as well as to Mars, Venus, and Clarion. Clarion is the planet which is directly behind the Moon, and therefore never seen from Earth. Till now, it had been regarded as the exclusive property of contactee Truman Betherum, as he is the only one who claimed to know anything about it. But the Chief is not to be outdone by anyone. At the convention he told how he had been visited at his Oklahoma home by three persons- a Frenchman, a Mexican, and a Venusian - who escorted him aboard an immense flying saucer. One of his fellow passengers, a beautiful woman from Orion, looked to be about 29, but turned out to be 417 years old..... Major Lawrence J. Tacker has just published a book called "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force." Major Tacker is the official Air Force spokesman on this subject. The book allegedly refutes the charge that the Air Force has suppressed UFO information.



CHIEF FRANK BUCKSHOT STANDING HORSE  
He critically examined a model flying saucer at the convention

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**IS LEE MUNSICK A CONTACTEE?** Lee R. Munsick, former director of the North Jersey UFO Group, has always been considered a conservative saucer researcher. But in a letter to Michael G. Mann, dated May 11th, 1959, Munsick states: "Enclosed is a picture I took on my recent trip to Mars of a real live Martian. You see, Howard and the others are nuts! I have another of a Venusian equally strange but quite different." - In the photo above, we see Mr. Mann holding the strange picture sent to him by Mr. Munsick. (Insert at upper left is a close-up of the "Martian!") - We can only wonder if Mr. Munsick was being facetious, and if not, why he hasn't chosen to tell the rest of us about his alleged trip to Mars!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Mr. Y. N. ibn A'haron's article on Extraterrestrialism is easily the outstanding feature of your December 1960 issue, and it is extraordinarily interesting. The question of the possible existence in the Bible of greatly distorted versions of what were once statements of scientific fact, brings to my mind something I read in Denis Saurat's fascinating book "Atlantis and the Giants." Speaking of the origin of Eve, this writer states that the Bible may contain the last fragments of an ancient tradition which had been highly scientific, and which only recently we have been able to understand.

Eve is said to have been formed from the side of Adam. It may be that an ancient science was aware of the manner in which twins are formed - by the separation of a single initial cell - and that it might occur that one would be male and the other female. This knowledge, over the ages and intervening catastrophes, was largely lost, and what remained was mostly distorted, so that by the time Genesis came to be written, men knew nothing of genes or cells. Thus they were unable to interpret the ancient information about the first human couple which originated from the same cell (the female being only the half separated from the male twin.) The nearest the writers of Genesis could get to it was the idea that Adam, when a full-grown man, was cut into two by the Creator - a version which changes a statement of fact into an absurdity! Saurat suggests that the two twins (Adam and Eve) were the first human beings, because they represented a sudden and great mutation and differed fundamentally from their parents.

ERIC BIDDLE

Ludlow, Shropshire, England

It is asked, "What is Truth?". Truth is what a man believes in! Justin Case has a lot to learn, as shown by his article "Proof by Ignorance" in your December issue. The way he so glibly accepts Thor Heyerdahl's explanations of methods used to move huge stone pieces, shows that he is repeating the logical errors he accuses Cramp and Leslie of!....

MAUDE KAPREILIAN

Kingston, New York

As Executive Editor of "Saucers," I have received numerous requests for UFO slides over the past several years.....Realizing this need, I have devoted several years and considerable effort to collecting what I believe is the most comprehensive selection of UFO and related slides in the world. These include UFO photos (American and foreign), illustrations, personalities (authors, lecturers, contactees), astronomy, space travel, conventions, and miscellaneous but related subjects including atom bomb tests and missile launchings....Anyone interested should get in touch with me.

MAX B. MILLER

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Los Angeles 19, California

I would like to take this opportunity to say how much I enjoy your magazine. I was interested to see that you printed a report on the rings in the field at Evenlode that I investigated...There was another very good sighting over this area on November 11th 1960. One of the witnesses, Maurice Estop, said that the object hovered just above him, at a height of between 15 and 20 feet. It was the size of a four-seater car, and as the object changed color from white to blue, Maurice felt a terrific heat; and if it had persisted much longer, he felt he would have become unconscious. The object finally shot out

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NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #13

June 20th, 1961

WAYNE AHO FALLS VICTIM TO THE MEN IN WHITE COATS: As reported in SAUCER NEWS #43 (dated March, 1961), Major Wayne Aho, director of Washington Saucer Intelligence, has been placed in a mental institution in Central Islip, Long Island, N. Y. The true inside story of this incident has been divulged to us by several informants who wish to remain anonymous. Their information is as follows:

It all seems to begin in Datona Beach, Florida, where a saucer group called Mark Age has been putting out a series of strange space tapes recently. This group is composed of Gloria Lee and other notorious contactees. Norbert Gariety, editor of "S.P.A.C.E." (published in Miami) decided that there was a subversive tone to the tapes, and went to the FBI about the matter. He also appears to have had the Mark Age group in mind when he wrote a rather unusual editorial in the October 1960 issue of his magazine. This editorial talks about people he calls "destroyers" or "termites," who in his opinion are making a systematic effort to undermine American morality and soften us up for the Communists. Gariety praises Aho's attitude, which has been one of opposition to these Dark Forces. Then the editorial states: "A favorite way to get rid of those who oppose the 'termites' at work is to harass them into nervous breakdowns or troubles, have them examined psychiatrically, and then railroaded into mental hospitals for the rest of their days."

On March 25th Major Aho - who claims to have been a U. S. combat intelligence officer during World War II - gave a lecture in New York City. Some of his lectures have dealt with ideas expressed in a right-wing book called "The Pentagon Case," in which it is alleged that there are Reds in high places in our Government. His topic for this particular evening, however, was supposed to have been in regard to prophecies. But instead of speaking about prophecies, the good Major went off onto a weird religious theme, surprising and disappointing his audience. Eye-witnesses state that many people walked out. We are told that Aho appeared to be "controlled" or under some sort of hypnotic influence that night.

Aho was seen the following evening, but on Monday his hotel reported that he had checked out. His friends were unable to locate him anywhere, and became alarmed. It later developed that Aho had been picked up by the men in white coats on the 29th, and taken to the mental ward of Bellevue Hospital in New York. He was kept there until April 20th. Aho was then transferred to Central Islip, where he is still being detained as of this writing - though it is said he now has the freedom of the grounds, and is not considered dangerous. Friends who have visited him recently claim he is not his "old self" but is reasonably rational. Aho is said to believe that he was drugged and railroaded into these mental institutions. Another version of the story is that he was hit on the head.

Wherever the truth may lie, it is a fact that no one was more vocal in his criticism of the Pentagon, both in regard to their saucer policy and their alleged laxity toward subversion. Aho brags about the fact that he has called upon every Senator and Congressman in Washington, trying to interest them in UFOs. His attempts to drum up public hearings on the saucer question are so well known that Aho is mentioned prominently in Lt. Col. Tacker's book, "Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force." Could it be true, then, that Aho was put away in order to silence him? Or was he the victim of a genuine mental breakdown? Only time can answer the mystery of the Aho case!

a vapor or exhaust trail. It then glided to one side and shot away....

DAVID JONES  
Cheltenham, Glos., England

I have been trying to get the source Fort used on those observations made in 1762, of a huge object in space. (See Fort, page 199 and Wilkins "Flying Saucers on the Attack," page 211.)...If you read the account quoted by Wilkins, you'll see that the maximum and minimum of the possible distances and possible sizes can be calculated. The displacement of the object between Lausanne and Sole could not have been more than the apparent diameter of the sun, 30' of arc, while that between Lausanne and Paris was probably somewhat more than 30'....I calculated for a simple displacement of 30' at 135 miles (about the distance of 45 leagues), which gives something less than the real distance and size of the object. I truly hope I went about it in the wrong way, - multiplying where I should have divided, or something - as I got a distance of 17,000 miles and a length of 119 miles, - and nothing can be that big! But I think it was a real "whopper" anyhow, and apparently not an astronomical object. Jessup would have loved this "widget," I think.

This ties in with the question of how long UFOs have been around. Possibly 1762 marks the appearance of the sort that look as if they were extraterrestrial machines of some sort. Most earlier accounts seem to me to be of things which look as if they were alive. Probably the space-saucer partisans would not be so eager to prove that the very same type of UFO seen in the past 13 years has been seen since the 1920's or 1890's, if it occurred to them that this indicates a pretty non-progressive bunch of spacemen. We earthlings, then, in our space explorations, will come across no all-wise "elder race," but a decrepit, fossilized culture which uses the same spaceships today as sixty or a hundred or two hundred years ago!....

FRANK REID  
Chicago, Illinois

SAUCER NEWS continues to maintain its high-quality reporting, and I hope your offer to sell your saucer clippings does not mean you contemplate leaving the field, as others have done recently. The new U. S. Administration is almost certain to be much more cooperative, while the quickening pace of space exploration brings ever-mounting pressure for disclosure of saucer information by the Government. During this final, interim period, publications such as yours will be almost invaluable to the serious investigator....

E. R. LEE  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

I saw your ad in a magazine many years ago, possibly in 1947 or 1948, when people were seeing flying saucers, but nobody would believe them. I believed in saucers from the start and still do, and the reason they have not been unveiled to every Tom, Dick and Harry is purely a military one. If I were an aeronautical engineer I could build one myself. Although it looks as if the U.S.A. is behind the Russians in rockets, actually the U.S. doesn't need them, as we are so far ahead in missiles and space flight with our flying saucers that it isn't even funny; and the big publicity about all the rocket failures is only a blind. I wouldn't be afraid to bet that when the Russians get to the moon they will find U. S. installations there and will be taken prisoner and returned to earth.....I am a former R.C.A.F. officer, and made 35 missions against Germany in World War II.

EUGENE B. NOWOSAD  
Coulter, Manitoba, Canada

BOOK REVIEW

FLYING SAUCERS AND THE U. S. AIR FORCE - by Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, USAF  
(Published by Van Nostrand Books)

- Reviewed by James W. Moseley -

Lt. Col. Tacker was until recently the official Air Force spokesman on the subject of flying saucers. He is a pleasant fellow, and was most courteous to your Editor a year or so ago when we dropped in on him at the Pentagon to ask him what was new, saucer-wise. Recently the publisher was nice enough to send us a free review copy of Tacker's book, whereas Keyhoe makes us go out and buy his books like the common people have to do. Thus, we have every predisposition to give "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" a favorable review. But in all good conscience we are unable to do so.

It seems that there will never be an unbiased book on the subject of flying saucers. Keyhoe has proven this again and again, and now Col. Tacker has given us written evidence that he, in his own way, has as big an ax to grind as any of the contactees could have!

Tacker's book is short, well written, and to the point. It runs to less than 90 pages, plus an appendix that adds another 50 or so, and which consists of old Air Force press releases. These releases are apparently used here as "padding."

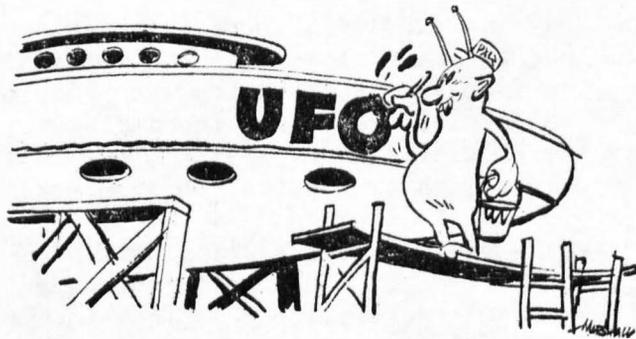
Tacker's basic theme is quite simple: Since most UFO reports can be identified as conventional objects, therefore all of them could be so identified if enough information were available. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that flying saucers represent strange or unknown objects of any type, nor is there any evidence that they might be space ships.

The same line of reasoning might well be applied to haunted houses. I would guess that not more than one house in a hundred thousand has ever been said to be haunted. Thus, since 99,999 houses out of every 100,000 are not haunted, this means that all possible cases of haunted houses have already been solved, except for a mere .0001%. Now, the Air Force only claims to be able to solve about 98 out of every 100 saucer sightings (i.e., 2% remain unsolved.) So you see that I have already done a better job of eliminating haunted houses, just by sitting here, than the Air Force has done with UFOs in all their painstaking years of investigation!

The point is, of course, that the statistical method does not work in regard to a subject such as flying saucers. Tacker admits that there are many cases which, although containing sufficient data on which to base conclusions, are unsolvable. If only one bona fide UFO sighting remained in the Air Force files, they would still have the saucer mystery on their hands. But, alas, there are dozens, in which no amount of additional information could possibly identify the UFO as a hoax, error, conventional object, etc. The only remaining conclusion would be that dozens of people who don't even know each other have secretly banded together to make up fantastic stories in order to embarrass the Air Force. I doubt if even Col. Tacker believes this!

I agree with Col. Tacker that people make mistakes. Even radar makes mistakes. I myself would assume that the vast majority of night UFO sightings are errors of one kind or another; and unfortunately the vast majority of sightings are made at night. But what can we do about the many people since 1947 who have been so close to a saucer, and seen so much detail, that there is no choice but to believe they have seen something very unconventional indeed - unless we assume these people are lying, doped up, or crazy?

I am reminded, for instance, of Mr. William Squires, whose sight-



ing is mentioned briefly in Keyhoe's second book. In 1953 I made a long trip around the country interviewing saucer sighters, including Mr. Squires. I obtained details about him and his sighting that Keyhoe never knew about. Here is an outline of the story:

William Squires lives on a farm near Pittsburg, Kansas. On August 27th, 1952, he was driving to

work, when at about 5:30 a.m. (just as the sun was coming up) he saw an object shaped like two oblong saucers placed on top of each other. The object was hovering about 10 feet off the ground, about 100 yards from the road. It was between 75 and 125 feet long and about a third as wide. The UFO made a sputtering noise of some sort, and had a large number of very small propellers around its perimeter. There were three or four windows in a row, with blue lights shining out from them. Shadowy forms - perhaps people or machinery - were moving about inside the craft, and there was one smaller window behind which Squires could see a shadowy face. The UFO was visible for about a minute before it took off at great speed and disappeared in a matter of seconds. Later that day Squires returned to the exact spot with an Air Force investigator, who saw that the high grass in the area had been flattened down from the force of the wind made by the strange machine.

Years have gone by, and William Squires has not written a book, made any lectures, or "cashed in" on his experience in any way. In 1953 when I visited him he was known in his community as a sane and honest man. I assume that he is still known as a sane and honest man. The question is, Col. Tacker, what did this man see? Was it a temperature inversion, a bird, a spec in his eye, a vivid dream, a hypnotic suggestion from the Dark Forces, or what? Until Col. Tacker can solve this case and scores of others like it, we will have to relegate his book to the "light fiction" department, rather than consider it the factual study it purports to be.

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THE AERIAL PHENOMENA RESEARCH ORGANIZATION'S "PHYSICAL EVIDENCE":  
 WAS THE UBATUBA DISC A MISSILE, A HOAX, OR A FLYING SAUCER?  
 - by David Wightman -

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Wightman is editor of "Uranus," England's most respected saucer zine. We are pleased to announce that with this article, Mr. Wightman has won the Giant Literary Contest we told our readers about in the December issue of SAUCER NEWS. The second prize winner will be announced in our next issue.)

There are two things I want to make clear right at the outset. The first is that this article must not be construed as an attack on the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization (APRO), or on Dr. Fontes, - who were the prime movers in this case. Secondly, I do not claim that what I am about to write constitutes "proof" of anything. I write only to show the amount of work a full investigation of a case of this sort takes, and to show the weaknesses in the case which APRO has put forward to support their conclusions. The additional information I have to offer serves only to facilitate the appropriation of the final details which could solve this particular mystery.

The most significant point about the Ubatuba magnesium fragments

case is the restricted amount of publicity it has received. Three years passed before the story was published, and even then it failed to arouse the interest of any saucer zines outside America; and in fact little attention was paid to it outside of New Mexico, the state in which APRO was then located. Only "Uranus," the oldest established British saucer publication, gave the case any prominence, and this magazine sounded a critical note. (Which isn't surprising, for I am its editor.)

To me this situation signifies the rapidly degenerating status of "Ufology." Had the case been published soon after it (allegedly) occurred, world-wide attention was assured. Flying saucers were still prominent in the public eye, and the case was unique in that it claimed to provide physical evidence that an extraterrestrial space craft had visited our planet. While this may in fact be true, I feel that the case put forward by APRO is inadequate to support the claim, and that from additional information I have gathered it is possible to construct two other hypotheses which satisfactorily account for the known facts.

Because the case itself has been given so little publicity, I give here a brief resume of the information published by APRO: - Precise date unknown; It was during the first 14 days of September 1957. Time: around noon. Place: Ubatuba Beach, near Sao Paulo, Brazil. Witnesses: four men in a fishing party, names and addresses unknown. Origin: a letter written by one of the witnesses to a society columnist - Ibrahim Sued of "O Globo," a prominent Brazilian newspaper. The letter described how a disc-shaped object was seen plunging toward the sea. When a crash into the sea seemed inevitable, the disc swooped upwards and disintegrated in a shower of glittering fragments. Most of these fell into the ocean and "sizzled," but some fell on the beach and these were collected. A number of fragments were sent with the letter, which went to the reporter's private address and reached there on Friday, September 13th, 1957. The letter was published in the 1 p.m. edition of "O Globo" the next day.

Three days later Sued found a copy of the letter together with more magnesium fragments at his newspaper office. No estimate of the object's size or its altitude when first seen or when it disintegrated or its distance from the observers was given in the letter. The letter itself constitutes the sum total of the information available about the incident, and none of the witnesses have been traced despite a personal tour of the area by Dr. Olavo Fontes, who was accompanied by another prominent newspaper reporter. No one else witnessed the incident, but Dr. Fontes met a resident fisherman who told him of four men who came to him on a date he cannot remember. They showed him some fragments of metal, and they looked excited. Four abortive attempts have been made to trace the witnesses or anyone else who saw the incident. These attempts have been made via magazines, the national press, radio, and T.V., in Brazil.

Dr. Fontes, who is APRO's Brazilian representative, went to see Ibrahim Sued only five hours after the letter was published. He collected the metal fragments but failed to get the name and address of the writer. He told me the signature at the end of the letter was illegible. A later visit to Sued by Dr. Fontes to get the address proved fruitless, as the reporter had lost both letters and envelopes as well as the second group of fragments. He told Dr. Fontes that twenty people had been to see him about the matter. They included Brazilian Air Force officers. A most important piece of information which is missing is whether Dr. Fontes was the first person to visit the reporter. In particular, did the Air Force officers arrive before him? So far as is known, Dr. Fontes was the only person to get fragments from Sued, although Fontes himself turned over some samples to Air Force and Navy authorities at a later date.

I have a lot of background information on this case and have used it to make a study of the possibility of the case being a hoax. It is my opinion that this hypothesis cannot be ruled out.

Dr. Fontes has had three separate spectrographic analyses of the metallic fragments made. An X-ray diffraction test has also been carried out. These tests show the fragments to be unusually pure magnesium. In fact, the three spectrographic tests failed to show even traces of any other metallic impurity. The X-ray diffraction test did show traces of magnesium hydroxide, which proved that the metal had come into contact with a considerable mass of water and had burned in the atmosphere. APRO's conclusions concerning the extraterrestrial origin of the fragments are based solely on the fact that the A.S.T.M. commercial standard of purity for magnesium states that the following impurities may be present: Calcium - 0.1%; Just traces of aluminum, copper, iron, and silicon.

Not having the full details of how this A.S.T.M. standard of purity was established, let me try to throw some light on this aspect of the affair by comparing such details as are given in it with the information I have obtained. Only one figure is given in the A.S.T.M. standard, that of 0.1%, for calcium. This is very vague. Does it mean 0.1% by weight or by volume? "Traces" of copper, aluminum, iron and silicon is even more vague. I am afraid that I am not at all impressed by this A.S.T.M. standard of purity for magnesium. I have a sample spectrographic report for a commercial sample of magnesium, which lists no less than 12 impurities. The quantities of impurities present is given in parts (atomic) per million. If we take the 0.1% given in the A.S.T.M. standard as a quantity, then the impurities present in that particular sample were 500 times greater than that in the sample analyzed by the firm I contacted. This isn't a very good standard of purity, is it!

Of course, a mass spectrometer run, which I also have, shows up more impurities, and the limits of detection are much more critical. The question we must ask here is, "How do the tests Dr. Fontes and APRO have carried out compare with those about which I have details?" Also, why has APRO refused to let me have these details? My criticisms here may be quite unjustified, but I can only find out the truth by getting the jealously guarded details from APRO! Failing to get this information, I have been forced into trying to assess the reliability of their statements about the particular aspects of the case which, if fully investigated, might yield positive results.

Inconsistencies in APRO's pronouncements on this case are easily picked out, and they show how "probabilities" have become categorical statements without the acquisition of further information. In their March 1960 bulletin - which contained the first release of the story - there appeared the following paragraphs: ".....The magnesium in the samples analyzed, which was absolutely pure, represents something outside the range of present-day technological developments of our science. On the basis of this study, it is highly probable that the metallic chunks picked up on a beach near Ubatuba, Sao Paulo, are really fragments of a flying disc." In the May bulletin there appears the following: (in an extract from a letter to Lt. Col. Tacker) - "APRO has in its possession the physical evidence which the United States Air Force denies having been able to acquire. It is, in fact, a portion of an extraterrestrial vehicle which met with disaster in the Earth's atmosphere. The catastrophe was witnessed by numerous human beings. The gratifying aspect of this case, however, is that we do not have to depend on the testimony of the witnesses to establish the reality of the incident, because the most advanced laboratory tests indicate that the residual material could not have been produced through the application of any known terrestrial techniques."

I must emphasize that no further research was done on the case be-

tween the printing of these two bulletins, and no additional information was acquired. Despite this, the "high probability" of the object being a "flying disc" became the categorical statement that "it is in fact a portion of an extraterrestrial vehicle...." Changes of this kind certainly do not encourage the acceptance of other statements made by APRO. Clearly, the authors of these statements have indoctrinated themselves with "The Will to Believe." Their ideology is based on the belief that the Earth is being visited by spaceships, and now they cannot appreciate valid criticism when it confronts them!

APRO also states quite clearly that "the most pure magnesium refined is only 99.9% pure, and such complex and time-consuming operations are required, that this final product - although still exhibiting some impurities - is more costly than gold." From the people who make the stuff I have it that ingots of better than 99.95% purity are regularly being produced! APRO is also guilty of a dangerous assumption when they say the stuff could not be produced by any known terrestrial technique. From five different sources I have been told that magnesium could be refined to such a degree that it would display the complete absence of any metallic impurity under spectroscopic examination. These sources are just about the most reliable anyone could find - a leading university, the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, a firm which makes samples for spectrographic standards, and two research chemists. From three sources I have been told that aluminum and other light metals can also be refined until spectroscopically pure - and have been! Without going into any further details, it seems I have excellent grounds for seriously considering the possibility that the object APRO is making such a fuss about was in fact a conventional space probe or missile.

I have devoted much time to considering the possibility of the whole thing being a hoax, and have come to the conclusion that there is nothing inherently impossible in this solution. It would have to have been an elaborately conceived hoax, but the facts fit the case. Dr. Fontes is a well-known UFO researcher and he is on the medical faculty of a university. It is common knowledge that university students the world over have an addiction to pulling off elaborate hoaxes. If we consider that Dr. Fontes' reputation in UFO research was known to students at the university, then we have all the ingredients for a hoax of this nature. What better place is there for producing pure magnesium fragments than at a university? What better bait is there for taking in a man like Dr. Fontes than to produce physical evidence of an extraterrestrial object? After all, isn't this the only missing link in the chain of UFO evidence - i.e., the Final Proof?

The background facts in the case fit in excellently. The details supplied to me by Dr. Fontes himself increase my suspicions. The columnist, Ibrahim Sued, is described to me as just the sort of person who would take part in such a nefarious scheme, and his actions certainly are suspicious. First, the signature at the bottom of the letter was illegible. How fortunate! Secondly, both letters and envelopes were lost. How unfortunate - for Dr. Fontes! Sued's refusal to place an advertisement in "O Globo" in an attempt to trace the letter writer can also be explained as part of the plot. Numerous other small points go on to add up to a suitable hoax hypothesis.

What can we deduce from all this? First, it is obvious that no final conclusion is possible on the basis of available information. I have no hesitation in blaming APRO for this. They have insisted on keeping to themselves the details of the analyses conducted on their samples. Their conclusions in the case are based upon an investigation which is only half completed, and right from the beginning their inquiries have borne the characteristic of a group which already has the "Will to Believe" and which is merely supplying more "proof" that the Earth is being visited by extraterrestrial space

ships. If APRO - which is not alone in this category of self-professed "researchers" - had carried out an investigation with a truly open mind, the truth might have been revealed, - even if it did not support the contention that the disc these untraceable witnesses (allegedly) saw was a space craft from another world. Like so many other so-called research organizations, APRO seems to have forgotten its avowed purpose pronounced at the offset with much effusive sincerity - to uncover the truth. This type of group began by stating that the UFO problem was one deserving a scientific status; and now, indoctrinated by their own spiel, they are consistently flouting the principles upon which all science is based!

It is true that my own inquiries fall short of supplying proof of anything, but they do show quite clearly the single purpose of APRO's actions in the case. Not only this, my inquiries show that with additional data it is possible to construct an alternative hypothesis to embrace all the known facts. They also obviate the out of hand denial that the thing could have been a U.S. missile.

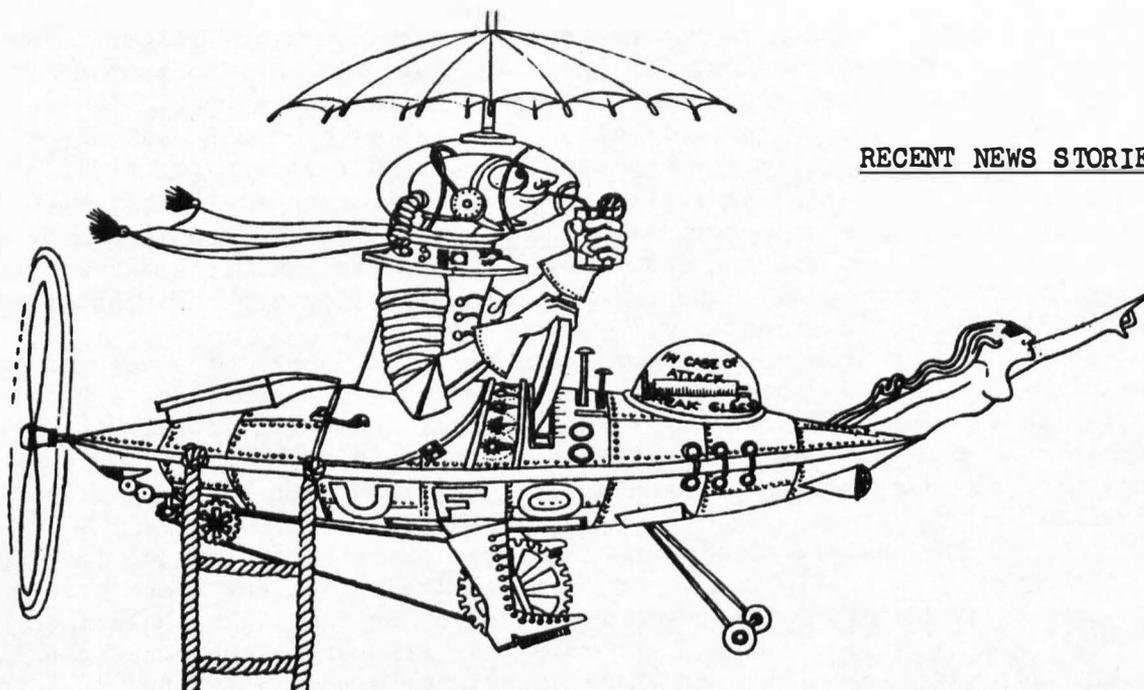


MAN FROM OUTER SPACE?

If I adhere to my own standards of evidence needed for "proof," then I cannot claim the object (if there ever was one) was part of a missile or that the whole thing was a hoax - no more than APRO or anyone else can claim it was an extraterrestrial spacecraft. But if I lower my standards of evidence to that which APRO deems suitable, I am justified in putting forward a counter-claim that the thing could have been Earth-made. At this juncture APRO would, no doubt, raise their standard of evidence and demand that I produce a piece of spectroscopically pure magnesium, and they would righteously feel justified in doing so. This is despite the fact that they have never taken the trouble to find out if spectroscopically pure magnesium can be produced on Earth. I would point out that the burden of proof is upon them. When was this A.S.T.M. standard for magnesium made? What analytical procedure was used in its making? APRO knows nothing of these facts, but they have gleefully leapt upon the impurities specified in this commercial standard and pointed to the Earth-shaking fact that their precious samples have none of these impurities; ergo, it comes from another world! What a travesty of scientific thought!

After considering all these points I believe it should be obvious that there is no cut-and-dried case for the extraterrestrial spaceship pronouncement favored by (or should I say dogmatically stated by) APRO. Spectroscopically pure magnesium can be produced, and it could have been a hoax. At the same time it must be stated that here at last is a case which just might provide the kind of proof which science and authority would have to accept. I have spent over nine months gathering my information and I don't want my efforts to be wasted. If APRO would release all their information to a competent authority, I would gladly do the same with mine.

I have followed Prof. Maney's advice by not publishing my full, critical report on the case and thereby running the chance of bringing down further scornful criticism from the ostrich-head-in-the-sand skeptics upon the few genuine researchers left in Ufology. I insist on retaining my rigid standards of evidence necessary to acquire scientific proof; but it seems that APRO's standards are substantially lower than mine. Is it I who is asking too much, or is it the Aerial Phenomena Research Organization who, in their haste to convince themselves, have sacrificed their reputation by making rash, dogmatic statements based on unsound premises?



RECENT NEWS STORIES

**NEW JERSEY HUNTER ALMOST SHOOTS SAUCER:** Last December 3rd, a duck hunter named Earl Leeds and his grandson had a frightening experience with a UFO in the meadows near Atlantic City, N. J. It was about 6 a.m. when the two men spotted the object flying straight at them, about 300 feet above the ground. Leeds loaded his shotgun and was prepared to shoot down the object, but it then rose vertically into the air and flew away. The strange machine was saucer-shaped and measured about 60 feet in diameter. It had a red glow that lit up the ground and that changed to purple as the machine zoomed up into the air. The UFO traveled silently at all times, and moved with a jerky motion "like a bouncing ball," according to Leeds.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Major Wayne Aho, who claims to be a former Army intelligence officer, has spent the past several weeks under observation at a mental hospital on Long Island. Aho is head of a group called Washington Saucer Intelligence. - Details of this strange episode can be found in our current Non-Scheduled Newsletter #13.....According to the most recent issue of "The UFO Investigator," saucer contactee Reinhold Schmidt was jailed on April 12th in Oakland, California, on charges of grand theft. The NICAP account states that Schmidt had persuaded several women to invest money in Alaskan crystal and gold fields allegedly spotted from a flying saucer. A later report reaching us from another source indicates that the "Investigator" version is probably inaccurate in part. Only one woman claims to have been bilked by Schmidt, and the sum of money invested was technically only a loan. In any case, Schmidt is now out of jail.....Among the clippings reaching us recently is a real gem, sent in by a West Coast correspondent who wishes to remain anonymous. The article is from the San Luis Obispo (Calif.) Telegram Tribune, dated January 1st, 1961. It concerns a wedding ceremony in that town, and reads in part as follows: "Among the guests were.....HRH Prince Michel d'Obrenovic-Obilic van Lazar, Duke of Sumadija, and his wife and son, Marc, of Paris. The prince is a noted anthropologist with the pen name of George Williamson. He currently is on a lecture tour of the United States...." So it seems that old "Ric" Williamson - author, lecturer, contactee, etc., - has suddenly become a royal personage with an unpronounceable name. There seems to

be no bottom to this man's bag of tricks!.....Our old friend John Otto hit the Chicago papers again last October when he led a group of hardy saucer enthusiasts on a boat trip onto Lake Michigan, in a determined effort to make contact with a flying saucer. The experiment seems to have been at least partially successful. One member of the expedition, using Morse code and a high-powered flashlight, beamed a message off into space, and got a flash of light as a response. The same sort of flash was seen later in reply to a second message. Otto claims that he checked with the Coast Guard beforehand, and that no other boats were on the lake because of rough weather....

Saucer lecturer Dr. Frank E. Stranges (author of "Flying Saucers") has been drummed out of NICAP for having used the name of that organization in connection with contact claims. One of Dr. Stranges' offenses was his claim to have talked with a space man in the Pentagon.....SAUCER NEWS came in for unexpected mention in the New York Journal-American on March 22nd because of a cover story (with photo) that we did on Andy Sinatra last year. Sinatra is better known as the Mystic Barber. In his interview with the newspaper, Sinatra was asked about one of his famous predictions that had failed to come true. The prediction, published in our June 1960 issue, stated that the world would come to an end on May 10th. The newsman wanted to know why the Mystic had bothered to have the prediction published a month after it had been proven wrong. But Sinatra, always on his toes, replied, "They forgot to put down the year - May 10th, 2466.".....Gabriel Green, the Space Age candidate for president ("Abe in 1860; Gabe in 1960"), cleverly withdrew from the presidential race in favor of Kennedy just before the election last November. Green said that an "extraterrestrial electronic brain" forecast a Democratic landslide. The Space People correctly picked Kennedy as the winning candidate, but got their circuits crossed in regard to the electoral vote.....Recent APRO bulletins report that the interesting phenomenon of orthoteny (the fact that some saucer sightings fall into straight-line patterns on a map), has been discovered in Brazil in regard to a group of 1960 sightings. Some readers will remember that orthoteny was first discussed by the French author Aime Michel in his book "Flying Saucers and the Straight Line Mystery," reviewed in the Dec.-Jan. 1958-1959 issue of SAUCER NEWS. The recent data from Brazil indicates that orthoteny may be a world-wide phenomenon, and that it is somehow deeply connected with the solution to the flying saucer mystery....

Edward J. Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," has died of a heart attack.....Contactee Reinhold Schmidt has made a documentary movie called "Edge of Tomorrow," which deals with his personal experiences with space people, and other such matters. We intend to publish a review of this movie in our next issue. - Schmidt also plans to sponsor a saucer convention at Bakersfield, California, in early September.....George Adamski has published what we may hope is his last book. It is entitled "Flying Saucers Farewell," and concerns mainly the philosophy of the Space People. It also contains an explanation of what is called the "revised Adamski solar system," which consists of 12 planets rather than the conventional nine.....An American delegate to a flying saucer convention in Germany has stated that more than 800,000 persons living on earth today actually came from other planets. According to his line of thought, some of our greatest scientists came here from Space but have forgotten where they came from. (Wouldn't it be handy for our space program if they could suddenly remember, and remember how to get back!?).....Contactee Daniel Fry claims to have been awarded a Ph.D. degree, from St. Andrews College of London. The award is supposedly for the "scientific theories" contained in his book "Steps to the Stars." In this book Fry expounded on information given to him by the Space People.....Rumor has it that Gray Barker has ceased publication of his notorious "Saucerian Bulletin."

**FIREBALL CAUSES NEAR-PANIC IN CALIFORNIA:** In a widely-publicized incident last January 16th, a brilliant fireball was seen by thousands of people from San Diego to San Francisco, and as far as 300 miles inland in Nevada. The object was in view about 18 seconds, and was described in many different ways by the people who saw it. Inquiries from frightened citizens swamped police and newspaper switchboards throughout the area. The sighting brought about a series of panicky reports that fires were raging in large portions of the state, caused by falling embers. Other reports, all later proven false, included findings of metal debris in various places. A rising tide of panic seemed to overtake many generally reliable officials who were soon repeating fantastic rumors. One version of the story was that the strange fireball had crashed into a densely populated section of Hollywood Hills. The truth seems to be that it either burned out in mid-air, or else fell harmlessly into the Pacific Ocean. No one is sure as to exactly what the object was, though it is assumed to have been natural in origin.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** Recently there have been an unusual number of reports from all over the country of strange falling objects. Most of these are undoubtedly meteors, but among those that might not be, are the following: A fiery UFO fell to earth and started two small forest fires near Colegrove, Pa. last October 26th. One witness saw the object as it broke into two parts during flight. She said it had a long tail of flame, and that it appeared to be about three feet in size from her vantage point three miles away. The fires were spotted by the crew of an airliner, but they later went out, and the two fallen fragments were never recovered....At dusk on January 17th, Mrs. Paul White of Norco, California, was sitting in her yard when a faint whistling noise attracted her attention. A ball of fire came screaming down toward the ground, and hit in back of a house across the street. The next day Mrs. White investigated the spot where the object had hit, and saw three charred circles in the back yard. The ground appeared to be baked by intense heat, but no objects were found....On February 19th a strange missile hit a house near Berlin Heights, Ohio, and landed with such force that it broke a number of slats on the roof before falling to the ground. When the owners of the farm checked later, the object had split into several pieces which were scattered over the side steps. The largest chunk is about four inches by two inches, and is made up of several strata of translucent rock. The top layer resembles limestone, and the lower layers appear to be of a different substance, fused to the rock by intense heat....

A sighting which occurred in Anaheim, California, on October 14th may be unique in one detail: Two star-like saucers were seen, one of them flying slightly faster than the other. Eventually the fast one overtook the other, seemed to engulf it, flew away, and disappeared....A report from Portland, Connecticut, dated December 14th states that Mr. and Mrs. William Bastel of that city witnessed a flying saucer at about 10 p.m. on the previous night. The object was making erratic movements in the sky, and looked "like a dinner plate," though at times a conical form was also noted. Strange "metallic" lights aboard the UFO varied in color and intensity, and the object seemed to move in a pulsating manner, "something like a jellyfish." The thing was in view for 20 minutes...An object which may have been a weather balloon was seen on October 23rd by a Trans-World Airlines pilot named Capt. J. R. Petrie, who made the sighting while piloting his passenger plane over Toledo, Ohio. He took a number of photos of the UFO, and radioed ahead to his destination, Chicago. When he rolled his jet to a halt outside the terminal, he was greeted by airline officials and representatives of the Air Force, who took the film with them....

House Majority Leader John W. McCormack went on record last February as being in favor of Congressional hearings in regard to UFOs. Said he, "I feel that the Air Force has not been giving out all the information it has. ....These UFOs must be in a very high state of development and perfection. Whether they come from some other planet, we don't know....So many expert witnesses have seen these objects that you can't disregard so many unimpeachable sources." - Because of Congressman McCormack's statement, plus other recent developments, it seems that NICAP may yet get their way in regard to public hearings on the flying saucer subject.....Two eight-year-old boys went out to play in the woods near Hawkins, Wisconsin, last November 17th, and if they are telling the truth, they made one of the closest saucer sightings of recent months. They spotted a silver object "about the size of a medium-sized room." The object was either on or very near the ground. (The news article does not state which.) The UFO was making a series of shrill beeping sounds, and had a turret with windows near the top. It was apparently made of metal. As the boys approached it, the object rose quickly into the air and disappeared "like a streak" to the north. There was no sound when the UFO moved away.....A couple living in Monaca, Pa. made a fairly close sighting of two saucers on the night of November 29th. The objects were seen by local police to be hovering in the air over the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Rohm, who described the craft as square, each with four white lights and a red blinking light. For awhile it was thought that one of the objects was going to land in the back yard of the Rohm residence. (See photo on next page.)....Several photographs of UFOs near Glen Burnie, Maryland, were taken in early November by a man named Donald Blevins. The objects were seen by him on several different days. Mr. Blevins related that he saw what appeared to be reddish and greenish bursts of light emit in a sharp line from the things. These bursts were about 15 seconds apart. One of Blevins' pictures was published in the Glen Burnie "Star" on November 17th, but it does not show enough detail to merit reproduction here. A spokesman for the Air Research and Development Command Post for Cambridge Research Laboratories at Sunspot, New Mexico, has said that these UFOs may be the result of sunspots. He did not elaborate.

**MONSTERS ON THE LOOSE IN WEST VIRGINIA AND ELSEWHERE:** Old-time saucer fans will recall the now-famous Flatwoods monster, seen in Braxton County, W. Va. in September of 1952. Now new monsters have returned to haunt the same general area. In early January, the driver of a bakery truck reported seeing a strange humanoid creature covered with hair, while making his usual deliveries late one night. Because a bread man saw him, the monster was named the "Abominable Doughman" by local wags. Later reports from Cheat Lake, W. Va. describe an eight-foot creature that leaves three-toed tracks on local ski slopes. This creature has been spotted by several skiers and conservation officers, but no one has been close enough to get a photograph. It is said to weigh more than 400 pounds, and has been seen carrying a branch or piece of wood as a weapon. A small dog belonging to one of the skiers chased after the monster on one occasion, and the huge creature, apparently wild with fright, ran rapidly away. Skiers armed with rifles and clubs have attempted to track it down, but lost the trail among rocks and fallen trees.

Meanwhile, back in the Himalayas (which are only slightly more primitive than West Virginia), an English explorer named Alastair Cram has seen and photographed the Abominable Snowman. Unfortunately, the photos are only of the Snowman's footprints; the creature itself was seen too far away to be captured on film. - Elsewhere, our old friend the Loch Ness Monster continues to be seen now and then. One sighting was made on December 1st by a group of 50 school boys who saw the creature surface for a period of about ten

minutes. People in England and Scotland are starting to take the monster more seriously these days, and plans have been made to capture it by dropping depth charges. But J. R. Johnstone, chief constable of the county where Loch Ness is located, takes a dim view of such ideas. Says he, "Any such nonsense will be stopped before it begins. I would welcome real scientific investigations, but bombing the monster is out of the question." Johnstone has called for a special act of Parliament to protect the Loch Ness monster against human villainy. - As reported previously in SAUCER NEWS, it is now believed that a whole family of monsters lives in Loch Ness. A group of scientists from Oxford and Cambridge Universities explored the lake with an echo-sounder last summer, and reached the conclusion that there are animals living there that were thought to have become extinct 60,000,000 years ago. From their investigations, they believe that the Loch Ness monsters are 30 to 60 feet in length, with a long tail. They feed on small fish such as salmon and are capable of swimming 30 miles per hour under water.

SAUCER NEWS OPENS NEW HEADQUARTERS IN NEW YORK CITY: After almost seven years of operating out of the Editor's apartment in Fort Lee, New Jersey, SAUCER NEWS has opened an office at Room 1009, 303 Fifth Avenue, New York City. We are now listed in the New York phone book. (Murray Hill 6-3743.) Mail should still be sent to our Fort Lee post box. Public meetings are planned in the near future, and will be announced in forthcoming issues of this magazine.

