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'I KNOW WHERE FLYING SAUCERS COME FROM'

By **WILLIAM BRENTON**

From all parts of Kentucky, citizens reported these strange luminous discs snapped by Louisville Times photographer.

On December 15, 1954, President Eisenhower told a press conference that he had been assured by the Air Force that flying saucers were not from outer space. He gave no further explanation.

The author of this story is a commercial airline pilot who, two years ago, had an encounter with a group of flying saucers. Until that time an unbeliever in the whole idea of flying saucers, he became a convert to fact of their existence. Because of the skepticism he found on all sides—official and otherwise—he became almost a crusader in the field. He talked to witnesses, scientists, government officials; he researched among the world's top scientific works. And he has come up with what he considers the most complete story available to the general public.

President Eisenhower says that flying saucers are not from outer space. CHALLENGE presents William Brenton's challenging answer.—the editors

IT WAS a sharply clear night. The Chesapeake Bay waters shimmered 8,000 feet below the DC-4 airliner I was piloting as we sped southward to Miami.

Then, with a suddenness that was startling, a brilliant flash of red appeared beyond the city of Newport News, forward and to our right. Just as suddenly, we could perceive that this brilliance was six huge discs streaking toward us across the city, across the bay, staying low.

"They're going to go under us!" exclaimed the co-pilot.

I tripped the catch on my safety belt and moved quickly to the co-pilot's side of the cockpit. Looking straight down, 6,000 feet below, I watched the six brilliant coin-shaped objects about one hundred feet in diameter, flip up on edge, then reverse formation and dart off toward the city again. Two more of the things shot out from behind us and joined the original group as they recrossed Newport News. Together they curved upward and away into the star-lit sky.

It was several minutes before we could force our thoughts back to reality. Their shocking performance made us feel like stone-age men paddling a dug-out canoe. Compared to those things our airliner was primitive!

We knew that the Air Force would want a report on the incident, so we made a few computations while we were still in the vicinity. With the city and our position as distance markers and with a conservative guess at the time it took the objects to traverse that distance, we arrived at the incredible figure of 12,000 miles per hour as

the speed of the strange craft through our dense atmosphere!

That was two years ago. Until that point, I was a doubter. After such a stunning experience, it was no longer possible for me to doubt the existence of flying saucers.

The fact that flying saucers exist is no longer a question in the minds of the Air Force personnel and the scientists who investigate them. We know this by public admission and by simple logic.

If our government did not believe that the saucers exist, investigations would be closed, the double-barreled grid-cameras set up in almost every state in the Union to photograph them would be de-activated, the special cameras on jet interceptors would be removed, and radar operators would be instructed to pay no attention to blips moving faster than 2,000 miles per hour.

However, the big question which remains left over, is, of course: where do flying saucers come from?

President Eisenhower, in a recent press conference, implied that he didn't know where they came from but that the Air Force had assured him that they certainly didn't come from outer space. *Respectfully, Sir, I challenge that statement!*

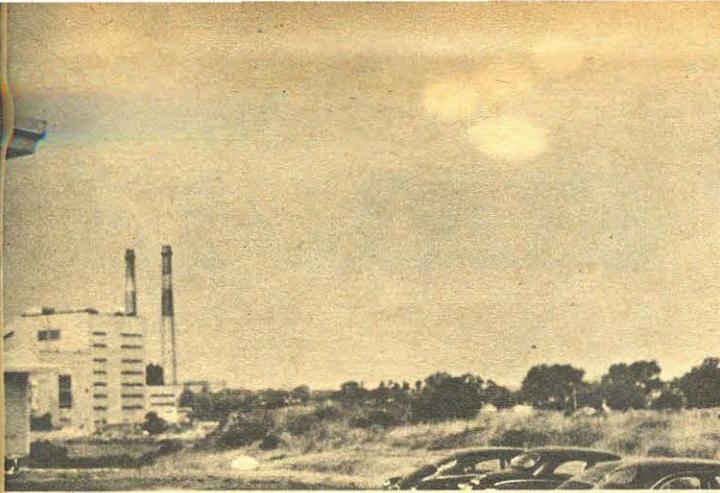
My conclusion is that they are not from this world at all, or from Mars or Venus or any other planet in our own solar system. They are from another solar system. Here's why.

Considering the speeds the saucers are able to attain within our dense atmosphere, their velocity must be tremendous in outer space with little or no resistance surrounding their hulls.