HAS MAJOR KEYHOE BEEN DUPED BY THE AIR FORCE? Richard Ogden, well-known writer of saucer articles, offers an intriguing theory in the July 1961 issue of "Flying Saucers." Ogden states his belief that the Air Force, while publicly attempting to kill the idea of interplanetary saucers, has secretly promoted people like Keyhoe who publicize the outer space idea. Says Ogden, "There is little doubt that the Air Force has promoted Keyhoe underhandedly. - No other writer has ever been able to receive so many official sighting reports nor a letter of endorsement such as was sent to Keyhoe's publisher (by Albert M. Chop) and widely publicized on the book jacket (of "Flying Saucers from Outer Space") in order to put the book over as a best seller....Many hail Keyhoe as their hero in the fight to prove saucers interplanetary....We are supposed to believe that the Air Force is desperately



THEY WERE THERE — Mrs. Charles Rohm, Blakup Lane, Center Township, shows her husband where two unidentified flying objects were when she spotted them hovering near her home Monday night. The objects, which the Air Force authorities at Greater Pittsburgh Airport could not identify, returned to the spot several times during the night.

trying to keep Keyhoe's 'truth' from us, while curiously enough the Air Force is responsible for pushing Keyhoe to stardom....Yes, this is a curious battle, just as it is curious why so many military men are associated with Keyhoe's NICAP organization, including the former director of the CIA. The present director of the CIA is responsible for setting the Air Force's UFO policy....The chances are that the military personnel associated with NICAP are not busy probing the nation's secrets....but that they are actually carrying out a program which the Air Force secretly authorizes.....This program calls for official denials of the existence of saucers from outer space while at the same time unofficial confirmations are made which add fuel to Keyhoe's fire...." Ogden concludes by stating that the Air Force is in reality trying to cover up something much more frightening than interplanetary saucers. The real origin of the UFOs is Russia or some unknown Earth race, according to Ogden.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** A new theory to explain flying saucers has been advanced by a 74-year-old New Jersey inventor. John M. Cage, who is credited with devising electrical and electronic systems now incorporated in our Early Warning defense system, has invented a gadget which demonstrates anti-gravity. A plastic box containing small objects can be rubbed and its electrostatic field changed in such a way that the objects inside will float around. Cage believes that UFOs are electrostatic phenomena. Their bluish color and their rate of speed toward or away from airplanes confirm his belief. According to this inventor, a high concentration of electricity has a high rate of speed when approaching or receding from another charged object, such as an airplane. The descriptions of blue lights accompanying UFOs tally with the natural color of electricity, according to Cage, who has filed more than 800 patents during his lifetime.....A nicely detailed sighting made last July 1st is reaching us only now, almost a year later. The object was seen by several people near Montpelier, Idaho. It was bright, silver colored, and appeared to be made of highly polished metal having the shape of two dinner plates face to face. One of the sighters estimated that it had a diameter of 185 feet, and was 14 feet through the center. Five transparent bubbles projected from the bottom. The object was viewed from a distance of only about 400 feet, and was seen to descend to a height of 50 feet above the ground. It then suddenly ascended and took off at tremendous speed. There was no evidence of jets, rocket exhaust, propellers, fumes, or smoke, and no sound was heard....

As we reported briefly in a previous issue of SAUCER NEWS, an elderly inventor living in Clearwater, Florida, has invented a flying saucer which he expects to test fly within a very short while. The aircraft is essentially a controlled flying wing in which the wing embodies lift and propelling forces. It is circular in shape, and the bottom of the wing revolves in a horizontal plane. The center of the wing is stationary, and contains the cabin and the controls. The inventor, named Clarence D. Lemon, has been working on the machine for the past two years.....A report from Hamilton, Bermuda, dated October 2nd, informs us of a rather good night sighting down there. Mrs. Cecile Smith of Hamilton saw a transparent object "like a large dinner plate" flying at high speed over her home. The elliptical shape was geometrically perfect, she said. The perimeter and inner edge seemed a darker band of light than the center. There was nothing to show what propelled it. The same object was also seen by other witnesses.....Last September, a very official-looking sign reading "Caution - Flying saucers landing on highways" showed up mysteriously overnight on a street near Lubbock, Texas. The police suspect practical jokers. At last report, no saucers had been seen....

A wave of sightings in New Mexico and near El Paso, Texas, caused headlines in many newspapers late last September. The most widely publicized

of the sightings occurred on September 25th and concerned a green light seen at Las Cruces N. M. and elsewhere. A spokesman for the Federal Aviation Agency stated that their instruments indicated the UFO was 37 miles above the earth. The object appeared to hover for about thirty minutes and then moved off toward the southwest. According to the F.A.A., the UFO was spherical, and had a square object within it. They said that flashing lights of various colors appeared to emanate from the square object within the sphere. Two unidentified pilots - one of them flying a military jet - reportedly spotted the UFO, as did many people on the ground, including police....Somewhat similar reports of a high-flying UFO, seen by thousands of people, came from the Wisconsin-Ohio-Indiana area on November 23rd. Some versions stated that the UFO was veiled in a sort of mist, and had a fan-shaped tail or "headlight." Although the object may have been natural, no definite explanation for it has been found.....A sighting "flap" in Maine last February 7th and 8th included several fairly detailed descriptions. One of the best reports came from a man who was driving on the Maine Turnpike at 2:40 a.m. on February 9th. He became aware of a "terrible brilliance" which lit up the whole upper left hand corner of the windshield. As he watched in amazement, a spherical-shaped object - brilliant pea green and somewhat bluish - moved across the sky from northwest to northeast. He said it was ten times brighter than a shooting star and was trailed by a cone-shaped tail of sparks. There was a brilliant flash of light almost like an explosion as the object disappeared below the horizon.

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THE ABOVE PHOTO is an informal shot of August C. Roberts taken recently at his home in Wayne, N. J. "Augie," as he is known to his friends, entered saucer research way back in 1947. He was one of the original members of Albert K. Bender's International Flying Saucer Bureau. In 1952 he received nation-wide publicity because of a UFO photo he took while on duty with the ground observer corps in Jersey City. Thereafter he contributed photos and other material to a number of saucer books. In 1960 "Augie" retired from saucer research, and is seen here playing the steel guitar, - his current hobby.

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EDITORIAL

By the time you read these lines, the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena (NICAP) will probably have folded up. If this happens, it will not be - as Keyhoe might want you to believe - because of any insidious Air Force plot. NICAP's plight is due to a combination of other factors, all of them very mundane: NICAP's violently anti-contactee attitude lost them the support of wealthy potential donors; their inability to publish their bulletin on schedule was annoying to many members; and their Board of Governors, heavily laden with military men (such as the former director of the CIA), aroused deep suspicions that Keyhoe might not be conducting an honest investigation. But in our opinion the most important factor in the collapse of NICAP has been Keyhoe's inability, after four years of effort, to prove his point, - namely, that flying saucers come from outer space. Had Keyhoe not formed his conclusions before beginning his saucer investigation, he would have attracted support from the general public as well as from many scientific people.

Just recently, NICAP was given the opportunity to do research on an alleged saucer landing which occurred in Eagle River, Wisconsin. (See Page 10 of this issue.) According to information reaching us just before press time, Keyhoe's organization refused to analyze a piece of physical evidence sent to them by an on-the-scene investigator in Wisconsin. This physical evidence, if genuine, would have tended to confirm the landing story, and, if fake, would have branded it forever as a hoax. But Keyhoe was not interested, or was too worried about what his "friends in Washington" would think about his "dirtying his hands" by merely investigating a landing story! Thus we see again that NICAP is not an unbiased research group. It never has been, and with Keyhoe at the helm, it never could have been.

SAUCER NEWS has now been published for over seven years, which makes us one of the oldest saucer groups in existence. During those years, we have seen a great many UFO organizations come and go. Some of them were good, and some of them were bad, but (although we hate to brag), few if any of them ever enjoyed the consistent support and following that SAUCER NEWS has received. The reason for this is very simple in our opinion. Although we have long favored a terrestrial solution to the flying saucer mystery, we have always done our best to print all sides of every controversy. We have never suppressed evidence; we have no connection with the Military; and our pages have always been open to anyone with something worthwhile to say on the subject of UFOs or related matters.

It is for this reason that while NICAP and other saucer clubs are going under, SAUCER NEWS is expanding. We are mailing out more copies of this issue than ever before in our history. Our new office, located at 303 5th Ave. (Suite 1009) in New York City, was opened just before the summer began. It will be the scene of a series of saucer lectures to begin this fall. Further details about this lecture series will be printed in our September issue.

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NEW WAVE OF HOAX LETTERS HITS SAUCER NEWS HEADQUARTERS: While most of us are trying to concentrate our attention on serious research, there seems to be a "lunatic fringe" in Saucerdom which expends its energy sending around hoax letters which only serve to confuse the true issues. On May 30th of this year we received a letter postmarked Washington, D.C., which read in part: "Just a line to let you know that I am on my way to Fort Lee after I finish my business here in Washington. I am conferring with a Committee here concerning your activities. Soon I will be reaching Fort Lee and my personal investigation of you will mean the closing down of your operations immediately....Before I close down SAUCER NEWS, I will let you know the details of the 'Mr. X' letter written some years ago. You are correct that I wrote it and first tried to blame you and then Comella." (The reference here is to a hoax letter discussed in Newsletter #9.) - The above letter is signed "Richard Ogden, man called X," but the entire letter including the signature is typed. Therefore there is no way of being completely sure that Richard Ogden is actually the author of the Washington letter, or that his confession concerning the earlier hoax is valid.

However, still another hoax letter, received just the other day, throws more light on the situation. This one is dated July 12th, but, (curiously!), it is postmarked July 8th. It was mailed from Bridgeport, Connecticut, and purports to be from Albert K. Bender, the researcher who was supposedly "silenced" by three men in black, back in 1953. Like in the Washington letter, the signature is merely typed in. The Bridgeport letter reads in part as follows: "I recently held a conference with representatives of the U.S. Government. During this conference, your name and your saucer research activities were mentioned. It appears that you are being investigated by the Government. It seems that someone had filed a complaint against you with a Committee in Washington. As a result, an investigation is being made of you by an agency I am not allowed to name....You will probably be visited in a few days regarding this matter and I thought I would give you advance warning so that you may prepare yourself....Please keep the information in this letter confidential and destroy after reading in that I write this to you at great personal risk."

Needless to say, we have not been visited by anyone, and we don't expect to be! Upon receiving the latest in this series of strange communications, we phoned Albert K. Bender at his home in Bridgeport. He assured us that he did not write any such letter, and mentioned that he himself has been receiving a series of hoax letters, all postmarked Seattle, Washington. By strange co-incidence, Seattle is the home town of Mr. Richard Ogden, the man who likes to call himself "Mr. X," and who is the person most likely responsible for all these letters. Ogden is known to have written an endless series of letters under his own name to public officials from the President on down, concerning his various views and theories about flying saucers. A few months ago Ogden sent us a signed letter accusing your SAUCER NEWS Editor of being responsible for his not being able to publish a saucer book that he has been peddling around to various publishers for several years. Thus, the finger of suspicion points to Richard C. Ogden as the man who, for reasons best known to himself, is doing all he can to throw needless confusion into the saucer mystery.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A lot of people have been fascinated by R. E. Straith, but I know a man who is even more mysterious and fascinating. He calls himself R. E. Palmer.

The Flying Saucer Man of Wisconsin knows the answer to the saucer mystery, but is afraid to print it in his magazine "Flying Saucers." No, the answer has nothing to do with Palmer's Inner Earth theory. Not even Palmer believes in what he is printing these days. Palmer is more truthful when he says in one of his editorials, "Maybe all we're doing is trying to trick you into a little thinking. But isn't your curiosity aroused?"

My curiosity is aroused all right, but not about Palmer's nonexistent saucer bases in warm Shangri-La valleys beyond the poles. Mr. Palmer knows that Admiral Byrd did not fly 1,700 miles beyond the South Pole into such a region, because I pointed out to him that the New York Times of February 18th, 1947, shows that Byrd flew only 86 miles beyond the Pole and reported no oasis. The New York Times of February 15th, 1947 did report a discovery of an oasis in the Antarctic, but this was located near the Knox Coast in Wilkes Land. David Bunker made this discovery, not Byrd, and it has nothing to do with any strange land beyond the South Pole. Palmer is writing science-fiction these days, based on what he has "borrowed" from a science-fiction book called "Worlds Beyond the Poles" by F. Amadeo Giannini, published by Vantage Press.

I called the above information to Palmer's attention, and he refers to it vaguely in his August 1960 editorial; but he cleverly censored out the most damaging part that would have killed his new saucer theory. Palmer's censorship proved to me that he didn't believe in what he is printing about the polar regions, and it also aroused my curiosity about this mystery man of Wisconsin. Palmer knows the truth about the saucer mystery, and that truth is his so-called "Fact." Mr. Palmer's "Fact" is truly amazing, and if you knew it you would be able to explain the Shaver Mystery, the Maury Island Mystery, Adamski's contacts, and even the Straith letter. In my opinion it is all part of a five-year plan, which states that an important saucer event will take place every five years, ever since Richard Shaver first had his experiences with the Deros in 1942. Let's take a look now at this record in summary form and see if it doesn't offer some clues about the Mystery Man of Wisconsin:

- 1942 - Shaver Mystery
- 1947 - Maury Island, Kenneth Arnold's sighting over Mount Rainier, and a "saucer flap."
- 1952 - Adamski's contact with a Venusian, and a big "saucer flap."
- 1957 - The Straith letter, a "saucer flap," and the beginning of Palmer's saucer magazine.

Note that an important saucer year has taken place every five years since the Shaver Mystery, so we know that the next mystery year will be 1962. Palmer knows why this all takes place, because this is his "Fact." And if you knew Palmer's "Fact," you would know the answer to the saucer mystery!

RICHARD OGDEN  
Seattle, Washington

There is no doubt that after World War II, further experiments were carried out in connection with the German V-7, as pointed out by Rudolf Lusar in his book "German Secret Weapons of World War II," Pages 164-166. A certain degree of perfection was achieved on this revolutionary machine. Furthermore, there can be little doubt that successful flights have been achieved

by the various nations that cashed in on the V-7 in 1945; and Russia, as it is well known, was one of these countries. One can easily conclude that many saucer sightings reported over the past ten years are due to test flights of the V-7, possibly by remote control, and in some instances with actual crews aboard.

Despite the fact that there is a V-7, however, there still remains the mystery of many sightings which occurred before the advent of the airplane, V-7, etc. It is entirely possible that the population of the world has actually witnessed interplanetary machines flying around. The evolution of the V-7 might be Man's first step in producing a machine similar in shape only to the type used by interplanetary beings.....As one reads more and more about UFOs, one realizes that one answer alone will never cover the whole truth. An open mind and a lot of patience are the best assets to have. In time, censorship will decrease, and heretofore unpublished facts will be made known. One of the most important facets of the saucer business in regard to government censorship is that the government must shield itself from any admission regarding interplanetary machines, as such an admission.....would cause a moral and psychological collapse on the part of a good percentage of our people.... Until the governments of various nations can find a way to explain the existence of space visitors and quickly revise our thinking, denials of the existence of saucers (interplanetary ones) will go on. In the meantime, however, they can lean on the V-7 for their answers.

WILLIAM NEVA  
Rochester, New York

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#### MOVIE REVIEW

EDGE OF TOMORROW - Produced by Ron and June Ormond - Reviewed by Fred Broman

"Edge of Tomorrow" is the title of the hopelessly boring, technically inadequate, poorly photographed hodge-podge of inanities premiered before one thousand starry-eyed saucer addicts at the Wilshire Ebell Theatre in Los Angeles on May 28th, 1961. For reasons only professional psychologists can isolate, the majority viewing this 16mm color (though by no means colorful) "premiere" seemed vaguely satisfied that this motion picture had offered something of value to the world, though no one seemed quite able to specify what that "something" might be.

The hour-long monotony opened with Reinhold O. Schmidt - hero, star, and martyr - driving interminably around Kearney, Nebraska (where he was allegedly contacted by a Saturnian spaceship on November 5th, 1957.) Then, at long last, the film re-enacts the famed encounter: briefly the audience spots what appears to be an aluminum cucumber lying in an untidy garden.

Although Schmidt had claimed the Saturnians spoke in "high German," the space visitor who finally greets "Schmidty" looked and talked like a Hollywood version of a British butler (and one whose shoes were two sizes too tight.) When two space women later appear, red-blooded American males can only be grateful to be living on terra firma. Schmidt enters the spaceship through a silver door that must take 20 to 30 seconds to jerkily slide open. The interior of the 60-foot craft appears to have been constructed of cardboard and erector sets, (not wholly unlike the deliberately antiquated sets used in Disney's "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea.")

"Edge of Tomorrow" was produced, directed (?), and filmed by Ron and June Ormond. Ron Ormond is a former Hollywood director (of low-budgeted westerns) and is a part-time professional mystic. He is unquestionably a

superb showman, but what cinematic talents he may have were not displayed in this epic.

It might be worthwhile at this juncture to quote from the publicity sheets Reinhold Schmidt mailed to 7,000 Los Angeles saucer faddists:

At a recent private showing for the Hollywood press, Reinhold challenged them to answer their own questions about the flying saucer used in the motion picture. Those witnessing the picture have literally been left breathless....

But more surprising is the fact that no one in Hollywood can determine the exact geographical location of the scenery. No one, that is, but Reinhold O. Schmidt and his director, and they're not talking.

At another point, this sheet (which would have been a credit to P. T. Barnum), hinted broadly that some of the preposterous scenes were actually filmed aboard a spacecraft:

"What about the spaceship sequence in the film," one critic asked Reinhold Schmidt. "Was it filmed aboard a real flying saucer?"

The contactee's answer will go down in history as he replied to the hard-boiled newsman: "You're a film man," Reinhold commented, "you certainly ought to know a theatrical ship from the real thing."

Scratching his head, the man replied, "Well, I've never seen one exactly like that, and brother, I've seen a lot of movie sets in my day."

But by far the bulk of the picture comprises an endlessly tedious, badly photographed interview between Schmidt and one Bill Anson. One must here give credit to a script not devoid of adequate continuity. But why Schmidt's illiterate grammar was not improved by employing a teleprompter or idiot cards, this reviewer will never know. (The film presumably cost \$20,000. But even at union rates, this figure seems unnecessarily high.)

Reinhold Schmidt, playing himself, was excruciatingly self-conscious and static throughout the film. As for acting and direction, neither of these qualities was evident in the opus.

A fact omitted from this biographical documentary (one has to call it something), was Schmidt's 1938 arrest and conviction for embezzlement.

Not all of those witnessing the movie were overwhelmed by its spiritual significance. One young couple sitting across the aisle from this reviewer abruptly got up during the middle of the presentation. The gentleman audibly mumbled a comment, but obscenity laws prevent its quotation within the body of this review. But his reaction obviously was not isolated.

"Edge of Tomorrow" is truly a "must see" for all enthusiasts of flying saucers and Outer Space, as an experience that will always be remembered.

That's what the publicity handouts said.

Amen.

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EXTRASENSORY PERCEPTION

- by Justin Case -

Everything we learn about the world around us comes to us through our five senses - sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. These five senses somehow transmit sensations to the center of our nervous system, the brain, which interprets them. The five senses plus the brain comprise the human mind, which the dictionary says is the "mental being of man." There is little use in trying to define the mind any further than this. Many books have been written defining the human mind, and each book requires more books to explain it. Furthermore, we are told that we have at least two minds, the conscious and the unconscious. But no one really knows what these minds are, where they are located, or how they operate. Aside from life itself probably the greatest mystery we know of is the human mind.

This mystery was greatly complicated about twenty-five years ago by the discovery of a sixth sense called Extrasensory Perception, or ESP. This sense includes clairvoyance - the ability to see events that happen beyond sight; precognition - the ability to foretell events before they happen; and mental telepathy - the ability to read other peoples' minds.

We are interested in ESP because so many saucer contactees claim to have been led to saucer landings by ESP, and to have communicated with these visitors by mental telepathy. They claim that these visitors possess these marvelous powers far more than we ordinary mortals do, and are therefore much wiser and happier than we are.

The leading investigator of ESP in this country is Prof. Joseph B. Rhine of Duke University, Durham, N. C. Full details of his work are usually available in public libraries, so here we will only briefly summarize his results:

About one person in five has ESP to a noticeable extent some times in his life. But only one person in a thousand has strong ESP powers. Usually a person who has any one of the three - clairvoyance, precognition, or mental telepathy, also has the other two. Distance and physical obstructions are no barriers to these powers. They are just as effective at 200 miles as at 10 feet, and through many thick walls as through one thin wall. But in all cases these powers are very elusive. They cannot be controlled, or turned on and off at will. People who possess them do not know how or why or when they have them. There is no way of developing them to make them stronger. Usually they are stronger (more accurate) during peaceful, relaxed and cheerful states of mind and body, and weaker (less accurate) when tired or tense or depressed. With time these powers tend to disappear and there seems to be no way of restoring them. In the case of mental telepathy, the person who does the mind reading can read only certain peoples' minds, not everybody's. This, in brief, is what Prof. Rhine has learned from his years of investigation.

Therefore the outstanding characteristic of ESP is its unreliability. It is this unreliability that has made many scientists refuse to accept Prof. Rhine's proof of the existence of ESP. They attribute his results to chance. Nevertheless, in the opinion of some scientific people, Prof. Rhine has proved conclusively that some people are capable of clairvoyance, precognition, and mental telepathy. That is, they can see events beyond sight, foretell events before they happen, and read other peoples' minds much more accurately than if they guessed by chance alone.

Here is a story of how ESP figured recently in a sensational murder mystery. Late in 1958 the Jackson family of parents and two daughters disappeared after leaving their Apple Grove, Va. home in an automobile. Despite a wide search by police and volunteers, not a trace of the family was found for

over two months. Then by accident the murdered bodies of the father and one daughter were found in a lonely wooded area near Fredricksburg, Va., and some time later the bodies of the mother and the other daughter were found buried, also in a remote wooded area, near Gambrills, Maryland. The police continued their investigation with no reported success for the next year and a half.

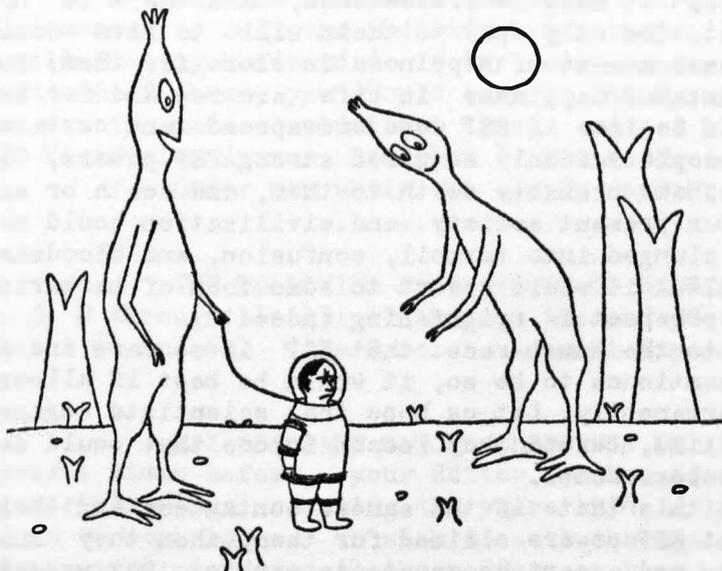
In June 1960 a Washington, D.C. psychiatrist who was interested in ESP and also in the Jackson case decided to help the police. At his own expense he brought in from Florida one Peter Herkos, a mental telepathist who had gained fame in Europe and who had been lecturing and performing in this country for the past four years. Fifteen years ago Herkos had been a house painter, in the course of which occupation he had fallen 35 feet off a ladder and fractured his skull. A short while after this accident, Herkos discovered his ESP abilities and set about demonstrating them. He claims to have helped police both in Europe and in this country solve a number of long-standing mysteries.

At their first meeting Herkos convinced the psychiatrist of his powers. Herkos was taken by the psychiatrist and the Virginia state police first to the Jackson family home at Apple Grove, Va., and then to the murder sites near Fredricksburg, Va., and Gambrills, Md. Herkos said he was able to get a mental image of the killer's face, the killer's wife, and the house they lived in, - all of which he described. The police took him to a house similar to the one he had described. They learned their suspect had lived there but had moved. The next day they located the suspect's new home, but Herkos said he was too tired and refused to question the suspect. The following day they returned and questioned the suspect's wife while the suspect was away at work. Herkos reminded the wife of six beatings her husband had given her recently, which he described so vividly that the wife exclaimed, "I can't lie to this man; he knows everything, just like God!"

The wife accompanied them to the Culpepper, Va. police station, to which the suspect was brought later on. He was questioned by the police, the psychiatrist, and Herkos. He denied the Jackson killings, but admitted he sometimes suffered from amnesia. The psychiatrist decided that the suspect might be mentally unbalanced and potentially dangerous, so they brought him before a hastily-convened lunacy commission at 1:45 a.m. at the Fairfax County, Va., court. This commission committed the suspect to a hospital for the

insane, for observation, after his wife signed the petition for his confinement. But no criminal charges were placed against him. It was expected that the police would file such charges later on.

Herkos announced that a very important development in the Jackson murder case would occur in two weeks. Sure enough, exactly two weeks later, the FBI arrested an itinerant musician named Melvin Rees, Jr., and charged him with the murder of the Jackson family. (A jury in Baltimore, Md. later found Rees guilty.)



"I really don't know what it is, but it makes a very cute pet."

Then the wife of Herkos' suspect claimed that she had been pressured into asking for her husband's confinement to the insane asylum, and demanded his release. About a week later he was freed, and within a few days his lawyer announced that they were going to sue the state of Virginia for \$25,000 damages for illegal confinement.

This is but one example of the unreliability of ESP. As I have already pointed out, unreliability is the outstanding characteristic of ESP. Herkos readily admitted that he was not infallible, but continued to claim that he had been right in most cases.

At first thought it seems that ESP is a wonderful gift bestowed on man that can increase his powers and knowledge, solve many of his problems, and bring him happiness. But further thought should convince anyone that it is indeed fortunate for the human race that so few people have ESP and that it is so unreliable. In fact one of the reasons why our society and civilization have developed to their present stages is that ESP is so rare and so uncertain.

Most of us ordinary people continue to live and struggle and endure all sorts of hardships largely because we do not know what the future will bring, but we hope it will be brighter. It is this hope that keeps us going. We live in relative peace and security among our neighbors because neither they nor we know what is in each others' minds or what each is doing when out of the others' sight. That's the way we live now.

Now let us suppose that a lot of people became suddenly endowed with very strong ESP powers, so that they can read our minds, see what we are doing all the time no matter where we hide, and even foretell the future. What would happen to them and to us?

As soon as we found out that they were reading our minds and that they were watching us no matter where we hid, we would bitterly resent them. Yet the only way we could be sure of stopping them would be to kill them, provided we knew who they were. In turn, for their own protection they would have to kill us or enslave us to keep us under their control, for they would know how much we hated and feared them. If they began to read each others' minds and watch each other, their own fears and suspicions would start a battle of minds among themselves, surely leading to bloodshed. If they foretold the future they could not avoid learning of some of the calamities in store for them. This would make them lose all hope and ambition, and sink into despair. For if the future can be foretold, it must be predestined, and there is nothing they could do to change it. The only spur to their will to live would be the knowledge of some occasional moment of happiness in store for them. But as any older person knows, moments of happiness in life are few and far between. - That is what life would be like if ESP were widespread and certain.

Therefore if many people suddenly acquired strong ESP powers, it would bring unhappiness, despair, and probably death to them, and death or enslavement to the rest of us. Our present society and civilization could not possibly continue, but would be plunged into turmoil, confusion, and bloodshed from which, if it survived at all, it would revert to some form of barbarism akin to the animal world. This prospect is frightening indeed!

So it is a blessing to the human race that ESP is so rare and so uncertain. To insure that this continues to be so, it would be best if all experiments with ESP be stopped permanently. Let us hope that scientists engaged in ESP research realize this in time, before they loosen forces that could destroy us more thoroughly than nuclear bombs.

We can conclude from this that if the saucer contactees and their visitors really possess the great ESP powers claimed for them, then they must be a very unhappy, miserable lot, and a serious menace to mankind. But we need not lose any sleep over this, for there is no reason to believe these claims.

DON'T JUST BRUSH AWAY BAD THOUGHT WAVES

- by Melvyn Stiriss -

For those of you who are fortunate enough to be making the acquaintance of the Mystic Barber for the first time, let me explain that he is the inventor of certain headbands and other unusual implements which, he feels, will revolutionize mankind, the world, and (of course) the Universe. He claims that his findings are based on the "science of Moses." Andrew Sinatra, the Mystic Barber, was, through an act of God, a stroke of luck, or via an over-wrought imagination, telepathically instructed to duplicate exactly the breast plate, headband and wrist band which, he informs us, Moses wore.

What is the purpose of these headbands, rigged with wires, tubes, etc. (which Moses wore)? Different models serve different purposes (naturally.) Mr. Sinatra explains that there are undesirable thought waves floating about which originate on the earth and on other planets. (Watch it! There goes a harmful thought wave now!) Those persons with "unbalanced or undeveloped involuntary systems" are vulnerable to these waves, and they therefore hear voices. They are classified by our society as insane and are appropriately put in institutions. If you are in this category, you will definitely want one of the Barber's headbands. This model will protect you from these thought waves, and you won't hear voices any more. As a result, neither you nor your friends will be aware of your condition.

If you have always had a secret desire to communicate telepathically with men from outer space, there is a headband to suit this purpose as well. Another model can be adopted to charge the body for therapeutic purposes. And, the Barber has a strange device for charging ordinary tap water, which can then be drunk for "better health and vitality." Last but not least, Mr. Sinatra has a mechanism with which he can influence the weather as he so desires. (We note at this point that, despite the Mystic Barber's professed ability to work miracles on a Cecil B. Demille scale, he modestly does not claim divinity.) This last-mentioned gadget, however, is not on the market, as it could be used to wage climatic warfare, and as he received a letter from Washington about it (which he modestly didn't bother to show me.) The said epistle beseeched him to guard the secret and to use it for peaceful purposes only.

But the headbands and water energizer are on the market and are custom-made to suit the individual (as there is nothing more embarrassing than an ill-fitting headband.) If for some reason, whether insanity or health, you want one of these, you should contact the Mystic Barber telepathically. Or, if you are the more conventional type, contact him by writing: Andrew Sinatra, 270 Van Siclen Avenue, Brooklyn 7, New York.

Order now while the supply (and Mr. Sinatra) lasts.

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SIX THOUSAND SAUCER CLIPPINGS STILL FOR SALE: As we have mentioned several times before, your Editor wishes to sell a collection of over 6,000 saucer clippings, covering the years 1954 to 1961. This collection is contained in 40 scrapbooks. We wish to sell the entire set to one person, for cash. If you are interested in this offer or know anyone who might be, please contact us immediately at P. O. Box 163, Fort Lee, N. J. (Dept. S).

RECENT NEWS STORIES

**SAUCER LANDING IN WISCONSIN:** In a widely-publicized incident last April 18th, a chicken farmer living near Eagle River, Wisconsin, claimed that a saucer with three men aboard landed in his yard. The farmer, named Joseph Simonton, said that he was attracted to the yard at about 11 a.m. when he heard a strange noise outside the farmhouse. The saucer, gleaming silver "brighter than chrome," had already landed when he arrived outside. It was about 30 feet in diameter and 12 feet thick, according to Simonton. There was a hatch about five feet from the ground. As the hatch opened up, he could see three men inside the machine. One of them, dressed in a black two-piece suit, held up a jug, which appeared to be made of the same material as the space ship. The man in black motioned to indicate he would like the jug to be filled with water. Simonton took the jug and hurried into the house to comply. He then brought it back to the saucer occupants. The farmer says that the space men were about 5 feet tall and weighed about 125 pounds. He described them as smooth-shaven, and they "appeared to resemble people of Italian descent." Simonton does not recall hearing them speak to each other or to him.

At this point Simonton was able to see the interior of the saucer. He says that it looked black inside, - "the color of wrought-iron." He could see several instrument panels and hear a slow whining sound, like the hum of a generator. One of the men inside the ship was frying food on a flameless grill of some sort. Simonton motioned to indicate an interest in the food. The man, - dressed in black like the others, but with a narrow red trim along his trousers, - handed him three small pancakes from the grill. A short while later, the hatch snapped shut and the ship took off rapidly to the south, with a blast of air that bowed nearby pine trees. Said Simonton, "When it took off, it went up slow and even for about 15 feet, and then in two seconds it was so far away that I couldn't see it." Among other details the farmer recalls: The saucer never actually touched the ground, but seemed to hover slightly above it at all times. The entire sighting lasted about five minutes.

The local sheriff sent two deputies to the Simonton farm soon afterwards. They said that they could find no evidence of the saucer visitation, but that the farmer seemed to be sincere and sober. Air Force investigators also visited the area. A local man interested in saucers, Judge Frank W. Carter, sent one of the pancakes to NICAP in Washington for analysis. No official word has been received from that organization as to the outcome, but rumor has it that nothing unusual was found. Simonton claims that several chickens on his farm died shortly after the saucer landing, and that many others are ailing. He asked the sheriff to get the Air Force to make a return visit to investigate this, but nothing was done.- As often happens in such cases, several less spectacular sightings were made in the Eagle River area during the week following the landing. In one of these, an unidentified flying object, "definitely not a jet," was seen streaking across the sky east of Rhinelander, Wisconsin. It was described as a silver circular object, 30 to 40 feet in diameter.

**PHYSICAL EVIDENCE OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE:** (Condensed from an article in Life Magazine.) Two sensational scientific discoveries of recent months may finally give the world direct physical proof of life on other planets. (SAUCER NEWS fans will recall that the amateur research group called AFRO made an abortive attempt last year to produce such evidence. Their data was later shown to be totally inconclusive.)

Last March 16th three little-known chemists read a paper to the New York Academy of Sciences in which they explained how they had analyzed the

organic compounds found in a meteorite which fell in France 97 years ago. They surmised that these compounds had been created by living plants or animals. Among the scientific community, the first reaction was skepticism, but that did not keep the story from making a big splash in the newspapers. It was explained that the chemists had found a number of complex waxlike hydrocarbons, the same kind of chemicals that occur in terrestrial petroleum deposits. On earth these fuels are generally accepted as being chemical fossils. The swamp ferns, extinct fishes, ancient microbes and monster reptiles that created them, moldered away into ooze millions of years ago and left no prints or outlines. But their molecules remained, revealing by their complexity that they must have been caused by animal organs or green leaves. It is also true that fairly complicated hydrocarbons can be manufactured, at least in theory, by inanimate forces like cosmic rays; but chemists know of no non-life process outside the laboratory that could create compounds as complex as those found in this meteorite.

Upon receiving criticism and skepticism from their colleagues, the team double-checked their results, and came up with further proof that their conclusions are correct. One of the team now states, "We calculate that the odds against these compounds being made at random by non-living processes are in the magnitude of a billion to one." Other scientists are now much less critical than they were at first. Brian Mason, the American Museum of Natural History's curator of minerals, stated that he and his colleagues are "no longer skeptical, just cautious."

At about the same time, two other scientists, working independently, came up with even more sensational but less conclusive findings as a result of their work with another meteorite. They pulverized a chunk of a germ-free meteorite and put the dust in sterile solutions to see if anything would grow. After several months of incubation the solution turned cloudy, - and droplets of it under a microscope revealed tiny, wiggling sausage-like particles about the size of small bacteria. (.000008 inches.) These were unlike the usual terrestrial bacteria! However, the chemists did not rule out the possibility that the wiggling, though it looked like the stir of life, might prove to be a kind of non-animal motion caused simply by the constant collision of fast-moving molecules. And the wigglers, though they had been encased in very dense rock, might possibly be a previously unknown terrestrial species that had attached itself to the meteorite when it fell to earth 10 years ago, and then worked its way inward during the years of storage. Since the rock's pores were about the same size as the microscopic sausages, the chemists pointed out that they could never completely rule out this mundane explanation.

The scientific discord that these discoveries have brought about, stems from the fact that there are two schools of thought as to whether bacteria can actually survive a space trip on a meteorite, which would last at least a few hundred thousand years. According to some scientists, a bacterium can survive almost anything. Certain bacteria have been found alive inside nuclear reactors; others have been dredged up from the depths of oil wells where the rocks are millions of years old. But other authorities say that the bacteria inside the reactors have survived only because they were able to repair damaged protoplasm at a rate they could never maintain in the extreme cold of outer space. As for the bacteria taken from oil wells, this group of scientists insists that they must be interlopers that have crept into the wells from dirty drill bits. If there actually is life on meteorites, a great deal of scientific theory may have to be rewritten. It would mean that simple one-celled plants and animals may have evolved on a planet some place in space between Mars and Jupiter as early as they did on Earth. It would mean that an extinct planet, long ago located in what is now the asteroid belt between Mars

and Jupiter, once had a climate much more hospitable to life than such a planet could have now. A further startling implication is that the extinct planet had a great deal of water on it, for one of the meteorites is suspiciously like a piece of sedimentary rock from a sea bottom - indicating that there were oceans on its planet of origin!

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Dr. Carl Gustav Jung, one of the three founders of modern psychiatry, has died at the age of 85. In 1959 Jung authored a book called "Flying Saucers: A Modern Myth," in which he expressed his opinion that the psychological implications of saucer sightings are more important than whether such objects are real or not.....Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York, once the most active saucer group on the East Coast, is now all but defunct. A spokesman for the organization tells us that no work has been done for the past year or more, and no public meetings are planned....Major Wayne Aho, the saucer lecturer who recently spent more than two months confined in a mental hospital, has finally been released in custody of his wife. On May 30th Aho was allowed to leave the insane asylum at Central Islip, New York, where he had been transferred from Bellevue. He has now returned to his home in Toledo, Ohio. - The full story of the strange events which led up to Aho's confinement is given in our Confidential Newsletter #13, now available...Major William Coleman has replaced Lt. Col. Laurence J. Tacker as the Air Force spokesman on the subject of UFOs. During a recent trip to Washington, we dropped in on Major Coleman at his Pentagon office, and had a very interesting conversation. There seems to be a slight shift in Air Force policy, toward more public information.....As reported in our March issue, Edward J. Ruppelt, author of "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects," has died of a heart attack. Ruppelt's book was reviewed in the April-May 1956 issue of SAUCER NEWS, and was recently brought out in an expanded second edition, which includes three new chapters. We have just acquired the new edition, and find no grounds for the charge made by Keyhoe and his followers that it shows Ruppelt was "under pressure" to take a more anti-saucer attitude than he had in the earlier part of the book. Although Ruppelt does take a few good-natured cracks at the over-sensitive Major Keyhoe, the tone of the last three chapters does not sound to us any more anti-saucer than the tone of the rest of the volume. We still recommend "The Report on Unidentified Flying Objects" as one of the best UFO books ever written.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** The House Space Committee is going to hold investigations on the subject of UFOs, according to present plans of Chairman Overton Brooks. He is designating a subcommittee to hear witnesses. Congressman Joseph E. Karth will head the subcommittee, and Congressman Perkins Bass has been named one of the members of the three-man body. The question of whether or not the sessions will be secret had not been decided at last report. Chairman Brooks is said to "harbor some lingering doubts" as to whether public testimony on the subject might "contribute to national alarm."....A tear-shaped object was seen speeding over Wheaton, Illinois, last June 10th by a 19-year-old youth named Barry Stark. "It was moving from north to south," said Stark. "Then it stopped and moved to east and west three times, and finally went off to the southeast." Stark described the UFO as moving with the "blunt end forward," with flashing white lights....Our old friend the Loch Ness monster is the subject of a new book published in England, called "Loch Ness Fact and Monstrous Fancy," in which the author asserts strongly that the strange beast really does exist.....A red ball of fire, trailing smoke, flashed across the sky in Oregon at dusk on May 19th. The object, described by one observer as brighter than the moon, was seen as far away as Canada and California.

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"ART THOU TRULY GOD?" - The above photograph is an Iraqi depiction of an extraterrestrial being, dating from the era of Y'hova, the God of Israel. This ivory carving was found last year in Nimrud, and is now in the Iraq Museum.

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EDITORIAL NOTES

THE EAGLE RIVER "SPACE PANCAKE," which we discussed in detail in our June issue, is finally being analyzed in a laboratory in New Jersey. According to our latest information, only one of the three pancakes was sent to the Air Force. The second was sent to NICAP, and the third remains in the possession of the original owners. When the NICAP organization decided not to make any analysis themselves, they sent their pancake to Civilian Saucer Intelligence (CSI), a nearly defunct research group in New York City. CSI took no action at all from May until mid-July, when your SAUCER NEWS Editor learned of the situation and began pressuring CSI to fulfill their moral obligation to the public. Now we understand that three different chemical tests are being made, which should determine whether or not the famous pancake is of other-worldly origin. We hope to be able to publish a summary of the laboratory report in our next issue. - Incidentally, NICAP has not folded yet, although the organization is still in serious financial trouble.

THE "LETTERS TO THE EDITOR" SECTION is being omitted in this issue, due to lack of space. All worthwhile comments received in regard to both the June and September issues will be printed in our forthcoming December issue. In the meanwhile, we want to thank the many people who have written in commenting on our new improved printing technique. We also want to welcome into the SAUCER NEWS fold the many new subscribers who have responded to our current subscription drive.

OUR DECEMBER ISSUE will feature an article by Ivan T. Sanderson, the world-famous naturalist. Mr. Sanderson is probably the biggest "name" author who has written for us during our seven year history, and we are very pleased to add him to our list of contributors. He is the author of several books, including "Living Animals of the World," "The Continent We Live On," and "The Abominable Snowman." He has also made innumerable radio and T.V. appearances. - The December issue will also include a first-hand report on the 1961 Giant Rock Convention.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET that we announce the resignation of John Marana as Managing Editor of SAUCER NEWS. Mr. Marana recently had a "close shave" with an alleged psychic phenomenon in your Editor's apartment, and although his accustomed tranquility was not disturbed by the incident, we both felt that such occurrences could best be avoided in the future by his resignation. He is replaced by Mr. Ted Hunt.

THE FOLLOWING BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: #1; 2; 3; 8 through 11; 13; 17 through 28; and 30 through 44. All are 3 for \$1.00 except #1 and #27 (the Special Adamski Expose Issue), which sell for \$1.00 each.

YOUR EDITOR STILL WISHES TO SELL his collection of saucer clippings covering the years 1954-1961. There are now well over 7,000 clippings in the collection. Write us for details if interested.

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WHAT HAPPENED NOVEMBER 9th, 1957?

- by Max B. Miller -

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Mr. Miller was, from 1953 to 1960, the editor of "Saucers," one of the pioneer UFO publications. He is also author of "Flying Saucers - Fact or Fiction?", which we reviewed in the June-July 1957 issue of SAUCER NEWS. - We are pleased to announce that with the article you are about to read, Mr. Miller has won second prize in our Giant Literary Contest. The first prize article, by David Wightman, was published in our March 1961 issue.)

Most of us recall the tremendous quantity and quality of UFO sighting reports that followed the launching of Sputnik II on November 3rd, 1957. While this "flap" was of brief duration, it was nevertheless one of the most active on record, and brought to light numerous accounts of radio interference, mysterious globes that landed on highways and at the site of the first atom bomb detonation in New Mexico, and enigmatic reports of automobile ignitions suddenly and unexplainably ceasing to function.

This activity was climaxed when a Pan American airliner bound for Honolulu mysteriously vanished during the early morning hours of November 9th. Coast Guard surface vessels, air carrier aircraft, Air Force aircraft, and the Navy aircraft carrier "Philippine Sea" immediately began one of the most intensive air-sea search explorations ever initiated.

Some of the search aircraft reported sighting aerial flares at night, but these reports were eventually discounted as being unrelated to the missing airliner. Finally, on November 14th, - five days after the great search began - aircraft from the "Philippine Sea" discovered bodies and some wreckage 90 miles north of the intended flight path of Pan American Clipper 944 (a Boeing 377 Strato-cruiser.)

From that time till now we have had no official comment regarding the fate of the airliner. In fact, the entire matter was "classified." (This security, however, is not particularly unusual. Almost all accident investigations are kept under wraps until the final report is completed.) The Civil Aeronautics Board, however, has just completed and released its lengthy and exhaustive report on the incident, revealing some intriguing aspects of the "accident."

Clipper 944 departed from San Francisco at 7:51 GMT (Greenwich Mean Time), November 8th. It carried 36 passengers and a crew of eight, including Captain Gordon H. Brown and First Officer William P. Wygant. Of more than casual interest to the UFO researcher is the name of the second officer - William H. Fontenberry.

It will be remembered that on the night of July 14th, 1952, Pan American First Officer William B. Nash and Second Officer Fontenberry sighted eight UFO's traveling below their airliner while approaching Norfolk, Virginia. This was the first UFO sighting on record where the witnesses were above the phenomenon. The Air Force has classified this report: "Conclusion - Unknown." (Nash and Fontenberry recounted this experience in an article entitled "We Flew Above Flying Saucers," which appeared in the October 1952 issue of True Magazine.)

The flight path of the missing Clipper 944 specified a cruising altitude of 10,000 feet and a true airspeed of 226 knots, according to the CAB report. The gross weight was 147,000 pounds, and included fuel for about 13 hours.

All required position reports were made, and Flight N-90944 reported to Ocean Station vessel "November" at 12:30, when a radar fix established its position as 10 miles east of the vessel. The airliner's last posi-

tion report was at 1:04, but nothing unusual was reported. The next report, due at 2:04, was not received. The airliner was then designated "unreported," initiating the gigantic search mission.

As previously stated, some wreckage was discovered on November 14th, and a total of 19 bodies were recovered, 14 of them wearing lifejackets. Immediately, two CAB investigators, representatives of Pan American and the CAA (now FAA), and two pathologists of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (on loan to the CAB) were flown to the "Philippine Sea" for an on-the-spot investigation.

"External examination of the bodies was made, carefully noting all external injuries," the CAB report explained. "There was no evidence of foul play found on any of the recorded bodies." Evidence of fire was found only on wreckage floating above water, indicating that any fire must have occurred after the airliner had crashed. "No evidence of an in-flight explosion in the fuselage was found," said the CAB.

Cargo manifests, however, indicated the presence of sodium sulfide, a volatile chemical. But this was packed according to stringent regulations, and it is unlikely that the chemical had any connection with the crash. A small amount of radioactive medicine was also on board the airliner.

One of the most inexplicable aspects of this mystery is the fact that Flight N-90944 was equipped with two high frequency radio transmitting and receiving systems. In addition, these systems were equipped with SELCAL, eliminating the need for continuous pilot monitoring of the radio equipment. SELCAL generates pre-set coded tones which are transmitted on a voice communication frequency. This device is on the control pedestal between the pilots, readily usable by both.

But why wasn't at least one of the airliner's transmitters - or SELCAL - used? What could possibly have happened to prevent the pilot, first officer, second officer or navigator from employing this life-saving device, for their position would be unknown to rescue parties without this information? (And remember, the airliner was 90 miles off course, for a reason yet to be resolved.) And if some sudden catastrophe had occurred, how did at least 14 passengers find the time to put on lifejackets?

ARINC (Aeronautical Radio, Inc.) handles all surface-to-air communications for Pan American. Pursuing the possibility that an emergency message might have been sent through without having been detected, the CAB carefully examined the ARINC tape recordings for the frequency over which a message would have been sent.

"Initially nothing was apparent," the report stated. "However, repeated playbacks of the tapes of the period following the 1014 position report disclosed previously unknown transmissions which were extremely weak and subject to varied and conflicting interpretations."

More than three months, utilizing proven and experimental techniques and the finest equipment, were devoted to resolving whatever had been recorded on tape. "Another attempt to understand the message was made by Pan American World Airways," the CAB report continued. "A number of supervisory flight and communications personnel, accustomed to the abbreviated jargon of air radio communication as well as having had personal experience in previously talking with the crew members, were unable to gain any significant intelligence from repeated playbacks of the recorded message. Despite this comprehensive research, the Board could not definitely establish that any emergency transmissions came from Clipper 944."

A check with the officers of 44 other airline flights to Hawaii on November 8th-9th revealed that none had received any communication from the missing airliner.

Investigators have decided that the probable point of impact was 29 degrees 26 minutes north, 144 degrees 3 minutes west. This estimate would place the airliner 105 miles west of the last reported position and some 30 degrees (90 miles) off course to the right (north). Weather conditions were extremely favorable and devoid of turbulence, lightning, precipitation, icing, etc. The sea was reported to have been unusually calm. The air temperature was about 40 degrees.

"However, two pertinent conclusions regarding the final position of the flight are evident," the CAB report notes. "Consideration of the distance flown from the last reported position to the impact point, and of the time required to traverse that distance, shows that the flight did not turn back toward Ocean Station 'November.' Also, the ditching to the north of the planned route indicates that appreciable lateral distance, not on course and away from the ocean station, was traversed after the start of the emergency.

"It is difficult to understand why the captain would have elected to continue away from 'November' had he been able to do otherwise. Weather was not a factor and it is not believed that the shipping lanes to the north offered any inducement to turn in that direction. Conversely, 'November,' a fixed ocean station equipped with radio homing and radar devices and rescue equipment, was in close proximity with trained personnel readily available."

Pathological examination indicated that at least 10 of the 19 recovered bodies had died from drowning. "Further, the lack of extensive crash-induced mutilation, together with the general condition of the bodies, suggested that the water impact, although severe, was not sufficiently great to cause complete disintegration of the aircraft."

Some pathological tests showed evidence of toxication from carbon monoxide. However, the evidence is not conclusive and is being re-evaluated.

Several wrist watches recovered have established a probable time of impact at 1:27 a.m. (GMT).

A check of the records of the entire crew showed nothing unusual.

All officers had had a good deal of previous experience with the Boeing 377, and the crew members were all under current certification by the CAA; Airline maintenance records also indicated nothing out of the ordinary, although the CAB was not satisfied with the thoroughness of some maintenance reports.

These are the findings reported by the Civil Aeronautics Board:

"1. The crew, aircraft, and carrier were currently certificated.

2. The flight was properly planned



"MONKEYS . . . dogs . . . gadgets . . . when are they gonna send some dames?"

and dispatched.

3. The gross weight of the aircraft at the time of takeoff was 147,000 pounds, the maximum allowable.

4. Progress of the flight and position reports were normal and routine for more than half of the planned flight distance.

5. Shortly after the last routine report an emergency of an undetermined nature occurred.

6. This was followed by a descent from 10,000 feet.

7. No emergency message was received from the aircraft.

8. Some preparation for ditching was accomplished.

9. The aircraft broke up on impact.

10. A surface fire then occurred.

11. Weather was not a factor.

12. Exposure of the crew to carbon monoxide was indicated but incapacitation could not be definitely established.

13. No evidence of foul play or sabotage was found.

14. Irregularities of maintenance practices and/or procedures disclosed during the investigation could not be linked to the accident.

"The Board has insufficient tangible evidence at this time to determine the cause of the accident. Further research and investigation is in progress concerning the significance of evidence of carbon monoxide in body tissue of the aircraft occupants.

"By the Civil Aeronautics Board:

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The CAB report admittedly offers no explanation for the crash, and it offered only one possibility that could have accounted for the emergency: "A....probable source of CO (carbon monoxide)," the report stated, "would be an unusual occurrence in a power package which could have initiated a chain of events leading to the introduction of carbon monoxide in the fuselage. Such an unusual occurrence could be a failure which would release part of a propeller blade or the entire propeller, or a failed turbo-supercharger disk. It is likely that such an occurrence would be accompanied by serious flight control problems and possibly fire. If a propelled object, such as a propeller, came through the fuselage, it could easily start a fire, knock out some radio equipment, make emergency smoke evacuation procedures ineffective, and destroy the crew's oxygen supply. Such an occurrence fits the known circumstances better than any other possibilities."

But the facts still remain. As Aviation Week Magazine recently headlined: "PanAm Crash Cause Remains 'Unknown'."

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EXTRATERRESTRIALISM AND THE OAH SPE BIBLE

- by Y. N. ibn A'haron, B. D. -

Since the appearance of my first article on extraterrestrialism almost four years ago, I have not received more than a dozen letters requesting further information. Of these, only one has shown any appreciation of the fact that these articles are not the work of my overwrought imagination, but represent an actual summary of historical writings which are among the oldest of their kind. This reaction is probably attributable to the fact that people today do not learn history, and, when they do, it is the history of Greece and Rome, not of Babylon and Assyria.

I am prepared to admit that, at the present time, the foundations of extraterrestrialism as they have been outlined in my articles for SAUCER NEWS, are almost exclusively literary in nature. So far, the findings of archaeology, as set forth in the technical monographs of the various expeditions, do not lend aid and comfort to supporters of my theory. This, I am convinced, is almost entirely due to the fact that the leaders of the expeditions in question are not looking for scientific apparatus of an advanced order among the ruins of the Chaldean city-states, and do not, therefore, recognize such items when they find them.

When we look back on the uncertainties of past history, let us remember that a worse fate is likely to befall our own civilization. Perhaps within a generation, the traditional patterns of our technology will be disrupted and irreparable decay will set in. It's a safe bet to say that Jim Moseley's television set won't look like much three thousand years from today, when an octopedal archaeologist from Arcturus lands here looking for the relics of a civilization that would have meaning in terms of his own culture and its technology.

The ancient historians who wrote the books of extraterrestrialism belonged to a society that preserved its memoirs in the form of clay tablets about one quarter the size of this page. These tablets gave way to sheepskin and then papyrus, both of which materials are many times more durable than paper. Paper is the evanescent, easily disposable material of a civilization that gives little importance to the preservation of the written word. Perhaps, considering the volubility of the one percent of our people who are, in any true sense, literate, we may be forgiven. The bad novel of today will at least make good fertilizer on the morrow. Without paper, the invention of movable type would not have done very much to make "good reading for the millions." Three of the little-known Central Asian kingdoms that I have mentioned in my articles had movable type, and silk-screen printing, but they did not know the art of making cheap paper.

In the days of Chaucer, the Clerke of Oxenforde would have given his soul for the possession of twenty books. He would have gloated over them, committed them to memory, copied them, translated them, summarized them, commented upon them, and then gone happily off to his new job as the best-educated stoker in the Nether Pit. Today, most people who live near a drugstore will have a furtive shelf in their home piled high with a hundred or two of books that are probably no better and no worse than the Clerke of Oxenforde would have chosen had he the opportunity to patronize the same drugstore. Classical literature is full of the same levity, sardonicism and indecency which is so much decried in our modern days. Yes, even my friends the Chaldeans did other things beside build saucers. The quality of literature today is not much different than it ever was, but our attitude toward cheap literature written on cheap paper is much different than that of our ancestors to the same kind of bilge laboriously transcribed onto the backside of some unfortunate he-goat.

Therein lies the tragedy of today; for this we are about to die. When men lose their ability to savor the quality of the written word, and to ponder its meaning, they are chipping away at the base of an industrial civilization just as surely as alienation from the soil would destroy the fabric of an agricultural society.

Talk, in our world, is cheap, and the edge of meaning is dulled as against the opiate thrill of vision, which is the wonder of the age. Some years ago, unhappy dreamers like Nikola Tesla, who started it all, used to tell us of the wonders that television would bring to the world. They did not foresee that the introduction of a new art would foretell the death of an old one; neither did Chaucer, who describes a television set in one of his Tales, or the Chaldeans, who, from all reports, were able to convey images for miles by the use of special reflecting lenses.

We live in a world that says things it does not mean, and means things it does not say. The fact that the science of language has probably received more study in the last hundred years than in all previous ages, is perfectly inconsequential in the face of the breakdown in communications that exists in spite of the fact that the world today uses fewer major languages than at any time in past history. The problem is not interlingual, as so many people allege. It is really an uncertainty and a confusion that exists within the fabric of each language, and in every case the pattern is much the same. Some words, formerly very meaningful, have been so much maligned and overworked that their significance as vehicles of social action is seriously impaired. In past ages, men have fought wars out of hate or greed or ambition. Not many people know the reason for Armageddon, this final conflict of ours. I choose to believe that it is precisely the deep confusion that persists among us with regard to word meanings and word usage that will be the cause of it all. We do not know what we want or when we want it.

This question of word meanings is, to my mind, also the solution to the saucer mystery. Saucers, whatever they are, and from wherever they may come, have tended to become a special kind of problem, divorced from all those other mysteries of nature from which they were formerly inseparable. This change has taken place under the pressure of scientific advance, and it has had its effect on the thinking of a very special little clique of bemused occultists and would-be occultists, who should be tipping tables and chasing sea monsters. Our word meanings have been upset, and we need the saucers to put them back together again. Mother Earth is no longer the safe haven she used to be, and we must look elsewhere for an unchanging, ever-present help in time of peril - and that goes for proponents of the Earth Theory (may their tribe decrease!), as well.

This diagnosis, it should be understood, applies to Ufology alone, and in no way affects the saucers themselves. The presence of strange craft, identified or otherwise, must be the subject of a kind of meaningful appraisal that has been almost totally absent from Ufology. If it were not so, extraterrestrialism would have generated a good deal more interest as a working hypothesis of the saucers' origin, and the pages of our journals would contain a good many more mathematical symbols and meaningful statistical material than they do now. I say this from the disinterested point of view of one who knows nothing more about mathematics than can be learned from a pre-Christian book on numerology.

My theory about the origin of saucering, as distinct from saucers, is more easily proven than extraterrestrialism. It may be expressed in two simple words, the latter more meaningful than the former: Newbrough; Palmer.

Way back when Lee Munsick was young, I published an article (which also attracted little attention) showing very clearly that Adamski and Wil-



'It's a Nice Place to Visit,  
But I Wouldn't Want  
To Live There'

Williamson had come into the saucer field as a result of the evangelical activities of the "Essenes of Kosmon" movement, the Faithist propagators of the Oahspe Bible. Since that time, Adamski has prepared himself to move on to greener pastures, and Williamson has continued to prevaricate at about the same rate as always, except that he has discredited himself with greater regularity than before, owing to the arrival on the scene of people who have even more in common with my Persian rugs than the redoubtable Ric.

The Oahspe Bible dates from an era when men still loved the sound of words, and would read outrageously dull novels and horrid sermons just for the sound of a few good round proper nouns such as abound in Trollope and the Old Testament. It is one of almost a hundred works that appeared during the 1870's which claimed to summarize the sum total of the wisdom

of all ages, together with observations on their history, political, economic and moral systems, all within the convenient compass of one volume. The greatest and most berated of these books was Helena Blavatsky's "The Secret Doctrine." The worst and most highly praised was John Ballou Newbrough's "Oahspe: A New Bible in the Words of Jehovih and His Angel Advisors," etc., ad nauseum. While Blavatsky's work is preserved today by the Theosophical Society, - a dull, unimaginative, almost conservative type group - Newbrough's opus has engendered the fanatical enthusiasm of one of the most likable groups of crackpots in the history of lunatic fringes. They are called the Essenes of Kosmon, or the Faithists, as mentioned above.

If the lack of word meaning is our problem, its profusion is Oahspe's greatest sin. There are words, rich in tone, weighed down with hidden meaning, - soft, gentle, unpronounceable, beautiful, sedate, and irreproachable. The words, words, words of Jehovih - such as "Hoogalomarakkadanapanwowow king of Itussakegollahamganseocolabah" (Page 369.)

In saying that Oahspe brings all the history of Man within the convenient limits of a single volume, I should mention that it has almost a thousand pages, many of which display diagrams and drawings worthy of a kabbalistic treatise, and in some cases even more puzzling. The Oahspe Bible is very unevenly divided into "Books," the titles of which are even more reminiscent of Mormonism than the contents: The Voice of Man; Book of Cpenta-Armig, Daughter of Jehovih; The Book of Divinity; and the like. The longest is the Book of Saphah, which boasts 24 subdivisions all of its own, including one entitled "Arbania'hiayaustoyi."

Anyone who suspects me of having written my series on extraterrestrialism as a work of fiction should long ago have been aware of the fact that, for sheer scope and breadth of conception, my version of human history is sadly deficient as compared with the overpowering elixir of Newbroughsia, (as I should like to call the malady of Oahspeism.) It has ever been the device of the contriving theorist to present his beliefs in a form so all-inclusive and over-bearing that critics would be effectively silenced by its sheer mass. Joseph Smith knew how to do this; Helena Blavatsky knew; Bishop Usher knew; Jesus Christ also knew how to do this; and so did John Newbrough. The average American of the 1870's owned few books, but his attitude toward the written word differed from that of Medieval and Classical Man because of the availability of newspapers and periodicals, which were inexpensive compared to books, and which were produced in an abundance all out of proportion to the number of books printed, - a condition that persists even now. Journalism has

some highly praiseworthy aspects, but its effect on the word perception of the average man (mythical beast though he may be) is nothing if it is not disastrous. The news media of the 1870's were even less critical of what they printed than the tabloids of today. The American people were accustomed to half-truths; that's how the Spanish-American War began, and that's probably how the next war will begin.

Newbrough's purpose in putting together a work such as Oahspe should be clear to those who are familiar with the intellectual philosophy of those times, which was not so different from that of today. There was something about fame that made it attractive, even if fortune did not accompany it. This attitude did not represent a reversion to the older principles of chivalry and personal honor, but was instead symptomatic of the individualistic megalomania that plagued the early years of American Big Business, in much the same way that it infects Russia's industrial bureaucracy today. About Newbrough himself there is a dearth of trustworthy biographical material, but there seems to be little to conflict with the impression that he was a canny, knowing, self-respecting member of the dental profession. His knowledge of the human mouth did little more for him in the way of culture than it does for most of his twentieth-century counterparts. Sound mind, sound body, perhaps; but what does that have to do with sound teeth?

Newbrough set out to produce a work that would outdo all others of its genre, and which, for downright obscurity, would excel in the annals of literature. In this he succeeded admirably. I do not believe that he intended to produce a work to be taken in lieu of the veritable truth; instead Oahspe is a work of the ideal world, in which thought is accepted in place of substance. It is a fabric beautiful to behold and worthy to be woven, but not to be depended upon as one's daily garb; the end result of such an experiment would be much the same as that of the well-known Emperor and his New Clothes. Indeed, Oahspe has had an almost disrobing effect on most of the people who have come into contact with it, - their personal ambitions coming to the fore in each case. Without exception, the leading proponents of Oahspe are men who view it only as a means to an end. Newbroughsia appears to act as a stimulant whereby the novice finds new ways to implement his old ambitions. Oahspe has not bred a cult of true believers, in the proper sense, - which is to say that its adherents do not teach that it is the only form of truth presently at work in the world. Such tolerance always serves to make me suspicious, bigot that I am. Whenever a man says that one creed is as good as another, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that he has no creed of his own, to begin with.

Is Oahspe true? Certainly not in any traditional sense, although Newbrough made some remarkably well-informed guesses that have been, and are about to be borne out by the events. On the other hand, I don't think he did any better than most practitioners of what Isaac Asimov has called the "mathematics of history" would be likely to do in his place. The Mahatma Letters predicted radio astronomy; and John Newbrough invented flying saucers as we know them; for it was from Oahspe, which has spawned forth more than its share of illegitimate children, that Ray Palmer first conceived of flying saucers. Oahspe has been the source book of Mark Probert, George Williamson and Richard Shaver, of Dero Cave fame. Mr. Richard Ogden of Seattle, Washington, who is not nearly so likable as most Oahspeists, has suggested that Ray Palmer gives the world a new mystery every five years. Be this as it may, the mysteries that Palmer does produce come straight from the pages of Oahspe, and may be "solved" by reference to its pages. No doubt his re-publication of the 1882 edition of Newbrough's work is not without significance in this connection.

Oahspe contains copious data on such subjects as the Elder Race, the Nether World and the races living therein, pyramidology, Christology, and

vortex physics. Of the various ships mentioned in the index, the one closest to the saucer of today was the avalanza. On Page 196 of the Essene edition, the Son of Jehovih is made to say, "Go build me an avalanza....capable of descent and ascent, and east and west and north and south motion, and prepare it with a magnet, that it may face to the north whilst traveling." On Page 497, we find that the avalanza of the goddess Ye'agoo was "egg-shaped and veiled without, and was seven miles high and five miles wide, every way, habitable throughout. On the outer surface, but under the veil, were twelve thousand porches with banisters. The propelling vortices were within the center, and the workmen were in the summit." Also of special interest is the description of the adavaysit (another type of saucer) belonging to Jehovih: "...and around about the whole ship was the photosphere of its power, so that the whole adavaysit was like a crystal ship within a globe of phosphorescent light; and yet in fact, the ship was the true light, while the photosphere was really the shell of darkness made reflective.....As the earth is opaque, with a transparent vortex around it, so not so, but opposite is the structure of an ether-ean adavaysit." The origins of Shaver's Caves may be found in Newbrough's temples of Darkness.

Newbrough carefully gives himself an "out," when he admits that the book is not infallible. I suspect that he did so not out of modesty, but from dislike of the Pope who was at the time busy establishing his right to spiritual infallibility. On the other hand, it seems to me that no one is entitled to present a work designed for the spiritual betterment of his fellow men, with the concomitant assumption of intellectual superiority on the part of the author (incarnate or otherwise), and then to fall down so badly that he is guilty of heinous, unnecessary and irrelevant errors, - made with the evident purpose of impressing the gullible public who knew no better. For example, on Page 215 of Palmer's edition, we are treated to the assertion that "in any language descended from the Phoenician, or the ancient Hebrew, 'i' should be preceded by 'y' or 'w'." Were this so, how could he call one of his own Ships by the Hebrew name "onniyah," which does not conform to this "rule"? The second error that I would like to point out is one which occurs in the good dentist's summary of the phonetic properties of Earth's most ancient languages, "Panic, Yi'haic, Vedic, Hebraic, and Sanscrit." There, at the top of Plate 64, which is a facsimile made from Newbrough's own manuscript original, is the statement that "A as in 'awe'" is represented by a certain symbol, which is duly appended thereto. This apparently innocent bit of information is pretty frightening when it is remembered that, for purposes of phonetics, the A in "awe" is not an A at all, but an O! Self-pronouncing dictionaries should have an "A as in 'awe'" sign, as a concession to the inconsistencies of the English language, but just why Panic, Yi'haic and Vedic should follow suit, I don't know. At any rate, I tremble at the thought of living in a universe which in any way resembles the alleged cosmology of a man who would do a thing like that!

All you nice people out there who don't like my musty, academic recollections of what the Chaldeans thought about Venus, and who make fun of Duns Scotus' famous question about how many angels can dance on the head of a pin, - you should stop and think some time about how many saucerers Ray Palmer can make dance on the head of an avalanza: "Accordingly these things were accomplished; the twenty thousand million angels were carried away on the avalanza which was walled around on every side with pillars of fire, so that not one spirit could escape, even were he chaotic or imbecile."

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Ibn A'haron's articles on Extraterrestrialism appeared in issues #28, 31, 32, 34, 37, 39, and 42 - all of which are still available.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is reprinted from the August 1954 issue of SAUCER NEWS (then called "Nexus.") We feel that many of our readers are confused enough already, without any help from us. Therefore, we wish to carefully explain at this point that the material below is a parody on the George Adamski desert contact of November 19th, 1952. The story is therefore not intended to be taken seriously. - Modesty prevents us from revealing the true author of the article.

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 Of recent months many stories have reached our desk concerning contacts between earthlings and beings from other planets. In the interests of impartiality, your Editor has decided to print the following weird message which was relayed to us by means of automatic writing during a seance on the night of February 13th, 1954.

I SPOKE WITH AN EARTH-MAN

- by Melvin Morbid, Flight Leader 669, Squad 8, Planet Masar (Code 3) -

I am Melvin Morbid of the Planet Masar, which you call Mars. Until recently my life was nothing more than the ordinary dull, drab existence of a Masarian. Since we have eliminated all social problems on Masar, and have achieved the ultimate in scientific and moral advancement, there is nothing much left for us to do except sit around and pass the time by exchanging thought messages. This can get boring after awhile, as you can well imagine, and on the night of November 18th, 1952, I decided to borrow my father's flying saucer and take a spin down to the Planet Filth (meaning Earth.)

I had intended to ask my father's permission before taking the saucer, but he was engaged in a game of darts with a friend of his on Venus, via trans-video-telepathy, and I hated to interrupt him. So I backed the saucer carefully out of our pseudo-electronic garage, and blasted off. I quickly speed-shifted the controls from the fourth dimension right into the sixth, and taking advantage of a gigantic magnetic fault line, I arrived at Filth in less than an hour. As I cruised at approximately 100 miles altitude over the area known on Filth as Southern California, I noticed a knock in my electromagnetic generator, and decided to land in the nearest uninhabited area to take a look at the trouble.

As I descended to a lower altitude, I circled around several times in search of a good landing spot. Finally I saw a large desert area that seemed to be just right, and I lowered my saucer slowly onto the ground, being careful not to damage my three-ball landing gear. Just as I was getting out my thought-controlled tool kit, I noticed a strange creature running toward me, waving its arms wildly. My father had told me of these weird, barbaric men of Filth, and immediately I was seized with an uncontrollable fear. Since our civilization has long ago ceased to engage in warfare, I hesitated to use either my instant-death ray gun or my U-441 atomic disintegrator, but I kept them handy just in case, because there was no telling what this strange creature might do.

The man of Filth approached to within a few feet of my saucer and stopped. There he was, A CREATURE FROM ANOTHER WORLD! I looked him over carefully. What a strange sight he was to behold! He had two arms, two legs, and only one head. I was astounded, but trying to appear casual, I asked, "From Earth?"

"Yes," he replied. "And you?"

"Masar," I explained.

"Oh! Glad to meet you. I'm John Adams Sky."

"No, stupid!" I retorted. "My name isn't Masar. Masar is where I

come from. It's the planet you-all call Mars.

I could tell that I wasn't going to get far talking to this untelepathic man of Filth, and I was just about to go back to my repair job, when I happened to notice his automobile, which was parked about five saucer-lengths away. We do not have any form of surface transportation on Masar, and I was overcome with a desire to see how this strange craft operated.

"How about a ride?" I asked, pointing to the car.

"No! How about you giving me a ride?" he asked, pointing to my saucer.

There followed a battle of thought waves, too horrible to describe, but in the end, the man of Filth succumbed with a splitting headache, and the next thing I knew I was riding along in his new car, which he explained to me was one of the latest models - a 1912 Rolls Royce.

"Man, this car of yours is really cool!" I commented.

"How did you learn American slang?" he asked suspiciously.

"Oh, we listen in on your radio programs all the time," I replied.

"Which reminds me - I have a very important message for you."

"Yes, I know," he answered. "You want to tell me that unless we stop using atomic weapons for destructive purposes, we are going to destroy our civilization."

"WHAT civilization?" I retorted. "If you'd only stop trying to read my mind and listen a little, we'd get a lot further. Our people on Masar don't give a damn about your atomic bombs, but what I wanted to tell you is this: The singing commercials on your radio programs have got to go! They transmit at a vibration rate of 960 ectograms, which means, obviously, that they pierce the ionosphere and go right out into outer space. They are lousing up our trans-video-telegraphy, our intra-visual-telepathy, and our psychosomatic radiography, to say nothing of our pseudo-auditory telegraphy. Do I make myself clear?"

"I will make this my Mission in life," the man of Filth replied solemnly.

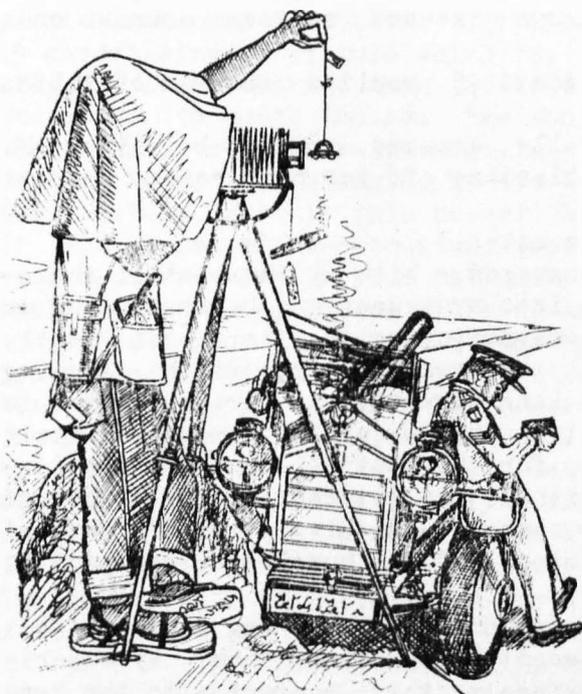
"I will spread far and wide this vital information you have given me. Perhaps only a few will believe me, but I will do my best."

"You do that, Jack," I said. "And now, take me back to my saucer, will you? You're driving so fast that you're going to knock us clean into another dimension if you aren't careful!"

"Wouldn't you like me to take you into Los Angeles?" he asked hopefully. "I have a friend there at the Los Angeles Times who would simply love to meet you."

"You're off the beam!" I retorted angrily. "Those crackpots out there would give me a hard time. They'd expect me to solve unsolvable crimes to prove I'm really from Masar. And then I'd have to show up at saucer conventions, and shake hands with people by rubbing palms together, and all that sort of thing. Maybe next time we meet I'll go to Los Angeles with you."

There followed another terrible battle of thought-waves, and this



time the man of Filth passed out, so that I had to take over the controls of the automobile for him. However, by the time we had driven back to my saucer he had fully recovered. While I tried to concentrate on the job of repairing my electromagnetic generator, he kept annoying me with requests for some material proof that he had really met me. Finally he handed me a steel bar, and asked if I could make a deep impression into it with my thumb.

"Why sure," I replied. "Anything to get rid of you! How's this?"

"Pretty good. You've made a quarter-inch gouge in this solid steel bar with only a touch of your thumb, and I can see at a glance that you have changed the chemical composition of the metal by adding at least fifteen elements that were not present before. But can't you do better than that?"

"Oh all right!" I answered curtly. "How's THIS?" I asked, as I made a second gouge in the steel, this time fully a half-inch deep.

"Better," he replied. "But why are you rolling around on the ground writhing in agony?"

"Because I've sprained my thumb, you dumb ox!" I groaned, picking myself painfully up off the ground. "Now see what you've made me do! And how will I ever get this thumb fixed, since there are no doctors on Masar, as naturally we have long ago conquered all known diseases (and some unknown ones too)?"

"A close friend of mine is a doctor," replied the man of Filth. "His name is Williamspoon - "

Now my Masarian anger was really aroused. "Don't be silly. He isn't a real doctor and you know it! I'm blasting off for home before you get me into any more trouble!"

"Will I ever see you again?" he asked.

"Not if I see you first!" I answered. With my thumb still throbbing with hyper-schismatic pain, I climbed into my saucer and began warming up my X69 5,000 Durge-Power supercharged Hydromagnetic engine. As I eased gently into the stratosphere, I could still see the creature from Filth standing there on the desert, waving at me. For a long moment I was sorely tempted to let loose at him with my atomic disintegrator, but I quickly remembered again that our planet has not engaged in warfare for the last 312 eons, so I reluctantly put the weapon away. How pleasant it was to get back to the peace and calm of Masar! As soon as I had parked my saucer I quickly joined a game of inter-galactic ping-pong, just to get my mind off the horrible experience I had had on Filth.

Yes, you people of Filth will continue to see flying saucers, but there is one thing you can be sure of: I won't be in any of them! My experience with John Adams Sky was enough to convince me that contact with the barbarous inhabitants of Filth should not be attempted for at least another 2,000 light-years, and maybe not even then!

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#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

CALIFORNIA NEWSBOY ATTACKED BY SAUCER: A Sacramento, California newsboy either has an unusually wild imagination, or else he has had one of the most interesting experiences with a UFO on record. Thirteen-year-old Phillip Wayne claims that at dawn last July 11th, he was delivering his papers as usual, when a series of astounding events occurred. He was holding a newspaper over his head, ready to throw it onto a porch, when suddenly the paper disappeared from his hand. He reached for a second paper, and the same thing happened. A third paper was also jerked from his hand, at which time he "felt a suction," but heard no noise. "I looked up," said Phillip, "and saw two things

that looked like flying saucers. One was larger than the other, and both were about 80 to 100 feet above the ground. The larger saucer was 50 feet in diameter, and the smaller one was 40 feet across. They were shiny aluminum and seemed to be standing still. I've seen pictures of saucers, but these were different. They had lots of corrugated pipes protruding from different angles, like organ pipes of different lengths." Phillip added that he "took off like a scared bird," and went back later, checking for his three missing papers. He never found them. The boy told his story to high Air Force officials, who apparently did not take it seriously, although they claim they are investigating the incident.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Meade Layne, the founder and former director of BSRA (Borderland Sciences Research Associates), has died of brain cancer. The present director of BSRA, named Riley Crabb, took over the organization from Layne a year or so ago.....Another recent death was that of Arthur Constance, author of "The Inexplicable Sky," which we reviewed in the October-November 1957 issue of SAUCER NEWS. Constance was also a regular contributor to "Flying Saucer Review." He was considered one of England's leading Ufologists.....The Little Listening Post (4811 Illinois Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C.) is currently advertising a picture which is, according to the advertising blurb, only slightly less wondrous than the headbands manufactured by the Mystic Barber of Brooklyn. To quote the ad: "We would like to see this picture illumine (sic) the walls of every New Age home, everywhere! It will haunt you. The power, in concept form, for bringing in the New Age has been captured and packed into this picture. What is this power? The picture carries no name. It needs none!" If this series of non-sequiturs doesn't scare you off, send \$2.00 to the above address, and receive your "illumine" now.....Gabriel Green, president of the Amalgamated Flying Saucer Clubs of America, has announced his intention to be a candidate for the United States Senate from California in the Democratic primary next year. SAUCER NEWS readers will recall that Green ran for president of the U. S. in 1960, but graciously withdrew in favor of John Kennedy in the closing days of the campaign....It looks like Otis T. Carr, of "free energy" fame, may have to spend at least six months behind bars. A news clipping from Oklahoma City, dated July 20th, informs us that Carr is still unable to pay the \$5,000 fine he received in 1959 for selling unregistered stock in his OTC Enterprises, Inc. The ingenious Mr. Carr is now in the county jail awaiting action on a legal petition his lawyer has made.

**TWO CLOSE SIGHTINGS BY OHIO PILOT:** On July 4th and again on July 5th, the owner of a small fleet of airplanes in Akron, Ohio, saw a UFO while on flights in the Akron-Cleveland area. Ernie Stadvec, who is a former World War II bomber pilot, said that he was flying with two other Akron men over the northwest section of that city, when they spotted a brilliant green and white light suspended at the right of the plane. The object came toward his plane on a collision course, and then stopped, made a violent turn to the northwest, stopped again, and finally shot upward and disappeared. The next night Stadvec saw a similar object which began climbing and sped off.

An object that behaved like a falling star showed up at about the same time on July 5th on radar screens at the Cleveland Hopkins Airport tower, according to Operations Supervisor John M. Gieb. He said that the UFO flared up on the screen and faded out in a matter of seconds.

Stadvec stated that the object he saw on the night of the 4th came to within a half mile or so of his plane, and that it was moving much faster than a jet. Major Robert Friend, who is chief of the UFO investigation at Wright-Patterson Field in Dayton, said that he believes what Stadvec saw was

"atmospheric refraction of the star Capella," a star of the first magnitude. However, in a statement to the U.F.O. Research Committee, a private saucer investigation group in Akron, Stadvec disagreed sharply with Major Friend's explanation of the sightings. Said Stadvec: "Friend's supposition that myself and two other pilots on the first night and one other on the second night saw a refraction of a star, was strictly a 'grabbing for straws' deal.....I have been flying since 1942.....and over the years I have seen many falling stars and other phenomena associated with atmospheric conditions. What we saw was not an astronomical or meteorological phenomenon. The object (on the first night) dived at us on a collision course to the extent that I actually called out to my passengers that the thing was going to ram us....I have never seen a star climb and maneuver and I doubt that anyone else has either...."

SAUCER "FLAP" IN PENNSYLVANIA: It seems that saucers are still being seen as often as ever in some sections of the country, though the newspapers do not usually give them such big write-ups as they used to. On July 24th, Mrs. Anthony Paone of Lower Makefield, Pa., near Bristol, was looking out the window of her bedroom when she saw a lighted object "coming right at me." After a moment it disappeared, and another UFO came by. Mrs. Paone described the objects as "the same color as the moon, round, with no tail, although both had a smoky streak following after them." They made no noise. On the night of the 25th, six residents of Bristol saw a UFO blinking a giant red light at them. Mrs. Helen Hammet was the first to spot it. The UFO made several erratic movements in the sky, and finally stopped abruptly over the home of one of her neighbors. A similar sighting was made later the same night. The incident was reported to Edwin F. Bailey, assistant director of the Franklin Institute in Philadelphia, who admitted he was baffled.

NEWS BRIEFS: A short clipping we received from Bay City, Michigan, dated July 10th, is so intriguing that we only wish we had more details. We quote the clipping in full: "Mt. Pleasant - Air Force officials at Wurtsmith AF Base at Oscoda have promised a full investigation to the sheriffs' department of Isabella County on the UFO that flew over the area last week. The officials stated to Isabella County Civil Defense Director Ray Martin that a full radar study and report would be made. Many Central Michigan area residents reported the large round object flying northeastward over the area about a hundred or so feet off the ground. One motorist reported to state police at Mt. Pleasant that he thought he was going to be hit as he drove along highway U.S. 27. The UFO gave a brilliant blue light as it passed over."...A meteorite fell only ten feet from the back porch of a man in Marshall, Texas, who was sitting up watching a series of fiery meteors streaking across the sky. The meteorite, a red ball of fire coming in from the west, buried itself four inches in the ground. It resembled a piece of charred, petrified wood, and weighed 16 pounds....Mount Rainier, famous for Kenneth Arnold's 1947 sighting, was back in the news again recently. A strange object with probing beams of light circled southwest of Mount Rainier during the early morning hours of July 13th, startling state and local law enforcement officers. Investigating officers said they saw one large light surrounded by several smaller ones. The lights moved up and down and back and forth for several hours before disappearing....A crowd of more than 400 people gathered in the little town of Munger, Minnesota, last July 16th, in response to telephone calls received by about 300 people in nearby Deluth. "I am the outer space man from Mars," the voice on the telephone said. "I am going to arrive at 9:30 p.m; I will land on U. S. Highway 2, seven miles west of Proctor." Munger is seven miles west of Proctor; but the crowd waited in vain, as the space man failed to show up.

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IN THE ABOVE PHOTO we see Truman Betherum and his bride, the former Miss Alvira McRoberts, shortly after their wedding at the 1961 Saucer Convention at Giant Rock, California. The charming couple was married right on the speakers' platform at the Rock, by an elderly preacher called at random from the audience, and who unfortunately forgot most of his lines. Betherum took time out from hawking his wares (saucer books and pamphlets) just long enough for the brief ceremony, and then quickly returned to the pursuit of his first love - money. Saucer fans will recall that Betherum, who claims many contacts with the Space People, had his first marriage broken up some time ago by Aura Rhanes, a beautiful space woman from an invisible planet behind the Moon. (See Page 12 for more details about the Convention.)

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EDITORIAL

## SAUCERS AND FASCISM

Only twice in the eight year history of SAUCER NEWS have we discussed politics editorially. We feel strongly that politics have no place in a saucer publication. Furthermore, since politics and religion are traditionally highly sensitive and emotional subjects, we have seen no reason to alienate any portion of our readers by expressing our own views.

However, of recent months the Fascist trend nationally as well as within the field of saucer research, has taken such an alarming turn for the worse that we cannot in good conscience remain silent any longer. A very recent report to the Ford-financed Fund for the Republic raises the question of whether the United States will "follow the pattern set by Germany and Italy in the 1930's." The possibility that we will indeed follow such a pattern is not nearly as remote as it may seem to some people. Last November 18th your Editor witnessed the sight of more than two thousand shouting right-wing extremists picketing the President of the United States during a speech he made at the Hollywood Palladium. The charge was that our Government is "soft on Communism." Meanwhile, in the same state of California (and elsewhere), self-appointed "minute-men" are storing food and weapons - including machine guns - out on the desert, and the authorities either can't or won't take any action! In the East, Lincoln Rockwell, who calls himself the Commander of the American Nazi Party, is still making rabble-rousing speeches to large audiences. The photo at the right is taken from Rockwell's own literature, in which it is described as follows: "This picture was taken just after our 'Hate Bus' returned safely from a two and a half thousand mile battle-line to New Orleans and back!"

In the saucer movement we have always had more than our share of hate mongers. Many fans recall William Dudley Pelley, who served seven and a half years in jail for sedition, from 1942 to 1950; Upon his release from prison, he set up his present organization called "Soulcraft," which is his own weird blend of spiritualism (with messages from Lincoln, Washington, etc.) and Fascist politics. One of Pelley's best-known proteges is George Hunt Williamson, who spent approximately a year working with Pelley at his headquarters in Noblesville, Indiana. Williamson later wrote several books, among them one called "UFOs Confidential," in



which he makes many strongly anti-Semitic remarks.

Many people can still laugh at Naziism. Roger Pierce, the young man pictured here, strikes a (to him) amusing pose outside a theatre at which a movie about Hitler's atrocities is being played. Pierce is the former editor of the saucer zine called "Cosmic News." Fortunately he kept his own right-wing views out of his magazine, but not all saucer editors show this discretion. We refer specifically to Norbert Gariety, editor of "S.P.A.C.E.," published in Miami, Florida. We used to think that "S.P.A.C.E." was the best UFO magazine currently being published. It covers an amazing variety of saucer sightings as well as related Fortean material, such as monsters, ghosts, and the like. But it seems that, of recent months, either saucer material is scarce or else Mr. Gariety's pro-Fascist views are becoming stronger. We suspect that both these factors contribute to the fact that, with each issue, more and more pages are being devoted to diatribes in favor of the far-right John Birch Society and other such groups. Like all right-wing extremists, Gariety allows no middle ground between his own distorted views and Communism. In a recent issue he states (having received several letters protesting his politics): "For those who disagree (with me)...we respectfully suggest that you do not subscribe to this publication...but that you subscribe to either 'The Peoples World' or 'The Worker,' the two Communist publications in the U.S.A."



This editorial will probably bring protests from a certain percentage of our mailing list. Let us make one more thing clear. As far as we are concerned, you are welcome to subscribe to SAUCER NEWS and "The Worker," or Gariety's "S.P.A.C.E.," or Pelley's Soulcraft magazine, - or all three of them, or none of them, just as you see fit. SAUCER NEWS is not in the business of telling people how to think politically, and we certainly don't presume to tell our subscribers what other publications they should or should not read. We simply want to make our own views clear, and having done so, we do not expect to have anything further to say in SAUCER NEWS on the subject of politics.

EDITORIAL NOTES: We are very grateful to Mrs. Gladys Fusaro of Huntington, Long Island, for several of the news stories in this issue, and for many others that lack of space prevented us from printing....Don't forget that for only one dollar your name can be placed on our Special Confidential Newsletter mailing list. These Newsletters are non-scheduled, and are issued only as often as worthwhile material is available. Please send in your order as soon as possible, as this offer is likely to be withdrawn any year now.... The flying saucer clippings which we have been advertising for the past year or so, have finally been sold.....Our next issue will contain an article by Lonzo Dove entitled, "Humanoids and the Mars Saucer Cycle." We also have some other unusually interesting material lined up.....We still have quite a few copies on hand of our famous Adamski Expose Issue of SAUCER NEWS, printed back in 1957. It contains twenty pages of detailed, factual material, written by Irma Baker (the wife of one of Adamski's early associates), Lonzo Dove, and your SAUCER NEWS Editor. The price of this issue is one dollar.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

About 18 months ago you were kind enough to run a small notice in your magazine in regard to the books I had for sale. I had more results with this ad than with the ones I put in "Fate" and "Search," and I was wondering if you would run another ad for me. I still have for sale many hundreds of scarce out-of-print occult, archaeological, and flying saucer books. I also have many saucer bulletins and magazines....

FRANCIS D. BROWNLEY  
1604 McArthur Drive, Jacksonville, Arkansas

Your review of Tacker's book in the March 1961 issue of SAUCER NEWS was quite startling. Whether you know it or not, by condemning this book, you are also condemning the Air Force's investigation into the UFO mystery. As you know, "Flying Saucers and the U.S. Air Force" is allegedly the Air Force's official position in regard to saucers. I always had thought you were rather sympathetic to their cause, but maybe you have had a change of heart. You always struck me as an intelligent person, and I thought you would see the light sooner or later.