Commander Robert B. McLaughlin, while head of Navy Rocket research at White Sands Proving Grounds, reported an object clocked through a very accurate theodolite making a speed of 18,000 miles per hour! Air Force Lieutenant Sid Coleman, radar officer on a B-29 flying at 18,000 feet over the Gulf of Mexico, clocked blips of unidentified flying objects traveling better than 9,000 miles per hour. The pilot, Captain John Harter, and the rest of the crew saw the objects visually, and they back up Lieutenant Coleman's computed speed with their estimates.

At 18,000 miles per hour, a trip to Venus would require about 60 days, but it appears that such a "low" speed is merely for cruising within our atmosphere; and much higher velocities would be used between planets. If they could approach the speed of light, the trip to Venus could take less than three minutes!

With so little time required to travel between planets in our solar system, it would be unnecessary for the intel-



U. S. Coast Guard shot of "unidentified phenomena."



Saucer picture taken in Culver City, Calif. by Alan Dumas.

ligence behind the saucers to establish space stations near the Earth as bases of operations.

Yet it appears that such a thing has been done!

Lieutenant Colonel John O'Mara, Deputy Commander of Intelligence, Wright-Patterson Field, recently admitted for publication to Mr. Leonard H. Stringfield, head of Civilian Research, Interplanetary Flying Objects, that Dr. Clyde Tombaugh and Dr. Lincoln LaPaz are heading a strange project at White Sands, New Mexico. He said that these scientists *are tracking two artificial satellites circling our Earth!*

Dr. Tombaugh is the astronomer who discovered the planet Pluto. Dr. LaPaz is an outstanding meteor expert. Dr. Tombaugh, himself, has seen and reported a cigar-shaped space ship.

As far back as 1948, Harvard Observatory reported

three strange "asteroids" preceding and following the Earth in its orbit.

Space explorers entering our solar system from another system of sun and planets would need such a base of operations. Explorers from one of our "local" planets would not.

If the saucers were from our own solar system, it's reasonable to assume that at least one of the early experiments might have resulted in a crack-up on our planet. Such an event is not recorded in our history, pre-history or legend. The perfection of the saucers indicates strongly that the original experiments in their development were not conducted within our own planetary system. Captain Edward J. Ruppelt, head of the Official Air Force Investigation of unidentified flying objects for three years, claims that no saucer or part of a saucer has ever been found. *(Continued on page 62)*



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Flying Saucers

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Doctor H. Spencer Jones, Astronomer Royal of England, does not believe that our form of life could develop or exist on any other planet in our solar system, and most other astronomers are in accord with him. Yet there are some very convincing reports of humanoid beings having been seen near landed saucers.

Some of the most reliable incidents were related by astronomers, who, while testing their telescopes by focusing them on the California Desert, observed apparently human figures climbing into circular-shaped aircraft and departing at breathtaking speeds.

On June 20, 1953, Miners John Q. Black and John Van Allen came down from their mountain site near Brush Creek, California, and told of an experience that brought people by the hundreds to their almost inaccessible camp in the mountains. In fact, the visitors interfered with their regular work so much that the miners regretted that they had mentioned their experience to the sheriff.

En route back to camp after a fishing expedition, John Black was approaching a spot where it was necessary to cross the junction of two noisy mountain streams. He believes that it was the sound of these streams that permitted him to approach so close to the scene without being discovered.

On a flat rock, across the creek, a mushroom-shaped object of bright highly-polished metal rested on a pedestal protruding downward from the craft's underside. It was only 40 feet from where he stood partly screened by bushes. Near the machine, bending over the stream, was a small man in strange garb. He was letting water run into a shiny container which seemed to be shaped to fit a wall bracket. Black tried to move closer. In an instant, the man looked up and they were staring face to face across the creek. In a flash, the stranger sprang to his ship, clambered up rungs on the pedestal, sat down, then swung his feet inside too. In only a few seconds the craft took off, retracting its landing post as it angled sharply up through the tall trees with a loud hissing sound.

Black said of the man: "He was four to four and one-half feet tall and I'd judge him to weigh about 110 pounds. He was powerfully built about the shoulders. His clothing, which appeared to be a uniform, was a two-piece forest-green suit."

The only feature unlike ourselves that he noted about the man's face was his exceptionally small mouth.

MR. BLACK and Mr. Allen have reputations as honest men. Their strongest drink is soda-pop. They have in no way attempted to capitalize on their experience. Mr. Basil Benedict, Staff Reporter of the Oroville (California) **MERCURY** was impressed with their sincerity when he interviewed them. An industrialist friend of mine, Mr. George Wolfer, went to their camp site and lived with these men for two weeks. This summer, he camped with them for another week. He told me when he returned, "You can't

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camp with men for three weeks and not learn something about them. These men were telling the truth."