Non-Scheduled Newsletter #13 was very interesting. I found the inside story of Wayne Aho's commitment to a mental institution to be "food for thought."....Keep up the good work....

EUGENE STEINBERG  
Brooklyn, New York

I think I have some important information in regard to David Wightman's expose (in the March issue of SAUCER NEWS) of A.P.R.O.'s Ubatuba magnesium fragments. I have a letter from Coral Lorenzen, the Director of A.P.R.O. The following is quoted directly from her letter: "Let me say that Mr. Wightman does not know all the facts. He says he knows people, whom he does not name, who claim that 100% pure magnesium can be produced. One of the foremost experts on magnesium, Dr. Busk, says that it cannot. Mr. Wightman makes quite a few assumptions which are ridiculous. We will answer his attack in a future issue of our magazine....We had expected this attack, for when Mr. Wightman learned about our 'physical evidence,' he tried to pressure us into sending him some of the samples, and the report. I will tell you what I told him: 'The document is too lengthy and the reproduction of the various test plates too difficult to send the report halfway around the world to one individual who is not, ultimately, qualified to evaluate.'....I frankly think it is surprising that anyone would go to so much trouble to disprove a report about which they know very little.".... STEVE ERDMANN

St. Louis, Missouri

Wightman's review of A.P.R.O.'s "fragments" was UFO research at its best. I am one who does not believe that supposedly objective saucer research groups should be coddled....

MAX B. MILLER  
Los Angeles, California

I am amazed at the hoax letters and other incidents which you describe in your Newsletter #14. While I do not like some of the slams and swipes that you take at fellow saucer researchers, the fact remains that you do a good job of reporting on saucer events. I would justly defend you from any onslaught which arose. These incidents which are happening to you now are downright destructive. When people stoop so low as to inform you that they

will close down your magazine, that is too much!....One thing which has always interested me is why so many people are worried about what kind of employment you are engaged in! They have fretted and pondered and worried about whether or not you are a government intelligence agent. Heaven only knows what the real crackpots will come up with! For my part, I believe you are merely a fellow saucer researcher who reports the data which you receive and which you feel is important enough to be printed....

LEE R. ELLIOTT  
New Orleans, La.

After reading the article by Justin Case on Extrasensory Perception (June 1961 SAUCER NEWS), I utterly fail to see such a vast difference between the dismal picture he paints of man's future should ESP become prevalent, and the situation that exists throughout the world today. The fact that there is such a shroud of mystery cloaking the plans of the eminent world leaders right now, is a prime reason for the hate, fear, suspicion and bloodshed which is running rampant in every corner of the globe. Nowadays, one needs no ESP to foretell the gloomy future of mankind, directly springing from the fact that no one knows for certain just what the other fellow is up to.... Could anything make one "lose all hope and ambition and sink into despair" more than the situation in world affairs as it now stands?

Yes indeed, Mr. Justin Case, our present society will most surely "plunge into turmoil, confusion and bloodshed," and it is a frightening prospect. But you can rest assured that no help is needed from ESP to bring that about!....You talk about how the general use of ESP would make us "revert to some form of barbarism akin to the animal world." Why, our so-called civilized society of today has barbaric practices and customs that would put the animal kingdom to shame! And not due to ESP either! So I'm not sure if it's such a great blessing to the human race that ESP is so rare and uncertain. You say that if it became widespread people would enslave and kill their fellow men to keep them under control or get them out of the way. Well, what are they doing now? Just exactly that! Why? Because people have the bad habit of hating and fearing those who would keep them in the dark as to what they're up to.

Why do you fear ESP, Justin Case? Why should we so bitterly resent others reading our minds if we could read theirs as well? If thoughts are loving and hearts are of good intent, there would be nothing to fear. Evil would have to flee, for it could find no hiding place...In all your dire predictions of our future if ESP spreads among us, you have not named one situation which does not already exist to some degree or other, the world over. In other words, you have not named one valid reason for banning research on ESP. If there are other inhabited worlds, and their people possess this power, I am sure they couldn't be unhappier and more miserable with it than we are with the lack of it! Show some tolerance, Mr. Justin Case. It might even benefit us to possess this power. It's a dead sure cinch it couldn't make things any worse!....

MRS. JIM JOINER  
Houston, Texas

It has become increasingly apparent that many UFO groups have the tendency to withdraw into themselves. This may be a good thing in part, but on the whole it is a dangerous practice for a certain group to come to certain conclusions and then withhold the information they have gathered. During the past few years, many groups have ceased publication, while others loudly decry anyone who disagrees with their own pet theories. Thus, instead of presenting a united front, saucer researchers use too much of their energy in bickering among themselves.....I therefore suggest that anyone who wants to work out a

common policy in the UFO field should write to this office with their angle, theory, or viewpoint, in order that some kind of over-all policy can be worked out.....If a united front were presented, with a central office to which all strange reports, sightings, and theories could be sent, then perhaps the mystery surrounding Bender, Jerrold, Stuart, and the others who have been "silenced" in the past could be cleared up in a short time....

MARTIN S. ELSWORTHY

55, Donnington Bridge Road; Iffley Road,  
Oxford, England

I have just read ibn A'haron's Oahspe bit in the September issue of your magazine. I have no quarrel with it except to correct an assumption he made. He says, "It was from Oahspe that.....Ray Palmer first conceived flying saucers....and (so did) Richard Shaver of Dero cave fame."

Actually, the reverse is true. Shaver and Palmer only learned of Oahspe from an Amazing Stories reader who had read the Shaver Mystery, and who sent Palmer a copy of Oahspe, pointing out the remarkable similarity. Also, the flying saucers were prior to Oahspe in our history. All this can be confirmed by checking the pages of Amazing Stories....

Ibn A'haron's pieces are okay, but he should refrain from pure supposition, because it makes me doubt his other material. I can't be sure now that all his stuff is not of the calibre of his conclusions about Oahspe, Palmer, and Shaver. Wrong one place, likely to be wrong another, eh?

Naturally he can say that I'd deny this order of things, if what he says is true. But why should I deny it at this late date? I have repeatedly said that I did not invent the flying saucers, although the Air Force has hinted it in the Maury Island affair. I do admit that I kept them alive when the July 9, 1947 censorship was clamped down. I did it by putting out Fate Magazine secretly after Mr. Ziff had been visited by Air Force officials and advised to kill a special flying saucer issue of Amazing that I had prepared (and foolishly forecast!) It was a real stunner to them when Fate appeared, totally unsuspected, with the complete story!....

Your magazine is one of the few I consider a must. My personal congratulations to you, no matter that I rarely agree with you. We need more like you and your magazine, even if Ogden sometimes thinks you are a CIA man! Ogden is quite a kid, but only that, I am sure.

As for me suing you or anybody, just call this letter a written promise not to do so. I sure want you to print what you feel you'd like to, regarding me. Call me anything you like, and I'll defend your right to say it.

RAY PALMER

Amherst, Wisconsin

(This is a fine letter, and no matter how rarely we may agree with him, we tip our CIA-manufactured homburg to Ray Palmer, one of the greats of the saucer field! - Editor.)

Congratulations on your September issue. It seems your magazine is improving while most of the others are going either down or out....I especially liked the picture on the cover depicting Y'hova, the God of Israel. I also enjoyed your satirical article "I Spoke With an Earth-Man." You should try to include more material of this type in the future....

CARLOS MENTIRA, New York, N.Y.

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BOOK REVIEW

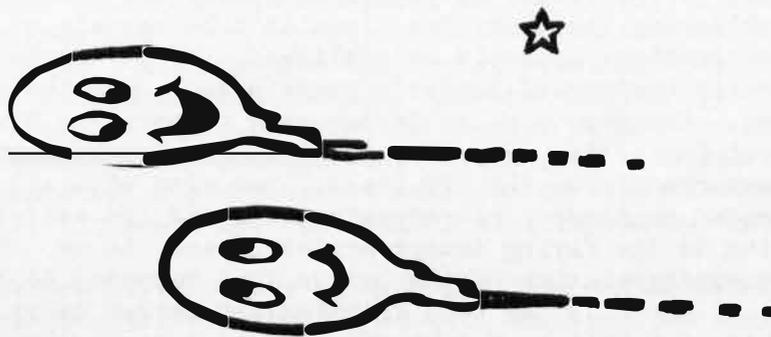
FLYING SAUCERS FAREWELL - by George Adamski (Published by Abelard-Schuman)  
- Reviewed by James W. Moseley (Cartoon by J. P. Bessor) -

As the title implies, "Flying Saucers Farewell" is intended to be George Adamski's final book on the subject of saucers. His two previous tomes, "Flying Saucers Have Landed" and "Inside the Spaceships" have been discussed in detail in previous issues of SAUCER NEWS.

The new Adamski book is reasonably well written, and consists of two parts. The first discusses in vague general terms the various philosophical insights which the author has gained through his several years of alleged contacts with the Space Brothers. The second part is a fairly interesting account of Adamski's well-publicized 1959 world tour. The high point of the tour occurred when the author was permitted an audience with Queen Juliana of the Netherlands. This triumph was quickly followed by the low point of the tour, which occurred in Zurich, Switzerland, where a group of college students disrupted an Adamski lecture by clapping, stamping, shouting, singing, throwing fruit and beer bottles, and shining powerful lights so as to spoil the space movie he was trying to show. Adamski, with his usual illogic, attributes this college prank to the sinister fact that Zurich is allegedly the headquarters of the Silence Group, or the International Bankers, as they are usually called. The unproven assumption here is that this powerful international group is afraid of the Truth about saucers, and wants to suppress all knowledge about our Space Visitors. - After the "Zurich Incident," Adamski cancelled his remaining speaking engagements in Europe - supposedly because of ill health - and thus ended the world tour.

One of the few things worth commenting on in the first section of the book is Adamski's strange remarks about mathematics. He says, "Nature works on the principle of one and one adding up to three. The positive and negative, brought together in relationship, result in an effect, (which is) the third part of the equation, the offspring, in which a certain percentage of the original primal forces has been maintained....Were it not for the operation of this Law, there would be no food to eat, nor continuance of life of any kind...."

After these cryptic remarks, Adamski goes on to discuss the so-called System of Nines. He is concerned over the use of "zero" in our present mathematical system, and says that the "Cosmic Principle of Mathematics" does not include the concept of zero. He apparently does not realize that the use of "10" as the basis of our present system is purely arbitrary. A system based on 9 or 8 or any other number can easily be worked out, and this fact is well known to all Earth-bound people who have studied advanced mathematics - which Adamski obviously has not done. To make matters worse Adamski tries to prove his theory by



"Did ya read my latest book - "Adamski, Farewell"?"

reference to Frank Scully's "Behind the Flying Saucers," in which it was claimed that certain flying saucers that had crashed in the U.S. southwest were found to have measurements all of which were divisible by nine. The trouble here is that this is precisely the point which tends to disprove Scully's whole book. Scully talked about measurements such as "9 feet, 9 inches," and used this as an example of a System of Nines. Unfortunately, this could be true only if the Space People use the same barbaric measuring units found in the British Empire and the United States!

In spite of the fact that this is supposedly Adamski's last book, we fear that the public has not heard the last from this prolific author. A recent notice informs us that he has just written a pamphlet called "Cosmic Philosophy," and that he is going to issue a monthly newsletter. The newsletter, however, will be published by Adamski's associate and business manager, C. A. Honey, who by strange coincidence wrote a glowing introduction for "Flying Saucers Farewell." Adamski says he is going into "another field of service, teaching Cosmic Philosophy and Abstract Science." He wants to be free to travel, and can be contacted by Earthlings only through Mr. Honey, who lives in Anaheim, California. We wish Adamski well. His books appear to be harmless, and his philosophical ramblings are not nearly as bad as some of the other schools of thought that are around these days.

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#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

**BENDER TALKS!:** Albert K. Bender, the saucer researcher who was supposedly "silenced" by three men in black, back in 1953, has finally written a book about his experiences. Publication of the book has fallen into the hands of Gray Barker, author of "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers" and editor of the Saucerian Bulletin.

In the February-March 1956 issue of SAUCER NEWS (now out of print), your Editor revealed the little we know about the so-called Bender Mystery, based on interviews with several people including Bender himself. At that time we assumed, as did everyone else, that Bender would never reveal the motives which led him to close down his International Flying Saucer Bureau in 1953. The publication of Barker's book in late 1956 only served to add more confusion to the picture.

Now, in Barker's current "Memo to All Colleagues in UFO Research," we are told that the Bender book, as yet untitled, will be published in February of 1962. Barker refuses to release any of its contents beforehand, but does give a few hints in his usual cryptic fashion: "I had misgivings about publishing the book, for I couldn't be certain at that time whether or not the information....should be published....(The manuscript) describes carefully the entire history of Bender's organization, and the steps leading up to the closing. The events which Bender says happened to him and which he describes, are most fantastic. But they do fit in, not only with other events which happened concurrently in the UFO field, but also with all the information I have collected on Bender, his organization, and his activities. Bender offers a solution to the flying saucer mystery, and to me the manuscript is a completely honest revelation of the things that happened to him...."

Is the book frightening? Barker hedges. He says, "I do not believe this book will be frightening to other researchers. It is disturbing but not frightening to me. To some people, who have not gone into such research thoroughly, it indeed could be most frightening. It has not made me feel that I

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A REPORTER'S REPORT - (Part One)  
 Concerning the current status of Ufology, and of Saucer-  
 ism, Neo-Blavatskyism, and other assorted Nonsense.

- by Ivan T. Sanderson -

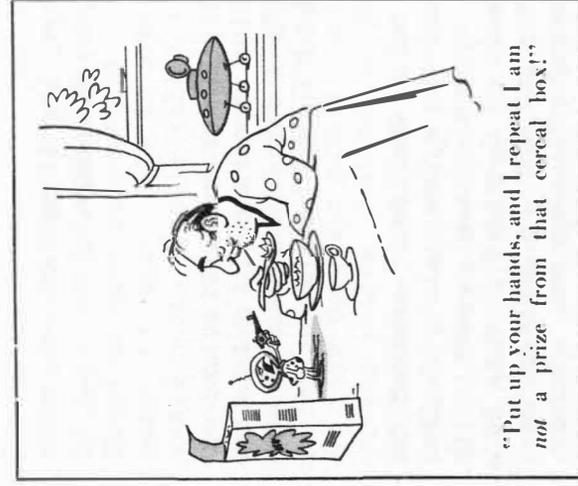
(Editor's Note: Mr. Sanderson is an internationally known naturalist and explorer. He has made innumerable radio and television appearances, and is the author of several books. His most recent book, "The Abominable Snowman," contains several pages of material contributed by ibn A'haron, Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS.)

To the marvelously assorted galaxy of folk who are interested in one way or another in what good old Charlie Fort so appropriately called O-S-Fs, or "Objects seen floating" (in the sky; with the then somewhat dire implication that such objects were not authorized so to float), this is a pretty dismal year. A revived and greatly energetic A.P.R.A. in Seattle, having sloughed off an old skin, continues to issue vast, single-spaced, stenciled pages of serious reports of O-S-Fs from all over the world, and SAUCER NEWS continues to stump along with an admirable degree of solidity despite its editor's heteropterous life; but apart from these, we have only NICAP, - and the U. S. Air Force. On the other side of the fence, there has been nothing novel, or even worthwhile writing up, except some damned "pancake" from on high. "Pie in the Sky" went out with Herbert Hoover, and is now so far more than "square" that it may almost be described as cubical; and, bretheren and sisteren, it is, if Civilian Saucer Intelligence of New York are to be believed!

A dull year indeed. The same old chaps are "mounting" conventions to sell other peoples' books and their own outmoded ideas. These Saucerers used to be pretty good promotion men, (though they always lacked capital or anybody who could get up and really "Sell" the public), but they still miss out on one thing. I could never understand why they didn't take a break from Space Blondes and Blondes, (and some of their hard-earned loot), and go attend one of the Miss Something-or-Other contests and get a line on how these promotions are really done. I once dropped by one of those western Space Conventions - under an assumed name, of course - and, apart from two old stand-bys, I didn't even so much as turn my head in three days. Back in Los Angeles, where very few people walk anyway (and especially nice-looking young ladies), I nearly broke my neck driving along Sunset!

No, the Saucer boys have missed a fine bet. They keep talking about the most gorgeous you-know-whats sitting on rocks, popping out of lenticular aeroforms, and bubbling around in telepathic escapades in Inner Space (please note), but they haven't the gumption even to dress up a few out-of-work Las Vegas cuties for their occasions. I may add also that until recently they even failed to provide such basics as hamburgers, hotdogs, and the chilled plastic euphemistically called "ice cream" in this country. I simply cannot see why anybody should shun hard cash. Surely concessions, even in a vile desert, ought to pay off if you can show a previous attendance of some thousand thirsty and weary enthusiasts! It beats me; but then I am a reporter, not a businessman.

Anyhow, the Saucerers haven't come up with anything worthwhile for some time now, though it has been bruited about that more than one New Jersey operator has some "fabulous stuff" to be released shortly. Actually, these epoch-making disclosures were promised early last spring, but nothing has come of them - as usual! The Space Pancake is a very neat thing, but profoundly amateurish compared to the efforts of the latter-day greats, like the grain-



buyer who is said to be (as the Hollanders so aptly put it) "under the law." Mr. Otis T. Carr is still earthbound, and our old stand-by Mr. Townsend Brown's device is, I understand, still hovering a few feet off the concrete floor of a magnificent laboratory, but still with one aggravating wire trailing to the ground. Meanwhile, a shop on the Avenue de Capuchin in Paris has again had a window full of dandy little "saucers" hovering in mid-air in air jets, supersonic beams, and simple magnetic repulsion devices. Also, of course, Hover-Craft have been blossoming all over.

Then there's another side to the coin - the Russians. I'm beginning to think that the best thing that ever happened to America is the Russians. Nothing - not even the Depression, World War II, or TV - seemed to have been able to jolt us out of our complacent lethargy until little Sputnik sailed aloft. To heck with so-called modern ideas in education! There's nothing better for getting a spoiled brat off its you-know-what than a swift kick in its you-know-what! In this case, the kick has launched us at least into the upper atmosphere if not (as almost all publications, official and otherwise, claim) into Inner, let alone, Outer Space. (The latter begins beyond the orbit of Pluto). And this has had a rather devastating effect on our Saucerer friends.

You can keep on saying that everybody in Indonesia has six toes per foot for a long time, and, while most people won't believe you, a heck of a lot of people will; and once they do - and especially if they want to believe you - you'll have one devil of a time convincing them otherwise. Of course, nobody thinks of going to Indonesia to take a look, or even ringing up the Indonesian Embassy and asking. If you did ask such a question of the Cultural Attache of said Embassy, I fancy he would be so stunned that you might well hang up the phone with the impression that he did have twelve toes!

The point I am trying to make is that all sorts of people have been assuring us that there are all sorts of bizarre and unauthorized things buzzing about in our upper atmosphere. But now that we, spurred on by the Russians, have gotten into said upper atmosphere, if only for a fleeting glimpse or two by human or electronic eyes, what have we seen there?

That is really a damned good question; but nobody, as far as I can make out, has yet asked it; and so nobody has attempted to answer it. This is fairly standard procedure on both counts, for nobody - and especially official bodies - answers questions they haven't been asked; and nobody asks questions they don't want answered. In fact, the only person who has continued to ask any questions at all has been the redoubtable Major Donald Keyhoe of NICAP. And, so persistent has he been, that he's finally gotten others to ask questions too, including our ultimate watchdoggery, the Congress. It is now announced that a subcommittee of that most august of all bodies is preparing to ask a heck of a lot of questions about just this, and of all kinds of people who should have something to say on the subject, most notably the Air Force. This I personally find to be most refreshing. (Continued in our March Issue.)

THE FOLLOWING BACK ISSUES OF SAUCER NEWS ARE STILL AVAILABLE: #1; 2; 3; 6 through 11; 13; 17 through 28; and 30 through 45. All are 3 for \$1.00 except #1 and #27 (the Special Adamski Expose Issue), which sell for \$1.00 each.

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should stop doing flying saucer research, and I hope it does not lead you to stop...."

It seems that the only way anyone can get to the bottom of this is to buy the book, which is obviously what Barker wants us to do. Interested parties can reach Barker at P. O. Box 2228, Clarksburg, W. Va. Although this information is not in the memo, he has revealed to us in strict confidence that the price of the book is \$3.95. Quite likely if you enclose that amount with your inquiry, your letter will receive more attention.

"ANGEL HAIR" IN NEBRASKA: A weird unidentified flying object streaked across the skies near Chadron, Nebraska, last November 15th, and deposited a strange substance on a farm owned by Theodore Goff. The seemingly metallic substance came off the flying object in thin fibers and settled to earth, draping itself like a finely-knit shroud over Goff's fields, trees, machinery, and power lines. Says Goff: "It was about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and I had been working in my shed. I came outside and happened to look up and see this strange ball flying through the air. It seemed to be rolling as it sped through the sky. It was going faster than any airplane I ever saw, and it just disappeared from sight when it got out of the sunlight. It made absolutely no noise. Big chunks of it broke off, and these fibers began settling down on everything." The oddest thing of all is that the fibers are so thin that they cannot be seen with the naked eye except when they are in direct sunlight. They can be felt on the skin like spider webs, but they are much smaller in diameter than a spider web. According to the report, a human hair seems like a rope in comparison. The fibers can not be picked up, as they are so fine that you can't tell when you have one; and they can't be broken apart, though they can be burned. Fibers used by the Air Force for radar-jamming are much thicker than these, it is said.

SPACE PANCAKE ANALYSIS IS NEGATIVE: We now have the results of the U.S. Air Force's analysis of one of the famous Eagle River space pancakes. In a personal interview with Major William Coleman, we were told that the pancake consisted of fat, starch, buckwheat hulls, soy bean hulls, wheat bran, and other common substances. The bacteriological and radiation readings were normal. The Air Force's conclusion, therefore, was that it is "an ordinary pancake of terrestrial origin." - Incidentally, Major Coleman is the new Pentagon spokesman on UFO's. Anyone meeting him or corresponding with him will agree with us that he is a far better public information officer than Lt. Col. Tacker, whom he recently replaced. Coleman seems to have a genuine desire to bring about the release of more detailed saucer information by the Government. We may have more to say about this in future issues of SAUCER NEWS.

New York's Civilian Saucer Intelligence (C.S.I.) has also received the results of the pancake analysis made at their expense by Isotopes, Inc., of Westwood, New Jersey. This civilian analysis agrees with the Air Force's, in that nothing was found to confirm the notion that the pancake is of extra-terrestrial origin. Thus it appears that this bit of "physical evidence," about which we yelled so loudly in recent issues of SAUCER NEWS, is of no significance after all. However, the fact that the story now turns out to be a probable hoax, does not in the least excuse NICAP's a priori attitude in refusing to investigate it. Physical evidence in regard to UFO sightings is so extremely rare that each instance deserves a complete and unbiased investigation before any conclusions are reached.

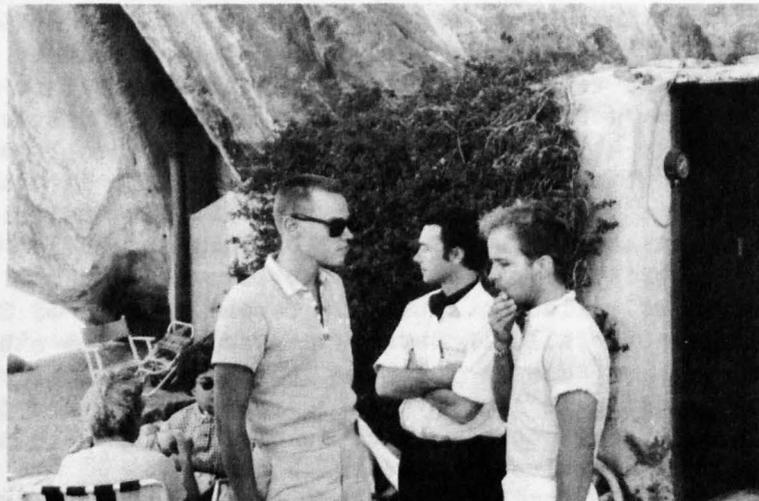
It is interesting to note that Joe Simonton, the Eagle River man

who is responsible for the pancake story, has had another sighting. The second sighting is much less spectacular than the first one, and it is backed up by a neighbor who was a witness. Simonton is now giving lectures, and is still receiving a large amount of mail because of the publicity his landing story received.

**WEIRD "SPACE MESSAGES" IN NEW YORK CITY:** Last September, your Editor attended a strange pseudo-religious saucer meeting at the Great Northern Hotel in New York. A small group had gathered in a rented hall to hear tape recordings made by contactee Gloria Lee, who is the "telepathic instrument" through which various space entities communicate. Master of Ceremonies at the affair was Sterling Warren, who has a long history of association with "lunatic fringe" organizations. The program began with a Peace Poem of some sort, accompanied by strange music. There followed ten minutes of "silent meditation," after which six non-terrestrial beings were heard from - each speaking in the normal tape-recorded voice of Gloria Lee. First came an entity called Dr. Hamilton, whose spiel lasted for several minutes. Then, amazingly enough, Jesus Christ spoke - still in Gloria Lee's voice. There was a terrible buzzing and humming in the tape recorder just before Christ came on, and Mr. Warren glared menacingly at your Editor, apparently in the belief that we were sending out Negative Vibrations of some sort. Finally the recorded voice became audible again, and we heard Jesus admit, among other things, that there are other Masters who know more about certain things than He does. Further along, He indicated a vague knowledge of modern electricity, and then - incredibly! - Gloria Lee giggled briefly, and mumbled an unintelligible "aside," apparently to someone who was in the room with her while she was making the tape. The whole thing was ridiculous and sacrilegious from almost any viewpoint. Christ was followed by a lady called June of Jupiter. The program called for three other extraterrestrials to be heard from, but we had had enough, and walked out.

**1961 GIANT ROCK CONVENTION IS DISAPPOINTING:** Your Editor went to the saucer convention at Giant Rock, California, again this year, and found the crowd and enthusiasm much less than in 1960. Apparently the change of time (to October) and the lack of newspaper publicity had something to do with the small turn-out, though there is no doubt that, in general, most saucer clubs are definitely on the wane these days.

A few of the "old guard" contactees were present. Truman Betherum made a long, rambling speech some time after his publicity-conscious marriage described on the cover. Daniel Fry went into a long astronomical discourse, hardly touching upon his own alleged space contacts; and George Hunt Williamson (pictured here, at right of photo, with an unidentified follower and ex-saucerer Max Miller), assumed his usual role of the dignified scientist who just happens to believe in saucers. Williamson's speech leaned heavily on his recent



trip to Japan, where he was described in print by one leading Japanese researcher as "the baby-faced quasi-anthropologist who put the flying saucers on a paying basis."

Another speaker was Orfeo Angelucci, author of "The Secret of the Saucers" and "Son of the Sun". Unlike most contactees, Angelucci is an extremely likable fellow, and one almost wishes for a little more Faith so as to believe his stories. Best speaker was the Reverend Frank Stranges, author of "Flying Saucerama" and a forthcoming book as yet untitled. Stranges is a hardened professional at the art of crowd-pleasing, and as a result of this he was probably the only person at the Convention this year to do a really good job of Raking in the Green.

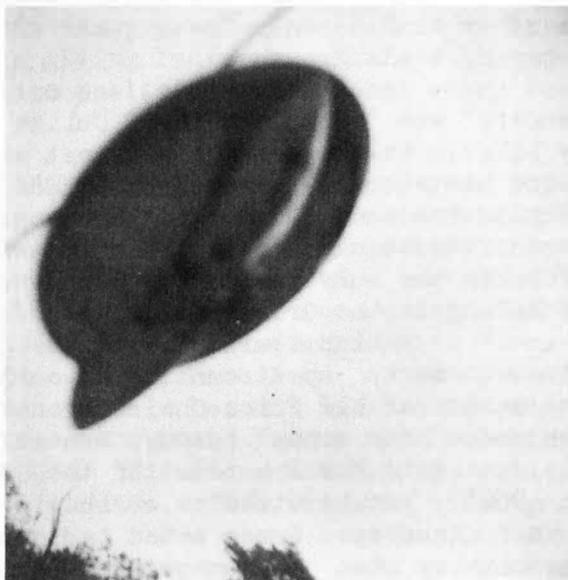
Which reminds us, - Gabriel Green, who turns out to be quite a pleasant sort, spent considerable time and effort explaining to your Editor the merits of his Prior Choice Economics, which, if ever adopted, would mean the end of our money economy. Saucer fans will recall that Green was the Space Age candidate for President of the United States last year ("Abe in 1860; Gabe in 1960"), but he withdrew at the last minute in favor of a "dark horse" named John F. Kennedy. Green asked us to be sure to tell SAUCER NEWS readers that our country must either go forward toward Prior Choice, or else we will go backwards. For further enlightenment, write to Gabe at 2004 N. Hoover St., Los Angeles 27, California.

As usual, our thanks go out to host George Van Tassel, who allowed your Editor to ascend the golden stairway to the speakers' platform again this year, and to say a few words to the crowd. It was a real pleasure to get into the act and make a brief pitch which resulted in the sale of a few SAUCER NEWS subscriptions. - Incidentally, we again missed the chance to go inside Van Tassel's Integretron. When completed, it will act as some sort of Fountain of Youth. We were dismayed to learn, however, that in spite of the expenditure of many thousands of dollars contributed by his Fans, there is still very little except hot desert air under the Integretron's giant dome. The Space Peoples' instructions for the building of this rejuvenation machine must indeed be coming through very slowly.

Although there were no sightings at the Convention this year - not even hoaxes - there was an interesting aerial act put on by one Cliff Winters, who is known as America's leading stunt flyer. Another act to which we had looked forward was unfortunately canceled. A certain Professor Ne-Leh, who bills himself as an "illusionist, mentalist, prestidigitationist (sic) and hypnotismist (SIC)," was to have driven an automobile blindfolded across the nearby desert. Best of all, he agreed to allow your Editor to ride with him to make sure he didn't peak. We had pictured ourselves speeding across the desert with the good Professor Ne-Leh, and possibly begging him to please peak just once, as the car headed straight for an abyss. But alas, the act was canceled, leaving us both mumbling sadly to ourselves, "Wait till next year!"

**SAUCER PHOTOGRAPHED IN WEST VIRGINIA:** While visiting our friendly rival in Clarksburg, W. Va. recently, we came across a very interesting sighting right in his home town which the intrepid saucer investigator had overlooked. A local teen-ager named Joe Gonzales claims that, some time in the spring of 1960, the object pictured at the top of Page 14 flew over his home. He was alone one morning, watching T.V., when he heard a shrill noise, causing his dog to start barking. He went outside, and saw a strange craft moving slowly over a nearby hill. Returning quickly into the house, Gonzales grabbed his camera and took several pictures, the best of which is the one he gave to us. Gonzales describes the object as saucer-shaped, about 40 feet in diameter. It had a giant rudder-like protrusion underneath, with portholes in it, and

some sort of gas was escaping from this area. As seen in the photo, there were two large antennae on top. The boy lives in a thinly-populated section on the outskirts of Clarksburg. He says that one of his neighbors was asleep and the other was away; so there are no confirming witnesses; and though Gonzales seems very sincere, one is tempted to wonder if the picture may not be of some more common object such as a garbage lid with protrusions added.



**FORTEAN ITEMS:** A very large amount of unidentified material fell on vacant land at White Oak Flats, Tennessee, last November 27th. The stuff fell "all end-over-end" and broke branches on the trees when it hit. The farmer who witnessed the fall called the sheriff's office. The material is some sort of transparent plastic - thousands of feet of it. A deputy sheriff cut off several red-colored pieces eight or ten feet long, and local farmers are gradually hauling away the rest of it to cover their crops....Indian astrologers predict Big Trouble for the world during the first days of February, 1962, when Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Venus, Mercury, and the Moon will all crowd the sky at the same time. The disaster will begin with an atomic blast or a similar large-scale explosion. Earthquakes will follow in the Arabian peninsula, Afghanistan, Turkey, Pakistan, and northern India. Other misfortunes are predicted for South Africa and Europe.....A member of the British Parliament has asked the Health Ministry to investigate why Mrs. Mary Were's food turns red. Mrs. Were, a 53-year-old housewife who lives at Chalfont St. Peter in England, says that red fungus appears overnight on her cooked food. It is thought that a nearby atomic energy center may have something to do with the phenomenon.....

The Soviet News Agency TASS reported last October that a Russian scientific expedition had photographed the gigantic footprint of an unknown monster in the bed of the Indian Ocean at a depth of about 10,000 feet.....Our thanks to Gene Duplantier of Toronto for this one: A "giant madman" who sometimes runs naked when a new moon is out, is terrorizing farmers near Malton, Ontario. He is credited with three barn fires that claimed the lives of 39 head of cattle. Apparently people living in the area are fairly sure who the culprit is, but the authorities have been unable to catch him in the act. A local police constable stated that the madman "twists iron stands of mail boxes as though they were bailing wire, and tears down farmers' fences." For some odd reason the farmers in the area are reluctant to talk about the situation.....A monster seen and photographed last summer on Loch Oich, near famous Loch Ness, turns out to be a paper-mache affair concocted by a theatre group. The group claims that no hoax was intended. They planned to put the monster in Loch Ness with an advertisement for them on its back; but first they sent their monster on a trial run on Loch Oich, where he unfortunately sank soon after being photographed by a fisherman who was not in on the plot. Only the beast's head was salvaged.....A 200-pound object, at first thought to be a meteorite, was found last September in East St. Louis, Illinois by a teen-aged boy, after a three-day search prompted by his having seen an object streaking from the sky one night. Later, a local expert examined the object and stated that it is definitely not a meteor. He believes it may be slag from a furnace.

REPORT ON SAUCERERS RECENTLY AND CURRENTLY IN CONFINEMENT: It's quite a job these days to keep track of which saucerers are in or out of jail. Since our last issue, contactee Reinholdt Schmidt has been sentenced to one to ten years in prison, on two counts of grand theft. At the trial, Schmidt was allowed to show his documentary movie "Edge of Tomorrow" (reviewed in our June issue), as evidence regarding his alleged space flights. Schmidt had claimed to have discovered deposits of "free energy crystals" while riding in a flying saucer. A widow named Mrs. Eva Newcomb invested \$5,000 with Schmidt, and it is said that he obtained investments from others totaling nearly \$50,000.

Meanwhile, Otis T. Carr of "Free Energy" fame is in an Oklahoma City jail, working off a \$5,000 fine at the rate of \$1 per day. Carr was convicted of selling unregistered stock in his OTC Enterprises, Inc. He is believed to have collected some \$50,000 in this manner. Attorney General Lefkowitz of New York has issued an order preventing Carr's successors from selling any more stock in that state. However, Norman Colton, operating with a new company called "The Millenium Agency," is still carrying on where Carr left off. Colton, who is Carr's right-hand man, is currently operating in California and in New York, right under Lefkowitz's nose, so to speak. The stock scheme has been replaced by a legal dodge, whereby 50% cash orders are taken on "free energy" machines yet to be constructed. Colton's latest literature describes an invention which he solemnly states will "draw electricity from the atmosphere without the use of any fuel. The machine is operated entirely by environmental gravitic forces." One of the Colton inventions is, as of this writing, being demonstrated in New York City to interested friends and prospective investors.

Finally, we are happy to report that contactee Wayne Aho is enjoying comparatively good mental health, and is back on the lecture circuit again. Not long ago he spoke in New York City, where he was sponsored by Harry Hoffman of the "Interplanetary Embassy." SAUCER NEWS readers will recall that Aho spent several weeks confined in the Central Islip mental hospital last spring. Currently Aho seems to be on the anti-Bomb kick, and is promoting prefabricated "survival homes" which can be erected in out-of-the-way areas. Aho's literature states that he is against all testing of atomic weapons by any nation, and that the destruction of our cities, either by atomic bombs or natural disasters, is probably in store for the near future.

IS RICHARD OGDEN IN CONTACT WITH THE RUSSIANS? Richard Ogden, the notorious saucer researcher living in Seattle, Washington, made the following amazing statements in a letter to Steve Erdmann, dated August 29th, 1961: "I do not have your letters and (am) unable to return them, in that they were forwarded to the Soviet Embassy in Washington. It is impossible for me to get these letters back, in that they are using them for a study.....The source of my inside information on the secret discovery made by Project Ozma was a 'contact' in the Soviet Embassy. When you wrote me insisting that I prove my claims, I forwarded your letters to the Soviet Embassy asking them to read and study your letters and consider your plea for the truth on the matter (to) be revealed to you in a personal visit by their representatives. The Soviet Embassy is my source of information and they can provide you with the information you desire. If they desire to give you this information, you can expect 'visitors' in the near future...If called to testify, I would invoke the Fifth Amendment...."

A photostat of the above letter is in our files. - As noted in previous issues of SAUCER NEWS and in Newsletter #14, Richard Ogden has a long and sordid history in UFO research. The contradictory theories which he publishes in various zines are apparently a deliberate attempt to throw added

confusion into the already confused saucer mystery. In addition, Ogden's relationship with SAUCER NEWS over the years has included signed as well as unsigned threats of all types, as well as hoax letters and hoax phone calls. The latest was a call from Seattle, supposedly from the non-existent R. E. Straith of Straith Letter fame. In view of all this, we had no choice but to turn the entire matter over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and the Ogden case is now in their hands.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** A long feature article on saucers, called "Take Me to Your Leader," appeared in the October issue of Playboy Magazine. The article, which is quite detailed and well written, is generally anti-saucer in tone. The author is one Gerald Walker, which is apparently a pseudonym.....Dr. Leon Davidson, once a frequent contributor to SAUCER NEWS, has recently "gotten back into the game" with a long mimeographed article which he sent to all leading saucer researchers. In it he describes in detail his present theory that the whole saucer mystery is a psychological-warfare device invented and kept alive by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA). Dr. Davidson's observations are most interesting (though we don't agree with him), and we may print his material in whole or in part, in our next issue.....The November 1961 and the January 1962 issues of Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" magazine contain a fantastic contact story related by Gray Barker. The tale concerns an alleged meeting between Barker's friend Dominick Lucchesi and a beautiful space woman, aboard a flying saucer. Thus, Lucchesi (a former associate editor of SAUCER NEWS) joins the growing list of contactees.....Long John Nebel of Party Line fame, has just written a book entitled "Way Out World." We haven't seen it yet, but hope to have a review of it for you soon....Another new book is "The Challenge of Unidentified Objects," co-authored by Richard Hall (Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP) and Professor Charles A. Maney of Defiance College in Ohio.

**NEWS BRIEFS:** A saucer sighting by eight observers, including a veteran pilot, received wide publicity last October 4th. The hovering object was seen by pilot Waldo J. Harris of Salt Lake City, Utah, while he was taking off on a routine flight from the Utah Central Airport. Air Force investigators insisted that the UFO was either a balloon or the planet Venus....In late September three pilots spotted a doughnut-shaped UFO at high altitude between Japan and Midway Island. The object looked like a "large smoke ring," and the sky could be seen through the center of it....The most interesting sighting of recent months occurred in late October, in Fall River Mills, Calif. At dusk, a man and his wife saw a hovering oval-shaped object that seemed to be divided into three areas of flashing lights. It was seen to release two smaller objects, also oval and with the same light formations. These smaller UFOs each took off on its own and returned to the "mother ship" about an hour later! Finally the larger object departed at great speed. The same drama was watched on a different night by the same couple, and by two other people who made an independent report. (Researchers interested in more details should write for the Oct. 26th issue of the Fall River Mills, Calif. Inter Mountain News).....A mysterious light exploded almost noiselessly over Cincinnati on the night of August 30th and again on September 5th. No explanation could be found.....In Baltimore, a "metallic, circular, spinning, green-white lighted humming object" was seen by several residents on the night of Nov. 10th. One of the witnesses said that the white lights were shining brightly, as if through portholes in the bottom of the craft, and there was a green light forward.....On the morning of Sept. 3rd, Mrs. Mae Harold of San Francisco saw a cylinder-shaped object hovering over the western edge of the city. It was visible for thirty minutes before disappearing toward the southeast.

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NON-SCHEDULED NEWSLETTER #15

February 15th, 1962

WORLD FAILS TO END: The planetary conjunction and solar eclipse, scheduled for February 4th and 5th, has taken place on schedule; but as nearly as we can find out, all of the dire predictions connected with the event have failed to come true.

In India, the "doomsday" scare was taken so seriously that on the night of Feb. 3rd, thousands of Hindus shivered through the wintry night at prayer meetings and various holy places. Katmandu, capital of Nepal, looked like a ghost town except around the Hindu temples. All shops were closed, and business came to a virtual standstill in several other cities. Indians remembered that in 1934 a similar astronomical phenomenon co-incided with a serious earthquake in which many people were killed.

In the western United States, some of the members of saucerer Dan Fry's group, called "Understanding," took to the hills to avoid the disasters predicted for the Pacific coast. A saucerer in New Mexico wrote a couple of weeks ago to one of our correspondents: "Right now I'm simply swamped, getting a year's supply of ammo, GI arctic clothing, and food, fuel oil, etc., ready for the Feb. 5th conjunction...." Here in New York, the Hayden Planetarium received hundreds of worried letters and phone calls. A New York astrologer named Joseph F. Goodavage went out on a limb last October and wrote: "An unknown virus will strike South Africa, India, and East China, causing widespread chaos and death. Western Europe, the British Isles, and even southern Italy will undergo the worst deep freeze in 30 to 50 years. Violent earthquakes will rock Communist East China; the contour of the land will alter and rivers will change course. The west coast of America will be subjected to earthquake activity. In other areas, subterranean quakes will thrust new islands from the sea...." Whether by co-incidence or not, a New York anti-Atom-Bomb group chose the week of Jan. 29th through Feb. 4th to stage a series of peace demonstrations. (Some astrological predictions had stated that atomic warfare would begin during the planetary conjunction.) And, finally, Brooklyn's Andy Sinatra, alias the Mystic Barber, staged a one-man demonstration in front of the United Nations building on Feb. 4th. This historic event was covered by your SAUCER NEWS Editor, and we will publish more details about it in our forthcoming June issue.

Alas, the world is still here, no better and no worse than it was before the prophets of doom had their field day!

SENSATIONAL NEW INFORMATION ABOUT BENDER'S BOOK: A correspondent in Louisiana named Lee R. Elliott recently wrote us the following amazing statements:

"....I'll tell you some of the details regarding the fantastic events which happened to Bender. While you have been most sincere in your efforts to report events in saucer research as you see them, you too have been led off course by the unanswered problems....Through fear of reprisals, Bender refused to name the Three Men. Because of fear, he refused to write, give data, or operate his organized research. Then, about a year ago, I wrote to Bender. I told him basic facts about the coming New Age and about the launched programs of the Space People....I was authorized to give Bender the GO AHEAD order in regard to his book. You may recall that Ray Palmer had carried an article in 'Flying Saucers' Magazine, stating that Bender would eventually 'talk,' but you will also notice that Bender never talked. The same fear of death and brutal force caused him to remain silent. So, I wrote to Bender and explained to him what the situation was, and the method I used was to emphasize what would happen if the Three Men in black suits interfered further with Bender's work....The data I gave Bender ripped all the fear away and gave him the moral support to defy those characters. As a result, Bender has now done what he was afraid to do before. Whereas before, he was afraid to talk, he not only talks now, but has composed his book, and it will be printed!....The reason that Bender managed to get his book written is that he is one of those humans who has gained spiritual development. He has evolved from fear to an advanced stage of thinking; and because of this, his entire perspective changed...."

We will make no comment on the above information until after "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" is published.

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**PROPHET PERSECUTED BY POLICE:** In the above photo we see Andy Sinatra, the Mystic Barber of Brooklyn, trying to explain himself to a skeptical New York policeman, during his End-of-the-World February 4th demonstration in front of the United Nations Building. The man at the far left is one of the Barber's followers. Although few if any of Sinatra's predictions that day have come true, his one-man demonstration at the U.N. did accomplish at least one thing: He becomes the first saucer personality to be put on the cover of SAUCER NEWS for a second time. (See Page 18 for more details and pictures.)

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EDITORIALS

IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SAUCER NEWS POLICY: Your Editor started investigating flying saucers back in 1953. In those days we believed, as do most researchers, that saucers are probably extraterrestrial in origin. Then, shortly after our magazine was begun in 1954 (under the title "Nexus,") we became convinced that saucers are Earth-made machines manufactured by the U.S. and Russian Governments. Our change in viewpoint was brought about by exclusive information we received, some of which was printed in early issues of our magazine, and some of which was withheld. Our viewpoint was very unpopular, but we stuck to it.

However, over the years, we have gradually lost faith in the validity of this information. As late as 1957, your Editor and Dr. Leon Davidson were very close together in their viewpoints (though Davidson had nothing to do with our exclusive information.) Now, as you will learn from reading Davidson's article in this issue, he believes that saucers are merely psychological warfare devices, and are not secret weapons of any kind. Your Editor, on the other hand, has returned to his original feeling that the saucer phenomenon is still a mystery and that the extraterrestrial solution is the most likely one. But we still feel very strongly that there is as yet no proof of extraterrestrial visitations; and our \$1,000 offer - made several years ago - to anyone who can prove that saucers come from other planets, still holds good. A year or so ago, a research organization called APRO claimed to have "physical evidence" of saucers from outer space. If APRO or any other organization or individual really has such proof, we would still like to see it. Until we do, we will hold to our present belief that the saucer mystery is no closer to a genuine solution today than it was in 1947 when Arnold made his famous sighting.

Quite likely, as Mankind moves out into Space in the next few years, the real answer to the mystery will be found. Also, the unknown areas of our own planet, - mainly the dense jungles of Asia and South America, and the polar regions, - will gradually be explored. By process of elimination, Mankind will at least learn more and more about where saucers do not come from; and perhaps before too long, we will find out where they do come from.

Another less important change in our policy is the following: We will no longer attempt to give our readers all the routine type of sightings that come in from our press clipping service. These tend to be repetitious as well as inconclusive. After all these years, most of our readers are probably as tired of reading run-of-the-mill sightings as we are. UFO reports continue to reach our desk at almost as great a rate as ever, but in the future, we will print only the outstanding ones, and we will also print more "Fortean" material than we used to.

PUBLICITY-SEEKING ANTICS BY GRAY BARKER: For the first time in our nine-year history, we are running an article by saucer researcher Gray Barker in this issue. In it he discusses delays regarding the Bender book, and accuses your Editor of habitually making editorial changes in articles submitted to us, so as to distort the meaning of the writer. This, of course, is not true. It is Barker who enjoys "jazzing up" a saucer story, as witnessed by the radical changes he made in Dominick Lucchesi's "contact" yarn, printed in the Nov. 1961 and Jan. 1962 issues of Ray Palmer's "Flying Saucers" Magazine. In a personal interview, Lucchesi has told us that Barker changed his manuscript beyond all recognition! He has promised to supply details, which we will give you in our next issue. Meanwhile, we have tried repeatedly to reach Barker by phone, regarding necessary editing of his article, due to the fact that he does not write well. His secretary in Clarksburg claims that he has dropped out of sight and that she does not know where he is. Has Barker really disappeared, or is this part of the build-up for the Bender book? Time will tell.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

This is just a note to tell you how much I enjoyed your December (1961) issue of SAUCER NEWS. I think that you have always had the most interesting and reliable of the UFO fan magazines and I find the current issue especially interesting.

I also want to commend you on your editorial "Saucers and Fascism". I do not understand the motivation behind these sick people, but undoubtedly there is a great deal of that kind of thing going on. The only hope I can see is that while there are undoubtedly many thousand groups, they are small and fragmented. I believe that they differ too much to get together, - and I hope I am right....

CURTIS FULLER

Editor, Fate Magazine

I certainly was glad to have you take off on Gariety and the Fascists. My lead article in the Jan.-Feb. Journal of Borderland Research goes into this from the metaphysical or occult side....Frankly, I think your statement that you "do not expect to have anything further to say on the subject of politics" is a forlorn hope. The nation is aroused now, and this issue of extreme right, extreme left, and Democratic-Republican center is infecting every nook and corner of our national existence. Everyone is going to stand up and be counted, no matter who. I found this everywhere I went during my lecture tour last October, and was greatly discouraged by the extreme-rightism of the Bible Belt in the deep South....

RILEY CRABB

Director, Borderland Sciences Research Associates

Congratulations on coming out against the resurgence of Fascism in America, - a far greater danger than the popular bogeyman, Communism. Fascists always thrive by whipping up hate against other people. What they are does not matter terribly - Jews, Negroes, Commies. All that matters is to have an object of public hatred to draw attention away from their own wicked activities, and to make it appear that support of these activities is actually patriotic. In a sane world, the professed Fascists would be laughed out of court, or put away on remote pleasant islands where they could harm no one but themselves.

...I recently read a pamphlet consisting of a vicious anti-Semitic piece of filth called "The Jewish Plot to Destroy Germany." According to this, the Jews tried to destroy the German race by sterilization in the 1930's, driving poor Hitler & Co. to protect themselves by most reluctantly attacking the horrid cruel Jews who wished to destroy them. I could not resist writing to the editor and telling him that if such were true, my estimation of the Jews had increased a thousand percent, and that if only they'd succeeded, we should have been spared so much savagery and horror not only in the last war but also the menace of today's Germany, which is now our "darling pet" against the "wicked Russians."....

I have sadly and for a long time prophesied that if the present trend continues, we shall see America becoming more and more totalitarian, while Russia becomes more liberal. Within twenty years we may see men fleeing to freedom from the West to the East. For America to lose its very soul in this way would be a world disaster that bears thinking about. Those of us who profess the Principles of Christ should remember that we can only "defeat" our enemy not with arms or violence but by example. The way to overcome the menace of Communism is to set up a standard of living (not necessarily materialistic; we've quite enough of that), that others will seek to copy and emulate. And indeed Russia is quick to copy most of our material advantages. Unfortunately

we are spiritually sick and the light that radiates from us is insufficient to impress the Marxist, dazzled by the religion of Lenin. To overcome them, our light must make the light of Lenin seem like a dark smudge in a way that all men can see....

I am not, of course, turning a blind eye to the cruelties and horror of Stalinism nor the patent fallacies inherent in Marxism (a thing often conveniently forgotten), but we can only conquer the world with our ideas if our society is genuinely more humane and civilized than any other. Not until we have abolished our own "rat race" and grown up into adult human beings can we expect rival ideologies to take us seriously. The same goes for Fascism. Even these thwarted bitter twisted people can only be cured of their illness by people whose spiritual fitness dispels darkness as the morning sun dispels the mists of night. - More power to you in attacking evil.

DESMOND LESLIE  
London, England

I read your very interesting magazine and at last feel that I wasn't promoting Communism by going into saucer research. For awhile I had my doubts, but after reading your article "Saucers and Fascism," I feel better. You are wrong when you say that the John Birch Society is Far Right. They are what every American should be.....Enclosed is some literature to set you straight. After all, it was saucer research that led me to the Right Wing Extremists as you call them. All Americans are Right Wing Extremists, since we have no choice - it's either Communism or Extremists.

WANDA KAGMARGYK, Detroit, Michigan

There has been a noticeable surge of extreme Rightist sentiment in this country. I think this has been caused by the excesses of the Liberals in politics and in the courts.....Among the many defects (of our form of government), these three are the principal ones: (1) The belief that "all men are created equal." (2) The yielding to numerous pressure groups who are out to get theirs, and to hell with the rest of the country. (3) The growing belief that the government must guarantee a comfortable living to us from the cradle to the grave.

I won't go too much into detail in explaining these. Think over the phrase "all men are created equal," and then write and tell me - equal in what? I can think of only one way, and that is at the voting booth, where your vote is worth no more than that of some moron. And since there are far more unintelligent people than intelligent ones, the government caters to the former. - As for (2), the two most powerful pressure groups today are the labor unions and the NAACP.....In our country wages depend only on the bargaining power of the labor unions. They bear no relation to the skill, education, or responsibility of the worker. So it costs as much to have a plumber come to your house for a minor repair as it does to have a doctor come to diagnose some serious ailment; and engineers and scientists get little more than bricklayers and truck drivers.....

It is my experience that character is developed in adversity, just as physical strength is developed in overcoming physical obstacles. When our government undertakes to protect the people from all adversities, it makes the people more helpless, so that they demand still more help...This leads to more and more government, ultimately ending in socialism.....The liberals have been driving democracy hard down this road of destruction; the conservatives are trying to slow down this trend, but they know they cannot stop it. The extreme rightists think wrongly that they can stop it....

JUSTIN CASE, Bridgeton, N.J.

Sanderson's article in your December issue is quite interesting, and I am looking forward to Part Two.

I must, however, take exception to your statement regarding "NICAP's a priori attitude in refusing to investigate" the so-called space pancake. It should be noted that the story that NICAP would investigate the pancake was released before said pancake had reached NICAP. And subsequently they did investigate it to the limit allowed by their then shaky finances.... Frankly, if you want to throw brickbats at someone, you'd do far better to toss them at Ray Palmer and his huckster-zine than at Don Keyhoe who has, as far as I can see, done the only really effective job of trying to get the UFO enigma nailed down once and for all. Palmer, on the other hand, is in it only to keep the pot boiling and to make a buck....

Regarding Davidson, I disagree with him entirely. There is nothing in his article that in any way supports his weird jackstraw house of theories.

GEORGE W. EARLEY  
Bloomfield, Connecticut

The March SAUCER NEWS was one of your best yet. Ivan Sanderson is a really talented writer, and Dr. Davidson's article was very thought-provoking indeed. However, Davidson neglected to mention the curious fact that Admiral Hillenkoetter, former head of the super-secret Central Intelligence Agency, is now on the NICAP Board of Governors. Doesn't this prove that NICAP is controlled by the Government in some way?....

IRVING ANDERSON, Los Angeles, California

As director of a leading UFO investigating group, I would like to say that your attacks on Gray Barker are uncalled for and groundless. Mr. Barker has been a top researcher for 15 years, and we are more than proud to have him on our advisory board along with George D. Fawcett.

I quote from one of Mr. Barker's lengthy letters to me: "As to Mr. Moseley, I prefer to just let him hang himself, which he is doing day by day, through his negative articles and acts." From the way you have been acting, I must agree with him....

TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY  
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I was not aware of Barker's beer-drinking habits till reading your March issue, but you are right in calling him to task for his obvious publicity-seeking in regard to the Bender book. Personally, I think Barker loves money more than beer....

CARLOS MENTIRA, New York, N. Y.

I am more convinced than ever that the Soviets have an advanced or at least unconventional type of craft that is generally unknown to the public. ....The interplanetary craft do exist and have been coming to the earth for a long time. In the future, there may be some confusion between extraterrestrial craft and earth-built saucers. This poses quite a problem, as there is continuing secrecy on all phases....

WAYNE S. AHO, Toledo, Ohio

I enjoy your magazine very much, and have been a saucer fan since 1947....I have a world-wide search service for out-of-print books, on any subject, - for serious book collectors only. I am a widow with two children, and need all the business I can get. I specialize in science fiction, metaphysics, and kindred subjects....

MRS. ROBERT G. FORD  
114 South Palmway, Lake Worth, Florida

WHY THE BENDER BOOK HAS BEEN DELAYED

- by Gray Barker -

It may seem strange to see an article by me appearing in this publication - long a severe critic of my work in the field of Ufological research and publishing. But it is indeed time that I dispel certain rumors which have arisen in connection with the delay in publishing the book by Albert K. Bender, "Flying Saucers and the Three Men." There is, for example, the fantastic rumor that Bender doesn't even exist, and the even more ridiculous story that my hair recently turned white overnight. But the most widespread stories are to the effect that the book will never be published, or that it will appear in censored form. Let me assure you that none of this is true.

I am submitting this article to SAUCER NEWS for one very good reason: Mr. Moseley has, ever since the first mention of my publishing this book was made, seemingly tried every effort to cast doubt, dispersions and ridicule upon the project. Since the present unfortunate delay in publishing would certainly provide more ammunition for this negative campaign, I take this opportunity to explain, in my own words, the actual facts behind the delay. In sending this material to SAUCER NEWS, I impose the condition that Moseley print it as is, unedited. I know from his past record that he holds little respect for a writer's real meaning; and I personally have often felt that, by devious editing, he often causes severe damage to the reputations of the sincere researchers who write for him.

Perhaps I overestimate Moseley as an adversary, literary or otherwise; for I must recall and point out that his dreadful and unprovoked attacks upon NICAP failed to meet their sinister ends. In fact, upon reading this specious material, several people who had never supported NICAP contributed money and put that organization once again upon their financial feet, so that now NICAP is marching on toward their goal of open hearings in Congress on UFO.

But to my subject at hand. Publication of Mr. Bender's book has been delayed approximately 30 days from the announced release date. Let me state at the outset that I believe the reasons for this delay should not be construed as anything too far out of the ordinary. To be brief, here are a few things which have caused this postponement:

The insistence of the author that the text of one of his chapters be altered slightly by the addition of further material which would clarify and amplify certain points. This held up typesetting and design of the book.

The disappearance of the book manuscript in transit between two New York offices involved in book production, and the delay occasioned in preparing a carbon copy of same for the typesetters.

Further delays by our book production people, who, I am certain, are having problems of only a routine nature. For instance, the first 50 pages were accidentally set in a slightly different style type than the succeeding pages, making it necessary to do part of the job over again.

However, to one given to more imagination than myself, some of the following incidents probably would be credited to organized interference of some sort. I mention these in passing for what they may be worth, but caution the reader to consider them in an objective manner and not to give them undue importance:

(1) Mr. Bender, the author, did not receive a thousand printed letters from a New York printer, these being lost in transit. The printer duplicated the print job, shipped it by insured parcel post, and Bender was finally, though somewhat late, able to mail these to former members of his International Flying Saucer Bureau.

(2) Twenty thousand Personal News Releases, printed in a Clarksburg

shop, are at this moment lost in transit between this shipping point and a large mailing agency which had contracted the distribution of this by mail.

(3) Delays in a manuscript relating to the Bender story reaching Ray Palmer, and my missing having a column in the March issue of Ray's "Flying Saucers" Magazine.

(4) An illness, very likely psychosomatic, which has slowed down my work in getting the public informed about the forthcoming release of the book. This has been coupled with insomnia and disturbing dreams, - all of this, I repeat, probably caused by my hard work and preoccupation with the book.

(5) Unusual telephone calls, a few of them threatening, and a few of them incomprehensible, which I have tended to link with the forthcoming publication.

(6) Several odd incidents have occurred during my nightly drives to my theatre in a nearby town. On two separate occasions I am certain I was followed very closely by another car for several miles. This happened on two consecutive nights. Because this occurred just after I had enthusiastically told the people who manage my theatre that I was publishing the book by Bender, (before I had publicly announced it), I probably attached undue importance to the incidents. But during the following week, when I had taken a certain party with me to the theatre to talk further to him in regard to a loan to help finance the book project, a black sedan with several forms inside (I could not make out any identities) deliberately tried to force me off the road into the ditch on an isolated stretch of highway. This would have been accomplished had I not been saved by some oncoming traffic which luckily appeared at the right time.

(7) The extraordinary number of visits to my office of people who have UFO experiences to relate to me but who, somehow, seem to be wanting to obtain more information than they are willing to give. One such visitor, with a definite accent and foreign appearance, gave me a card and asked that I telephone him at a local hotel later that evening. When I phoned, no such person was registered there. The card simply bore the name, Boris Stinoski, without any address, affiliation, or anything else.

Knowing my own tendency to feel persecuted by these happenings, I can see how some of the rumors, mentioned at the beginning of this article, could have started.

In closing I would like to state that the Bender book, though delayed by a month, is apparently now on the press and no further delays are anticipated. I shall fight this battle to the end, and nothing short of disaster shall divert either me or Mr. Bender from our determination to bring his information before the peoples of the world.

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**EDITORIAL NOTES:** The following back issues of SAUCER NEWS are still available: #1; 2; 3; 8 through 11; 13; 17 through 28; and 30 through 47. All are three for \$1.00, except #1 and #27 (the Special Adamski Expose Issue), which sell for \$1.00 each.....Since December, 1955, irregularly-issued Confidential 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. Any subscriber in good standing can be placed on the special Newsletter mailing list for an indefinite period of time, for the price of only one dollar.....In our next issue, we will review "The Challenge of Unidentified Flying Objects," a new book printed privately and written by Richard Hall (Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP) and Prof. C. A. Maney. SEE THE BOTTOM OF PAGE TWENTY FOR ANOTHER IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT ABOUT OUR SEPTEMBER ISSUE!

AN OPEN LETTER TO SAUCER RESEARCHERS - (Part Two)

- by Dr. Leon Davidson -

The CIA scheduled a big upsurge of publicity for saucers in the Spring and Summer of 1952. The public kick-off was the Life article of April 1952, "Have We Visitors from Space?". This article had been under preparation for a year, with help from the Government, according to Ruppelt. The "green lights" or artificial meteors used earlier in New Mexico were developed into a new technique, the "Blue Flash," and this was first tried over Seattle, Wash., in May 1952. (See front page of N.Y. Times for May 12, 1952.) It was then used for the outstanding "blue meteor" of Sept. 12, 1952, over Washington, D. C., and simultaneously over four adjacent states, including Maryland and West Virginia. This incident occurred simultaneously with the Flatwoods, W. Va. "monster" sighting, and in fact, the "meteor" was seen to land near the spot where the "monster" was discovered. This incident, described by Gray Barker in his book "They Knew Too Much About Flying Saucers," was investigated by Barker personally, and publicized by him, and marks his early connection with the CIA-sponsored program of hoodwinking the public.

By Fall of 1952, the CIA had laid out its plans for the "landing" and "contact" stories. The warmup for this had been the fabricated and planted stories about "little green men," such as the famous lecture at the University of Denver in March 1950, described in Scully's book "Behind the Flying Saucers," (page 5). This was a psychological test, and showed that about 50% of college-level people would believe a well-presented story. The Desverges (Florida scoutmaster) landing story in 1952, and the Mayor Linke landing story from Germany in the summer of 1952, were part of the same pattern. These were all planted by the CIA. No actual human contacts were yet reported.

The Tremonton films, made in the summer of 1952, served to convince me that saucers were real, and I suspect that they were shown privately to others besides myself, whom the CIA wanted to convince of the reality of saucers. These films are a clever job of faking. The major sightings of the 1952 "flap" are well known to all saucer researchers. The Nash-Fontenberry sighting over Norfolk, Va., and the Coast Guard photos over Salem, Mass., received much publicity, but the newspaper clippings of that period show hundreds of cases. The editorial pages and editorial cartoons (even the book reviews) of the major newspapers bristled with the subject of flying saucers.

In January 1953 the CIA convened a panel of five top-notch scientists to "study the situation." The result was "pre-conditioned" by the CIA, according to Ruppelt's book and according to detailed letters from Ruppelt in my files. The upshot of this panel's report was to lend credence to the validity and "respectability" of saucers in official Government circles (outside the CIA), although the report was kept secret from the public. Major Keyhoe, during this period, was carefully fed reports (by his "friends" in the Government), to bolster his case that the saucers are interplanetary. His books were best sellers. Likewise, George Adamski, who had been duped into cooperation and participation in late 1949 (to take pictures of saucers "near the moon"), was hoaxed into going to a desert "contact" with a "spaceman" on Nov. 20, 1952. He was then given strong backing by the CIA (he calls them "Space Brothers") in writing and publishing his book "Flying Saucers Have Landed." During the next year he was given the "space flight" hoax, as described in my article in "Flying Saucer Review" (England), Jan.-Feb. 1960 issue.

Jim Moseley introduced himself to me in 1954 and we became good friends. He was typical of the young, single, unattached men of mysterious antecedents who became active as saucer publishers during this period. The saucer magazines and saucer clubs spread the stories of the contactees, and

publicized their books. Surprisingly enough, even Moseley, who purported to espouse the "Earth Theory," gave most publicity to the contactee side of the picture.

Dan Fry's experience, although dated back in 1950, was not actually published until 1954. The sequence of the "contact story" buildup seems to have been planned by the CIA as follows:

(1) "Little Green Men" stories - 1949-1950. No witnesses. (To "soften up" the public and start discussion of "space visitors.")

(2) Contact by voice radio. Dan Fry, 1950. Also radio contact by Laimon Streeter with Williamson's and McCoy's group in 1952.

(3) Contact with a human being "from space." Adamski, desert, 1952.

(4) Contact with English-speaking humans "from space," and flights into "space." Adamski, 1953, at Camp Irwin, California.

(5) Visits to "other planets." Angelucci, Nelson. (1952, 1954.)

(6) Publicity for "midgets" contacting the general public, not restricting contacts to the "chosen few" contactees. 1955.

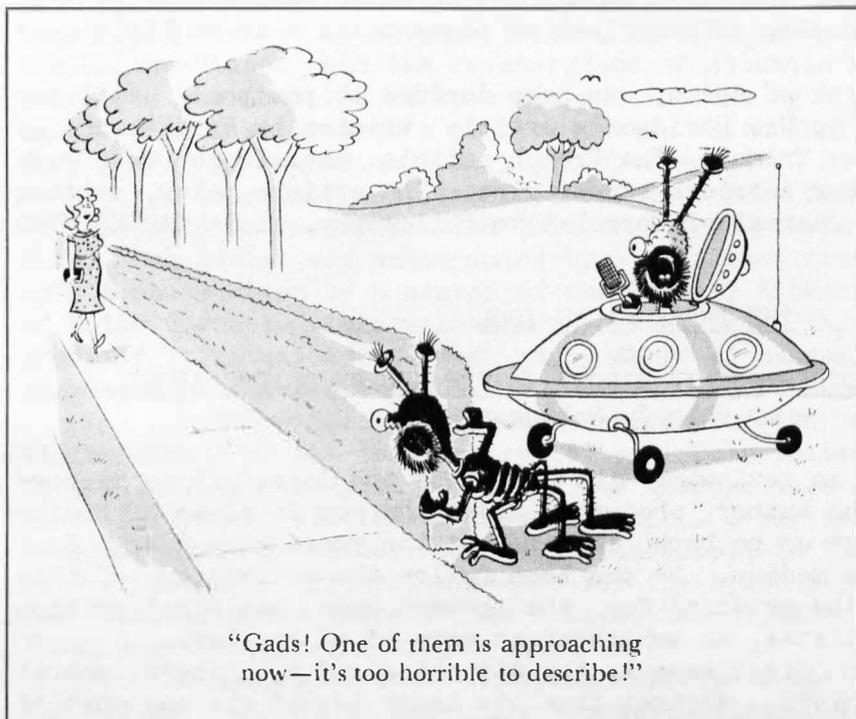
(7) Publicity for full-size "human space people" contacting earth people. (Howard Menger, the Planetary Center, the California contact clubs, etc.) (1956-1957.)

(8) Anti-Atom-Bomb propaganda disseminated by saucer clubs, all over the world. (1957.) (This led to the cessation of bomb tests in 1958.)

(9) Current status of contactee cults: Most of the "saucer club" activity these days is oriented to the belief that "space people" are here on earth; that they are identical to human beings; and that either the human race originally came from other planets or the other planets were originally colonized from Earth; etc., etc. You pay your money and take your choice. But the fraction of "saucer research" activity that is connected with technical subjects, such as propulsion, etc., is very small or almost nil, these days, and the whole subject of "saucers" now really means "space people." (1958-1962)

.....Although in 1952-1957, after seeing the Tremonton films in a private showing at the Pentagon (which I now realize was arranged by the CIA, acting through Col. W.

A. Adams of Air Force Intelligence), I firmly believed that flying saucers were real objects, I no longer believe this. I had thought that these were "secret U.S. aircraft or missiles," and perhaps that is what the CIA was hoping the intelligence agents of other countries would believe. But all during that period, my friends who worked in other Government agencies kept telling me that we had no such devices. I nevertheless believed that we did, and that it was



the best kept secret of all time.

Firm in that belief, I went through with the publication of thousands of copies of the Air Force Project Blue Book Special Report No. 14, in order to make the "inanity" of the Air Force's denials of saucer reality, clear to all intelligent researchers. In the act of publishing the Bluebook Report, I was unknowingly acting as one of the chief agents of the CIA, helping to spread the belief that saucers were American secret devices (as explained in my editorial remarks in the Bluebook publication.)

The dawn came slowly during 1957, as I looked into the John Otto - Mildred Maier - Major Walker - CIA case, concerning the "code signals" recorded during a "saucer communication experiment." When Jules St. Germaine, a Long John Show affiliate, had these decoded into a teletype cipher message, and when Major Voya Skakich of the U. S. Air Force came to interrogate me about my interest in these, I began to see the light. My articles in various issues of Moseley's SAUCER NEWS during 1957 and 1958 showed the transition in my thinking; and the idea of psychological warfare, being played by the CIA (against whom?), seemed more and more to be the real explanation of the whole saucer riddle. It even became apparent that many saucer magazines were not being written to circulate to their (purported) ordinary "saucer fan" readership, but were really being written and circulated mainly to convey the "saucer activity news" to those on the inside of the research, some of whom could be expected to be enemy agents who were supposed to be believing and extracting the "American secret device" hokum from the stories.

The man I feel sorriest for in all this is Major Keyhoe. He has been ill-used by the CIA, and is still being fed stories to relay to the public. In "Flying Saucers - Top Secret," pages 18-20, he thinks he is telling a story of an actual interplanetary saucer sighting, when it is obvious that the case he describes is a "dress rehearsal" of a psychological warfare gimmick which "simulates" a flying saucer, (to "scare" crews of enemy planes?). The way in which (on pages 19 and 20) the crewmen were interviewed and made to write reports on what they thought they saw, and also shown photographs to match what they had seen, sounds just like what the CIA would do in a "field test" of a new psychological warfare gimmick. It is quite similar to the test made in 1950 on college people, as described on pages 5 and 6 of Scully's saucer book.

(Editor's Note: Due to lack of space, we have decided to postpone until our September issue the reply to Dr. Davidson's article written by British saucer researcher Brinsley le Poer Trench. The Trench article has already been published in at least one other American saucer zine. The article below, written by the co-editor of the Journal of Correlative Philosophy, is a SAUCER NEWS exclusive.)

### THE THREE-FACED IDOL

or

### THE IDENTITY OF BROTHER PHILIP HIDDEN IN THE SECRET OF THE ANDES

- by John J. Robinson -

My first task in reviewing "The Secret of the Andes" is to discover the true identity of the author, who wrote under the nom de plume of Brother Philip. Therefore, let us go back in time to the years when George Hunt Williamson claimed to be a medium. We can then follow the activities of this man up to the time that the material for the present book was first written and published for the initiates, as mentioned on page 23 of the book.

Mr. Williamson first came to the attention of the general public during the latter part of 1952. At that time his handy bag of plaster enabled

him to preserve the footprints of George Adamski's Venusian. Later it was Williamson who organized and headed the Telonic Research Center in October, 1955. This center operated out of Prescott, Arizona, which is Williamson's home town. The Telonic quarterly bulletin was issued for a year with accompanying publications of lectures. These lectures sold for the substantial sum of \$6.00 when on tape.

We next find Mr. Williamson associated with a certain John McCoy. These two gentlemen gave lectures in Southern California. An article concerning these lectures appeared in an early edition of The Journal of Correlative Philosophy. Our article in the Journal included the text of a post card which had been sent to Southern California groups that were sponsoring the lectures. The post card reads as follows:

Dear Sirs:

This is to inform you that George Hunt Williamson and John McCoy are not acting under the direction of the Amethystine Brotherhood of the Seven Rays.

Any contribution made to them for proposed trips to Peru, South America, are made on your own and do not have the authority of the Order.

Sincerely yours,

John I. Norkin, Public Relations, Amethystine Order

In spite of this notice, the lectures were evidently successful, for in January 1957, the Priory of All Saints was established in a northern Peruvian town named Moyobamba. Letters bearing the typed signatures of Charles and Lillian Laughead, for the Priory, were mailed from Hemet, California, to the spiritually interested.

Dr. Laughead is the man who resigned from a position on the staff of Michigan State College Hospital in late 1954, at the request of his chief of staff. His superiors had objected to the doctor spreading his personal religious views among the students, as well as his publicizing them in an open letter sent to all news agencies. The letter predicted catastrophic doomsday events, - knowledge of which had come from one Dorothy Martin, who was allegedly in contact with space people. Mrs. Martin prophesied the inundation of the United States and the re-emergence of Atlantis and Lemuria. Mrs. Lillian Laughead, the doctor's wife, concurred in this by claiming the ability to read the glyphs on Williamson's plaster casts, which also foretold this dire event. (See Barker's "Saucerian," Spring 1955 issue.)

The Laughead letters, or the Priory Letters as they were called, continued to be received, and told of everyday life at the Priory in far-away Peru. Each letter was accompanied by a spiritual transcript, which had supposedly been received by a member of the Priory, either through Trance Mediumship or Voice Channel. Priory Letter #5, dated May 27th, 1957, announced that this group of spiritual adepts was going to be disbanded, to return to the world but not of the World.

Abbey Bulletin #1 was received by the Priory mailing list before their receipt of the last Priory letter. This bulletin was mailed from Corpus Christi, Texas, in April 1957. If its readers were discerning, they could notice the typical Williamson doomsday touch. I say typical, for my readers will remember that the Walter Weir correspondence, in the days before the Adamski Desert Contact, prophesied a date for the space people to remove the favored few from our dying planet. (See "Diagnosis - A Case of Chronic Fright," SAUCER NEWS, August-September 1957 issue.)

The first Abbey Bulletin also gave the information that the mailing address was P. O. Box 1895, Corpus Christi, Texas. It stated that the

Bulletin superseded any and all former information and sources of information from Peru. It also divulged the fact that the Priory and the Abbey would work separately from that time on. The readers were advised to disregard any statements to the contrary, as such statements would come from sources activated by the Anti-Christ.

This Abbey Bulletin also included a list of authorized literature that would be forthcoming shortly. The list included: The Hidden Valley, Home of the Abbey; The Quest of the Red Hand; Magical Plants of South America; and Expeditions to Cities that Time Forgot. The last information that this bulletin gives, directly concerns my investigation of the author of "The Secret of the Andes." I refer to the statement that the former Telonic Research Center members as well as the Recorder of Prophecies from Other Worlds also serve at the Abbey. Here we have a clue not only to the originator of the Bulletin, but also to the identities of those who were involved in it with him.

Mention of a "Recorder of Prophecies from Other Worlds" brings the Laugheads back into the picture. A later issue of Abbey Transcripts, signed by both and giving the address of Box #1, Whipple, Arizona, clinches this fact.

The origin of these Abbey Transcripts, which are so utterly unrelated to the Priory Transcripts, can be found in an earlier book. This book is a mimeographed edition published as "A Book of Transcripts" by the T.O.T.T. Press, Box 1076, Hemet, California. This same address was given as the one to be used in writing to the Priory representative in the U.S.A. The Priory representative's address later changed, when the Abbey literature gave it as Box 1934, Prescott, Arizona. The above-mentioned mimeographed book, which contained the original transcripts, stated that they were voice channel receptions, purportedly from Masters and Mentors of Other Worlds, transcribed during the period of November 5th 1955 to August 22nd 1956. A connection of address and date shows that these messages came from the Laugheads after their move from Michigan. When the Priory disbanded, a new residence was evidently established in Whipple, which, incidentally, is just outside of Prescott, Arizona.

No matter which publication they are in - that of the T.O.T.T. Press, the Abbey Transcripts, or "The Secret of the Andes," the transcript titles remain much the same. We find that Arsmu Muru, Sanat Kumara, the Archangels Uriel, Michael and Gabriel, as well as Philip, Koot Hoomi Lah Singh and Master Hilarion all speak, - while the Scripts of Patmos are usually thrown in for good measure.

Therefore I conclude that the real "Secret of the Andes" is the identity of the progenitors of the present book. The foregoing information will, I hope, clear up this matter as well as give the readers my reasons for believing that the author is H.R.H. Prince Michel d'Obrenovic-Obilic Van Lazar, Duke of Sumadija - better known as George Hunt Williamson, - with unwitting assistance from the good Dr. Laughead and his wife.

As for the book itself, let me summarize my thoughts about the first half, which is the Abbey Letters portion. The author of the text has created an excellent revision which is a well-edited synopsis of the original letters. He has again created his phantasmagoria by borrowing from a book which contains no empirical evidence and which is of unsound scientific premises. In his "Secret Places of the Lion" he used Velikizsky's "Age of Chaos." Now, in "Secret of the Andes" he reiterates some of the hidden knowledge in the Lion's lair, and also borrows from Churchward's books, "The Lost Continent of Mu" and "The Children of Mu."

"The Secret of the Andes" opens with the information that an elevated master, a High Priest named Arama Muru or Lord Muru, arrived in South America 10,000 years ago, just before Lemuria sank. (Note: Churchward writes that Niven's Mexican Tablet #4 proves that the temple which it came from was

under the jurisdiction of Ra Mu, the King High Priest of the Mother-Land, Mu. What a co-incidence!)

I personally do not think much of a king who runs out on his people just before they go down the drain. We are also informed by Williamson that this priest-king brought with him Lemuria's most valuable artifact - the Golden Sun Disc, which was later worshiped at Cuzco by the Incas. A most astounding revelation confides the information that this same disc is at present worshiped by the initiates in a secret underground Monastery chamber.

The Peruvian Government will be overjoyed to learn of this addition to their natural resources, and it should do much to bolster the national treasury. The archaeologists Van Mason and Von Hogen will be crestfallen and other historians will roll over in their graves. All these people wrote about the ancient records regarding the Incas' sun disc. The story they told was that of the Conquistador Sierra de Leguizano, who received it as his part of the spoils of Cuzco. They also related the manner in which de Leguizano gambled it away that same night, an event which is said to have created the Spanish proverb "to gamble away the sun before it rises."

The National Geographic Society will, I am sure, organize an expedition to Lake Titicaca. Pursual of the ancient records alleged to be guarded by Brother Philip in the Scriptorium will give the Society something to examine and write about for ages to come. For we are informed in "Secret of the Andes" that the records he guards are those of Rome, Greece, Egypt, Babylonia, Crete, China, Tibet, and Troy, - not to mention those of Atlantis, Mu, Adoma, and some which are even earlier than that!

E. O. James, the author of "The Ancient Gods," will be forced to revise his views. For he has written that the Ras Shamra texts represent "El" as a shadowy supreme being, a god whose sister-wife was "Anat," the subsequent consort of the Ugaritic "Baal." James must be wrong, for "The Secret of the Andes" informs us that Lord Muru was one of the "El," and that the "El" were members of the Elder Race which arrived here 10 to the 9th power years ago! According to Williamson, they were of the race of Cyclops; but I have always believed that Brontes, Steropes and Arges were the mythological Cyclops, sons of a union between Uranus and Gaea. Larousse's Encyclopedia of Mythology states this, and goes on to explain that they were cast into Tartarus by Uranus, and guarded there by Campe the monster.

The information I received from "Secret of the Andes" about the Mariahuasi Monoliths, the Nasca Lines, the Rock of Writings, and many other details, was enough to shake my sanity for awhile. There was, for example, the quaint statement that a cherimoya is 100% protein. I wrote to the California Fruit Growers Association. They informed me that their cherimoya, though mainly carbohydrate, were very good, and that they doubted the growth of one that might contain much protein.

Therefore, in spite of Williamson's attempt to bring all the Mystery Schools together under his own banner, and even though the Masters and Brothers of Space will supposedly rally round this banner to aid the Remnant after the forthcoming world catastrophe; and even though the Order of the Red Hand manages to preserve the Earth's knowledge, and the Essenes of the Andes or the Remnant may be the only ones preserved from overhead by the Master Powers of the Higher Circles; - in spite of all this, I shall continue to maintain that myths and fables, being what they are, can be more easily digested in the ancient tradition than in the pseudo-modernized Williamson tradition.

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COLONEL GLENN SIGHTS UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS WHILE IN ORBIT:

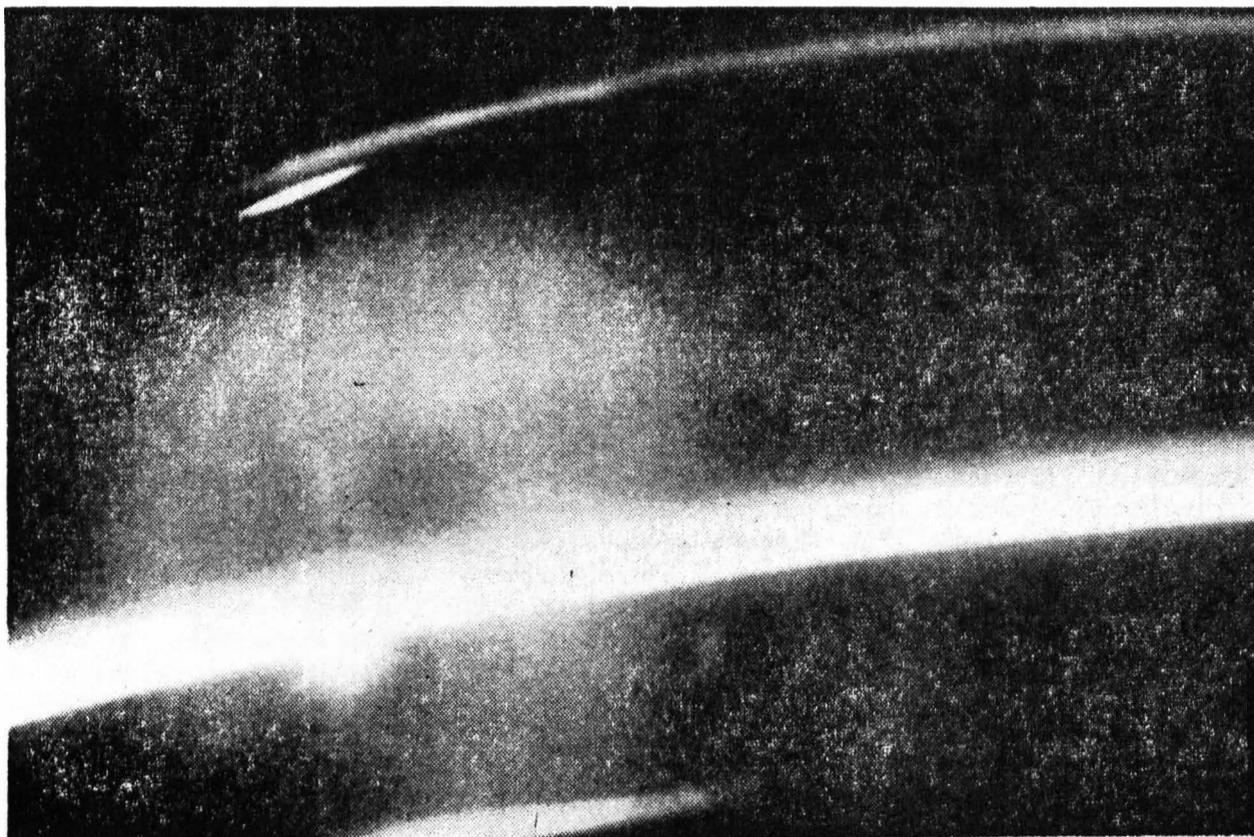
On his history-making trip through space last February 20th, Col. John Glenn saw a great number of small glowing objects which have been described loosely as "fireflies." Here is the story in Glenn's own words:

"At the first light of sunrise - the first sunrise I came to, I was still facing back toward the direction which I had come from with normal orbit altitude, and just as the first rays of the sun came up onto the capsule, I glanced back down inside to check something, and when I glanced back out, my initial reaction was that I was looking into a star field...These little things that I thought (at first) to be stars were actually a bright bluish green, about the size and intensity of a firefly on a really dark night. These little particles were about 6 to 10 feet apart, and there were literally thousands of them. As far as I could look off to each side I could see them, and I could also see them back along the path. Later on I turned around so that I was facing the direction from which they appeared to be coming; and although, in that direction, toward the bright sunlight of the dawn most of them disappeared, you still could see a few of them coming toward the capsule. I was moving very slowly through this field. I estimated that my velocity through the field was some 3 to 5 miles per hour. The particles did not seem to be emanating from the capsule. They appeared to have an even distribution on each side of the capsule....I saw them for a period of  $3\frac{1}{2}$  to 4 minutes....They varied in size from about pinhead size to about three-eighths of an inch in diameter....I observed them on all three orbits, for about the same length of time at each sunrise...."

What did Glenn actually see? Several theories have been considered, but none have been proven. The "fireflies" could not likely be the controversial copper needles sent into space by the United States some time ago. These are now known to be in a different orbit, and are bunched up in five or six useless clumps, i. e., the experiment was a failure. It has been suggested that Col. Glenn saw "spots before his eyes," caused by coming into the bright dawn suddenly out of the darkness. This is an absurd notion, in our opinion; Certainly, in his three years of intensive psychological, physical and mental training, Glenn was taught to distinguish between physical objects and visual illusions. The most likely theory advanced to date is that the astronaut saw frozen droplets ejected into the frigidity of space from a cooling device on his spacecraft. Yet, even this explanation does not suffice. During a visit to the Pentagon last March, we were told that the objects, some of which were as large as an inch in size, still have not been identified.

Naturally, the crackpots have gotten into the act. A fanatical Adamski supporter, who shall remain nameless here, has issued a "press release" claiming that John Glenn's "fireflies" confirm George Adamski's absurd claims made in his book "Inside the Space Ships," published in 1955. In that book Adamski described saucer flights he made while conversing philosophically with attractive interplanetary men and women. Most of his statements about outer space have been proven wrong, but in one passage he did use the word "fireflies" to describe a phenomenon he alleges to have seen. I think, however, that Col. Glenn's claim to be the first American into outer space is not in any serious danger!

Another very interesting phenomenon from the Glenn flight is shown in the photo at the top of the next page. This picture, taken from the Los Angeles Times of February 22nd, bears the following caption: "Mystery streaks: Unexplained streaks, apparently of light, appear on picture taken by John Glenn with hand-held camera as he whirled through space...."



**WEIRD FORTEAN EVENTS PLAGUE ENGLISH WOMAN:** In our December 1961 issue we carried a short item about Mrs. Mary Were, a British housewife whose food was mysteriously covered by a red fungus. Since then, through the courtesy of our Associate Editor Gladys Fusaro, we have received several more newspaper stories about the Were case. Most interesting of all, however, is a personal letter written by Mrs. Were to Raymond Nelke, who is one of Gladys Fusaro's many correspondents. We quote the letter in part:

"I apologize for the long delay in replying to your letter inquiring about the red fungus that appeared on food in my home. In the intervening period since you wrote, events have moved rapidly, and a practically continuous investigation has been going on regarding this and other odd happenings which appear to have a similar origin....