Another convincing story of human saucer occupants comes from a reliable German former mayor, Herr Linke, and his daughter, who watched two small humanoid figures from a place of concealment in a German forest. The figures, thirty feet away, were dressed in silvery uniforms, and one of them had a lamp on his chest which flashed red at intervals. The Mayor's little daughter made a sound, and the small men jumped up and raced to an object shaped like a "warming pan" which rested on the ground 60 yards away. (The Mayor had never heard the term "flying saucer.") The figures clambered into a tower in the craft's center, and the "warming pan" took off with a humming sound as a green and red glow appeared along its sides from something like portholes. When Herr Linke walked to the spot where the craft had been, he saw a circular depression in the earth about the size of the center tower.

Reports persist, from sources difficult to doubt, that creatures resembling us are being seen near the saucers, while no credible reports have been turned in regarding saucer occupants not resembling us. It seems logical, therefore, to speculate that our visitors originate in another solar system; from a planet situated similarly to ours in relation to its sun, with similar atmospheric and seasonal conditions.

Many persons argue that even at the speed of light, it would take too long to reach our solar system from another star (or sun). These people are taking the liberty of assuming that occupants of other planets have a life-span exactly like ours. This is highly unlikely. After all, what is time? As we use it, it is purely a local thing—merely a subdivision of the rotation of our own planet.

Out in space, of what concern is the rotation of the Earth? It can rotate at any speed it wants to and no one gives a hang. Our planet is known to be slowing down, hence at one time it was rotating faster than it is now. But we have absolutely no way of knowing how fast or when. We don't know how long a day was for the Biblical people who lived so long. Their years might have been the equivalent of our months!

PERHAPS EARTH'S atmospheric conditions were conducive to long life at that time, and the same may be true on the home planet of our space-visitors. We cannot casually assume that a trip of 8, 20, or even 50 of our years seems any longer to them than the trips our sailing mariners used to make seemed to the sailors.

What are the possibilities that other solar systems harbor life? Doctor Harlow Shapley, for years head of the Department of Astronomy of Harvard University, says the chances are tremendous, even when conservatively computed.

Cautiously, he says: "Suppose only one star or sun in a million has any planets at all. Then suppose only one in a thousand of those families of planets has the conditions suitable for the 'life-experiment.' That would mean only one life-

bearing planet for every billion planets. Still being skeptical, suppose life went on to higher forms on only one of every thousand of these planets. That still leaves 100 million planets as life-theaters, because there are so many thousands of billions of stars in the Universe. Our Milky Way to which we belong, has 100 billion stars, and there are billions of galaxies!"

ONCE, WHILE I was lecturing on the subject of flying saucers, a member of the audience asked me: "If the saucer people are so smart, how is it that they do not contact us?"

My immediate answer was: "I think it is because they are smart that they do not contact us."

The fact that they have not openly attempted to communicate with us is further proof that their initial experiments with space travel were not carried on within our planetary ring. They have, perhaps, been carrying on commerce in the Universe for thousands of years, and of necessity, because of bad experiences, may have established a law or an agreement among themselves and other space-traveling folk, which simply states that no advanced science shall be given to an uncivilized and socially undeveloped race. We are still killing each other in innumerable ways and using our most advanced science for destruction. Perhaps, in their eyes, we are uncivilized.

TO INVESTIGATE the possibilities of a space ship nearly reaching the speed of light (186,000 miles per second), I took another look at Professor Einstein's *Unified Field Theory*, and, for a man who has professed no interest in flying saucers, Professor Einstein has presented us with some illuminating clues regarding the manner in which these elusive ships might be powered.

Actually, Einstein simplifies the matter for us considerably when he states that gravity and electromagnetism are different manifestations of the same thing, like ice and steam are different manifestations of water. If we melt ice, we get water. If we cool steam, we get water. If we apply the right kind of electromagnetic force, we get gravity. And if we can apply our manufactured gravity *directionally*, we can build a flying saucer.

If our visitors can control gravity by applying an electromagnetic force, they could easily attain the speeds necessary to reach us from another solar system. There is proof in our own records that the saucer people have developed this power.

JUST A FEW DAYS after we spotted the red discs over Chesapeake Bay, objects of the same size and number tantalized Washington, D.C. radar operators, Air Force observers and jet interceptors for 5½ hours. All night long they were observed over our capital visually and on radar from the ground and from the air. The most impressive part of their performance was their violent changes of direction at high velocities. These jolting turns (such as a right angle turn, or "direction change" at 5,000 miles per hour) have been tracked now many times on radar. The saucers we had seen over Chesapeake Bay had executed a check-

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