"My daughter-in-law discovered the red fungus on cold caper sauce left over from the previous evening's meal, on September 6th (1961), and she asked me if I had 'spilled anything red in the larder.' I was puzzled. The sauce looked as though it had been sprinkled with crimson powder. Close examination showed that this 'powder' was, in fact, minute nodules of moisture, and in a matter of hours it grew and spread into blotches; and overnight it liquified, as though the food had had blood and raspberry juice poured over it. There developed with this process a terrible smell of utter decay unlike anything I can describe. We threw the food into the refuse bin, but the next day we discovered the red color again on food freshly bought and cooked on the previous day. By the weekend, it had become impossible, and none of our friends, neighbors, or relatives had seen anything like it; so I called in the local Public Health authorities. They inspected the house thoroughly, including the drains, and announced that they were satisfied that all was clean and entirely satisfactory from a sanitary point of view, and they took away samples of the red fungus for analysis. They told us not to use the larder.

Thereafter, we put the food in the kitchen and cloakroom, but it again turned red! We put it in the living room, and even in the upstairs rooms, and in fact everywhere in the house we could think of, but the same thing happened. By this time the public refuse tub a mile and a half away had been emptied, but no one else got it. We also put some red mold on the compost heap at the bottom of our garden, and the whole heap turned red, but no one else got it, even though this was obviously a form of bacteria which spread and was air borne, and was prone to spread rapidly.

"Meanwhile, bacteriologists, botanists, and scientists of all sorts came here, but none could recall having seen anything like it....Finally, it was identified as the rare bacillus prodigious. We were told it was mentioned in the Bible in the first Plague of Egypt, in Chapter Seven of Exodus: 'And the river and sea turned red and stank.' Also, the same thing appeared on the bread of the soldiers of Alexander the Great before the Battle of Tyre, and it has appeared at rare intervals since then...Neighbors stand in awe, because it has not affected any house but ours. It has appeared on a picture of Christ in our home, and this, too, was witnessed by many authoritative people....

"In 1947-1950, before we moved to the modern house we occupy now, we lived in an old derelict mansion called Misbourne House, which was haunted. Many times, all of us living there saw a head without a body. It was a striking face, distinguished, and smiling, and quite benign in appearance. At about the same time that the red fungus appeared in my present home, a poltergeist became evident in the mansion we used to live in, which has now been modernized and turned into apartments. Bricks and masonry are being hurled about there, and workmen refuse to work on a certain part of the estate, and tenants are leaving. This has led to a public inquiry, and it has now been established that the house was at one time the residence of King Charles the First, who later made it a residence of Col. Heywood. Heywood later betrayed the King, worked against him, and eventually signed the warrant for King Charles' execution. The head I saw has been clearly proven to be that of Charles the First. It has also been established that history has evidence that the head was seen centuries ago in the same spot I saw it recently....The television people came to my home last week and made a documentary about all these happenings, as part of an hour-length film.....Whether there is any connection between the ghost of a king and the red stuff, I do not know.....I have a reputation for being a sincere and level-headed housewife and person. I have two sons, aged 29 and 31. Though I do not understand why all this should happen to me, I do not question it and am no longer afraid...."

All these statements are confirmed by the numerous newspaper accounts in our possession. At last report, the mysterious red fungus was still in action.

SAUCER NEWS EDITOR DISCUSSES LATEST "FACT SHEET" AT PENTAGON INTERVIEW: In early March your Editor made one of his periodic visits to the Pentagon in Washington, D. C., and had lunch with Major Robert Hart, who has recently replaced Major William Coleman as the Air Force spokesman on UFO's. Hart is the third officer to take charge of the saucer project in a period of little more than six months. Saucer fans will remember that the spokesman preceding Coleman was Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker, author of "Flying Saucers and the U. S. Air Force."

At the top of the list of topics discussed was the February 6th, 1962 "fact sheet," which gives a 15-year summary of the Air Force's saucer investigation. According to the figures therein, 7,369 UFO sightings were investigated in the years 1947-1961. During the period 1947-1952, 20% of the sightings could not be identified, and remained classified as "unknowns." During

1953-1954 the unknowns dropped to 9%, and during 1955-1961 they decreased to less than 2%, according to the Air Force. It is interesting to note that even though it is generally thought that flying saucers are "dying out," there were nearly as many sightings reported to the Air Force in 1961 as in 1960. Furthermore, the 1961 figure (488 cases) is exceeded only by the figures for 1960 (514 cases), 1958 (590 cases), 1956 (778 cases), and the peak years of 1952 and 1957, with 1,501 and 1,178 cases respectively. Thus it can be seen that in spite of the gradual decrease in newspaper publicity, saucers are not dying out at all.

Our press clipping service has sent (at great expense to us) over a hundred newspaper accounts from all over the United States, summarizing the above-mentioned fact sheet. In these, we noted a curious phenomenon that has occurred many times in the past - what we call "canned editorials." Dozens of papers ran identical editorials (not news stories) about the Air Force release. All of these were, of course, negative in nature. Another strange thing is that many newspapers assumed that the Government is now ending its saucer investigation, although the Air Force press release says nothing of the sort. On the contrary, the last line of the fact sheet states: "Anyone witnessing an unidentified flying object should report it to the nearest military base as soon as possible." (Italics ours.)

The fact sheet also states: "The Air Force does not deny that animal life exists on other planets in the universe." (How they know this is not clear! - Editor.) "However, there has been no evidence submitted to or discovered by the Air Force that proves or tends to prove such a contention. The Air Force continues to extend an open invitation to any individual or group which feels they possess evidence that would prove or tend to prove the existence of extraterrestrial vehicles operating within the earth's nearspace envelope, to submit their evidence for analysis...."

This brings us directly to the problem of NICAP. Major Hart showed us a carbon copy of a letter he recently sent to Major Donald Keyhoe. In this letter, the Air Force offers to analyze all of NICAP's best cases, at the Government's expense, and to send NICAP the conclusions on each individual case, and the method by which these conclusions were reached, except in such cases in which there would be a violation of Security in revealing the method by which the conclusion was reached. In a phone conversation with your Editor, Richard Hall (Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP) stated that their organization will turn down this offer!

Another topic we discussed with Major Hart was the question of Congressional hearings on UFO's. There does exist a Congressional subcommittee called the Subcommittee on Space Problems and Life Sciences. It is headed by Representative Karth of Minnesota. However, there is no evidence that either closed or open hearings on flying saucers will be held at any time in the foreseeable future. Indeed, to me it seems only logical to assume that open hearings on UFO's will never be held, because, in the words of Major Coleman (in a phone interview with us some time ago), such hearings "would not lend themselves to the dignity of the Congress." Those readers who are angered at the Air Force or at SAUCER NEWS for pointing out this fact, should keep in mind the consequences of holding open hearings on a topic which so easily lends itself to ridicule. Open hearings would probably mean that all leading spokesmen in the UFO field would have to be given a chance to present their evidence - not just Major Keyhoe. This would mean, for example, that Adamski would have the opportunity to amuse the Congressmen with his accounts of rides in spaceships. The whole thing would be a great boon to saucer periodicals such as ours, but it would be a three-ring circus which the Government can be excused for trying to avoid.

Finally, Major Hart told us that the Air Force plans to release, within the next few months, a summary of their twelve most baffling unsolved cases since 1947. This is something we are looking forward to with interest!

THE MYSTIC BARBER'S "DOOMSDAY" DEMONSTRATION: Last Feb. 4th your Editor met Andy Sinatra in front of the U. N. Building in New York, and photographed his antics there. Saucer fans will recall that many astrologers had predicted dire disasters for the Earth during the conjunction of several planets which occurred at that time. Though there was the usual quota of disasters here and there around the world all winter, none of them seem to tie in with the Feb. 4th predictions. - In the two upper photos below, we behold the Mystic Barber in his seer's outfit. He is surrounded by his "invisible army of Martians." The Martian warning was that if the peoples of the World do not unite within 90 days, "terrible destructive forces" will be unleashed, possibly leading to the toppling over of the U. N. Building itself. - At the lower left, we see the crowd of amused tourists who gathered around the Barber; and at the lower right, Andy's follower, named Steve Taffare, holds a Bible while Andy invokes his mystic powers.



NEWS BRIEFS: In Bessemer, Alabama, a UFO was seen by several people in the early evening of February 14th, and according to one report, it dropped a red molten substance which set fire to a grocery store....According to the Long Island (N.Y.) Press of March 18th, the Soviet Union recently tried unsuccessfully to orbit the moon with a two-man spaceship. The round trip was supposed to take five days. However, something went wrong, and the two "lunauts" sailed into outer space and certain death. This brings to at least 12 the total of Russians lost in unsuccessful and unpublicized space flights.... A routine saucer sighting from Dawson, Iowa, dated March 11th, has one unusual feature: A large yellow ball of fire hovered in the sky for about a half hour, and was seen by one observer to have on it the white face of a clock, with black hands pointing to twenty minutes to nine. The numbers on the clock were all completely visible...According to the magazine "Interplanetary," (published in Seattle), a jet pilot was killed near Alvin, Texas, on January 12th, after chasing a UFO over the Gulf of Mexico. He had taken off from Ellington Air Force Base, where radar screens had picked up the UFO approaching the Texas coast near Galveston. His plane crashed later, as he came in for what should have been a routine landing.

STRANGEST SEA MONSTER OF ALL: Several recent news stories have given details concerning a circular five-ton carcass found on a remote beach on the west coast of Tasmania. The monster was first discovered almost two years ago, but did not receive any attention at that time. The creature has no eyes, no clearly defined head, and no bone structure. Its creamy, rubbery flesh is several inches thick and is covered with woolly hair up to two inches long. Strangely enough, the part of the animal which is buried in the sand is rotting, whereas the part exposed to the air is not. The carcass is 20 feet long and 18 feet wide. A member of a scientific team sent to study the monster said: "I don't know what it is. It may be an amazing relic of life as it was lived vast ages ago." Later the monster was identified, just a little too quickly, as nothing more than whale blubber.

SAUCER BRIEFS: The newest saucer zine in England is "Space Review," edited by Susanne Stebbing, at 2 Station Road, Frimley, Nr. Aldershot, Hants., England. It is a conservative sort of magazine, oriented to science and astronomy, and sells for \$1.00 per four issues....Your Editor has written an article entitled "The Universe and John M. Cage," which is to appear in Fate Magazine shortly, - probably in the July issue....We have suggested to Norbert Gariety, editor of "S.P.A.C.E.," that he reserve his political views for a separate magazine retaining the same initials in the title. He could call it "Super-Patriotic Anti-Communist Extremists.".....Britain's Air Chief Marshall Lord Dowding, who seems to believe in just about everything (saucers, fairies, spiritualism, etc.) told the House of Lords recently that his fellow peers should rid their homes of rats and mice by "talking to them." He said that with a little understanding it is possible to communicate with rodents and even insects. Lord Bathurst, replying for the Government, stated that whereas some people do possess extraordinary powers over animals, he feared Dowding's plan might "push all the rats on some other unfortunate individual." (It is easy to see why some Englishmen feel that the House of Lords should be abolished! - Editor.)....We find that our files contain nearly complete collections of the publications of more than 25 major saucer organizations which have gone out of business during the 9 years that SAUCER NEWS has been published.

FORTEAN ITEMS: A strange event with political overtones occurred in Linden, New Jersey on March 23rd, when ghoulish vandals toppled over 1,500

tombstones in one night. The owner of this non-sectarian cemetery estimated the damage at \$75,000, and stated that "it must have taken an army of men or a superman to knock over all those stones." Row after row of granite tombstones, some six feet high and weighing a ton, were knocked over. A mysterious man visited the cemetery the day before the vandalism, and that evening someone calling himself "Lt. Schaefer" phoned a local newspaper about the incident. "Lt. Schaefer" claims to belong to the "American Republican Army," identified as an extremist right-wing group.....Typical poltergeist phenomena have been occurring in the 125-year-old home of the Lincoln family in Jackson, Michigan, for the past several months. Ghostly footsteps are heard, bottles fly at odd moments, dishes slide off tables and break, paring knives are hurled, and doors slam all by themselves. An organ plays "Rock of Ages" though there is no organ in the house, and sometimes bagpipes are heard. The house is up for sale.....In Smithtown, Long Island, a piece of ice 35 inches long and weighing close to 20 pounds, fell less than 30 feet from Adam Demling, a home owner who was puttering in his garden at the time. The ice partially buried itself in the ground, and there was little doubt that it actually fell from the sky. Several neighbors heard the crash. No one saw or heard a plane overhead at the time of the incident....

In Indianapolis, Indiana, a family abandoned its home on March 14th to spookish forces which had been smashing up glass and china for the previous three days. Also, strange puncture wounds appeared on the skin of Mrs. Renate Beck and her 13-year-old daughter, who were the residents of the house. Emil Nosedo, a family friend, stated that a policeman was present one night when a half-gallon milk bottle lying on its side on the kitchen sink flew across the room and struck Mrs. Beck's mother on the head.....A Russian scientific team claims to have seen a 30-foot monster swimming in Laba Kul, a lake on a remote plateau in eastern Siberia. The description given is similar to that of the famous Loch Ness Monster.....In Abernethy, Scotland, Government archaeologists found centuries-old skeletons in the foundations of the town's clock tower. Residents claim that since this discovery, the old clock has been wound regularly by some unknown power. The only key to the clock and the tower is in the possession of a town official who says he does not know who is doing the winding...Speaking of ghosts,- even the late Carl Jung, world-famous psychologist, believed in them. In one of his books he reported having seen, while trying to sleep in a haunted house, the head of a woman lying about sixteen inches away from his on the pillow. (Maybe it was only wishful thinking! - Editor.)

SAUCER NEWS EDITOR VISITS WRIGHT-PATTERSON FIELD: Just before press time, your Editor became the first civilian saucer researcher to be given permission to visit the Air Force's saucer investigation center at Wright-Patterson Field, near Dayton, Ohio. We spent almost an entire day interviewing Lt. Col. Robert J. Friend, the officer currently in charge of the UFO project. Some extremely interesting information was obtained - concerning the number of saucer reports received by the Air Force; the official explanation of Joe Sinton's "space pancake" episode; researchers' claims to have been "hushed up" by the Government; "physical evidence" submitted by saucer sighters; and a host of other topics. Our next issue of SAUCER NEWS will contain this exclusive story in detail, with pictures! This is one issue we guarantee you that you won't want to miss!

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THE ABOVE PHOTO shows a rocket prototype at the Air Force Museum near Dayton, Ohio. This picture was taken late last March, during your Editor's exclusive interview with Lt. Col. Friend, chief of the Air Force's saucer investigation at Wright-Patterson Field. (See story beginning on Page 6 for more photos and details.)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Hart was kind enough to pass along a copy of your June 1962 issue. It is one of the most interesting issues I have seen to date.

On Page 16 you state that "Hart is the third officer to take charge of the saucer project in a period of little more than six months." To set the record straight, I would like to point out that I was spokesman for Project Blue Book from March 1961 until February 1962 - almost 12 months.

I hope this finds you enjoying good health and prosperity.

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR.; Major, USAF  
Deputy Chief, Operations Branch  
Office of Information

So sorry I missed you when you dropped by the Pentagon in April. I would have enjoyed discussing your Wright-Patterson experiences with you. Also, I would have preferred thanking you in person for the tape of your 31 March and 14 April Long John shows.

For the first time since taking over this job, I feel that someone outside the military clearly understands the Air Force approach to the problem of UFO's and has put forth a lucid explanation of why we are in the business. I must agree with you, Jim - The Ufologists could all drop dead tomorrow and the Air Force would still investigate every reported Unidentified Flying Object. First, to determine its immediate threat potential; then, in greater depth, to determine if there exists even the faintest possibility of long range threat potential. If we didn't do this we would be remiss in our duty and responsibility to the American public.

Also, I just received your June issue of SAUCER NEWS and find myself in another bit of agreement with you, and that is on the point, "...as Mankind moves out into Space in the next few years...." and so on for the rest of that paragraph; to which I would append, "or they were truly known phenomena that had been misidentified for any one of many reasons."

Again, thanks for everything.

ROBERT HART; Major, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

By all means keep me on your mailing list. - I just had my 70th birthday, and surprises galore. Chilton & Co. of Philadelphia accepted "Cross My Heart," the story of my short life out of bed in the last 30 years. It begins with a jailing and ends with a knighting, which is an improvement over Sir Walter Raleigh's format.

Good letter from Desmond Leslie (in the June SAUCER NEWS.) Good issue. Your offset is the most. All the best,

FRANK SCULLY  
Palm Springs, California

Congratulations on your June issue. I believe that your policy change is one for the better. Perhaps, however, I am prejudiced, as your new policy now lines up directly with my ideas and theories, i. e., that saucers come from other planets....

THOMAS ROARK (Director of C.O.R.A.P.)  
Lancaster, Pa.

Your steady work on the saucer problem is certainly commendable and I congratulate you on trying to give all the angles, regardless of where

the chips may fall. I don't always agree with some of your comments, but I do find them important, so please keep me on your mailing list.

MRS. O. L. HIETT  
Dallas, Texas

(Editor's Note: Mrs. Hiett, formerly Rose Hackett, used to be on the NICAP staff in Washington, D.C., until she split with Major Keyhoe.)

Your June issue was just great except for two things. Again you have made uncalled for attacks on Gray Barker, who has never done any of the bad things you claim he has. You have called him a beer drinker. This is not so.....I also think that you gave too much space to Andy Sinatra, known as the Mystic Barber. What has Mr. Sinatra done for saucer research? He has thrown serious UFO research back ten years! You should stick to facts and not to fakers....

TIMOTHY GREEN BECKLEY  
New Brunswick, N. J.

As Director of the Aerial Phenomena Investigation Committee, and Editor of its official journal, "The UFO Reporter," I am cognizant of the influx of Fascism into the saucer field. Your denouncement of Norbert Gariety's propagation of his own right-wing views in a saucer zine has met with substantially favorable comment from our membership. More effort should be made by other sincere investigators to offset the increasing trend towards politics in Ufology.

Portions of our readership have expressed opinions regarding your feud with Gray Barker. While we have formulated our own personal views regarding same, we feel that neither APIC nor any other group is in a position to determine the validity of the arguments brought forth by you and your adversary, without conducting a comprehensive and impartial investigation to ascertain the facts....

As always, your periodical remains in the "upper echelon" of saucer zines, due to its unbiased coverage of the entire saucer situation without regard to your personal "whims." Your June issue was perhaps the best we have seen thus far, and as you will recall, our collection of SAUCER NEWS goes back quite a few years. We sincerely wish you and your organization continued success, and we invite your readers to contact us regarding any facet of the saucer enigma.

EUGENE R. STEINBERG (Director, APIC)  
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I wish to locate a man named Lee Conway. This man was supposedly a witness to a flying saucer contact in early 1960. Conway's last known address was the Hotel Macambo in Hollywood, California. My source told me that he may be a well-known saucer researcher. Anyone with any information as to the present whereabouts of this man should contact me at the address below.

HARRY SIEBERT  
1457 Kenwood Drive, Pamona, California

Not only on behalf of myself, but also on behalf of almost everybody else who was present, I would like to thank you ever so much for taking the time to come down here to talk to us, - sharing your enthusiasm with us and letting us know a little bit more about this mystical subject of flying saucers. All those to whom I spoke afterwards agreed that your talk had been quite something, - very interesting and quite unique on this very, very conservative campus. I am very sure that we have gained some "disciples" for the existence of UFO's.... J. A. TELLEFSEN, JR.

Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

You gave us all a pleasant and profitable evening at the Cap and Gown Club last week. As I told you and told the students, it was an excellently presented resume of what has been taking place in the sky in recent years - and in very ancient times as well....

DR. EARL DOUGLASS (Member, NICAP Board of Governors)  
Princeton University, Princeton, N.J.

I was very pleased to get your good letter. It is a very sensible letter, and I entirely agree that you should keep off politics. I personally hate 'em. I am only interested in human relations and in matters affecting human dignity....

The powers of evil that came into being at the end of the Atlantean period (forces actually created by men), know their days are numbered and they are now having a last good fling. The line-up is becoming very clear. One is either on their side or on God's side. By God I mean all that is spiritually progressive and adding to the stature of man. The Brotherhood that I have spoken to you about, is merely a group of men who have already gone through this crisis and chosen the Path of the Sun. Everyone has to go through this crisis and make his choice at some time in his evolution, and it is to our planet's credit that the huge majority make the right choice....

I was very happy to get your letter, as I have always known intuitively (despite seeming differences) that you were with us in this glorious phase of human evolution. I don't feel you have done any harm at all in pouring skepticism where you felt there was humbug. For Truth is the highest Good. Often one comes to the truth by a series of ruthless eliminations and revisions....

Dear old George Adamski is only one of many who are preparing the Way at the moment for the great change in human thinking and living that is coming (possibly in our lifetime.) We call this change "The Coming of the Cosmic Christ." By this we don't mean a dead letter Biblical physical phenomenon. By the Christ we mean that Principle now lying dormant in human souls, a tiny seed which will grow and become the Christ-Child in every human heart. This means an awakening in man of facilities and perceptions he never knew he had; a breaking down of barriers that make him so terribly alone and unable to understand or communicate with his neighbor; and a blossoming in everyone of an almost universal consciousness that will eventually unite not only all races, creeds, and factions, but ultimately the whole huge galactical family of sentient life. We have been given very precise instructions on how to apply ourselves to this task. And the most immediate one (which you may care to help with) is to propagate unity and brotherhood, and gradually to persuade people to forget their fog of prejudice, and to accept the fact that men are much the same the world over, and that one race is not necessarily more wicked than another.

Gloom, despondency, and war scares are out! People who shout "war" must be regarded as silly lunatics and ignored. This is not politics. To visualize the hands of East and West clasped in brotherhood, human dignity, and understanding, is merely the next step in evolution....

DESMOND LESLIE, London, England

Let me say it's a big help to have UFO information coming in regularly now, and you deserve great credit for maintaining your publication schedule and for keeping up interest with feature articles when sightings are at a low ebb.

In the coming year, the best hope for UFO progress seems to lie with space probes to Venus and Mars. You have noted, perhaps, that the Russian

astronomer F. Zigel contends that Mars' satellites are artificial, and were launched shortly before their discovery in 1877.....He states that they may be way-stations for secret visits to Earth.....Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of Colorado State University (writing in "Science," April 6, 1962), generally upholds the Russian's views....and few care to challenge Prof. Zigel. With the facts less than a year away, opposition to UFO's cannot long prevail....

E. R. LEE, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In defense of NICAP, I would like to make the following statements: First, your remarks that NICAP is trying to be some kind of "men in black," because they frown on the idea of letting the Air Force look at their files, is only a half truth.....This can be done only after NICAP is sure that the Air Force is being completely honest.....and the only way this can be done is by forcing or asking the Air Force to reveal their files first.....Keyhoe has already told us in his latest book that it would be illogical to turn over good reports when Congressional hearings are so close....

NICAP has been accused of having cloak and dagger men within it, and for that reason it is said that their evidence and promises are falsehoods. I say hogwash! We are not robots yet! And one thing you and Palmer are forgetting: Members of NICAP are individuals.....Ruppelt tells us that some of the Air Force investigators had to be "purged" because they didn't like what was going on. And now a lot of them belong to NICAP. It reminds me of when this country fought the "bloody British" to keep what they thought they had a right to have. And believe me, the British used "brain washing" then, too. Now for the same reason, there must be a line cut between NICAP and the Air Force. Ruppelt and Keyhoe tell us that...some officers were not content to allow this "purging," and they too were "purged."

.....In a letter to Palmer, Richard Hall points out that Palmer deals in half truths. Palmer's deductive reasoning goes like this: The Air Force and the military have control of the saucer project; NICAP has military people in it; therefore NICAP is a cloak and dagger gang. This is a very unscientific deduction....Using the same methods, I could deduce that the Empire State Building is a granite rock or that I, really, had feathers.....Hall goes on to say that the military are only a part of NICAP, and that if the NICAP military are as knavish as Palmer says, by mere weight of numbers, they would not have much chance to influence the organization.....Must I remind you that clergymen, lawyers, bankers, doctors, etc. are also members of NICAP?

.....Open hearings can be held if the support and evidence are assembled. But things of real importance do not come with the flick of the finger. It takes work and co-operation, not attacks and pseudo-science! But it can be done. If nothing else, NICAP should get an "E" for effort. Once NICAP is gone, there will only be the "entertainers" left to take over the saucer field.

STEVE ERDMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

The recent discovery of live monsters, which experts are unable to fit into the animal kingdom of our geological era, leads me to believe that God, through his laws of nature, has deep-frozen eons ago many and various organisms, which, given the proper circumstances, thaw out and revive....Regarding the 7-ton monster washed up on a beach in Tasmania, the Australian scientists were....baffled as to its origin and identity.....Normally, there should be others like it, at least in that area: brothers, sisters, cousins, in-laws, etc....But such have not been seen....How do I explain this solitary specimen? He and many others like him, suddenly deep-froze in a cake of ice because of some cataclysmic change which occurred thousands or perhaps millions of years ago....

REV. GUY J. CYR, S.M., Lawrence, Mass.

MY INTERVIEW AT WRIGHT-PATTERSON FIELD

- by James W. Moseley -

Way back in 1954, I made my first attempt to obtain an interview at Wright-Patterson, the base where the Air Force's saucer investigation is conducted. I happened to be passing through Dayton, Ohio, on my way back from the West Coast, where I had interviewed dozens of saucer personalities including George Adamski and his "desert contact" witnesses. I phoned Wright-Patterson from a hotel in downtown Dayton, and managed to get through to the officer then in charge of the UFO project. However, I was told that no one except accredited newsmen were allowed on the Base, and that was the end of it.

Through the years, - both before and after the above incident, - I would drop in periodically at the Pentagon in Washington, and interview whatever information officer was currently in charge of releasing saucer information to the public. But it was June, 1961, before I made any further attempt to be admitted to Wright Field. At that time, Major William Coleman had recently replaced Lt. Col. Lawrence J. Tacker at the Pentagon. Coleman was an unusually pleasant and open-minded officer. He had been a science-fiction writer at one time, and as an Air Force pilot, he had made more than one UFO sighting himself (though none that he was unable to explain.) Even though Coleman was far from being a saucer "Believer," he seemed to have more of a personal interest in the subject than the officers who had preceded him. Coleman told me that he could see no objection to my going to Wright Field, and that he would let me know in a few weeks, just as soon as things could be arranged.

However, the weeks and months went by, and nothing happened. In March of this year I happened to be in Washington again, and I returned for another visit to the Pentagon. By this time Coleman had been replaced by the current public information officer, Major Robert Hart. I spoke to both Coleman and Hart, and again I was promised that a date for my visit to Dayton would be set shortly. In all this, I was given to understand that the delays were due to the delicate fact that the saucer files at Wright-Patterson are located in a building where highly classified intelligence work, unrelated to saucers, is being conducted. It seemed likely that I would have to wait until the UFO project was moved to another building, or till the "Cold War" cooled off, or until a security clearance could be arranged for me. Since any of these problems could take months or years to solve, I again left Washington feeling that I would not likely obtain my goal.

It was only a few days later, however, that a date was actually set. Apparently both Coleman and Hart felt that a visit to Wright Field by a UFO editor would not be harmful to the Air Force at that time. They pushed the matter through for me, and I am very grateful to them for doing so. I thus became the first civilian saucer researcher to be granted this privilege.

Not long after my return to Fort Lee from Washington, I received by mail a carbon copy of a letter which reads in part: ".....Unclassified from SAFOI-3B. For PTD-E, Lt. Col. Friend. Confirming our conversation of 22 March 1962, Mr. James W. Moseley will arrive at your office 28 March 1962. Request Mr. Moseley be given a full, unclassified briefing, to include access to unclassified case files if desired. This briefing is IAW and AF policy of making UFO files available to news media...." At the bottom of the letter Major Hart had written in pencil: "Jim: For your info., you don't need to have this with you. Friend knows you are coming."

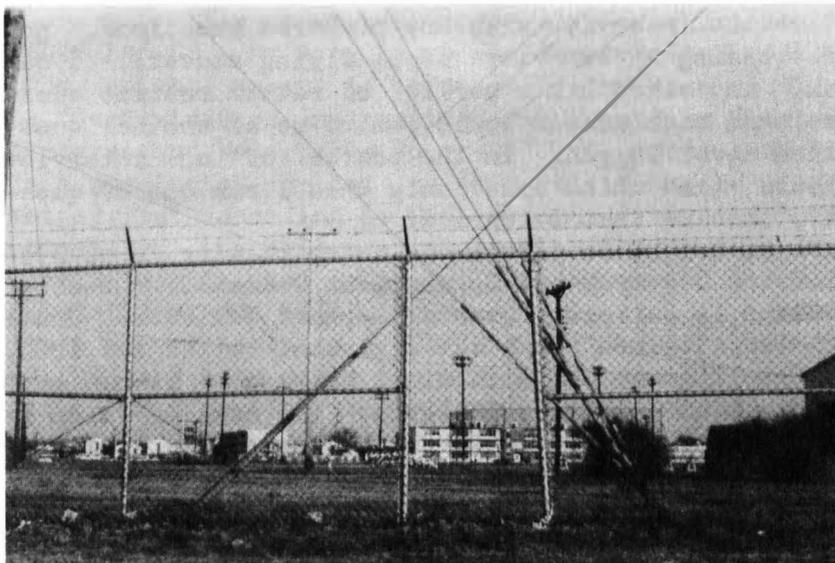
It is indeed fortunate that I did not need to have the letter with me, as it did not actually arrive in Fort Lee until after I had left for Dayton. Before leaving, I had spoken by long-distance phone with both Major Hart

and Lt. Col. Friend, who is currently in charge of the Wright-Patterson UFO project. Thus I was reasonably sure that I would be admitted to the Base, even though the above-mentioned letter was not yet in my possession.

I am unfamiliar with the Dayton area, but upon arriving by car on the night of March 27th, I noticed that the little town of Fairborn, Ohio, is apparently much closer to the Air Base than Dayton. I therefore spent the night in a motor hotel in Fairborn, and at 9 o'clock the next morning I telephoned Col. Friend. It turned out that I had made the right decision, as my hotel was only a couple of miles from the portion of the vast Base in which

the saucer investigation is conducted. Shortly thereafter, Col. Friend met me at the hotel in his private car, and drove me onto the Base.

We parked in a large parking lot for the use of the personnel of the building in which Col. Friend's office and files are located. No cameras are allowed in this portion of the Base, and the pictures at the left were taken by me from outside the Base, late in the day, alone, after the interview was over. I walked with Col. Friend to the building in question. It was fairly large in size, and had its name written over the entrance. I have been requested not to publish this name. In the lobby, I signed the visitors' book, and the security guard gave me a tag which I was required to keep visible during my time in the building. We then walked through a long hall, on our way to Col. Friend's office on another floor. I had no opportunity to see any rooms other than the one in which Col. Friend worked; but in the halls were signs reading, approximately,



"This is a Security Area." I could not help but wonder what was going on behind the various doors I passed. I think I have a fairly good idea, from various clues I gathered. Let me simply state that the building is devoted mainly to intelligence work directly connected with the Cold War, but not directly connected with saucers in any way.

In Col. Friend's office there were two secretaries and a technical sergeant named David Moody, whose job it is to keep the saucer files up to date. There was nothing unusual about the office except for a large blackboard, which had a most peculiar thing written on it. I will get back to this further on.

I did not come to the interview with any prepared questions, nor did I have any intention of pressing my own views about flying saucers. I sat down near Col. Friend's desk, and asked him a series of rather routine questions as they occurred to me; and each answer would remind me of another question, so that the conversation never lagged. In the course of an interview lasting approximately six hours (and which ended only when I ran out of questions and decided to end it), this is what I learned:

The saucer effort at Wright-Patterson is under the Air Force Systems Command, formerly called the Research and Development Command. The chief of the Air Force Systems Command is currently General Bernard Scriver. Until July 1960, the UFO project was attached to a sub-division called A.T.I.C., meaning Aerospace Technical Intelligence Center. Since that date it has been attached to a different sub-division. This is the group the name of which is visible above the main entrance of the building in which I conducted my interview.

Wright-Patterson's job, in regard to UFO's, is in connection with investigation and analysis only. Public information is handled only at the Pentagon (currently by Major Hart), and this is why no civilian saucer researcher was allowed to interview Col. Friend until now. In addition to the investigative and public relations departments of the Air Force's UFO project, there is a third, lesser-known department. This is called legislative liaison, and is handled by Lt. Col. Boland, at the Pentagon. He is a qualified attorney, and his job is to answer questions from Congress in regard to UFO matters. Both Hart and Boland have other duties in addition to their work on the saucer project, but Col. Friend is a full-time "saucerer."

As published in the February 6th, 1962 "Fact Sheet," released from the Pentagon, 7,369 UFO sightings were received at Wright Field during the years 1947-1961. However, this figure is misleading, because (according to Col. Friend), an average of at least  $1\frac{1}{2}$  reports are received on each sighting. In other words, the total number of reports would be closer to 11,000; and of course, one report can include the testimony of several witnesses who were together at the time of the sighting. Furthermore, Col. Friend readily admitted that there would be many more reports - perhaps 3 or 4 times as many, - if everyone bothered to make one, or if it were not true that many people are reluctant to tell the Air Force about their UFO experiences. I was told that there were 200 to 300 separate reports on the Levelland, Texas, phenomenon, during the 1957 "flap." This is the highest number of reports ever received by the Air Force in regard to a single UFO incident.

The manner in which saucer sightings should be relayed to the Air Force is outlined in two official publications, both of which are already well known to serious saucer students. The first is AFR 200-2, which bears the following title: "Intelligence: Unidentified Flying Objects (UFO). This regulation establishes the responsibility for reporting evidence on unidentified flying objects (UFO) and for releasing information to the general public." This document was first published in 1953, and has been reprinted several times in

slightly modified editions. My copy is dated April, 1959. The gist of the procedure is simply that civilians should report their sightings to the nearest Air Force base. Col. Friend explained that in approximately 90 percent of the cases, investigating officers are sent out from this local base to interview the witnesses, and to obtain other pertinent information. Finally this complete report - including background information on the witnesses - is sent to Wright-Patterson for further evaluation. The only startling thing here is that as many as 90 percent of the cases are investigated at the local base level. It had been my understanding previously that only a small percentage of the reports, i.e., the most important ones, are investigated in this way.

The other well-known Air Force publication dealing with UFO's is JANAP 146(D). My copy is an earlier version, JANAP 146(C), issued in March 1954, which I assume is practically the same as the current version. The title is "Communication Instructions for Reporting Vital Intelligence Sightings from Airborne and Waterborne Sources." It concerns what are called CIRVIS Reports. This regulation applies to both civilian and military aircraft (as well as ships), but according to Col. Friend, its use by civilian pilots or vessels is voluntary. (This is a point hotly disputed by Keyhoe and others.) Once the CIRVIS form is used by a civilian, however, he comes under military security regulations; and JANAP 146(C) clearly states: "All persons aware of the contents or existence of a CIRVIS report are governed by the Communications Act of 1934 and amendments thereto, and Espionage Laws. CIRVIS reports contain information affecting the National Defense of the United States within the meaning of the Espionage Laws, 18 U.S. Code, 793 and 794. The unauthorized transmission or revelation of the contents of CIRVIS reports in any manner is prohibited." The net effect of this regulation is that the newspapers or the public rarely hear of UFO sightings by military pilots. In my own opinion, the scarcity of reports from civilian pilots is caused by pressure from the individual airlines or by the pilot's own fear of ridicule, - but JANAP 146 is not a factor.

At Wright Field, all cases are accurately filed both according to date and location. (I know this because, of 3 somewhat obscure cases I asked about, 2 were found for me immediately by the Sergeant, and the third was not found at all, as it had apparently never been filed.) Naturally, Friend's office can soon determine whether or not several reports refer to the same object. Then, after Wright-Patterson's complete analysis has been done, approximately 2% of the cases are re-investigated personally by either Col. Friend himself or any of four other officers at his disposal, who are sent out from Wright-Patterson to the area, wherever it may be, that the sighting took place. Dr. J. Allen Hyneck of Northwestern University, who has been with the Air Force saucer project almost since the beginning, is also available for field trips. Col. Friend emphasized that the 2% thus re-investigated are not the same 2% which are listed currently in the Pentagon's "Fact Sheet" as "unknowns." It became very clear that the sightings which are of greatest interest to the Air Force are not the same ones which are of greatest interest to civilian researchers. Obviously, the Air Force is more worried about the possibility of Russian guided missiles slipping through our radar net than they are about philosophically-inclined Martians who may or may not be cruising through the Earth's atmosphere now and then. They are also particularly interested in sightings with unusual scientific importance - such as the quick location of meteorites, some of which contain elements with a short half-life.

One gets the feeling that even if NICAP, SAUCER NEWS, and all the other saucer clubs were to fold up and disappear, the Air Force would still continue its UFO investigation with the same vigor as it maintains now - for the simple reason that they have the responsibility of protecting our skies

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from any objects which might be hostile. This is a serious responsibility, and one which I am absolutely convinced that the Air Force takes most seriously.

According to Col. Friend, only the following information about UFO sightings is classified: The source of foreign reports (for obvious reasons); the background clutter on radar scopes; sightings at or near "sensitive areas," i.e., military installations; and the names of civilian sighters who do not want their names released. To this list I would add that most sightings by military pilots are apparently classified, as indicated in my discussion of JANAP 146. Whether or not sightings by military ground personnel are classified is a matter which can be disputed. I did not ask Col. Friend this particular question, but I think it is a fair assumption that such personnel are at least under considerable pressure to keep their sightings out of the newspapers, etc.

I think it can also be assumed (although I may be wrong), that the Air Force prefers to conduct its UFO investigation quietly and without the glaring light of publicity. Their public relations attitude in the past has often left much to be desired, in my opinion, and perhaps the one good thing that NICAP has accomplished is to make the Air Force more aware that good public relations are a necessary part of their job.

In analyzing and solving UFO reports, Wright Field has at its disposal equipment which could be duplicated by civilian researchers only by the expenditure of many thousands of dollars - or perhaps millions. Col. Friend has, when necessary, the use of photographic, chemical, and aeronautical laboratories. By simple phone calls, he can consult with aircraft project chiefs concerning experimental aircraft flights, or with personnel who have complete data about missile, satellite, and balloon launchings. All information about military and civilian flight schedules, air-to-air refueling operations, etc., are also available to him. It goes without saying that some of this information is classified; and thus no civilian group, whatever its financial backing, could ever solve as high a percentage of its UFO cases as the Air Force does.

The key question, however, is this: Granted that the Air Force can solve most of its saucer cases through careful teamwork, special facilities, and access to classified information: Does it not still remain true that they "reach too far" for some of their explanations, i.e., sighting details which don't "fit" are ignored, etc.? The Air Force says no. Civilian researchers almost unanimously say yes. The true answer to this question can never be learned until or unless the Air Force decides to release to the public the individual cases it receives, and their solutions, instead of just statistical summaries. My own opinion is that the truth lies somewhere in between the extreme

claims on each side. Air Force officers, being human (even if NICAP believes they are inhuman), certainly have the temptation to achieve as high a percentage of solved cases as possible, even if they have to stretch a point or ignore a detail in doing so. On the other hand, civilian researchers have an even stronger inclination to leave as many sightings as possible unsolved, and then yell, "See, this proves my point that we are being visited by spaceships." As a matter of fact, few civilian groups make any attempt whatsoever to solve any UFO sightings. They simply publish the sensational ones and ignore the ones that might be balloons, stars, etc. In this, SAUCER NEWS is as guilty as any other saucer zine. After all, who wants to read about a UFO which has an obvious explanation?

One of the strongest arguments that the Air Force has in its favor is this: No one, - not even an airline pilot or a scientist, - can be an experienced observer of unidentified objects. The phrase is an obvious contradiction in terms. If we are looking for "experienced UFO observers," certainly George Adamski deserves to be ranked far above Clyde Tombaugh, the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto. Dr. Tombaugh has seen only one UFO. It flew over his home in Las Cruces, New Mexico, in August 1949, and he still does not know what it was. Adamski, however, has seen and photographed dozens of saucers, talked with their occupants, and even ridden in saucers while discussing philosophy with their pilots. Therefore, perhaps George Adamski should succeed Col. Friend when the latter's tour of duty on the UFO project ends late this year!

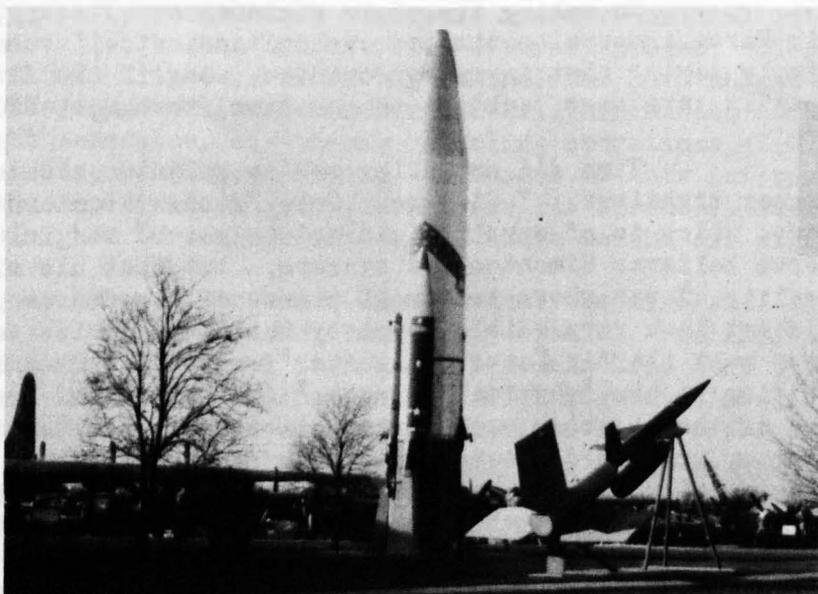
Another important point, which entered into my discussion with Col. Friend, is that no one can accurately estimate the size, speed, or distance away of any unknown object, unless the sighting is made at very close quarters or under unusual circumstances (i.e., there might be a cloud layer near the UFO or a plane passing near it.) Thus, most estimates of size and speed made by observers - experienced or otherwise - are subject to question. It seems likely that UFO's are very often reported to be 20 to 50 feet in diameter simply because this is the approximate size of an airplane, and observers unconsciously link their UFO's with these familiar objects, as a mental reference point, so to speak. Actually, the saucer might be nearer to the observer and smaller, or further away and larger. Since neither size nor distance is known, estimates of speed are inaccurate, and only angular velocity can be relied on.

In making the above statements, I do not mean to imply that the Air Force ignores estimated velocities, etc., submitted by observers. I am simply saying that in my own opinion, and in the Air Force's opinion, these details are more subject to question than most UFO fans would be willing to admit.

Time did not allow me to go into a detailed discussion of many saucer sightings. I did ask Col. Friend about the Simonton "space pancake" case, which is of special interest to me. I was told, in effect, that the Air Force believes Simonton was sincere, but that his sighting was not a physical reality. I was shown two small pieces of the famous pancake, and I must say it did not look very edible, even by Martians. I also saw a number of other items from what the Air Force calls its "junk file." This is their unkind way of referring to the "physical evidence" that has been sent in by saucer sighters. Two of the objects were intricate hoaxes, containing tubes and wires which even my untrained eye recognized as earth-made. One of these devices had Russian writing on it (apparently in an effort to frighten the Air Force.) Col. Friend informed me that the Russian word was misspelled. Another "junk" item was obviously a small American device of some sort, as it had "U.S." written all over it. This object, like the others, had been found by a civilian and

had eventually made its way to Wright-Patterson for analysis. Lastly, I remember seeing some small hunks of slag, which a woman claimed had appeared on a road overnight. According to Col. Friend, their tests showed nothing unusual about the material. In brief, the "junk file" divided itself into two categories - hoaxes and honest mistakes.

I also had a quick look at the file of still photographs. A quick look was all I wanted, as I immediately recognized most of the pictures as having been around for years. Some had even been published in SAUCER NEWS. Col. Friend said that hundreds of still pictures have been submitted, and needless to say, they prove nothing. He told me that there are about six motion picture strips on hand. These I did not see. He denied that the Air Force has ever purposely lost, darkened, destroyed or suppressed any saucer film. I then inquired about the Ralph Mayher film, taken at Miami Beach during the July 1952 flap. This was the one case I asked about that Sergeant Moody was unable to find in the files. Col. Friend knew nothing about the Mayher film (which in my opinion was the best saucer movie ever taken, - far more detailed than the two well-known film strips which were eventually released to the public in the commercial motion picture "U.F.O."); Mayher claimed, in a personal interview with me in 1954, that a day or two after his sighting he gave his film to the Air Force for analysis, and



it was never returned to him, nor has any report on it ever been released. He did retain a few frames for himself, and these were widely published at the time. In fairness to Col. Friend, who joined the Air Force saucer project in early 1959, I should state that he certainly bears no responsibility for what-ever happened to the Mayher film. However, here is an item that has been lost, ignored, or suppressed, and which is as close to authentic "physical evidence" as anything I have ever seen in my nearly 10 years of research.

In regard to Col. Friend personally, I would say that he appears to be a thoroughly qualified intelligence officer. As for his treatment of me, I do not see how I could have asked for or expected any better treatment than I received. All my questions were answered courteously and pleasantly, although I have no way of knowing whether or not every answer was entirely truthful. I was given a free lunch with Col. Friend at the officers' club, and a guided tour of the Air Force Museum (open to the public - see photos on previous page.) I kept the latter down to a minimum of time, as I was anxious to get back to Friend's office and go on with my saucer questions. When the interview was over, I was driven back to my hotel in the Colonel's private car. All in all, Col. Friend performed his duty admirably. I say his duty, because technically he received me only under orders from the Pentagon.

The conversation came around, at one point, to "hush ups," and I was told the story of a gentleman (name known to me) who made an important and apparently truthful sighting during the 1957 flap. Later he began claiming that, as a result of his sighting, he was taken to Washington and detained involuntarily for three days of questioning. He made these statements to friends and eventually on tape; and this tape was sent to a larger circle of saucer enthusiasts. According to Col. Friend, the Air Force went to interview this man and ask him politely about these wild claims. The fellow admitted in private that they were not true. Apparently he had merely strayed from home for a few days and needed a good story to tell his wife. Then, the story had "snow-balled" from there.

I think that all of us enjoy a good story. For instance, I would like to tell you about the strange little man, with furry hair all over his face, whom I passed briefly in the hall of the building where I interviewed Col. Friend; or about the huge saucer-shaped canopy in the yard, surrounded by armed guards; or the odd way the good Colonel winced when I mentioned the name of Albert K. Bender. But none of these things happened; and as this article is, to the best of my ability and recollection, a truthful report, I have decided to leave these stories out.

However, there was one strange thing that I really did see, and I mention it for what it is worth. Near the beginning of this article I referred to a large blackboard in Col. Friend's office, with peculiar writing on it. This writing was peculiar, because it obviously was not in our alphabet. I asked Friend about it, and he said (as nearly as I can recall) that it was a motto or saying, in ancient Syrian, which he had copied out of a book, and which he had left up on the blackboard for the past week just to attract questions from visitors to his office. He told me what the motto was, but I unfortunately have forgotten it, as I did not write it down at the time. It was something nearly as commonplace as "Never put off till tomorrow what you can do today." But why put mottos in strange languages on the blackboard of an office devoted to serious intelligence work? Was it Martian writing that they were attempting to decipher? No, I don't think so, but I don't really believe it was a Syrian proverb either. Now, it just happens that on the same day I visited Col. Friend, there was a military coup in Syria. There may be some connection. In any case, this is as close as I came to anything really weird or exciting during my memorable visit to Wright-Patterson.

OPEN LETTER OF REPLY TO DR. LEON DAVIDSON  
- by Brinsley le Poer Trench -

(Editor's Note: Mr. Trench, a noted British saucer researcher, is the author of "The Sky People" and former editor of "Flying Saucer Review." He wrote the following article in November, 1961, in answer to Dr. Davidson's "Open Letter to Saucer Researchers," which we printed in two parts, in the March and June 1962 issues of SAUCER NEWS. Mr. Trench's reply to Dr. Davidson is, we believe, a thoroughly worthwhile contribution to saucer research.)

In his letter, Dr. Davidson offers an elaborate run-down of what he considers to be the source and history of events connected with saucer activity from the beginning of current public interest up to the present time. There can be no doubt that he is sincere in his beliefs, or that he is making an honest effort to put down what he considers to be the true picture of affairs.

It is not my purpose to attack him in any way, either for his views or for his presentation of them. However, if what he says is difficult for some of us to accept, (and it is), we claim the friendly right to enter into the discussion that is certain to arise from his open letter. We would like to point out a few possibilities which the good Doctor may have missed.

In paragraph 2 of his letter he lists what he refers to as his "qualifications to pontificate in this field." It may surprise him to learn that some of these qualifications are more alarming than they are reassuring to his fellow researchers. Some people may have developed different points of view if they have approached the saucer question from angles other than his. Perspectives vary, and it may be that some of the qualifications he sets down have qualified his evaluations. Furthermore, this could have been exactly what they were intended to do, and not, let us be quick to say, by him!

In paragraph 4, Dr. Davidson outlines his views in brief. Apparently he believes, and wants us all to believe along with him, that flying saucers were, and are, nothing more than a gigantic hoax perpetrated by the CIA for some unexplained and unimaginable reason. Has the CIA, then, convinced him it is Omnipotent, Omniscient, and Omnipresent, as he seems to be saying it would like to pretend to be?

For reasons of our own, some of us may remain unconvinced. There is something more than faintly ludicrous in the thought of an almighty organization's employing powers usually attributed to divinity to play pranks and to perpetrate hoaxes upon what has remained, after all, a small minority of the world's population.

Let us look at the facts. If the purpose behind the Great Hoax was to frighten everybody, then it failed miserably. If, on the other hand, the distribution of platitudes via messages to all mankind was the purpose, then, again, it failed, and for the same reasons. Even saucer fans have grumbled at not hearing anything new. Humanity is a strange animal: Without trying any of the remedies offered for its ills, it demands a new one, perhaps with a more agreeable flavor.

If even a part of the plot was to unite the world against a threatened invasion from outer space, then that did not come off, either. The present generation is skeptical of such time-dishonored science-fiction gimmicks. After all, it has been presented too many times in extravagant movie and television imitations of Wells and Welles, H.G. and Orson.

Or, assuming for the moment that there is some reality in all this hokum, does the CIA hope somebody will intercept a real space-man, laugh him to scorn for his pretensions, and tell him: "Very well, I will take you to

your leader!" - and turn him over to Intelligence for "interrogation"?

Another point is that, for Dr. Davidson to be correct, the CIA must possess a highly maneuverable and extremely efficient time-machine, and they must have been very busy with it. There is much testimony to indicate that saucers have been flying around in our earthly skies for thousands of years! Anybody who could possibly accept that the CIA invented saucers must have been most carefully educated to believe such objects had never been observed before 1947 A.D.

It is a known fact that "education" of this kind is possible to intelligence organizations, and violence need not be an ingredient of the process. People can be led in very subtle ways to believe that black is white, and a missionary impulse to "go and teach all nations" can be implanted. Good reasons can be presented for this kind of action by an intelligence group, and they are logical reasons that make much more sense than a keen, boyish desire to indulge in a world-wide Halloween prank.

One of the most obvious reasons is this: Whoever can believe the tale as told, that the CIA was responsible for the whole world-wide saucer phenomenon, will probably feel one of two emotions: If he has been a skeptic, he will say, "I told you so!" and sit back smugly to enjoy the chagrin of all the dupes. On the other hand, if he has seen, believes he has seen, or accepts that others have seen saucers, he will feel duped and dismayed. His deep embarrassment can then express itself in several ways, but two will probably be characteristic of the majority of people:

First, the person will be inclined to shut up and will refuse to talk about the matter at all. He will retire from the scene and will try to forget that he was ever connected with such an uncomfortable situation. Or, secondly, he may remain vocal, but will turn missionary for his educators and try, in all sincerity, to "enlighten" everybody according to the line of thought he has been given. Of course, by the time he has become totally convinced, he is not aware that he has been indoctrinated. The technique is to allow him to discover the evidence for himself, and this can be arranged for him in any number of most impressive ways.

In any case, the result will be the same: The subject of saucers, as a serious reality, will be killed quite dead.

We have all heard enough about modern methods of idea-control to realize that this sort of thing is in keeping with the purposes and behavior of intelligence groups. For a long time some of us have thought there might be an effort on the part of some "body" or other to squash public interest in saucers, rather than to promote it or to stimulate it in any way. Has this body been the CIA? I am still in no position to formulate a definite opinion, but if the CIA is actually trying to make sincere researchers believe what Dr. Davidson presents in his open letter, then perhaps it could have been, or is.

All efforts to make sightings and contacts look ridiculous have failed to remove the saucers from public notice. People who have encountered UFO's at fairly close range tend to resent being told by people who were not on the spot that they have seen the planet Venus, high-flying birds, or even weather balloons.

Any secret organization must keep itself in character. An intelligence body cannot come out flat-footed and confess the so-called secrets it would like to have revealed. Bad policy. However, it can educate a capable man to do the job for it. He can be taught, without his knowing anything about what is actually happening to him, to do the job honestly, sincerely, and as an important revelation of the vital truth.

If these so-called secrets have been devised in such a way as to discredit an idea by opposing it with quantities of prefabricated and well-

planted documentation, all of which he has been highly privileged to see and discover, then, perhaps, such a revelation would succeed where open ridicule has failed. This would be particularly true if all really interested researchers in a given field could be reached and converted. The kind of ridicule that comes from an external source can be faced, opposed, and overcome. It is far more difficult to handle the sort of embarrassment that arises if somebody can prove to you, in the presence of your own best observations, that you have been duped.

Although it is obvious that Dr. Davidson has collected information from a variety of sources, it is apparent that he has really listened to only one, the Official. A certain respect for authority of this nature must, of necessity, go along with the maintenance of "a high security clearance for over 15 years." To this can be added the respect for what one has been taught, which becomes a part of the highly trained and specialized mind. Both these virtues are of great and undeniable value within any field to which a mind may be dedicated. Through them we achieve accuracy and precision, but not necessarily understanding. They can become limitations and barriers difficult to surmount in the face of unknown factors and strange experiences beyond the limits of already-accepted data. It is no criticism of such a mind to say that it tends to minimize and to reject the non-conforming datum. In so doing, it is merely performing as it has been schooled to perform. "No strain," as the Chinese say.

I am only moved to wonder, as I read Dr. Davidson's "Open Letter to Saucer Researchers," if, in the end, the man some of us may come to "feel sorriest for in all this" may not be Dr. Leon Davidson himself!

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BOOK REVIEWS

- by James W. Moseley -

THE GREAT FLYING SAUCER HOAX - by Coral E. Lorenzen (Published privately)

Although the title is a poor one, this book, rather surprisingly, turns out to be one of the very few really worthwhile books ever written on the subject of flying saucers. Mrs. Lorenzen is the director of APRO (Aerial Phenomena Research Organization), and her bi-monthly bulletin is familiar to most researchers.

The greatest merit of this book is that the author has made a successful effort to avoid using sightings that the saucer public is already familiar with. For the most part, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" contains material which has not been published before, except in the APRO Bulletin. Of special interest are the many South American reports. These have been sent to APRO over the years by Mrs. Lorenzen's correspondents in Brazil, Venezuela, and elsewhere. A great number of landing and near-landing reports, as well as "little men" stories are included. Although individually, these sightings are certainly subject to question, there are so many of them that they add up to a new mass of evidence indicating that the flying saucers may indeed be piloted by humanoid creatures. Aime Michel, in his excellent book "Flying Saucers and the Straight-Line Mystery," several years ago provided us with the same kind of detailed evidence from France, - including a large number of "little men" sightings.

Mrs. Lorenzen's book gives us a great deal of extremely interesting evidence regarding UFO's, but in spite of her claims to the contrary, she has no scientifically acceptable proof. Like all saucer authors, she cannot resist overstating her case. The famous Ubatuba (Brazil) "saucer fragments" are reviewed in detail; but as David Wightman aptly pointed out in his long technical article in the March 1961 SAUCER NEWS, these fragments do not prove anything. They are interesting, they are unusual, but that is all.

Mrs. Lorenzen's other error is her opinion, on the basis of very scanty evidence, that some UFO's are hostile. She bases this belief mainly on the fact that automobile engines, electric power systems, etc., have sometimes been cut off by low-flying saucers. She also notes that military bases in the United States and elsewhere come in for a great deal of scrutiny by the UFO's. But if the saucers were really hostile, I should think that they could wipe out our whole population very quickly without firing one shot or dropping one bomb - assuming that their occupants are as advanced technologically as they seem to be. So far, they have harmed humans only very occasionally and apparently by accident. Thus Mrs. Lorenzen seems to have jumped to an unwarranted conclusion based on insufficient data when she attributes unfriendly motives to our visitors.

The title, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax," refers to the fact that Mrs. Lorenzen feels that the public is the victim of a hoax, in that we are being misled by the press and the Military into thinking that extraterrestrial saucers do not exist. The author does not believe, however, that there is any organized censorship. In this respect she has taken a very sensible view, and one very close to my own. She is also in basic disagreement with NICAP on this very important point. She states: "I believe those in control of the saucer investigation sincerely believe that all UFO's could be explained as conventional objects if enough information were available. Air Force withholding of evidence is not due to special knowledge, but rather to special ignorance - indeed, quite an invincible ignorance. It cannot fairly be accused of suppressing that which it does not recognize. Air Force regulation 200-2 is written

in such a manner that an investigating officer is not likely to report evidence which would indicate anything but a mundane origin. As a result, many official explanations do not seem to fit the facts, and a critical public feels that information is being suppressed. This idea finds wide acceptance simply because the average citizen prefers to think someone has the answer."

"The Great Flying Saucer Hoax" is well written, well organized, and fortunately lacks the pseudo-documentary style characteristic of the Keyhoe books. Together with the books by Ruppelt, Michel, and Max Miller, this is the most worthwhile volume ever written on the saucer subject, and in spite of its inevitable defects, I highly recommend it.

LOCH NESS MONSTER - by Tim Dinsdale (Published by the Chilton Company)

As the title clearly implies, this book is about Scotland's famous Loch Ness Monster, - a creature which is receiving an increasing amount of attention on both sides of the Atlantic these days. We do not ordinarily review books which are not about flying saucers; but this particular one is of such interest to all students of "Fortean" phenomena, that we felt many SAUCER NEWS readers would want to hear about it.

"Loch Ness Monster" is written by an Englishman who is an aeronautical engineer and photographer. The introduction is by Ivan Sanderson, the famous naturalist, who is a recent contributor to SAUCER NEWS, an editor employed by the Chilton Company, and a personal friend of Mr. Dinsdale.

The book includes several dozen detailed accounts of Loch Ness Monster sightings, going back to the early 1930's. There are also several photographs as well as stills from a motion picture of the Monster taken by the author in April 1960. It appears that there were few sightings previous to 1933, due to the fact that there was no road around the lake until then. There is, however, one similar account from the 6th Century A.D. This would indicate that the Monster - whatever it is- has been around for quite a long time.

Mr. Dinsdale became interested in the Monster as a hobby about three years ago. By means of a careful study of one hundred sightings, he was able to come up with an accurate composite or statistical average of what the Monster looks like. According to these calculations, it has a long slender snake-like neck about ten feet long, a thick body twenty feet long, and a tail ten feet long. It has a set of limbs or flippers at the front and rear end of the body, and is even able to run on land with these. (There is a handful of detailed accounts of the Monster having been seen on land, near the lake.) According to Dinsdale, the Monster is closely related to sea serpents which have been seen throughout the centuries in the ocean, as well as to fresh-water monsters seen in various parts of the world. In all probability, the Monster is a survival of some animal thought to have become extinct in prehistoric times.

This book is sane, sober, and sensible. It is difficult for an open-minded person to read it without coming to the conclusion that something odd is indeed going on in Loch Ness.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE - by Reverend George King (Published privately in England)

George King is the best-known of the British contactees. He edits a periodical in England called "Cosmic Voice," and has made a lecture tour of the United States. He has also published a book previous to the current one, which we did not bother to review. Our main purpose in reviewing King's latest book is to show our readers just how absurd saucer contact claims have become. It is true that King does not meet space people physically, like Adamski, Fry,

Betherum, etc; but what he lacks physically, he more than makes up for astrally. King is also a medium - and apparently a happy medium - as he has frequently had the good fortune to tune in on a being called Aetherius, from Venus. Therefore his group is called the Aetherius Society. Better still, King claims to have made psychic contacts with Jesus Christ, and from the general tenor of the meetings he holds in London, he might more properly be called "irreverend" rather than "reverend."

"You Are Responsible" starts out by describing the joys of yoga and telepathy, and then, after a few other preliminaries, there is a simply fascinating chapter called "The Mars Story." Here we find King making a series of astral voyages to Mars, just at the time when Mars and Earth are in grave danger from a planetoid controlled by a weird and evil form of intelligent life. On his third astral trip to Mars and vicinity, King lands on a Venusian saucer which is trying to subdue the troublesome planetoid. King tells us that this particular saucer was chosen for the mission because of its ability to exceed the speed of light, and thus out-run harmful rays being shot out from its adversary. In the course of the events that follow, a Martian space ship with a hundred and sixty one Martian beings aboard, is lost in combat. Things go from bad to worse. Soon the Lords of Saturn arrive in a fleet of saucers, to try their hand at saving the situation. Meanwhile, the evil planetoid has started heading straight for Mars, and catastrophe seems inevitable. At this key point in the combat, Jesus Christ appears in the Venusian saucer with King and his Venusian companions, and gives the message: "The Love of God Never Fails." Armed with this message, translated into the form of a powerful ray of some kind, the planetoid is defeated, Earth and Mars are saved, and King becomes the unsung hero of the day.

The second portion of the book is devoted to psychic messages from Aetherius and others, whereas the first portion is concerned with "true astral experiences" such as the one related above. The main message in Part Two seems to be that the use of atomic energy by earthlings - even for peaceful purposes, - must be stopped at once.

Yes, George King, you are responsible - for the most absurd and fantastic saucer book ever written!

#### THE CHALLENGE OF UNIDENTIFIED FLYING OBJECTS - by Prof. C.A. Maney and R. Hall

This book is co-authored by Professor Maney, who is connected with a small college in Ohio, and Richard Hall, Major Keyhoe's assistant at NICAP. The volume is privately published, badly printed, and incredibly poorly organized. Of more than passing interest is the dedication, "To Major Donald E. Keyhoe, USMC (Ret.): For his sincere and tireless efforts in alerting the world to UFO phenomena, and encouraging a rational inquiry." On the back cover, Keyhoe returns the compliment, and states: "I heartily recommend this book to everyone seeking an honest presentation of the facts - facts combined with the inescapable fascination of the UFO mystery." Such mutual admiration is indeed touching!

The book is written in three parts. The first two are called "The UFO Mystery" and "A Scientist Looks at UFO's." These are written by Mr. Hall and Prof. Maney, respectively. To a person who is a beginner in saucer research, the material therein will be of considerable interest. To those of us who have followed the saucer problem through the years, these two sections are merely a badly organized re-hash of material that has already appeared in Keyhoe's books, NICAP's non-scheduled bulletin, and the publications of the now-defunct New York group called Civilian Saucer Intelligence. There is little, if anything, that is new.

Part Three is called "A Philosopher Looks at UFO's." It is Richard Hall who here assumes the role of philosopher, and some of his observations are of considerable merit. He discusses the philosophy of science, analyzes the flaws in the Air Force's saucer investigation, and gives several good UFO sightings by scientists, which apparently have not been previously published. To get to the "meat" of this book, however, the reader needs to wade through a fantastic amount of boring and repetitious passages, and the most interesting section of all - concerning electromagnetic effects associated with saucer sightings, - is reserved for an appendix.

Throughout the volume, the NICAP anti-Air-Force bias is as evident as is the fact that the book was thrown together hastily in an effort to get it onto the market before public interest in UFO's wanes.

#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

**MORE HIGH ALTITUDE UFO SIGHTINGS:** It seems that almost every Russian or American orbital or high altitude test flight is accompanied by UFO's of one sort or another. In our June issue we reported on Col. John Glenn's "fireflies," which were also seen by Russian cosmonaut Gherman Titov. More recently, test pilot Joseph Walker, flying the experimental rocket-powered X15 to a record altitude, came upon five or six disc-shaped or cylindrical-shaped objects. These were not seen visually, but appeared on film taken during the history-making flight. Still later, another X15 flight, this time by Robert M. White, was highlighted by the dramatic sighting of "a strange paper-like object tumbling in space."

The X15 sightings have been more or less identified as bits of ice flaking from the planes' fuel tank area. A recent official Air Force release, commenting on the Walker and Glenn incidents, concludes as follows: "NASA scientists have no firm conclusion concerning astronaut Glenn's sighting, although several possibilities have been suggested. In any case, neither of these sightings produced any evidence that would indicate that there was any threat offered to these men and their crafts." The wording here is very significant, as the possibility is left open that the UFO's were non-threatening but completely mysterious phenomena of some sort.

**SAUCER BRIEFS:** Gabriel Green, saucer contactee and proponent of "prior choice economics," is running for the United States Senate from California this Fall. He is running on a left-wing Anti-Bomb platform, and is endorsed by Nobel Prize winner Dr. Linus Pauling and others. In 1960 Green ran for President of the United States, but was edged out by John F. Kennedy..... The amateur movie "Edge of Tomorrow," which we reviewed in our June 1961 issue, has resulted in new legal troubles for contactee Reinhold Schmidt. Our latest information, received last April, states that he is to be prosecuted for \$50,000 he allegedly bilked out of gullible backers in regard to the production of the movie. According to the same news story, Schmidt is already serving time in a state mental prison in northern California, after conviction on an earlier charge of grand theft....

Ralph Holland, formerly editor of "A Voice From the Gallery," died of a heart attack at his home in Youngstown, Ohio, on January 26th of this year. Holland's magazine, which was discontinued several years ago, dealt with saucers as well as several other off-beat topics.....The infamous book by Albert K. Bender, entitled "Flying Saucers and the Three Men," has finally been published by Gray Barker's Saucerian Press. Lack of space prevents us from reviewing this book - the wildest of all contactee stories - until our next issue. According to persistent rumors, the long delay in publication was caused

by pressure put on Barker, as a result of which he edited out all material which might give a genuine clue to the solution of the saucer mystery. The book as it now stands reads like science fiction, and is science fiction - rather unscientifically presented, however...Kenneth Arnold, the man who coined the term "flying saucer" in 1947, ran in the Idaho Republican primary for Lieutenant Governor this past summer, but lost out by a considerable margin.

**FORTEAN ITEMS:** A mysterious "storm" of tiny earth tremors, one every 27 seconds for eight hours, occurred on June 6th of last year, according to information recently released by the Seismological Society of America. The tremors, too small to be detected without instruments, were recorded by seismographs around the world. They have never been explained....On May 7th, Harry Gee of Churt, England, remembered a childhood story and reached for his shovel when he saw a rainbow apparently rising from the back of his garden. He dug lustily for a few minutes in search of the proverbial pot of gold. He soon struck metal, but hastily returned to the safety of his home when he discovered it was a hand grenade left over from World War I. Police removed it..... A large number of six-legged frogs have been discovered in a pond near College Station, Texas.....In Regina, Sask., Canada, a 730-pound animal, apparently a cross between a cow and a deer, is baffling experts. A blood sample tested at the Royal Canadian Mounted Police laboratory showed the animal to be pure bovine; but it has a long thin forehead and nose, plus horns, which it has dropped each January, just at the time deer normally lose their antlers....

An Italian scientist, experimenting with a team of 21 men who were kept in a pitch dark cave for a week, has discovered that humans have the power to distinguish certain colors even in total darkness....An April 22nd radio broadcast from Bangkok, Thailand, disclosed that a resident of a nearby town witnessed a "fog" which broke into little pieces the size of peas. The pieces were sent to a police laboratory for analysis.....Fishermen at Marchfield, Mass., have come across a live sea monster with the head of an alligator, 12-foot long tail fins, and a body shaped like a nail keg. One of the fishermen told a friend that the creature was gulping up the fish in the area but did not concern itself with humans in the way. He added that he had seen all types of whales, but never one that resembled this creature. A local historian noted that there are records of a similar sea monster which was sighted in the Gulf of California in the year 1849.....Last Good Friday, a group of nurses at St. Mary's Hospital, London, saw an object resembling a cross shining behind the full moon, at about 5 a.m. A lady in another part of the city, who happened to be up at that hour feeding kittens, also saw the phenomenon. Astronomers had no immediate explanation....

Twin girls, who followed the same paths throughout their lives, both died mysteriously last April 13th in separate wards of a North Carolina state mental hospital, where they had been admitted for emotional disturbances. No bruises or marks of violence were found on either body, and the county coroner said there was "no demonstrable cause of death"..... Last April, villagers in Horningsham,



"They appear harmless enough. Their leader is knocking a little white ball about with a stick."

Wilts., England, reported that the Longleat Spectre, (a famous local ghost) was haunting again. The ghost is said to be an ancestor of the Marquis of Bath, owner of a large country mansion in the area. One of the villagers told a local newsman, "It flits around the bushes and amongst the trees. Sometimes it appears in the shape of a man, and sometimes it slinks near the ground like a dog." Further sleuthing laid the ghost to rest. It was merely the Marquis picking up the litter left by tourists who visit his estate....

A weird item from the London Daily Telegraph tells us of a family of African natives, in Tanganyika, who apparently are using telepathy to control lions and terrorize villages. Col. Mervin Cowie, Director of National Parks in Kenya, told a meeting in London that a number of Africans and lions were living and even hunting together in a remote province of Tanganyika. In one instance, one of the lion controllers was jailed in a neighboring town, and warned that unless he was freed by nightfall he would get his lions to kill the chief's cattle. The chief refused, and by morning 14 of his cows were dead...A dead sea monster was discovered by a fisherman on a beach in Obihiro, Japan, last June 6th. The strange animal is more than 45 feet long, has a head about one foot in circumference, but no eyes, nose, or mouth. It has no scales and is gray in color. Fishery experts from a nearby marine industry laboratory stated that they have never seen anything like it....After six years, doctors in Lucknow, India, have almost given up the battle to humanize Ramu, a "wolf boy" who was found in 1956 after having grown up among wild animals in the jungle. The boy, now about 15 years old, has finally been taught not to eat raw meat, but he is so retarded that he can probably never be made a useful member of society....

In Buenos Aires, 30 believers in the cult of St. John the Baptist walked barefoot over a 1,470-degree-hot bed of coals. The performance took place before the startled eyes of 15,000 spectators in a soccer stadium. Doctors and scientists were among those present. They examined the coals carefully beforehand, and could offer no explanation as to why the cultists were not burned....Our old friend the Loch Ness Monster is again in the news, and within a few weeks his existence may finally be proven. If the beast is actually captured, Lloyd's of London (the famous insurance company) will lose about \$100,000, that being the amount of a policy taken out by a London merchant who offered this reward to anyone delivering the monster to his place of business. More likely, however, the creature will merely be photographed or detected on echo sounding devices. At least two expeditions, using the latest scientific equipment, plan to hunt for the beast in the near future. Meanwhile, the summer season has already brought at least one new sighting. Last July 12th a group of four visitors to the loch saw the creature surface for a period of four minutes.

**BUSY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF:** The following is a list of meetings and personal appearances undertaken by your Editor and/or his Staff, during the months of March through August:

- March 13th - Interview at the Pentagon with Major Hart & Major Coleman.
- March 28th - Interview at Wright-Patterson Field, with Lt. Col. Friend.
- March 31st - Radio station WOR, New York: The Long John Show: Discussion of the Wright-Patterson visit and other saucer topics, with Dominic Lucchesi and others. (Note: Dates given for Long John shows, which run each night from midnight to 5 or 5-30 a.m., are exact. In other words, subtract one day in order to obtain the date of the evening previous to the show.)
- April 5th - Lecture at Princeton University.

- April 14th - Long John, with Ivan Sanderson and others, re monsters.
- April 19th - WPJB in Weston, W. Va: Half hour television interview regarding flying saucers, African art, etc.
- April 20th - First open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society. The meeting was held at the Society's headquarters at 303 Fifth Ave., New York. The meeting, which was of an organizational nature, was conducted by John J. Robinson, Chairman of the Lecture Committee. Mr. Robinson is also a newly-appointed Associate Editor of S. N. Also present were Sol Lipski, Assistant Chairman, and Mary Robinson, Secretary. James Moseley, Treasurer, (and Editor of S.N.) was away on a lecture tour.
- April 21st - WBOY in Clarksburg, W. Va: Short television interview concerning African and other antiques.
- April 21st - WCHS in Charleston, W. Va: 40 minute radio interview with disc jockey Hugh McPherson, on flying saucers.
- April 23rd - WCRC at the University of Richmond, Va: 2 hour radio interview with S. N. Associate Editor Mel Stiriss, on saucers.
- April 23rd - WRNL, Richmond, Va: 40 minute radio interview, on saucers.
- April 24th - WRVA, Richmond, Va: 10 minute radio interview, on saucers.
- April 28th - Long John, with contactee Dan Fry and others.
- May 3rd - Long John, with contactee George Adamski and others.
- May 18th - Second open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring a talk on radiation by Mr. Robinson.
- June 15th - Third open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring a talk on "little men" by Mr. Robinson. Further meetings were suspended until the Fall.
- July 22nd - Repeat of the April 28th Long John show, on tape.
- Aug. 4th - Repeat of the May 3rd Long John show, on tape.
- Aug. 10th - Repeat of the March 31st Long John show, on tape.
- Aug. 26th - Long John, with Dominic Lucchesi, August Roberts and others, regarding the Bender book, "Flying Saucers and the Three Men."
- Sept. 1st - Long John, with Albert K. Bender, Gray Barker and others, regarding "Flying Saucers and the Three Men."

NEWS BRIEFS: Contrary to popular belief, saucer reports are not really becoming less frequent. Here in northern New Jersey, a brief "flap" occurred on July 11th. There were rather routine sightings in Clifton, the Oranges, and West New York, N. J., all of which received brief mention in the local press. The West New York sighting, in which several teenagers saw a glowing, spinning object high in the sky above a diner, was personally investigated by Mr. Robinson.....On May 21st a strange globe-shaped machine was encountered by an Irish International Airlines plane bound for Brussels. According to Capt. Gordon Pendleton, the UFO was round, with protrusions like antennae. The sighting was confirmed by First Officer J. P. Murphy....Dr. Frank B. Salisbury of Colorado State University, writing in the magazine "Science," has stated that there is a remote possibility of intelligent life on Mars, and that it is "highly probable" that flourishing vegetation exists there. Salisbury also reminded his readers that a search for Martian moons in 1862 disclosed none, but in 1877 they were spotted. He suggested the possibility that these satellites are artificial, and were launched by the Martian inhabitants between 1862 and 1877....

A front page headline story from Las Vegas, dated April 19, tells of a "tremendous flaming sword" which flashed across Nevada skies. The same mysterious object, traveling on a horizontal course, was also seen in several

other western states, and it was tracked on radar. According to a UPI report, the Air Force stated that the object landed near Eureka, Utah. A spokesman for the 28th Air Division at Stead Air Force Base in Reno admitted that the power in Eureka was knocked out by the impact. Earlier, jet fighters at Nellis Air Force Base had been scrambled as a result of the radar sightings....On May 23, four teenagers and a state highway patrolman in Norwalk, Ohio, saw a UFO which hovered about 200 feet above the ground. The saucer was seen to change color from orange to blue to red. It looked like a flat iron on the bottom, and had a triangular shape. They turned a spotlight on it, and it took off at high speed and disappeared.....The above-mentioned sighting may have been inspired by a similar one, a few days earlier, by Prof. Charles Maney of Defiance College, Defiance, Ohio. Maney, who has recently co-authored a saucer book reviewed elsewhere in this issue, has, by co-incidence or otherwise, been in the news frequently of late. His sighting as well as several others, constituting a brief local "flap," was made on May 20th....

Bacteria have been brought back to life after 650,000,000 years in a salt deposit deep underground in Siberia, according to a Russian report. The revived bacteria are not like any known species.....A wave of dramatic UFO reports came in from Argentina early last June. Several cigar-shaped or saucer-shaped craft were seen almost simultaneously from places more than 1,000 miles apart. Two responsible independent newspapers, La Prensa and La Nacion, quoting their own correspondents, reported that the objects had been seen by hunters, truck drivers, and policemen. The UFO's were moving more slowly than a meteorite and in every case they were traveling from north to south. In one area, a white beam was seen on the ground. It soon soared to a high altitude, followed by several other objects of a similar shape. They appeared to move around on their own axis.....British chemists have recently discovered in far-reaching laboratory tests that it is entirely possible for life to exist on Saturn and Jupiter, which were previously considered incapable of supporting life of any kind. The same teaming of oxygen and hydrogen which makes life possible on earth may be complemented, on Saturn and Jupiter, by the teaming of ammonia and nitrogen - thus producing living molecules of an entirely different order than those found on our planet....

A series of saucer sightings in Tucson, Arizona, late last June turned out to be the work of a group of students who were sending up candle-carrying balloons at night. The balloons were supposedly a serious attempt to study wind velocities, though the students seemed pleased to have caused several people, including a local professor, to mistake their experiments for genuine UFO's....An interesting clipping from Asheboro, N.C., dated July 19th, tells us of two women living in a rural district who heard a mysterious object making a whizzing sound through the tree tops, whereupon it apparently settled down in a nearby creek. The women heard the sound of bubbles as the thing, whatever it was, settled to the bottom of the creek. As far as anyone knows, it is still there....

According to a story published by NICAP's Seattle affiliate, a woman living in Bordentown Township, N.J., saw a weird light at close range on the night of June 1st. Mrs. Jessie Bilancio told a local newspaper that her television set was acting up that evening, and she went into her yard to investigate the cause. She saw a small bright light about 30 feet away from her. She thought at first it was a spotlight, but it moved from branch to branch of a nearby tree, and finally zoomed away into the sky.....A recent report from London states that top Russian scientists are currently doing research in telepathy. Most scientifically-minded Russians take telepathy seriously, and believe it is an ability which man had in his earliest days, but which is now largely lost. They are trying to recapture it by means of various experiments.

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ON BIG SOUTH AMERICAN SAUCER "FLAP"!



PHOTO AT LEFT shows the former Miss Sandra Stevens together with James W. Moseley, Editor and Publisher of SAUCER NEWS. They were married in a civil ceremony in Fort Lee, New Jersey, on September 15th, 1962. Witnesses included Ted Hunt, Managing Editor of SAUCER NEWS, and two others. An informal party, attended by a few close friends of the couple, was held after the ceremony. Sandra Moseley is a professional graphologist (handwriting analyst), and in this capacity she is a consultant to a noted New York psychiatrist. Mr. Moseley, in addition to his publishing activities, is an amateur archaeologist and a professional antique dealer. - Following the marriage, the couple went on an extended honeymoon to Mexico. This explains the fact that the present issue of our magazine is reaching you somewhat behind schedule.

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EDITORIALS

**IMPORTANT CHANGES IN SAUCER NEWS STAFF:** John J. Robinson, who joined our Staff last summer as an Associate Editor, has recently been promoted to Assistant Editor. He replaces Y. N. ibn A'haron, who had held that post since 1958. Mr. A'haron has taken up permanent residence in Lima, Peru, and is no longer able to give any significant part of his time to saucer research. Long-time readers of SAUCER NEWS will remember with interest (and possibly a bit of bewilderment) Mr. A'haron's series of articles "Extraterrestrialism as an Historical Doctrine." In 1960-61 Robinson and A'haron were co-editors of a zine called "The Journal of Correlative Philosophy," which is now defunct. We wish Mr. A'haron well, and hope that he will have a long and prosperous future in his new activities in South America.

**NEW ATTACKS BY GRAY BARKER:** We realize that a large number of our readers are getting tired of hearing about Gray Barker; and frankly, we are also! But almost every time we pick up an issue of his irregularly-published "Saucerian Bulletin," we find something that makes our blood boil. This time, in his October 1962 issue, he has devoted several pages to unprovoked "exposes," one of which is purported to have been written by the young lady to whom your Editor is now married. As usual, the Clarksburg researcher's "facts" are twisted and distorted. Among the errors in the Saucerian: The maiden name of your Editor's wife and the date of the marriage are incorrectly given; the "expose" supposedly written by our fiancée under a pseudonym is, by Barker's own admission, inaccurate; and the photo supposedly of her is not of her at all!

We don't intend wasting valuable space by discussing Mr. Barker's charges in detail; but it is worthy of note that, not very long before penning these lines for his Saucerian, Barker was in Fort Lee, New Jersey, enjoying your Editor's hospitality at a party given in honor of Albert K. Bender. At that time he gave no hint of what was to come in the next issue of his notorious zine. Below, Mr. Barker is pictured in a semi-drunken state, cuddling with a lady he picked up at the above-mentioned party.

Incidentally, Barker is still attempting to make the public be-



lieve that he is being "persecuted" because of having published Al Bender's book "Flying Saucers and the Three Men" (which we will be reviewing in our next issue.) SAUCER NEWS readers will recall Barker's strange article in our June 1962 issue, in which he listed several alleged persecutions. Now he is telling his "inner circle" of friends that he is being plagued by everything from near-bankruptcy to attempts on his life! Our information, however, is that the financial wizard of Clarksburg is still continuing business as usual, and that his days of bilking the gullible public are far from over. (Photo at left courtesy of August C. Roberts.)

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

I finally got hold of a copy of Volume II, Number Four of "The UFO Investigator" to which you referred in our telephone conversation. I showed it to Bill Coleman and he promptly sat down and wrote the enclosed letter for your information. I must say that our friend Keyhoe has "reached a new plateau" in his technique of lifting from context, and then imputing meanings that are fallacious.

I also notice on Page 2 that he has attributed a completely false heading to the Air Force news release of 6 February 1962. In the first place it was a D.O.D. release and secondly, the title, as you can plainly see on the enclosed copy, is "Fact Sheet: Air Force Unidentified Flying Objects Report."

Frankly, Jim, it seems that any position that must be bolstered by fallaciously twisting the truth and/or facts is certainly weak and lacking in credulity. At the risk of sounding trite and "holier-than-thou," the Air Force technique of being straightforward and truthful will one day be recognized, and the "too-soon-old-too-late-smarts" will fall by the way.

ROBERT HART; Major, USAF  
Public Information Division  
Office of Information

I am happy to reply to your telephonic request for comment concerning an item in the most recent NICAP publication titled "The UFO Investigator."

According to the article concerning me on Page One of the publication it states that "...by this order, SAFOI must delete all evidence of UFO reality and intelligent control, which would of course contradict the Air Force stand that UFO's do not exist." The quoted reference from AFM 190-4 was provided to a NICAP member in reply to a question concerning whether or not Lt. Col. Tacker had the right to author a book, and was specifically answered with that question in mind. Clearly, the quote from the manual has now been lifted out of context completely, and applied to a subject which it does not concern. The association of the quote from the manual with the thought put forth on the subject of UFO's is a heterogeneous situation taken to an incomprehensible degree.

I would like to add in direct comment to NICAP's statement concerning "Air Force stand that UFO's do not exist," by stating that it should certainly be obvious to anyone that the Air Force recognizes the existence of unidentified flying objects (not flying saucers), by the simple fact that it has an organization of extremely qualified persons to investigate and analyze such sightings....

WILLIAM T. COLEMAN, JR; Major, USAF  
Deputy Chief, Operations Branch  
Office of Public Information

....I don't know of any UFO sighting that has ever been adequately investigated by the Air Force. Of course, my experience is limited to some ten or fifteen cases in the northern Ohio area, but nothing I've heard would indicate that their methods are different anyplace else. The gents who run the project may be extraordinarily affable and well mannered - all those sweet letters they send you - but that doesn't change the rather grim story of their continual refusal to give realistic explanations to UFO reports. When you were at Wright-Patterson, why did you not confront them with three or four of the better-known and documented of the Air Force absurdities? I think you were snowed. When the Air Force can maintain that their investigation of the Fitzgerald sighting was "adequate, etc." and do the same for the Levelland sight-

ings, something is being grossly misrepresented. All the smiles and handshakes in the world can't change the record the Air Force has written in the past 15 years....

You are not the first saucer researcher to visit the boys at ATIC. Tom Comella beat you by about six years, if I remember the date correctly....

As I have mentioned before, there is no reason for a Congressional hearing on UFO's to turn into a Giant Rock Convention. Hearings never deal with broad, undefined subjects. They are always well prepared, with definite objectives and definite bounds of jurisdiction. This is to prevent one committee from stepping on another's toes, and also prevents the sort of fiasco that you and Major Coleman so gleefully predict if Congress ever does look into the UFO problem....

Your indifference, or more correctly your active opposition to Congressional hearings strikes me as very strange, coming from an individual who professes to be searching for the truth about UFO's....The space you have devoted to your trumped-up "feud" with Barker, or the latest adventures of Andy Sinatra, compares rather poorly with the few grumbles about this extremely important subject. As SAUCER NEWS now stands, its editorial policy is aimed at perpetuating confusion about UFO's....

ROBERT J. DURANT  
Lakehurst, N. J.

I received the September issue of SAUCER NEWS, and I must say after reading same, that it was by far the best I have read yet. Your cover showing the prototype rocket is excellent.

When presenting your Letters to the Editor, why not print the full mailing address of persons, - civilians or Service personnel - so that some of us readers can write to them and exchange viewpoints on various matters....

KENNETH WALLIN

180 S. Court St., Port Arthur, Ont., Canada

(Most addresses are omitted so that readers will not receive unsolicited mail. - Editor.)

Congratulations on your wonderful and informative article about your visit to Wright-Patterson Field. After reading it I am convinced, as you were, that the Air Force is doing a competent job, to the best of their ability....It strikes me that many saucer fans tend to go overboard in their condemnation of the Air Force. I am glad to see that your magazine follows a middle-of-the-road policy, and I hope you continue to do so.

WILLIAM R. STONE, SR.  
Detroit, Michigan

I hear that you have been on Long John's radio program preaching the "Air Force Gospel." At a time when NICAP needs support, and Congressional hearings are pending, we find you agreeing publicly with the Air Force. This is mighty fishy! I've heard it said before that you are for the "Silence Group." A few words from your mouth and your readers go back to rest, assured that you are okay. They do this from faith alone, and not because of any real evidence on your behalf....Your latest tactics fit in exactly with the new debunking system that the Air Force is coming out with. It is a shame that you are so intent on being a business man who finds satisfaction and money in sensationalizing the other side of the coin - no matter what side, just so long as it's the other side....People like to read very controversial material, and you realize this. Hence, your unfounded attacks and rumor-mongering....

STEVE ERDMANN, St. Louis, Missouri

Thank you for a wonderful issue of SAUCER NEWS. I am of course referring to your recent September 1962 issue.

As always, you maintain your consistency of printing letters covering nearly all topics of general interest. Your Letters to the Editor department is the most interesting such department being published today....

In your exceptionally interesting article, "My Interview at Wright-Patterson Field," you make several statements which I don't agree with personally. For example, "the handwriting on the wall." It is utterly ridiculous for you to jump to the conclusion that the Air Force is analyzing Martian words... Equally fantastic is your statement to the effect of a possible connection between Syrian writing and Syrian current events....

THOMAS ROARK  
Lancaster, Pa.

(We tried to make it clear that we do not claim to know what the "handwriting on the wall" really was. - Editor.)

Having read your September issue of SAUCER NEWS, I am not surprised to see a continuation of your malicious attacks on NICAP. I will repeat what I told you on the phone when you called me during your Washington trip: You have never visited this office and therefore you are talking through your hat when you pretend to know what goes on here, including our problems and financial status. Furthermore, you have never had the decency to check with us before printing some piece of misinformation about us, which leads us to the conclusion that your distortions are deliberate.

In regard to your review of the Maney-Hall book, you have a perfect right to criticize it and review it unfavorably. But when you state that it was "thrown together hastily in an effort to get it onto the market before public interest in UFO's wanes," this is greatly insulting and furthermore a bold-faced lie. I had many problems with the book, the worst being the great number of typographical errors by the type-setter in Newport News, Va., but the intent and purpose of the book was to compile a good sample of some of the most significant accumulated evidence on UFO's - a point which seems to have escaped you when you comment that much of it had been printed before in one place or another. Many people do not have access to these scattered sources, and no such compendium had ever been printed, to my knowledge.

I checked with a lawyer about a possible libel action against you, but was notified that there is nothing illegal about being insulting and inaccurate in a book review....

When (on Page 9) you parrot Major Hart of the Air Force (Page 2), your position as an Air Force apologist is obvious. Your recent spoutings of Air Force



Major Donald Keyhoe of NICAP.

propaganda have been numerous, but now you are giving fairly close paraphrases of same. From one who has such associates as Michael Mann, boy investigator, etc., your anti-NICAP diatribes are completely hypocritical.

RICHARD HALL

Washington, D. C.

(Mr. Hall is entitled to his opinion, and we are entitled to ours! - Editor.)

The following article was published on Page 8 of the August-September issue of Keyhoe's "UFO Investigator": "Erroneous Use of NICAP Name: Press stories in several Washington State newspapers have caused confusion regarding the Washington State NICAP Subcommittee.....The chairman of this subcommittee is Mrs. June Larson.....Several papers have mistakenly listed the chairman as Mr. Robert Gribble, head of the former Aerial Phenomena Research Group. Recently he issued a press release headed 'The National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena,' which abbreviates into 'NICAP.' In this press release, Mr. Gribble announced himself as Director of the Washington State Subcommittee. Several newscasters, seeing the term 'NICAP' in an Associated Press teletype, assumed we had replaced Mrs. Larson with Mr. Gribble."

I should like to take this opportunity to answer Major Keyhoe's false charges and inaccurate reporting in order that the record will be set straight for everyone who is interested: The press stories....identified me as the Director for the National Investigations Commission on Aerial Phenomena. ....At no time in the wire service story was I mentioned as the Chairman of the Washington State Subcommittee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena. Any claim to the contrary is a prevarication.

Major Keyhoe's publication states that "In this press release Mr. Gribble announced himself as Director of the Washington State Subcommittee." This is a bare-faced prevarication. I have a copy of this news release on file at my home and it is available to anyone who is interested in reading it. Also, to further support my claim, I offer \$1,000 to anyone who can produce a copy of the news release mentioned in the above-quoted article in which they can show where I directly or indirectly announced myself as Director of the Washington State Subcommittee of the National Investigations Committee on Aerial Phenomena, as charged by Keyhoe's organization.

ROBERT J. GRIBBLE

Seattle, Washington

We really enjoyed the September issue of your magazine. SAUCER NEWS is still improving.....I think you have done well to oppose the violently anti-Air-Force stand of the NICAP organization.....Your account of the Wright-Patterson visit was an unbiased and extremely competent job of reporting. Keep up the good work.... CARLOS MENTIRA

New York, N. Y.

Thank you very much for your courtesy in sending me a copy of your September issue, containing my "Open Letter of Reply to Dr. Leon Davidson!" I greatly appreciate the space you devoted to this material in your magazine and the way you presented it....

My new book "Men Among Mankind" is being published currently by Neville Spearman.

BRINSLEY LE POER TRENCH

London, England

I read with pleasure your current issue of SAUCER NEWS, and it may come as a surprise to you that I have no criticism of your handling of the review of my book, "The Great Flying Saucer Hoax." Most UFO investigators are

basically non-conformists in one way or another, and I would be the last one in the world to complain about a difference of opinion.

I would like, however, to ask that you include APRO's address, so that those who would like to order the book may do so. I did not find the address of APRO or the publisher (William-Frederick Press) in conjunction with the review....

I would like to point out one small difference in interpretation of my book. I do not conclude that the UFO's are hostile. I presented several ideas concerning motivation, and I believe I indicated quite clearly that I have not settled on one in particular. For the record, I will say that I believe the future relationship between man and the space entities will depend a great deal on man himself.

CORAL E. LORENZEN, Director of APRO  
4145 E. Desert Place, Tucson, Arizona

I have to admit that my wife Betty and I were both overwhelmed at the wonderful reception in our honor at your home. We enjoyed ourselves to the uttermost, and only wish that we could have extended our visit....

Sandy is a superb hostess and she made a hit with both of us. She was like a breath of spring and really is quite proud of you and your accomplishments.....Sandy showed me some of your Inca treasures, and I only wish that I had had time to talk about this with you, as I am deeply interested in Inca and Aztec history.

To know that I once thought of you as an adversary is almost foolish when I find that you are a real friend, and I would like to keep you as such in the future.... ALBERT K. BENDER  
Bridgeport, Conn.

Any rumor to the effect that the only reason I published my volumes on the Adamski story is to raise money to sue you and thereby close down SAUCER NEWS is false. I have no plans to personally sue you in the courts of New Jersey because they are Jew dominated, and with your Jewish influence, I would have no chance of winning no matter how good a case I might have against you.....I am not interested in closing down anybody. I do not believe either you or your friend Steve Erdmann are in any trouble with the Government, because the Jews run the Government and both of you work for the Silence Group for the purpose of spreading ridicule and confusion in the saucer field, because the both of you are paid to do this by your Zionist bosses.

The moves I have made have been in the interest of saucer research, to test your influence with the Government and build up my case for the saucer public.....Your admission to the Air Force Intelligence base in Dayton, Ohio, was further evidence. No other civilian has such influence in the UFO field as you do. As a paid tool of the Air Force, you were allowed to go behind closed doors so that you could later spread their propaganda, as you did in your article in the September SAUCER NEWS.....I don't claim that you are an official Government agent. What you are is an agent of the International Zionist Bankers, the Silence Group. They work in close co-operation with various governments of the world, and they can have the Air Force pay you to spread their lies about saucers.... RICHARD OGDEN, Seattle, Washington

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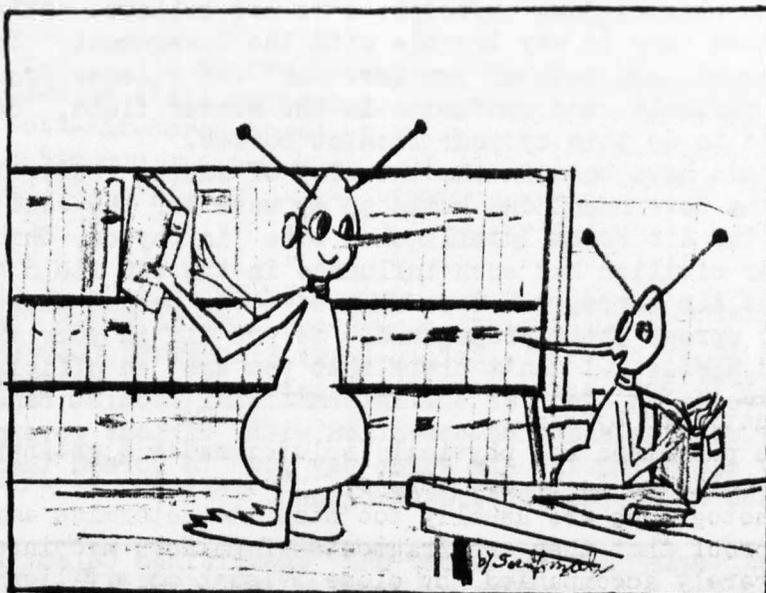
A NEW INQUIRY INTO THE FLYING SAUCER MYSTERY - (Part One)

- by Thomas M. Comella -

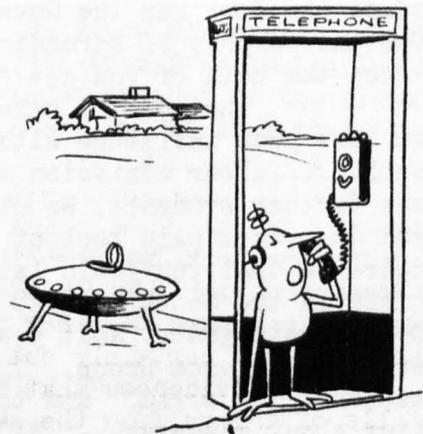
(Editor's Note: Mr. Comella has been a noted UFO researcher for a number of years. His last article for our magazine appeared in the February-March 1959 issue. In it, he announced his retirement from saucer research. We are pleased that he has now come back out of retirement, and that his initial article is for SAUCER NEWS.)

Sixteen years ago people began observing strange things in the skies. In subsequent years the incredible phenomena manifested themselves over most of the world, and a crescendo of conjecture arose to account for these sightings. Cigars, disks and lights were seen, and it wasn't long before pilots began to encounter the sky marauders along the airways, and people in isolated places reported huge machines coming close to the ground. Finally, the inevitable happened (if the emerging pattern was to be continued), and the saucers began to land, - their occupants engaging in lengthy conversations with earth people. These visitors pointed out to them the present world crisis, offered their assistance, and issued warnings. Many other contacts followed, involving trance communication, telepathy, etc. A relatively few people from all walks of life, as if inspired, looked to the skies in awe and commenced to pursue this mystery, publishing magazines, forming organizations, holding lectures, and carrying on a continuous research concerning the arrival of the flying saucers.

Out of this conglomeration of occurrences several opinions crystallized. The most popular was that these phenomena represented the vast activity of an advanced race from outer space. This was not a homogeneous belief, as two factions emerged- the conservatives and the radicals. The conservatives maintained that an objective, scientific analysis of the facts proved that the saucers were (1) intelligently controlled and (2) machines which were beyond the technical capability of any nation on earth. This faction, although tolerant of good, close sightings, rejected most if not all reports of landings



"This reference book says that Mars is uninhabited. We better rush back and find out where everybody is!"



"Long distance, please."

or contacts, on the grounds that there was no evidence for same. The radicals comprised those individuals who had either contacted the space visitors themselves or believed explicitly in the truth of such revelations. The conservatives thought of the radicals as "fanatics," and the radicals retaliated with accusations of "closed-mindedness" and "enemies of the New Age."

Others saw the phenomena as indications that some government or hidden race on earth had been experimenting with a revolutionary machine; and the explanations of the origin of the craft ranged from Russia, Spain and the Nazi underground to Lemurians in Mount Shasta and Dero in Antarctica. And then there was the learned opinion of several from the scientific community who, after spending a week or two "looking into the reports of sky things," proceeded to "explain away" the whole affair as "temperature inversions," "sky-hook balloons," and the like. The spiritualists and other-dimensionalists nodded their heads knowingly, and maintained that the "4th dimension" and "the Other Side" were responsible for sending the visitors.

I write this in August, 1962, sixteen years after the first rash of saucer appearances. The concentrated activity of the phenomena continues: Lights and objects are seen in the sky; more people are publishing more magazines and more organizations are sponsoring more lectures; the space people continue to land, and mediums continue to communicate with their occupants. The incessant dialogue has never ceased, and the conflict of opinion goes on. To those who have constantly been a part of the saucer saga, this activity seems natural and worthwhile. Yet, there is a remarkable contradiction hidden amongst all the literature and conjecture, - one which is not discernible by those who are too close to the situation. Put simply, the contradiction is this: Though each sect of belief maintains the validity of its particular theory, and even though all of saucerdom feels that it is dealing with the concentrated activity of some alien phenomena, no precise evidence exists which can define the nature of that phenomena, - much less account for it with the demonstration of some answer or solution.

In other words, sixteen years and a very large effort have not proven one thing about flying saucers. This is the most obvious yet unrecognized fact of the saucer saga. Perhaps it is also the most significant fact. The crisis is really more acute than most researchers will admit, for knowledge and belief about the phenomena follow greatly diverging paths. Indeed, belief prevails. Not only have none of the many theories been verified, but it can hardly be argued that facts exist to show that the phenomena are "intelligent" or that they are "physical" in nature. Such proofs are usually made on the basis of selected reports; but the criteria for selecting particular reports is revealed not to be an objective one, but resides in some a priori assumptions regarding the nature of the phenomena. If all the available types of reports are examined, with the exception of those few cases which can be reasonably explained or eliminated as hoaxes, etc., - then by no stretch of the imagination can the result be termed the expression of an "intelligence." Instead, one is confronted with an almost haphazard series of strange events which are linked together only by some assumption which lies outside the facts and which is certainly not justified by same.

Evidences that the phenomena are physical include: radar sightings, falls of things from the sky believed to be from UFO's, photographs of unexplained objects, etc. The photographs are usually too hazy to determine anything, the falls are hardly proof that they are fragments of unknown machines, and the radar records are rarely accompanied by close visual observations. What is more significant, however, is that if physical ships from afar have been navigating our skies for over sixteen years, and have succeeded in hiding their identity from all the probing instruments of our scientific laboratories,

then indeed they must be directed by the gods, for surely such infallibility and perfection does not reside with mere human-kind.

Each sect of belief proves its case for saucers by focusing upon certain types of reports and ignoring others. This rejection of certain kinds of cases is usually accompanied by much rationalization, such as lack of evidence. But the truth is that there is a lack of

evidence for any of the saucer theories, not just the contact claims. The analyses of the so-called conservatives are permeated with assumptions which are unjustified by the facts. I am not saying that the contact reports are to be accepted as being as reliable as a more documented sighting; but proof resides with neither. By consciously or unconsciously selecting those types of reports which conform to his a priori view, the researcher creates a false pattern of intelligent activity and purpose. Thus, other researchers, by focusing upon other kinds of reports, are able to come up with other and different "patterns of intelligence."

The saucer phenomenon remains as complete a mystery as it was in 1946. All notions of "progress" are illusory, and in view of this it would be of value to re-appraise many of the conclusions that have been made by investigators. The Air Force part of this matter, for example, might be completely over-emphasized, and might constitute the gropings of people who are just as confused by the saucers as civilians are. It is not hard to understand the various Air Force "policy changes" in view of the fact that no proof has emerged over the years. Enthusiasm has a way of transforming into pessimism with increasing frustration.

We are therefore at a crossroads in flying saucer research, and we must ask and answer this crucial question: Is the core of the saucer problem a real, external problem? I suggest that the answer to this question cannot be determined without a re-evaluation of all types of saucer reports. I believe that the saucer phenomena embrace the entire saga itself and that researchers are not so much confronted by the phenomenon as they are participating in it! This re-formulation of the saucer problem deals with the paradox of the extensive belief in saucers and the complete lack of proof for that belief. How does one account for a prevalent but unsubstantiated belief? How does the believer himself account for the fact that he continues to believe, without being able to demonstrate the validity of that belief?

There is more to the saucer problem than meets the eye, but the average investigator never sees these things, for he doesn't pause long enough during his quest to ask himself a few significant questions. Perhaps it is the persistent reluctance of the researcher to give up his beliefs which prevents him from asking these questions, but one thing is certain: The time is rapidly approaching when he will be unable to talk of "intelligently directed vehicles" and "the plan of the space people" without being painfully aware of the paradox inherent in such talk. We must learn to differentiate between knowing and believing, and between emoting and thinking. In my view, the so-called



conservatives are as guilty in this regard as are the radicals. Only the rationalizations differ. That the radical lacks the ability of intellectual differentiation seems apparent; but that not a few of the conservatives lack a sense of intellectual security is equally apparent, by their inability to pursue those ideas which reside outside of scientific speculation.

Flying saucer research is at a crossroads. It is not a crossroads of accomplishment or failure, but one of awareness. In any event, the mystery will persist.

#### RECENT NEWS STORIES

**BIG SAUCER "FLAP" IN SOUTH AMERICA:** A sensational series of saucer sightings has been taking place recently in Argentina, Peru, Chile, and Uruguay. This "flap" has apparently been going on more or less continuously at least since July, when our clipping service enlarged its coverage to include South America as well as the United States. The more sensational sightings are as good as or better than those in the U.S. Southwest during November 1957. Of the many dozens of reports we have received, lack of space prevents us from giving you more than a few of the most interesting ones. It is significant to note that the "flap" has been almost completely ignored by the U.S. press. The only worthwhile report in English comes to us from a small-town Vermont newspaper, dated November 17th. An authentic-looking UFO photo is included, but it is too poor in photographic quality to reproduce here. With the picture is the following story:

Louis Moyses of Brattleboro, Vermont, received a letter from a long-time friend in Cordoba, Argentina. The letter explained how two astronomy students at the University of Cordoba had the opportunity of taking fifteen photos of a UFO. Both were building a T.V. antenna on the roof of their house when they saw a shadow. It was about noon and the sky was clear. When they looked up, they noticed a disc-like object approximately 1,700 feet above them. The object hovered for 10 minutes or so, during which time they took their pictures. The UFO then departed, leaving a dark red trail. This incident occurred back in March of this year. Unfortunately, the complete story is not available, but it is apparent from the letter and picture that the saucer was seen in more detail than in the vast majority of sightings.

The following items are all translated from South American newspapers:

An extremely odd incident took place about July 26th, at 8:30 p.m., on a lonely road near Parana, Argentina. A 17-year-old youth was riding



"Isn't that our pilot?"

his motorcycle when the headlight fell upon a weird-looking person standing on the left side of the road. According to the young man, named Ricardo Mieres, his motorcycle refused to obey him, and went against his wishes to within a few inches of the creature. He described the creature as being over six feet tall, with a head "in the shape of a melon" and three eyes, which looked at him with a fixed stare. The monster stood motionless, then suddenly reached out with its right hand and grabbed Mieres' scarf. It then turned around in a manner "scarcely human," and began to walk away in a robot-like manner, leaving deep tracks in the dirt as it did so. An uniden-

tified white light was seen low in the sky in the direction toward which the creature was moving. Mieres drove his motorcycle at full speed to the center of the city, and returned to the spot later with several other motorcycle enthusiasts. They found the scarf, and all saw the deep tracks which Mieres had described to his friends.

At 1:45 a.m. on the morning of August 6th, a truck driver named Pedro Attili was traveling at high speed along the highway between Las Armas and Piran, in the province of Buenos Aires, Argentina. Suddenly his motor went dead, and he got out and opened the hood in an effort to find the trouble. With equal suddenness the motor started up again, and it was then that he looked around and saw a luminous cigar-shaped object only 300 yards away from him. It had orange, green and purple lights, and was a frightening spectacle to Senor Attili, who was alone on this desolate and lonely stretch of highway. Finally, without a sound, the huge object rose at high speed toward the west, and disappeared over the horizon.

In the wee morning hours of August 13th, a large number of people in Santiago, Chile, saw a group of about twenty luminous objects fly southward at great speed. The UFO's went by in single file, and were apparently headed toward Argentina.

On the night of August 16th, 25 to 30 people in Santa Rosa, Argentina, witnessed three or four UFO's which departed from a "mother ship" and dashed off at great speed toward the horizon. The "mother ship" remained visible low in the sky for some time thereafter.

"La Manana," published in Formosa, Argentina, gave the following account dated August 21st: "A medical doctor named Gazcue was driving to the city of Parana with his wife, when he saw an object with all the characteristics of a flying saucer. It was surrounded by the classic luminous halo which has been described by many people previously. Up until that point, there was no difference between Dr. Gazcue's experience and other similar ones in our country and around the world. But, to his surprise and amazement, he saw, at that same moment, two strange persons walking along the road. They were over six feet tall, with light hair and huge eyes. They carried luminous objects on their foreheads, and with these they made signals for the car to halt. Dr. Gazcue did not want to stop, as he was convinced that he was looking at extra-terrestrial beings; so he 'floored it,' instead." - The article goes on to say that his wife had a nervous attack as a result of the incident, and had not yet recovered.

About August 28th, a brightly-lit UFO was photographed on the ground, 300 yards from National Highway Number Two, near the city of Dolores, Argentina. The picture was taken late at night from a moving car by one Jose Bellantoni, who was traveling with his parents at the time. The witnesses say that the saucer was about 10 yards long and 5 yards high. Bellantoni also stated that "human-like figures were moving about inside the machine."

On the night of September 3rd, a farmer named Juan Sosa was riding home on his bicycle, in a sparsely-settled part of the province of San Juan, Argentina, when he saw a flying saucer take off from a field about 300 yards from the road. As it took off, it left behind a strong bluish light. Sosa gathered together several friends, all of whom had seen the UFO in the sky earlier in the evening. Together, they all went back to the landing spot with flashlights, and found that the ground was burned in the shape of a circle three yards in diameter. - The same object or a similar one was also seen by two Naval officials in the province of San Juan.

In Los Maticos, near Formosa, Argentina, a number of people saw a UFO at about 9 p.m. on the night of October 4th. The best sighting was made by one Senor Frutos, owner of a farm, who saw a "luminous point" descend almost

perpendicularly to within a few hundred feet of the ground, where it remained stationary for a few seconds, throwing out a strong red light. The UFO then started moving closer and closer to his house, until finally it changed direction and apparently went out of sight briefly behind a nearby hill. It then rose at "incredible velocity" at a sharp angle, and disappeared into the sky. According to the account, the object was at one time only about 20 feet from the ground, and Frutos believes he saw inside it a strange creature with many arms that moved about like tenacles.

During the evening of October 14th, a large group of people coming out from a movie house in Formosa, Argentina, saw an object in the sky double the apparent size of the moon, and giving out a light so bright that it hurt their eyes to look at it. The UFO made various maneuvers and finally seemed to land briefly at some distance away, but the group was too frightened to attempt any investigation. At the same time the object was also seen by several fishermen in the vicinity.

One of the most interesting cases of all occurred on the night of November 5th, and is related in a long account in "La Gaceta," a newspaper published in Tucuman, Argentina. An Italian truck driver named Pier Livio Quايا was driving his vehicle late that night when he was forced to screech to a stop because of a UFO which was blocking his way only 100 yards in front of him. The brightly-lit object was hovering just above the ground, right over the highway. It beamed a powerful light into the cabin of Quايا's truck, blinding him for a few instants; but thereafter the light grew dimmer, and he was able to observe the saucer carefully as it slowly rose into the night sky. It was shaped like an egg, 12 yards long and 4 yards high. Green and red lights came out of window-like openings along the circumference. On the bottom of the saucer there was a white circle, like glass, about one yard in diameter, and this was illuminated from inside the machine. - Quايا continued his journey, and shortly thereafter came upon two brothers driving another truck. The three men eventually spent over an hour watching the UFO make low passes and strange movements of all sorts. One of the men took a shot at the machine, but we are not told if he hit it. Finally, the three grew tired of watching the aerial maneuvers, and went to the town of Tucuman to have a few stiff drinks to fortify themselves.

On a road near the same town of Tucuman, two youths were riding a motorcycle together on the night of November 8th, when they, as well as a truck coming in the opposite direction, were stopped by an intense white light. The engine of the motorcycle stopped functioning, and the startled men watched a flying saucer move slowly across the highway and land on a small hill about 500 yards away. The saucer stayed on the ground for a few seconds, during which time the heat or light from it was so intense that they could feel their skin burning. The UFO then ascended to a height of 50 yards above the ground, performed several maneuvers, and left the area at high speed. After the episode the motorcycle still refused to start up, and the two had to hitch-hike to the next town. It was found that all the oil in the motorcycle had dried up and the electric circuit had burned out. The spark plugs, condensers and cables were all melted. In the town of Salta, the youths were treated by a doctor for burns on their arms, which looked like they had been "subjected to a long exposure in sunlight!" - A great number of close sightings were also reported in the city of Tucuman itself, on the night of November 10.

Unusually good sightings were also made, during the month of September, in Tarma, Arequipa, Chochope (near Lambayeque) and other parts of the Republic of Peru.

We will continue to report on the progress of this amazing "flap" in forthcoming issues of SAUCER NEWS.

SAUCER BRIEFS: Ray Palmer, in his magazine "Flying Saucers," has taken us to task for our statement in the September issue of SAUCER NEWS that Kenneth Arnold ran in the Idaho Republican primary for Lieutenant Governor this past summer, and lost the race "by a considerable margin." It turns out that we were completely misinformed on this particular news item, in that Mr. Arnold (the man who coined the term "flying saucer" back in 1947), won the Idaho Republican primary. Our apologies to Mr. Arnold and Mr. Palmer...Admiral R. H. Hillenkoetter, former head of the super-secret CIA, has resigned rather suddenly from the NICAP Board of Governors....The Giant Rock saucer convention was apparently held on October 27th and 28th this year. Unfortunately, your Editor was not able to attend this time, and we have no detailed reports on what went on there.....A few months ago, a voodoo doll was received here at SAUCER NEWS Headquarters. It includes a long pin stuck through the part where the heart should be, and a piece of paper attached with the pin reads simply, "James W. Moseley." The doll purports to be from George Adamski, P.O. Box 456, Carlsbad, California; but we suspect that some hoaxter (quite possibly with the initials R. O.) is responsible for this little joke. From what we know of Adamski, he is not the type of person who would do something so crude....

Gloria Lee Byrd, who wrote at least two saucer contactee books under the name Gloria Lee, died about December 1st in a hospital in Washington, D.C. She had been fasting for at least a month "on instructions from the Space People," and was unconscious and near death when taken to the hospital. Mrs. Byrd had been living for several weeks with a follower named Hedy Hood, who approved of the fast and did nothing to prevent it; in fact, when Mrs. Byrd was removed to the hospital, Mrs. Hood was indignant with the police for "ruining a scientific experiment for peace." Among her other accomplishments, Gloria Lee was responsible for the weird "space messages" described on Page 12 of our December 1961 issue....Dr. Frank Stranges is having a full-length movie made from his book "Flying Saucerama." It is to be filmed as "science-fiction based on fact," and has been tentatively titled "The Earth May Die Tomorrow." Production is scheduled to begin in January, on a \$150,000 to \$200,000 budget. ...Norman Colton, partner of the ill-fated Otis T. Carr of "free energy" fame, is said to be living near Baltimore and still working on some inventions of his own. In his spare time he goes to Washington, D.C. for a little lobbying, in hopes of interesting the Government in his inventions. Meanwhile, Carr is out of jail, and though short of funds these days, he has not abandoned his "free energy" work.

SAUCER "FLAP" IN NORTHERN NEW JERSEY: An important "flap" occurred in mid-September, in towns just a few miles from your Editor's Fort Lee Headquarters. We ourselves saw nothing, but we are fortunate enough to have an excellent summary of the entire affair. For this summary our thanks go to Edward J. Babcock, Jr., who is director of the New Jersey Association on Aerial Phenomena, 15 Tyndall Road, Kendall Park, N. J.

On Saturday Sept. 15th, at 7:55 p.m., three boys told police that they had seen a strange oval-shaped craft set down in the Oradell Reservoir, just south of the Oradell Avenue Dam. The three said that the object hovered over the water, submerged for a few seconds, and then rose vertically and disappeared. As further proof, a fisherman on the opposite side of the reservoir reported hearing a loud splash at just about the time the boys said the object hit the water. To complicate matters still further, large banana-shaped tracks were reported in Emerson (a nearby town), where several witnesses claimed the UFO had landed first. The Air Force sent a representative to the area and the police then barricaded the land from the public.

The next day, Sunday Sept. 16th, two Emerson youths reported see-

ing a similar object dip behind some pine trees bordering the reservoir. A few seconds later, they heard a noise like a car door slamming, only louder. Upon talking to one of the boys, it was learned that the object appeared to be domed, and had two port-



holes along its perimeter. At this point, the parents of the witnesses were phoned by local police and told that their sons should refrain from speaking about the matter, since the Government had requested a secrecy policy.

Two days later, on Tuesday, Sept. 18th, over one hundred people flocked to the Oradell Reservoir in hopes of seeing the UFO return. (See photo above.) They saw nothing, but on the same night, two policemen from nearby Westwood, N. J. reported seeing a fast-moving object shaped like an inverted cone. Other people reported strange beams of light and fast-flying red discs.

The following night, heavy rain dampened the spirits of many; yet, twenty people still turned out at the reservoir hoping to catch a glimpse of a UFO. Nothing was seen, but the rumor was heard that Oradell police had shot a 14-foot-tall man with shotguns. In neighboring communities that night, nine witnesses, including patrolmen, sighted strange aerial objects, including one which was seen to land.

On Thursday, Sept. 20th, the series of incidents was prolonged by four Emerson boys who spotted a UFO near the reservoir. A formation of three jet fighters approached the UFO and went under it. As the jets attempted to make another pass, the saucer silently rose and disappeared. This saucer, like many others, had the appearance of burning magnesium, known for its bright white color.

The next day, as a fitting close to an exciting week, two formations of six large bright white objects were seen. The first was observed at Pulaski Park in Hackensack by some youngsters and their parents, while two hundred people atop Garret Mountain in East Patterson played host to a similar awesome display.

On Monday, Sept. 24th, the Record (a Hackensack newspaper) received a letter from a group of Bergenfield boys who claim that they constructed and flew a craft made up of a helium balloon with a balsa wood frame, controlled by radio waves received by a small one-horsepower motor. This seemed to be a good enough explanation for the general public, but in the minds of the witnesses, there was considerable doubt. It seems impossible that this explanation could account for all the sightings described above.

**BUSY SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES BY SAUCER NEWS STAFF:** The following is a list of meetings and personal appearances undertaken by your Editor and/or

his Staff, during the months of August through December:

- Aug. 4th - Repeat of Mr. Moseley's May 3rd appearance on the Long John Show with George Adamski; on tape.
- Aug. 10th - Repeat of Mr. Moseley's March 31st appearance on the Long John Show; on tape.
- Aug. 21st - Mr. Moseley's appearance on the network television program "Play Your Hunch." (10:30 to 11:00 a. m.; Channel Four in New York.)
- Aug. 26th - Mr. Moseley's appearance on the Long John Show with Dominick Lucchesi, August C. Roberts and others, regarding the Bender book, "Flying Saucers and the Three Men."
- Sept. 1st - Mr. Moseley's appearance on the Long John Show with Albert K. Bender, Gray Barker and others, regarding "Flying Saucers and the Three Men."
- Sept. 21st - Fourth open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee of the Saucer and Unexplained Celestial Events Research Society. The meeting was held at the Society's New York headquarters at 303 Fifth Ave. It was conducted by John J. Robinson, who is Chairman of the Lecture Committee and newly-appointed Assistant Editor of SAUCER NEWS. Mr. Robinson spoke on "Saucers of Antiquity."
- Sept. 24th - Repeat of Mr. Moseley's April 14th appearance on the Long John Show with Ivan Sanderson and others; on tape.
- Oct. 19th - Fifth open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring lectures on Space Animals, given by John J. Robinson and Michael G. Mann.
- Nov. 5th(?) - Repeat of the August 26th Long John Show.
- Nov. 12th(?) - Repeat of the September 1st Long John Show.
- Nov. 23rd - Sixth open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring a lecture by John J. Robinson entitled "Parapsychological Saucers."
- Nov. 29th - An interview at the Pentagon in Washington by Mr. Moseley.
- Dec. 14th - Seventh open meeting of the Discussion and Lecture Committee, featuring a lecture by Albert K. Bender.

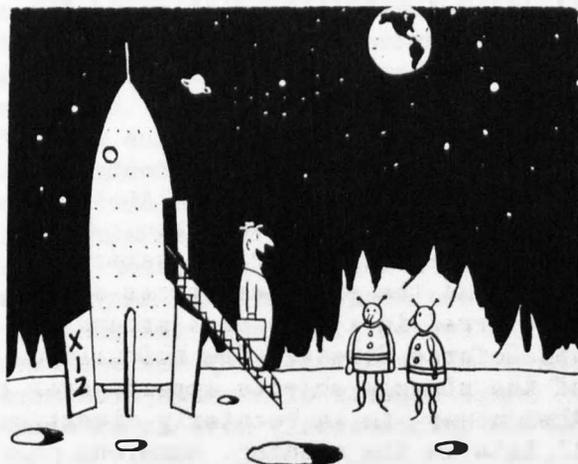
NEWS BRIEFS: Twenty-four UFO's were spotted moving in single file across the night sky by several police officers in Wisconsin last September 4th. "They resembled shooting stars but were spaced out, one after another across the sky, and they didn't burn up," said Deputy Sheriff Stanley Kukanich of Vilas County. The Deputy added that checks by radio and telephone indicated that flying objects were spotted at the same time by police authorities in three places within an area of 80 miles.....General Douglas MacArthur may believe in the existence of hostile flying saucers, if we can judge by a strange statement he made on May 12th during his farewell address at West Point. Said MacArthur: "We deal now not with things of this world alone, but with the illimitable distances and yet unfathomed mysteries of the universe. We are reaching out for a new and boundless frontier. We speak in strange terms....of ultimate conflicts between a united human race and the sinister forces of some other planetary galaxy." ...A brief "flap" occurred in a wide area around Delta, Colorado, late in October. County Civil Defense Director Joe McDonald admitted that each evening around 5:45 one of the strange objects appears over a place called Grand Mesa for awhile, and then moves in an easterly direction and hovers over the town of Cedaredge until late in the evening. Numerous people complained of three other objects which appear throughout the evening in this same area. Of the many sightings reported, the most interesting was that

of an unidentified man near Fort Collins who said he saw a gray, disc-shaped object come down to earth in daylight, though no details are given in this story. According to the county sheriff, checks by ground and air search parties failed to turn up any sign of the various UFO's that had been sighted....

George Gruber, a physics lecturer at Rhodes University in South Africa, stated recently that he has been receiving radio signals from Jupiter on two wavelengths since July 24th. The transmissions sound exactly the same, like waves breaking on a pebbly beach, and have no sign of intelligence to them.....On the evening of September 2nd, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bacigalupo of Chicago, Illinois made a close sighting. They were sitting on the porch of their home when they saw a huge saucer, lit up from the inside, with a row of red lights around its center. It was flying slowly just above the tops of the trees.....Numerous people near Richwood, West Virginia, saw a weird triangle-shaped UFO last September 26th. One of the witnesses was a private pilot named Robert Kerns who was flying at 1,000 feet when his plane almost collided with the object. He described it as a triangle about 12 feet tall that looked like aluminum tubing. It had a light in each corner.....On the night of July 29th, a brightly-lit object was seen on and near the ground by many people living in the vicinity of Lincoln, Wisconsin. It seemed to have antennas, according to the witnesses. It was seen at a considerable distance, floating near the ground most of the time, and occasionally rising higher to do "U-turns" and other unusual motions in the sky....

In Jacksonville, Florida, a number of strange lights, accompanied by power failures, were reported on October 4th. One of the most unusual stories was told by Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Raker, who saw a ball of fire moving through a field behind their house, just at twilight. Mrs. Baker said that she looked out her window and saw a round ball with a pinkish light that almost blinded her. It hovered outside her kitchen window, less than six feet away, and then floated around the corner of the house and crossed the road they live on. Another woman claimed that a formless glow moved right through her house, greatly scaring her and her children.....On the night of August 2nd, a series of brilliantly-colored flying objects lit up the runways of the airport at Liberal, Kansas, and were seen by many people there. Similar reports were made at the same time in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Pueblo, Colorado; Garden City, Kansas, and Guymon, Oklahoma.

About October 18th, two youths living in Ogallala, Nebraska, reported that they saw a lighted UFO fall from the sky, and that the object followed their car at speeds above 25 mph. The sighting, plus an explosion accompanying it, was confirmed by many people over a wide area, but the story told by the two young men was the strangest.



"I was in the neighborhood and just thought I'd drop in"

They said that they approached to within a short distance of the object, which was on the ground, and then got out of their car. As they did so, it started moving toward them. The UFO was about "half or 3/4 of a block long and about a street's width wide," according to the boys. It was a plain white light, dim around the edges and flat on the ground. It did not seem to have any height or to be a solid form.....On August 6th, a "mother ship" was seen to give birth to a "baby" by Ed Olson of Pasco, Washington. The

smaller object seemed to come out of the top of the big one and then float away. The larger object lingered in the sky for a moment after the "baby" disappeared, and then it also "went out like a light." Olson said that the "mother ship" emitted a white light, and appeared bigger than Venus.

FORTEAN ITEMS: Last September, a skeptical Miami newspaper reporter became convinced of the reality of the poltergeists in a haunted house when he himself witnessed several of the phenomena. A vase, a cup, and a tobacco can all flew about by themselves, at various times, in full view of several witnesses including the startled newsman...People living on the shores of Lake Erie are worried about a plague of slimy sponge-like things which recently have begun to live in the lake in large numbers. Some of them are as large as five feet across. If taken out of the water, they puff out their chests at night and make horrible wheezing noises. According to this report, you can see them growing before your eyes, and some double in size in one week! The Ontario Department of Lands and Forests states that the creatures are a known species of animal which has been extremely rare until recently. No one knows why they started multiplying and growing so fast....."Molehills" are growing into "mountains" in the Russian village of Bodika, according to the Soviet press agency Tass. Inhabitants of Bodika were awakened one night by an underground rumble and found that a hill the size of a two-story house had appeared on the outskirts of town. A few days later another emerged, and both have continued to grow.....An item from 1954 which has just come to our attention states that a Tibetan Lama claims one of his priests has spent "quite some time" meditating atop a Himalayan peak with an eight-foot-tall speechless abominable snowman. The snowman not only did not harm the priest, but, according to the story, he actually "helped him in his meditation." The Lama telling this tale claims that he himself has seen two mummified snowmen preserved in Tibetan monasteries. These were ape-like creatures with dark skins, and their face and body was covered with half-inch-long hair....

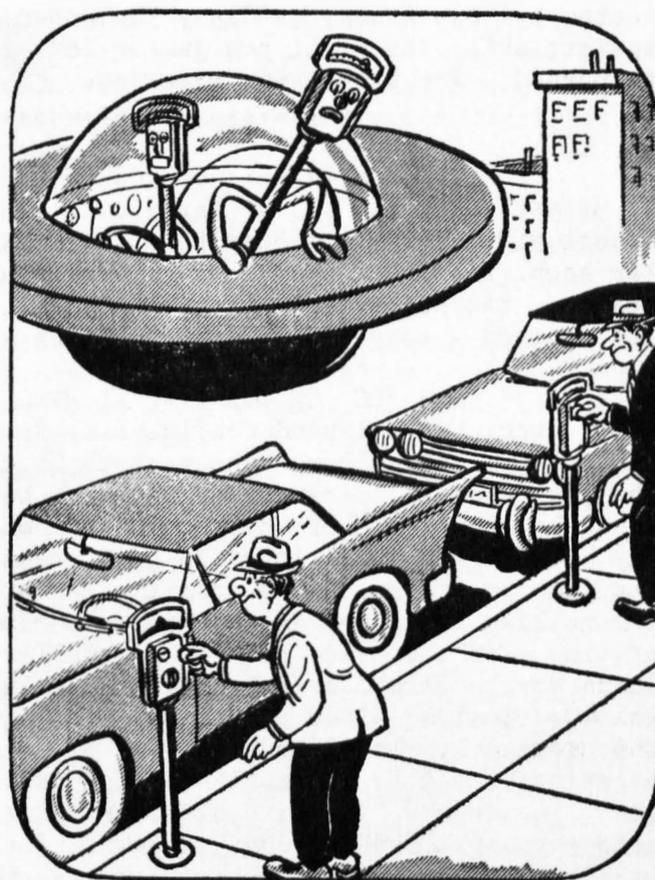
An object identified by one source as a six-pound piece of steel hurtled out of the sky in Watertown, N. Y., last September 14th, and narrowly missed two woman shoppers. Police speculated that the object may have fallen from a plane flying overhead. After plunging to earth with what witnesses called "a strange whistling sound," the object became imbedded in the blacktop surface of a parking lot. Another version of the story has it that the object was heard but not seen in flight. After imbedding itself in the blacktop surface, it shone with a "bright silvery sheen," according to this version...Also in September, the Royal Air Force of Scotland appointed a special guard for a cleaning woman whose job it is to sweep up in a haunted palace. The cleaning woman demanded protection when she felt a hand on her shoulder in the hall at 6 o'clock one morning. She turned around to see who was there, but there was nobody, she said.....On September 16th a block of ice fell through the roof of the home of Mr. Stephen Moy of Hornsey, England, making a hole about a foot square in the tiles. No aircraft were seen overhead at the time. An Air Ministry spokesman said: "It is to be assumed that the ice fell from an aircraft. We are making normal inquiries." ....Last August, a Canadian professor led a team of skin divers in a search for a legendary sea monster sighted many times in Lake Manitoba. The professor believes that a recent picture of the monster, taken by fishermen, is genuine. The fishermen claimed that they saw a snake-like beast about 12 feet long with a 2 foot hump. Reports of strange creatures in the lake have been coming in since 1908. We unfortunately have no information on the results of the search....

Ants apparently talk to each other with sounds that are clearly audible to humans, according to Helen Forrest, a Rutgers University zoologist.

She has recordings to prove it. Ants make noises by snapping their leg joints, scraping their feet, and rapping their jaws together. These vibrations can supposedly be detected by any person with good hearing.... On September 20th a boy in Nashville Tennessee was awakened by a loud noise. Shortly afterwards, he noticed an odor as if from overheated electric wires or a burning battery. The next morning he found a circle 15 feet in diameter on his lawn. It appeared to be made of a dark substance such as oil. Army officers, doctors and others who have seen the circle have been unable to determine what it is or what caused it. A similar circle appeared mysteriously overnight at about the same time, in a lawn near Paducah, Kentucky.... Great globs of white, sticky material fell from the sky in broad daylight in Salt Lake City, Utah, last October, and were seen by some fifty employees of an electric power company. Some of the pieces were 60 to 70 feet long and gave the appearance of a tattered parachute; but the substance was sticky and disintegrated into nothing when stretched far enough. The stuff kept falling for a period of fifteen to twenty minutes.

....In August, two veterans in the operation of dirigibles were listed as missing by the Navy after their mysterious disappearance from a disabled patrol blimp which fell into a San Francisco street. The two missing men were the only members of the crew. Two life belts were missing from the craft when it crash-landed, but all the parachutes and the rubber life raft were found in the gondola. The blimp, sagging in the middle, with big tears visible in its fabric and with its two motors idle, drifted in from the Pacific Ocean five hours after it had taken off....Mysterious lights, which may be ball lightning, UFO's, or possibly an intricate hoax of some sort, were seen almost nightly during June and early July in a field near Allen, Oklahoma. The lights, which look like "balls of colored fire," have been seen by carloads of teen-agers who go out of an evening to watch them. They have also been observed by local newspaper reporters sent out to investigate. No explanation has been found....

A report from Singapore dated August 27th states that hundreds of villagers are trekking through miles of jungle in Central Malaya to see two giant footprints, 39 inches long and 13 inches wide, that timber men have found embedded in a patch of clay by the side of a stream. The footprints look remarkably human-like, and seem to have been made in one giant 13-foot stride. To preserve them from milling crowds, police have cordoned them off...."Comic Relief" Item: Eight men in Taipei, Formosa, consulted a Buddhist priest last July in order to find out the best way to escape a current plague. The priest suggested that they walk on burning coals. He assured them they would be pro-



**"What a pity. Our people reduced to common panhandling."**

tected by Pao Chen, a diety supposedly endowed with supernatural powers against evil. The eight men jumped into a bed of fire and jumped out, all badly burned. The priest was arrested.

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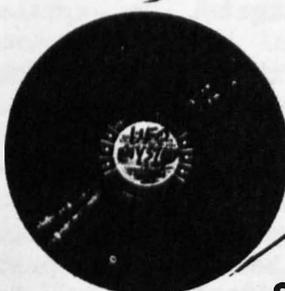
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